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Man from Canada

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Mary C., Tennessee

"My husband and I thank you most sincerely for your magazine and also for your broadcasts. People find your message overwhelming; some say you are preaching a 'new theology'; others say that you have the truth. I don't want to take up your valuable time with a long letter. I just want to ask you to pray for me that God will deliver me from all my physical weaknesses and that He will open my mind to His truth."

Couple from Lyon, France

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"I am grateful for your kind supply of *The PLAIN TRUTH* during the past year. I doubt if I have ever admired a paper more while agreeing with it less. The format and editing are outstanding. The News Analysis articles in particular are informative. . . . but . . . your

Bible-thumping is a bore, or worse. You can not make it a magical textbook anymore, and it simply hasn't all the answers, and it does contradict itself over and over again. . . . Still, thanks a lot, and keep up the good work. Your printing is almost flawless, even to aging eyes, and your proof-readers must be at the top of their class."

D.W.R. Swaziland, Africa

• *Your prejudice is not as flawless as our printing, D.W.—Hope you find the truth. And why not write for the "Proof of the Bible"?*

Xmas

"I knew it had to come—and it has, but with a force I didn't expect! Your 'straight-from-the-shoulder' articles on Christmas motivated me to do some research into the matter, and having found the truth of it, I know that I am responsible for that truth. In Bible Study at our church [I spoke] against its observance. . . .

Thank you for your courage. Now: Why do people insist on using 17th Century language in praying to the Eternal God? I give Him the credit for being All-Wise. I don't have to 'thee'-'thou'-'art' in praying to make Him understand me—He shouldn't be 'baby-talked' in dead terms, in my opinion!"

Daniel J. H., South Carolina

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"For nine months I have been receiving my free copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and soon I will receive again a free copy of the new book, *God Speaks Out on The New Morality*. I do not know how I could ever express my most profound thanks to you aside from sending me free to me, but for the many wonderful things and knowledge I learned from its contents."

Mrs. Generosa G. M., Philippines

• *Your new book will arrive shortly, after crossing the vast Pacific!*

From Around the World

"My mother has been receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* for several years now,

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Personal from the Editor

MAY the Editor take space preceding the editorial to say something concerning teen-agers? I feel seriously concerned, perturbed, and burdened.

In gathering and sifting material for the new book on morality and marriage, in collaboration with the doctors on the faculty of the Graduate School, I have had to become even more aware than before of the drastic *change* a one-generation plunge into immorality has made in the lives and attitudes of adolescents. Our young people between ages of 13 and 21 have a totally different view of sex and marriage than my generation assumed when I was in transit through those years.

Those who most urgently *need* the book are these same young people. Yet circumstances prevent getting this tragically needed knowledge and proper instruction into the hands of more than a pitiful *few* within those age-limits.

And *WHY*? Because a deceived world has assumed diabolically *false* interpretations regarding the delicate subject of sex. If we should make this true, wholesome, godly, *necessary* knowledge indiscriminately available to all under 21 who might request it, we know only too well that some misunderstanding parents, regarding sex—which the all-knowing GOD designed and created—as inherently evil *in itself*, would accuse us, in hostile anger, of putting something *they* would mistakenly brand as “indecent” in the hands of their adolescent children.

This very false concept of morality which has been brain-washed into too many parental minds is the *circumstance* which has slammed shut the door, making this direly needed knowledge inaccessible to those who need it most!

The *RESULT*? Because a *few* such

misguided parents would rise up to accuse and harm the very *WORK OF GOD* if it did rightly instruct their children through this book, their children, unknown to them, are very probably *being* wrongly instructed and influenced by other teen-agers. Very probably these children are being led into the modern *IMMORAL* trend that will destroy their lives—all for *LACK* of the right and proper *TRUTH* as that truth has been revealed by the *Eternal GOD*!

If you could read the anguished letters coming in to your Editor now, by middle-aged people who have read this book—people saying that *if only* they could have had this book while they were still teen-agers, it would have saved them the tragedies that have come to them through ignorance—you would understand a little of the burden I feel—and the frustration I experience at being *UNABLE* to get this book into the hands of those who need it *most*, the adolescents growing into maturity!

We have been forced, by this circumstance, to restrict the offer of this free book to those who are already married, or past twenty-one.

But my heart goes out, with a sense of helplessness, to these young people being led down this fatal cataract of modern immorality into wretchedness, broken marriages and broken lives later—and all because too many parents are the victims of this false pseudo-morality which labels even the teaching of Almighty GOD, about the sex He created, as “indecent.”

To *UNDERSTANDING* parents I urge, in the name of the *living* Jesus Christ, *get* your free copy of this book, and *allow* your children—at least of twelve or thirteen years or above—to *READ IT*! And use this book, yourself, to properly *teach* your younger children what

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OUR COVER

These formal Italian Sunken Gardens lie between Ambassador Hall and South Orange Grove Blvd. These gardens were part of the outstanding estate of Hulett C. Merritt of United States Steel Corporation. Purchased at public auction after Mr. Merritt's death, they became part of the expanding Ambassador College campus in July, 1956. Today, there are *three* Ambassador Colleges—one in Pasadena, California, another in Texas, and a third near St. Albans, in Great Britain. Bulletins for the American institutions are available for prospective students. Interested young people in Great Britain, Continental Europe, Australia, and South Africa should write to our London address for the Ambassador College prospectus.

they ought to know on this subject—before their lives are ruined!

LAST MONTH I wrote about the churches trying to unite—by compromise of doctrines and practices. WHY are the churches *divided*? Have the churches *failed*? Do we *really* understand what is the real PURPOSE—the divine MISSION—of the Church Jesus Christ founded?

Did Jesus Christ intend His Church to become divided?

Did Jesus Christ give His Church the commission to work actively in this world's governments, its society, its commerce and industry, *to make this world a better world*?

Is the divine mission of the Church of God to make this a BETTER world? If so, it has failed abysmally.

Should you *join* a church—and if so, *which one*?

WHERE is the original *true* Church which Jesus Christ founded? That is the question that haunted me, back in 1926 and 1927. I had been challenged on a point of God's Law in the Bible. I had been *angered* into an intensive, almost night-and-day study of the Bible.

My wife had taken up with a teaching she said she got out of the Bible—a teaching and a practice utterly contrary to the CHURCHES. On this particular point all the churches appeared to be in agreement—except possibly one I had branded as a fanatic.

Yes, I was angered. I was indignant! I was plain MAD! My wife taking up with religious fanaticism? Surely *no* advertising man could tolerate *that*! She said it was Bible teaching.

"LOOK!" I exclaimed, "you can't tell me all these churches can be wrong!" I firmly believed that. I believed these churches—at least the Protestant churches—were CHRIST'S churches, firmly based on the BIBLE!

Haven't YOU believed it?

So I was goaded into opening the Bible. I was going to *prove* to my wife that "all these churches can't be wrong." Desperately I searched for Biblical evidence to refute my wife's "fanaticism." But I couldn't find that evidence. What I *did* find staggered me!

I had been reared in one of the smaller, but older and respected Protestant denominations. From birth I had been taken to Sunday School. I had taken for granted and assumed the usual teaching of the immortality of the soul, the going to heaven or hell at death, and the idea that I was "saved" from birth, since I had a "birthright membership" in the Church.

When I read Romans 6:23, I stared at that verse in my Bible in shocked, incredible disbelief! It said, "For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the *gift* of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." I had always believed the wages we earn for SIN was *just the opposite* of DEATH. I had been taught that what we get paid for SIN was ETERNAL LIFE—in hell fire! This verse says eternal life is something we can only receive AS A GIFT from GOD .

But NO! Surely no! We already *have* eternal life—so I supposed—we are immortal souls! I learned that many Protestants INTERPRET that verse—that is, they PUT A DIFFERENT MEANING INTO IT. They *change* the meaning of the words. They manufacture a new definition of the word "*death*." They define "death" to mean "separation from God." I looked at this verse again. On the one hand, for sin, we get DEATH. On the other hand, the *opposite* of that penalty is ETERNAL LIFE. Now, it certainly was clear, if ETERNAL LIFE is the very *opposite* of DEATH, then DEATH cannot mean eternal life!

I was confused! My head was swimming!

But there it was, in plain language. Then I read that SOULS can *die*! "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4, 20). Then my startled eyes read, in Revelation 16:3: "and every living *soul* DIED in the sea." That said SOULS can DIE. Then I saw where Jesus said souls can be DESTROYED! "...but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mat. 10:28).

It began to look like some of the churches *were* wrong, after all! But did not Jesus Christ found His CHURCH? He surely did, and I found where He said the gates of the grave would never

prevail against it—IT WOULD ENDURE—IT COULD NOT BE DESTROYED! I found where Jesus Christ said He would never leave nor forsake it—where He would always be "in the midst" of it. I found where HE was the living HEAD of it! Jesus Christ was resurrected from the grave. HE IS STILL ALIVE!

So WHERE was the Church HE was guiding, directing, and using?

I was perplexed. But I kept searching. I continued studying.

I found where Jesus Christ came to DO THE WORK OF GOD. He came to bring to mankind the GOSPEL, from GOD. Yet He said that *of Himself*—as a human—by His own human power, He could do nothing—He was utterly *powerless*, of Himself, for this divine spiritual MISSION. The Father that dwelt within Him—by the power of His Holy Spirit—did the work.

So it was really GOD doing it, by His Holy Spirit, using the individual human body of Jesus as His instrument. GOD carried on His WORK of revealing HIS MESSAGE through the individual human BODY of Jesus Christ.

I saw where God's true CHURCH is called "THE BODY OF CHRIST" (I Cor. 12:27, 13; Rom. 12:5). How could the CHURCH be the BODY OF CHRIST? I searched. I studied. God's Word made the truth PLAIN. God *started* His Gospel WORK—proclaiming the Gospel (Good News) of HIS KINGDOM through the individual human BODY of Jesus. But after His resurrection, Jesus sent the same HOLY SPIRIT to enter, on the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D., and thereafter, into the COLLECTIVE BODY of those in GOD'S CHURCH.

The CHURCH, then, is the COLLECTIVE BODY Christ uses as HIS INSTRUMENT, empowered by God's Spirit, to carry on GOD'S WORK. Jesus Christ heads and directs it from heaven!

How does one get into this ONE BODY? By receiving God's Holy Spirit. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized [immersed] into ONE BODY." To baptize is to immerse—to plunge into. It is God's Holy Spirit which PUTS ONE INTO the only true Church!

But are there MANY churches? No, everywhere the New Testament speaks
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It's a SICK, SICK, SICK WORLD!

Ever attend a Political Convention? Ever listen in on a used-car salesman's pitch? Ever listen to builders, owners and architects haggle? Ever heard the method used in Real Estate sales? How much TRUTH did you hear? How much HONESTY? How much TRUST, FAITH, INTEGRITY? If this article sickens you—you may be better off than you think.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

WHAT an age! In the world's richest nations, there is more stealing, thieving, robbing, cheating and lying than in those stricken by poverty!

In the United States, for example, Mr. Average Citizen has a big chip on his shoulder. He feels cheated.

Why?

Why, because of income tax, state tax, Federal taxes on his automobile, his cigarettes and beer. Because of hidden taxes, excessive costs, dozens of appeals for money from religion, charity, poor and welfare funds, community projects, and his own family.

He feels cheated—and so he hopes to find opportunity to cheat—just a little.

Expect to Be Cheated!

In a nationwide survey, the editors of *Redbook* magazine found Americans have gradually adopted a greatly watered-down and unclear *double standard!*

Since the average person expects to be cheated—he expects to cheat.

Recently, a young man whose father owned and operated a fish market in New York, and who, therefore, knew a great deal about fish, found a typical example of this in New York fish markets.

He, together with inspectors of the city's Department of Markets, found tilefish being sold as more expensive red snapper; found fillets advertized as flounder were really cod; found ex-

amples of mislabeling almost everywhere.

And *not*, mind you, in the small neighborhood stores, but in the largest and most highly respected chains of supermarkets in the city!

Who were the culprits?

They were the "respectable" businessmen who cheat, mislabel, steal, misrepresent and lie almost as if by habit. It's as if businesses use cheating as a **POLICY**—on the premise that anything you can get away with is fair!

And *why* do they cheat?

Businesses Expect to Be Cheated!

They cheat because they fully expect to be cheated! Every manager of every supermarket knows he can discount a fair percentage of his year's profits as shoplifting, pilferage, accidental or wanton destruction of perishables, damaged cans and bottles, stolen or "borrowed" shopping carts, or a chance of a once-in-a-while robbery!

While the checker smiles as he rings up the totals, he's also wondering if you have any goods concealed in your clothing. When he asks for your credit number for that particular store before accepting your personal check, or demands a driver's license for identification—he's doing so because he has ended up holding a considerable number of bad checks—written by those who also live on the philosophy it's fair to cheat.

Result? They feel the only possible

way to "come out even" is to cheat a little.

The Government Expects to Be Cheated

What about the man who looks over your income tax return?

First, he's suspicious. That's his job. He knows the reasoning of the average citizen concerning his income tax return. It runs something like this: "It's MY money, isn't it? I worked hard for it—so what's the matter with trying to hang on to a little more of it? I can see the need for taxes—but not for THAT much taxation!"

So the average citizen stretches his report to the limit—hoping he's not among the many thousands whose returns are selected at random for routine "audits" each year.

Yes, even the government expects to be cheated. Cheated out of **FIVE BILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR** by false tax returns alone.

But the government of the United States would be tremendously relieved if this were the *only* area in which it is cheated.

During my naval service, I was in the Security Department on a naval air base. Our job was manifold. We had to watch the Naval personnel and the civil-service employees, who would steal tools, parts, copper tubing, electrical wiring, and almost anything of value. Workers within a motor pool compound would drive their trucks near the fence, toss over certain pilfered

objects, and then, under cover of darkness, attempt to retrieve the stolen object.

Tools came out the gates under hub-caps, under seats, in trunks inside worker's tool boxes, made to appear as their own, or taped under the hood. Every gate guard knew he could detect only a small portion of the goods actually stolen each year. The loss in dollars was monumental—typical of every military base on earth; whether employing civilian laborers or not!

What kind of people were these? "Honest" laborers. Plumbers, carpenters, electricians, mechanics. They were clerks, secretaries, supervisory personnel.

Example: The fire chief, a civilian employee, had held the office for many years. During my tour of duty, our civilian investigator (who used Navy time and equipment to figure the odds on the dog races) conducted an investigation.

It was found the fire chief had padded his time cards for *years*—had been on vacation, but turned in cards for sick pay; left early; but turned in a card for overtime, ad infinitum. He maintained two separate bank accounts, and, apparently, two separate women.

Hearing of the impending action against him, he reacted immediately. I arrived, with others of the department, only minutes after his parked automobile had been found parked outside the base, with a hose from the exhaust taped to the window. He was dead—a suicide.

Why did he misrepresent, cheat, steal? He had a good job. Security. A lot of friends—an environment that was of his own particular choosing. But *he* felt cheated. He felt he was underpaid, overtaxed, unappreciated, and exploited. So he felt justified in retaliating.

Attitude Toward Crime

Most people remain absolutely opposed to *crime*, as such. But the private *definitions* of what *constitutes* a crime; whether or not the crime was *justified* because of the circumstances is becoming increasingly cloudy in the public mind.

Law enforcement officials decry the near-obsession of the modern courts with insuring the protection of the CRIMINAL and his "rights," instead of strengthening the laws prohibiting and punishing criminal acts.

Recently, a man brutally murdered his wife. After the crime, he became remorseful—went to the police and confessed. After signing at least two separate written confessions, including his leading police to the garbage dump where he had deposited the body of his wife, the man was held for trial.

Today, he's walking the streets as a free man. The court held his "rights" were violated when no legal counsel was provided to inform him, at the moment of his confession (which, by the way, was voluntary, and not coercive) that such a confession was not necessary.

The judge threw out the confession as evidence. Without it, there was no case. Merely a woman's body on a dump, with no physical evidence or clues as to her murderer.

Is this *true* justice?

And so it goes. The public obsession with protecting the rights of criminals has made it increasingly unclear who is handcuffing whom.

However, it is not only the public attitude toward *organized* crime, toward the more flagrant or *violent* crimes that is alarming today—but the attitude toward what *people* consider allowable *under certain conditions*.

The average citizen wouldn't invite to dinner, for instance, a burglar. But he *would* invite to dinner a man he *knows* has cheated on his income tax—perhaps even hoping to pick up a few tips on how to cheat on his own. So long as criminal acts wear respectable clothing, it seems, the public finds it acceptable.

But the public is sick!

Non-involvement!

This hazy notion of the difference between what is right and what is wrong has resulted in almost complete public *indifference* to crime.

Bystanders ignore shootings; turn away from women giving birth on a cold sidewalk; refuse aid to victims of

automobile accidents; refuse to help officers in making an arrest; watch casually as a woman is raped.

Look magazine's senior editor, Leonard Gross, wrote an article entitled, "WHO CARES?" in *Look's* issue of September 8, 1964. He tells of 60 persons in Chicago who ignored a uniformed policeman's cries for help as he battled two youths. He called this growing obsession with "noninvolvement" a "new national horror"!

Cited was the pitiless case of Catherine Genovese, whose attacker returned to stab her three times as at least 38 neighbors heard, or looked on.

None of them would help her, or even summon police. She died.

The story gained nationwide prominence, and local newspapers began printing dozens of similar incidents. In Santa Clara, California, several motorists watched the robbery of a cabbie—none summoned police. In San Pedro, California, many motorists drove by two policemen struggling to prevent a man from jumping off a 185-foot bridge—trying to prevent him from committing suicide.

In New York, a crowd of passersby on Broadway watched eight men stomp two—and did nothing. In the Bronx, a crowd would not rescue a naked girl from a rapist's attack as she repeatedly begged "Help me!" No one even offered a coat for her nakedness—they just looked.

In New York, a gang member stabbed a college student. The student said, "I put my hand down and saw blood. I went over to a car that had stopped to watch. 'Please help me to a hospital,' I said. They rolled up their windows and drove away. I went to another car and asked for help, but they did the same thing, drove away. Then I went to a truck and asked the driver for help. He pulled around me and drove away and left me there. Nobody on the street helped me.'"

In Las Vegas, Nevada, a Federal narcotics undercover agent was shot while sitting in his car in a residential neighborhood. Many people ran to their doors and peered into the darkness, but none investigated further. When questioned later, they told police they had been watching *The Untouch-*

ables on television, and had wanted to see the end of the program without interruption. (The program features gangland killings, and federal undercover agents at work—but it's pure fiction.)

In Albany, New York, a crowd of boys chanted, "JUMP! JUMP! JUMP!" as Richard Reinemann, 19, fought a life and death struggle within himself on a ledge of the top of an 11-story building.

"Go ahead!" someone screamed at him. "I hope he jumps on this side," commented a well-dressed man, "we couldn't see him if he jumped over there." As relatives rushed to the scene, after firemen had unsuccessfully tried to coax the boy to safety, a man was heard to remark, "That kid isn't faking. I'll bet ten bucks he jumps." Another bystander immediately took the bet.

By the time the boy's relatives had arrived, the crowd numbered over 3,000. A woman said, "I can't wait around all night, I just missed my favorite television show!"

Finally, a relative dissuaded the boy, and he was pulled to safety. Cursing, the betting man said, "He cost me ten bucks!"

"These people wanted him to jump," said a fireman, shaking his head in disbelief. "They really wanted to see him die."

But these cases are only the merest beginning. Space could not permit the printing of but a *very few*. Our News Bureau files are filled with reports of similar incidents, and, paradoxically enough, many of them on various of the national holidays.

But *why?* What's *wrong?*

Our peoples are *sick!*

It Was All Prophesied!

Our peoples have become a curse to *themselves!* We are literally committing *world suicide*—slowly, and by many and different means!

Read II Timothy 3:1-5 again. God said, "...in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be *lovers of their own selves* . . ." What could be more shamefully and despicably illustrative of extreme and perverted SELF love than the public ob-

session with "I didn't want to be involved!"? It is *MY* television show, *MY* time, *MY* comforts, *MY* pleasures, *MY* concerns, *MY* property, *MY* person that is important to the average person—not those of others.

". . . covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, *without natural affection*," continues the blistering indictment against our gluttoned, doltish and rebellious societies! ". . . trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good . . ."

How sickeningly and disgustingly accurate were these prophecies! The Apostle Paul was inspired to portray a vivid and blood-spattered caricature of our gruesome hates—our monstrous rebellion—our rotten morals. "Traitors, heady," he continues, "highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness [probably many of the same ones who left Kitty Genovese to the knife of her attacker attended their church within a few days!] but DENYING THE POWER thereof; from such turn away!" (II Tim. 3:1-5.)

Yes, we're a world of cheats. A world of murderers, thieves, deviates, queers,

pornographers, racists, bigots, liars, pretenders, alcoholics, dope addicts, pleasure-mad thrill-seekers and religious nuts. And we're a world of labelers.

We love to wear labels. We label our canned goods and our churches; our sports teams and our community clubs; our marriages and our children.

But we're cheating on our labeling, just as sure as the New York fish markets were.

God says, "Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal [ever look up the origin of the rabbits at Easter, and the bulbs on your tree at Christmas?] and walk after other gods whom ye know not; and come and stand before me in this house, which is CALLED BY MY NAME [falsely LABELED!] and say, 'We are delivered to do all these *ABOMINATIONS?*'" (Jer. 7:8-10.)

We are what we eat. Most people are overweight or underweight, and host within their flaccid bodies a whole host of strange little creatures which bring upon us our sicknesses and diseases. We're *sick* physically.

And, just as surely as your *body* is



Wide World Photo

New Orleans city officials and detectives look over part of a vast hoard of stolen merchandise. It was all recovered when police trap caught many felons in act of selling stolen goods. But not all thieves are in jail. Mr. Average American is busily cheating everyone he can—because he realizes he is being cheated on all sides in this sick society.

composed of what you *feed* it; so is your MIND, your ATTITUDE, your CHARACTER composed of *what you think*; how you play; what you read; what you hear; what you like to do; your pastimes, hobbies, pursuits, pleasures; your personal preferences.

And what are those?

For most people, a continuing nightmare of pleasure seeking, weird movies, perverted sex, and heinous crime.

We're feeding our minds on a ROTTEN diet of MENTAL POISON!

And we're SICK MENTALLY! And we're SICK SPIRITUALLY!

God charges, "Ah SINFUL nation, a people *laden* with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the Eternal, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto ANGER, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the WHOLE HEAD IS SICK, and the whole heart [of our peoples, our nations!] faint. From the sole of the foot [lowest income groups, levels of society] even unto the head of it [to top-most government officials] there is no soundness in it, but *wounds*, and *bruises*, and PUTRIFYING SORES..." (Isa. 1:4-6).

Yes, our rotten national sores were PREDICTED! God *said* our natural and automatic punishment for choosing our OWN WAY, which *seems* so right and good to us, but ends in DEATH (Prov. 14:12) would be the *exact* present-day conditions within our lands!

Even Our Children's Toys Are Sick

The Hutchinson, Kansas *News* published a picture recently showing Sherrie Smith of that city, with, as the caption said, "a fiendish glint in her eye," operating an "educational toy for the future executioner." It was a scaffolding, with blade, basket, and trip rope. You guessed it—a toy guillotine.

The toy comes disassembled in a kit. All the child needs is a little patience and a little glue. Soon, like a model airplane project, the miniature guillotine takes shape. The kit comes complete with a tiny plastic doll, built like a man. The doll victim may then be

tied hand and foot with yarn provided, which simulates rope, and placed on the platform. The blade is then raised by one string, and, when the basket has been placed beneath the victim's head, released. The head falls neatly into the basket. But it can be replaced, so the child can enjoy the spectacle again and again.

Little Sherrie seemed to be really enjoying herself, in the picture.

Open letter to Sherrie:

"Dear Sherrie:

"Was that your daddy you were pretending to decapitate on your new toy you got for Christmas? Or was it your teacher, your local policeman, or just a local neighborhood boy you don't like?

"Or was it that you were just 'playing' and really hadn't thought of the doll as being *any* one person in particular? (Perhaps you're pretending that just *anyone* will do for your guillotine—and you can keep yourself impersonal and uninvolved that way?)

"Sherrie, should you ever read this article and letter—we hope you become so sickened with the bestial atrocities you've been vicariously practicing that you will SMASH the toy, rescue the doll, and cry out for God's forgiveness for yourself and the calloused manufacturer who produced the toy, your thoughtless parents who purchased it for you, and the brutish society that tolerated the whole process."

What About YOU—Are YOU "Sick"

How do you FEEL, after reading just a few of the more recent developments in our modern age? Are you passively interested? Incensed? Enraged? Filled with disgust, pity, and a longing for God's Kingdom to RULE this earth?

Your reaction to what you have read in this article, and, for that matter, your DAY-BY-DAY reaction to the *conditions around* you IS DETERMINING your spiritual condition! It's the way to determine your *spiritual temperature*.

This world is NOT God's world. He isn't IN it. He is soon going to SMASH this present society, with all our cherished practices, our hates, cheating, lying, stealing, adultery—yes, and even our FALSELY LABELED RELIGIONS!

God says modern peoples are filled

with *blood-lust*; they DELIGHT in iniquity, in SIN, in BLOOD, in TORMENT, in VIOLENCE.

He's going to give them the greatest show of violence ever displayed since the remotest beginnings of time!

But with one great difference.

EVERYONE WILL BE COMPLETELY INVOLVED!

"You have given them BLOOD TO DRINK, for they are WORTHY," cry the angels, in exultation at the righteousness of the great God in PLAGUING this earth to bring it to its knees! (Rev. 16:6.)

God said Lot, who "sighed and cried" because of the ABOMINATIONS accomplished around him, was worthy of *escape* from impending doom.

And he left, as a *perpetual* warning, the terrible sign of Lot's wife, who, even though she KNEW the deep and perverted ROTTENNESS of her society, STILL LUSTED after it.

What about YOU? Do YOU lie—just a little? Cheat, just a little? Steal, just a little? Commit adultery—just a little?

If you do—if *you* are one who lives by the unclear and hazy notion of the double standard, then you can choose between *two* alternatives!

You can REPENT and COME OUT of this EVIL world (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; Rev. 18:4), or you can *continue* in your own way of life, with your own opinions, and perish WITH this world.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that DOETH the WILL OF GOD abideth for ever" (I John 2:15).

Admit to yourself the true conditions of our age! QUIT deceiving yourself into believing "things aren't really that bad!" *Look* into the spiritual mirror of God's Word—and let it reflect every rotten attitude, every evil deed, every deception, every resentment, rebellion and hostility in your mind and heart.

Then REPENT! *It's the ONLY way of survival for you.*

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

1956—A momentous year! Several wide-coverage daily radio stations added. The *WORLD TOMORROW* booms around the world. Mrs. Armstrong's diary records our tour of Middle East.

INSTALLMENT 67

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first installment of the Autobiography since the June, 1964, number. In order to devote all the time available for writing to his new book on sex and marriage, now published, Mr. Armstrong suspended the Autobiography for six months. He picks up his life story, now, where he left off then.)

WE COME, NOW, to personal events that happened in 1956. That year—1956—was an important, crucial, and exciting year in an eventful lifetime.

That was the year of our tour of the Holy Land, of ancient Babylon, Damascus, Tyre and Sidon. That was the year the Ambassador College campus expanded to include the fabulous Hullett C. Merritt mansion and other properties. That was the year of organizing our first church in Britain.

Back to Personal Experiences

In three or four preceding installments I had covered, rather than *personal* experiences, the development and growth of Ambassador College, the problems and progress of the radio broadcasting and telecasting, and the growth of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, up to the beginning of the present decade in 1960.

Then in the installment of June, 1964, I had gone back to the year 1952 in order to recount some of the more *personal* experiences. That installment ended with the speaking tour in Belfast, Glasgow, Manchester and London, during September, 1954.

My time was almost completely absorbed, after our return to the United States, with the coast-to-coast broadcasting over the ABC Network, the television scare, and intensive preparations to leap from radio over to television.

Almost immediately after our return to Pasadena, in October, 1954, I be-

came disturbingly aware of the movement of major network programs from radio to television. America was going TV crazy. Sets were being purchased by the millions. By early 1955 I became somewhat frightened. Was radio going dead? Was radio becoming a thing of the past? Was it going the way of the horse-and-buggy, horse-drawn street cars, and other things of the past?

It seemed so. I decided we must go on television before the demise of radio. But I found television a far more complicated activity than radio. The production of a TV half-hour program was a somewhat monumental task. I soon discovered I was in the motion-picture business, and each program was the equivalent of a fourth or fifth of an entire motion picture!

Our telecasting experience lasted 27 weeks. By January, 1956, we had become satisfied that radio was *far* from dead. Radio had been forced to change its format—true! Radio had adapted itself to a different type of programming. But it had survived! People were actually buying more radio sets than ever!

And now, as recorded earlier, we had reached our crossroads, made our decision, and started on the sound and permanent road of going on with *daily radio*. This decision was made by January, 1956.

Actually, on a few important stations, we had been using *daily radio* for nearly ten years. We had recently gone *daily* on two major stations, WLS, Chicago, and WWVA, Wheeling, West Virginia. And now, after our experience with *Sunday-only* once-a-week broadcasting on the ABC Network, and once-a-week telecasting, we became convinced that—whether radio or television—what was needed was reaching our audience *daily!*

We had not given up the idea of using television. We had merely become convinced it required *DAILY* programming—not weekly. We could not afford daily telecasting then—nor were we yet big enough to *produce* five to seven half-hours per week. We simply looked confidently forward to it as a future development. For several issues, *The PLAIN TRUTH* carried a special notice, captioned, in black type: "DAILY TV." The notice said, in part: "In order to create the special fund required to make this possible, we have cancelled the weekly TV series temporarily."

Meanwhile, we felt that *DAILY RADIO* would be the medium to build the Work to make daily TV possible.

Actually, what did happen is this: The daily radio broadcasting kept building up, reaching an ever-increasing audience. The Work continued to grow at the rate of 30 percent each year—continued to *DOUBLE* in size every two years seven and one-half months. But we learned that *DAILY TV* is an impossibility. There not only were *NOT* enough Garner Ted Armstrongs and Herbert W. Armstrongs to produce five to seven TV programs a week, but it would be an utter impossibility to obtain the *SAME* half hour of *TIME* on TV stations five to seven days a week. We do still contemplate going back to a once-a-week TV half hour, but only to *SUPPLEMENT* and to channel viewers *to* the daily radio programs.

Planning the Middle-East Tour

But early in 1956 we were planning actively for daily TV. I had used a great deal of "film stock"—that is, motion-picture footage—to illustrate whatever I was talking about on TV. I felt we needed some very *special*

motion-picture film of Palestine, the ancient area of Babylon, such places as Tyre and Sidon. Also I had for some time felt the need of a personal visit to those lands, to obtain material for articles and broadcasts. I knew that if I visited the ancient Bible lands, got the "feel" and experienced the very atmosphere of these lands, my preaching, lecturing, broadcasting and writing would be far more effective. The places I would be speaking about would be far more *REAL* to me, and therefore I could make them more real to listeners and readers.

We were now well along on our new road of DAILY RADIO. I was no longer tied down with the furious night-and-day grind of intensive television production. And I really *needed* a change of scenery.

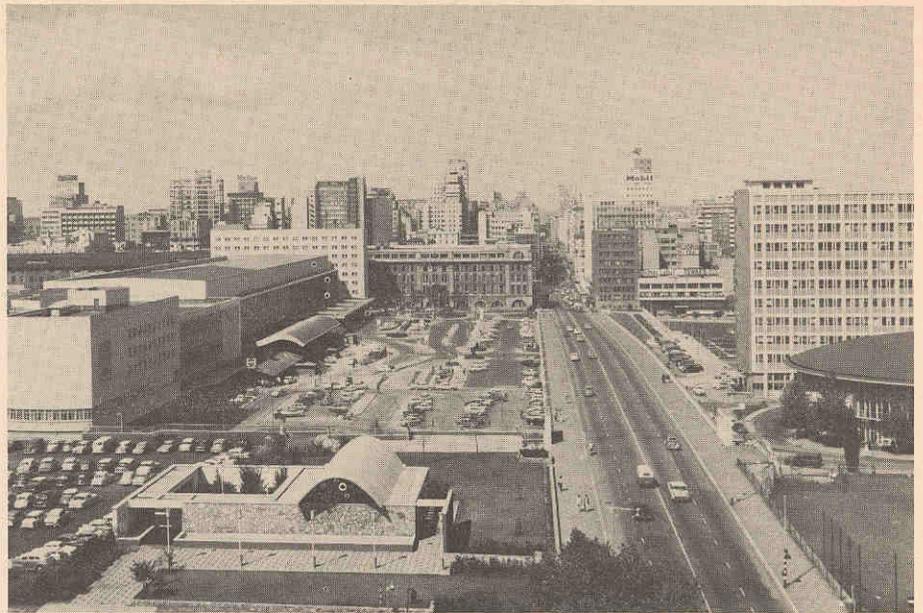
So we began making plans for a tour of the Middle East, and an every-night evangelistic campaign in London.

Our son Dick, with George Meeker, an Ambassador graduate and ordained minister, had sailed back to Britain and Europe June 29, 1955. A considerable mail response was coming from the broadcasts on Radio Luxembourg, and the broadcasts on Radio Ceylon, and into South Africa. They were needed in London to handle much of it, although the general mailing list was still maintained at Pasadena headquarters.



British Railways

In 1955 *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast was beamed to the huge Indian subcontinent over Radio Ceylon. Thousands of Hindus and Moslems—like this group—heard the true gospel for the first time.



South African Railways

A view of central Johannesburg, South Africa, where Radio Lourenço Marques offices are located. *The WORLD TOMORROW* is heard throughout southern Africa on this superpower station.

But it was becoming impossible to process, answer, and handle this increasing volume of mail from Pasadena. We needed an office in London.

Late in August, 1955, Dick obtained occupancy of a small suite of offices he had located on Cranbourn Street, Leicester Square, in the very heart of downtown London. He had returned to Pasadena for some three weeks in October, 1955, speaking on the television program while here.

Once it was decided that Mrs. Armstrong and I would take the Middle-Eastern trip, to be followed by the nightly evangelistic campaign in London, Dick began planning the itinerary through American Express in London. He was to accompany us.

But at that time the Middle East began to sizzle as the world's trouble spot. Nasser was soon to seize the Suez Canal. Trouble was brewing between Jews and Arabs. War seemed imminent. Russia had been supplying Nasser with arms and planes. The Suez crisis might result in British intervention. That might result in Russian intervention against Britain. World War III *could* suddenly flare up out of this crisis.

Then, suddenly, the crisis quieted down along about February. The way was opened for us to proceed with plans for the trip. The war scare re-

mained quiet until our tour was finished. Then, on our return to America, the crisis boiled hot again. Nasser did take over the Suez Canal on July 26. I wrote an article on it for the September *PLAIN TRUTH*, immediately on our return.

That article said: "The war clouds that have hovered over the Middle East were cleared just long enough to permit Mrs. Armstrong, our son Richard, and me to visit Cairo, and the capitals of the Middle East—Baghdad, Ammon, Damascus, Beirut, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv... Now that we have returned to America, our mission accomplished, the crisis explodes all over again—this time over the seizure of the Suez Canal! It was quieted just long enough to allow God's emissaries to complete their visit."

Mrs. Armstrong and I left Pasadena during the latter half of March, 1956. We stopped off a few days at the site of the third Ambassador College (just opened September, 1964) near Big Sandy, Texas. We traveled by train to New York. One of our Ambassador graduates drove our car to New York, loaded with the entire mailing list for Britain, Europe, Africa—which we were then transferring to the new London office.

We boarded the Queen Mary, sailing
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WHY the Alarming Increase in Mental Illness?

One half of hospital beds are occupied by mental patients! Why? What's causing all this fear, frustration, mental breakdown? It's time we learn HOW to have a healthy, happy mind!

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MORE people are in U. S. hospitals suffering from mental illness than from polio, cancer, heart disease and *all other diseases combined!*

But even more alarming are the estimates that *one* out of every TEN Americans is destined to become a mental patient during his lifetime! The true picture of mental health in the United States, and the world, is absolutely appalling!

But *why?*

Why, in this age of scientific "enlightenment" and technological and medical "advancements," should the incidence of mental illness be skyrocketing?

Your Mind IS Important

This shocking tragedy was disclosed in the widely publicized book *Every Other Bed*. It is by Mike Gorman, executive director of the National Association of Mental Health. Mr. Gorman took the title from the statistical FACT that *one half* of all hospital beds in the U. S. are occupied by mental patients!

What are the *basic reasons* for the alarming increase in mental illness today? How can you keep your mind healthy, sound, mature? Understand.

Mental problems most often begin with WRONG THINKING! This past decade has witnessed the age of *avoidism*—unwillingness to face facts and make decisions. This tragic state of mind exists at *all levels* of society—from the Presidency down! "Let's avoid controversy" is the slogan of our era!

Avoidism is the *very nature* of mental illness! The sick patient, unwilling,

and sometimes unable, to face the problems of the real world, retreats into the unreal jungles of his own mind. Whenever the real world is blighted with avoidism, it provides the precise climate in which mental illness can flourish.

Now consider another tragedy in our thinking. It is called *passivism*. It is characteristic of those who just sit idly by. The television becomes the family altar. Hundreds of thousands of children are allowed to spend more time worshipping its mystic light than they spend sitting in school!

Passivism is both a symptom and a cause of mental illness. Scientists, in their mad quest for physical knowledge, have actually produced *madness* in a sane person by putting him in an environment where there is absolutely *nothing to do*—a total state of passivity! Much of what is wrong with the English-speaking world today is sloth, apathy, dullness of mind, *mental laziness*! It is worse than mere physical laziness.

Another vital factor not conducive to mental health is the *blurring of standards*. People no longer have precise ideas of good and evil. Many are guilt-ridden because of conduct which they aren't sure was wrong. Or right.

The *hydrogen bomb* is the symbol of our age of mental sickness. People feel themselves powerless to deal with such massive forces. They try to quit thinking about them. They go about their usual routines, but the terror still lives in their subconscious minds. This *fear* is a factor in the desire of so many to GET as much as they can RIGHT NOW. . . . Why work hard to achieve a future that will be *blown apart*?

Most people have never learned how to DISCIPLINE their minds, or their emotions! They haven't learned to channel their thoughts and energies into the job to be done. Instead, their thoughts turn *inward*—toward the SELF. Their emotional frustration increases accordingly.

The *reaction* of fear, frustration and helplessness in the face of these trying situations is a major *cause* of mental breakdown—and of the deep sense of *insecurity* that plagues nearly everyone.

One BASIC Cause

Of course the ROOT CAUSE of all mankind's fears, frustrations and feelings of "emptiness" is unknown to the scientists, psychiatrists and doctors. Not even the clergy seems to understand! People have no purpose—no goal in life. They are absolutely cut off from God. God is unreal to them! To the basic question, "*why am I here?*" they can only answer, "I DON'T KNOW."

There it is!

Here lies the *basic reason* for all the twisted, unhappy lives and mental anguish in the world today. Hopelessness. No understanding of what lies beyond!

Man needs to know who, what and why he is! To know the very purpose for his existence. To know why he feels "*empty*" and what he needs to fill that vacuum—that SPIRITUAL VOID—which exists within his mind!

God's Purpose for Mankind

God made mankind for a *purpose!* That great and wonderful purpose for human existence was first revealed in the Garden of Eden. God said, "Let us

make man in our *image*, after our likeness . . ." (Gen. 1:26).

God made man—His greatest masterpiece of *physical* creation—of the dust of the ground, in the *clay image* of Himself—in the form and shape of God. But man was made *incomplete*. Man was made to need God—to receive the Holy Spirit of God.

God, on that sixth day of re-creation week, had only BEGUN His master creation. God made man a perfect physical creation. But he was not yet a perfect SPIRITUAL creation! God made mankind for the purpose of being fashioned by the Spirit of God into the very character "image" of God—into very spirit-born sons in God's Family!

Job realized God was forming a special creation in his life when he said, "If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my CHANGE come. Thou shalt call [at the resurrection], and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the *work of thine hands!*" (Job 14:14-15.)

Notice the latter part of Job 14:14-15: "Thou wilt have a desire to the *work of thine hands.*" That "work" was Job! Job knew he was merely a piece of divine workmanship—character—in the hands of the Creator. He is yet to be completed—a perfect spiritual character—at the resurrection! How? Through the power of the Holy Spirit. Man was born a piece of *pliable clay* to be moulded in the hands of the Master Potter! (Isa. 64:8.)

But what *is* the Holy Spirit? Exactly *why* do we need it?

How does it fill that great "void"?

The POWER of God

Practically no one today understands what the Holy Spirit of God really *is*. Many vaguely think of it as something "mystic"—a nebulous conception of nothingness—a hovering, fluttering, "holy ghost"!

Most people do not realize the Holy Spirit is the tremendous source of divine power—dynamic, SUPERNATURAL POWER that can *become* a part of our very minds!

The Holy Spirit is the essence of God—His very life, His mind, His na-

ture and His love. The Spirit of God is the very power God used to create the universe! (Heb. 11:3.)

God is Creator. But the Father created all things by and through Jesus Christ, the "Word" (John 1:1, 3)—the divine "Spokesman."

So it was God the "Spokesman" Who "*spake*, and it was DONE" (Psa. 33:9). He is the One who said, "Let there be light"—and the *Holy Spirit* moving upon the face of the waters *performed* the command, and "there was light"—INSTANTLY! (Gen. 1:1-3.) And Christ was the One who formed Adam in the Garden of Eden.

We Must Be Begotten

The miraculous spiritual creation God is beginning to perform in man must first begin through his *spiritual "begetting"* by the Holy Spirit.

We are like an egg. The human mind is the nucleus in that egg. When God begets us by His Holy Spirit, our minds are impregnated, so to speak, by the "seed" or germ of eternal life. It is the begetting of the *spiritual life of God* within our minds! We are then compared to a newly begotten physical babe—a foetus—in its mother's womb. It is then that we become the spiritually begotten "*sons of God*" (I John 3:1; Rom. 8:14-17)—just as much as a begotten human baby becomes a son of its human father!

And just as a physically begotten baby receives the nature of its human father, so the spiritually begotten unborn son of God also receives the *divine nature* of his spiritual Father—God! "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be *partakers* of the divine nature . . ." (II Pet. 1:3-4).

The new life must *grow*. We are now begotten by God's Spirit. But we must grow spiritually until we can be born of God at the resurrection. We will then attain to the very *likeness* and *stature*—the very COMPOSITION—of God! "Beloved, now are we the [begotten] sons of God, and it doth not yet appear [just as an unborn human baby does *not yet 'appear'*] what we shall be: but we know that, when He [Christ] shall appear, *we shall be like Him!*" (I John 3:2.)

Spirit Rejected in Eden

God made His Holy Spirit available to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. All they had to do to receive eternal life was to *obey* God by partaking of the fruit of the symbolic "tree of life" (Gen. 2:9, 16-17).

But because of *rebellious human nature*, Adam and Eve REJECTED it! Instead, they partook of the *wrong tree*—the fruit of the "tree of good and evil" (Gen. 2:17; 3:3, 6, 7).

Because of their disobedience, God *withheld* His Spirit of love and eternal life from man. From the very minute mortal man disobeyed, he was CUT OFF from *spiritual contact* with God. He was cut off from further access to the spirit of God and the gift of eternal life.

Ever since then, God has *allowed* man to go his own way. God wants man to *thoroughly learn* his lessons of living without the Holy Spirit before He really sets His hand to save the world! For nearly 6,000 years now, men have seen by *hard experience* the RESULTS of living without the Holy Spirit! There has been war—not peace. Death—not life.

Why? "For to be *carnally minded* is DEATH; but to be spiritually minded is *life* and *peace*. Because the carnal mind [the natural, unspiritual mind with which each of us was born] is *enmity* against God: for it is not subject to the law of God [the law which would bring life and peace] neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:6-7).

Even though Jesus Christ came nearly 2,000 years ago to herald the arrival of the Holy Spirit once again for all who will accept it, the majority still has sought the *ways of the flesh*—the carnal, unspiritual mind—which have produced the fear, worry, frustration and spiritual emptiness the world experiences today!

Man Needs God's Holy Spirit

All mankind DESPERATELY NEEDS God's Holy Spirit! A human mind united with and guided by the Holy Spirit from God leads to peace, happiness, spiritual power, and eternal life!

Notice the "fruits" or results of our having God's Holy Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5: 22-23).

But the carnal mind, *without* God's Spirit, is HOSTILE toward God and *cannot think clearly*. To put it plainly, *we are not fully sound-minded* until we obtain God's mind! The "sound mind" which comes through God's Spirit (II Tim. 1:7) means just what it implies. It is a truly *balanced* mind. The man possessing it is a balanced man—a WHOLE MAN—united with and guided by the supreme mind of God Almighty!

Yes, man must come to realize that the spiritual power available through the Holy Spirit is the power needed for true sanity, self-mastery, for accomplishment, success, abundant joy, *peace of mind*, and the HAPPINESS we all desire!

Do you begin to grasp how much better *your life* would be if you were really in spiritual contact with your Creator?

How to Insure a Sound Mind

The time is now here! The Holy Spirit can now become a *part* of your very mind! It will free you from fear, frustration, and the threat of mental illness plaguing mankind today. It ALONE can insure you a healthy, happy and sound mind. But there are *prior conditions* to receiving it!

First, you must "thirst" for—*sincerely desire* more than anything else—God's Holy Spirit! Jesus said: "If any man *thirst*, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of *living water*! But this spake He of the SPIRIT, which they that believe on Him *should receive*" (John 7:38-39).

Peter then clearly defined the *way to receive* this Spirit of Power: "*Repent*, and be BAPTIZED . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

When we are reconciled to God by the death of Christ as a result of our sincere repentance of past sins, faith in



Wide World Photo

Due to loneliness and frustrations, many are flocking to churches and evangelistic campaigns as never before. Yet people still have their problems because so many are unwilling to change their way of living. Man's way of living produces frustrations—leading eventually to mental sickness.

Christ's shed blood for the remission of our sins, and our submitting to the symbolic burial of our sinful life in the waters of baptism; then God is *more willing* to give us His Spirit than we are willing to give bread to our children! (Luke 11:10, 13.)

But remember, God gives His Spirit only "to them that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32). No one who *continues* to flagrantly break God's law of love has received the Spirit of God—the spirit of a sound mind!

So if you are willing to *obey* your Creator, if you are willing to *surrender* your will to "live by every word of God" and let the Bible be the AUTHORITY in your life, then God will certainly give you His Spirit—His *power* in your life!

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- WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 5 a.m. & 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)
- WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
- WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
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- WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat., 12:05 a.m., Tues. thru Sun. (E.S.T.)
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- CKY—Winnipeg, Manitoba—580 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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- KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 101.1 FM, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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- KAAY—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. daily.
- WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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- KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.
- KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
- XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

- WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 11:00 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
- WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
- *WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 101.5 FM, 11:30 a.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- WJAC—Johnstown, Pa.—850 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- WCHS—Charleston W. Va.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- WCYB—Bristol, Va.—690 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
- WWNC—Asheville, N.C.—570 on dial, 4:00 p.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- CJCH—Halifax, N.S.—920 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- CFBC—St. John, N.B.—930 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
- CFMB—Montreal—1410 on dial, 1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- *CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- CKLB—Oshawa, Ontario—1350 on dial, 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun.

- CKCR—Kitchener, Ontario—1490 on dial, 3:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.
- *WZOK—Jacksonville, Fla.—1320 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
- *WWOL—Buffalo, N.Y.—1120 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 1:35 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:00 p.m. Sat.
- WBET—Brockton, Mass.—1460 on dial, 7:05 p.m. daily.
- WWNH—Rochester, N.H.—930 on dial, 9:05 a.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WDEV—Waterbury, Vt.—550 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WPOR—Portland, Maine—1490 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
- WCOU—Lewiston, Maine—1240 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
- WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 on dial, 107.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
- WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 on dial, 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- WNLC—New London, Conn.—1490 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

In French—

- CFMB—Montreal—1410 kc., 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun.
- CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 101.5 FM, 9:00 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 93.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
- WFDF—Flint, Mich.—910 on dial, 7:05 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 7:10 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
- *WBCK—Battle Creek, Mich.—930 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 7:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
- WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
- WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 104.1 FM, 10 a.m. Sun.
- WBRJ—Marietta, Ohio—910 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
- WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 8:25 p.m. Sun.
- KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
- WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 105.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (also 8:00 p.m. Sun., FM) 8:00 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat. AM and 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. FM.

WAAP—Peoria—1350 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

WITY—Danville, Ill.—980 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.

KBHS—Hot Springs, Ark.—590 on dial, 12:00 noon daily.

KFVS—Cape Girardeau, Mo.—960 on dial, 9:15 a.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

*KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sun., 11:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m., Sun., 6:30 p.m. daily.

WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 on dial, 11:30 a.m. Sun.

*KQRS—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat., 9:30 p.m. daily.

WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. Sat.

*WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 on dial, 95.7 FM, 8:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily except Fri. at 6:45 p.m.

CJNB—North Battleford, Sask.—1050 on dial, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily.

*CKRM—Regina, Sask.—980 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.

CJGX—Yorkton, Sask.—940 on dial, 7:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

South

KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.

*KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1:00 p.m. Sun., 12:00 noon Mon. thru Sat.

KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KGNC—Amarillo—710 on dial, 9:00 p.m. daily.

KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.

KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WSHO—New Orleans—1230 on dial, 12:00 noon daily.

WDEF—Chattanooga, Tenn.—1370 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.

WAKE—Atlanta—1340 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.

WBRC—Birmingham, Ala.—960 on dial, 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.

WYDE—Birmingham, Ala.—850 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.

WKYX—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 93.3 FM, 12 noon daily.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KFIF—Tucson—1550 on dial, 5:00 p.m. daily.

KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 106.7 FM, 8:00 p.m. daily.

KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 98.7 FM, 7 p.m. daily.

KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

CKXL—Calgary, Alta.—1140 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

West Coast

CKLG—Vancouver, B.C.—730 on dial, 7:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKOV—Kelowna, B.C.—630 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKOK—Penticton, B.C.—800 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CKPG—Prince George, B.C.—550 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

*CJIB—Vernon, B.C.—940 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

CFBV—Smithers, B.C.—7:30 p.m. daily.

KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.

KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.

KBLE—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.

KMO—Tacoma, Wash.—1360 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.

KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

KYJC—Medford, Ore.—1230 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KAGO—Klamath Falls, Oregon—1150 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 106.1 FM, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

KFAX—San Francisco—1100 on dial, 10:45 a.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 4:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KGMS—Sacramento—1380 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

*KNGS—Hanford, Calif.—620 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 93.7 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 96.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m., daily; 12:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Fri.

KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 on dial, 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KNEZ—Lompoc Calif.—960 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.

KOGO—San Diego—600 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

In Spanish—

KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial, 4:45 p.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 6:00 p.m. daily.

TO EUROPE

In English—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave and 49 metres (6090 kc.) short wave—7:00 p.m. Mon. and Tues., B.S.T.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon.

EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1647 m.)—6:00 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Wed. and Sat.

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) shortwave and 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave—Sun., 6:05 a.m.; Wed., 7:00 a.m., M.E.T.

TO ASIA

RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)

"The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—

BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;

BED55 Taipei 960 kc.;

BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;

BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;

BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.—

18:00 T.S.T., Wed. and Fri.

RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880

kc. Sundays: 12:06 noon.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

DZAQ, Manila—620 kc.—8:30 p.m.

daily.

DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;

DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;

DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—

9:00 p.m. Sunday.

DYCB, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30

p.m. Friday.

DYKR, Kalibo—1480 kc.; 9:00 p.m.

daily.

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc.,

6 p.m. daily.

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TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—

RADIO BARBADOS—Black Rock, Barbados—795 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 11:00 a.m. Sat.

RADIO REDIFFUSION—Bridgetown, Barbados, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 9:30 p.m. Sat.

RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.

HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.;
HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.;
HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.;
HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 a.m., Mon. and Tues.

In Spanish—

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO COMUNEROS—Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.

TO AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE—3301 kc., 92 metres and 4925 kc., 60 metres—10:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., and Fri.

RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE—OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.)—6:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

WNBS—Lagos—602 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

WNBS—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc. and 9500 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

TO AUSTRALIA

2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:45 p.m. Fri.; 11 p.m. Sat.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 6:30 p.m. Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1300 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4KQ—Brisbane Qld.—690 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—8:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7BU—Burnie, Tas.—560 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

amazed with what clarity the Bible is explained.

"I would also like to take the Bible Correspondence Course in order to acquire more knowledge of God's purpose; I would like to serve my brethren with it."

New Reader from Austria

"With this letter I would like to thank you for sending me DIE REINE WAHRHEIT and the Bible Correspondence Course. In it I am including Test No. 1 of the Course. I hope that I could get something accomplished, because with 75 years one does not always remember what one reads, even if one is very interested in it. I am always very glad to receive mail from you."

Elderly woman from Holland

No Place to Hide

"A friend of mine told me that a recent PLAIN TRUTH foretells the possibility of a famine in the world during 1970? If this is so, maybe I ought to take off for Australia and beat it as that is a comparatively New World in itself and has not sinned as much as Europe or America..."

F.K., Colorado

• *Sorry, Australia is no place to hide! The Reds in China and Indonesia will see to that!*

"I want to commend you on your article 'What is the Best Age for Marriage?' in the June PLAIN TRUTH. From my own sad experience I say 'Amen' to the good advice you are passing on. How I wish I could have had such teaching! When I was 15, my father and mother separated. After Dad left I became sick and tired of the whole rotten mess at home, so I promised myself that the first fellow who came along and proposed marriage I would accept and get out of it. Shortly after my 16th birthday I married a soldier boy just out of the service. Looking back now I can see I was totally unprepared for marriage. Less than 3 years later we were divorced. A year later I married an older man (21 years older) who was 'determined' to have me. Four children and 8 unhappy years

What our READERS SAY

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and I have always found the magazine very interesting and up-to-the-minute. However, my mother won't part with hers even after they're read. (She only

lends them to me!) I should be very grateful if you would send me my own PLAIN TRUTH, please."

J.C.L., Witbank, South Africa

• *You're on the list!*

"Please send me DIE REINE WAHRHEIT (German edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*). I have read one copy and am

later I was so miserable I didn't want to live any longer, all because a 16-year-old kid thought marriage was the answer."

Anonymous

Response to The "New Morality"

"It is just simply fantastic that a mere human should have such an interest in his fellow man as you have. Not only in writing this book, 'God Speaks Out on the New Morality,' but putting it into print and going to all this trouble to see that the public gets it, not for a fancy price, which I am sure it is well worth, but absolutely free. There is, and can be, only one explanation. Truly you and your co-workers are being used, in these last days, by Christ Himself to publish *The PLAIN TRUTH* as a witness before the end comes."

William S., Tennessee

"I would like to receive a copy of the new book, 'God Speaks Out on The New Morality.' I am married and have been for 6 years. I received a card and had it filled out and stamped to mail when my son got the pen and scribbled all over it. I would like a booklet on child rearing. I want my children to grow up well-behaved and respectful to other people."

Mrs. Jack A., Indiana

"I could certainly appreciate a copy of your new book, 'God Speaks Out on The New Morality.' I am a single woman over 60 years of age. I only wish I could have had such a book to read when I was a girl in my teens. Sex seemed so hateful and forced such an awful opinion of God in my mind which I find hard to overcome in later years. I did not look upon marriage as anything I wanted to enter into. I feel your book will be a help to me as the real plan of God in sex and marriage will be opened up to me. I of course will never marry, but to have this subject cleared up in my mind will be such a relief."

Miss L. C., New York

"Yes, I would like to receive a copy of the new book, 'God Speaks Out on

The New Morality.' Sex knowledge was kept from me in early life and I am suffering the pangs of it now. What I did find out was through boys at school and men in later life. It was the wrong knowledge and it wrecked my life so much I fear to be married today on account of incompatibility; therefore, I have to live alone today. I have no greater desire than to have a good wife, a home and children but am compelled to pass that all up. My dear old mother, being a Christian, was too 'modest' and fearful about sex and today the world has gone the opposite way, to the downgrading of human welfare, to say nothing about spiritual life."

Man from Nova Scotia

"Thank you very kindly for your offer, wanting to send me your latest book on morality. I am a widow. I'm nearly 70 years old and not well enough to get married again. Nevertheless, I have an interest in that subject, for my first marriage was dissolved because of improper knowledge of married life. I had to get a divorce to save my life and regain my health. Therefore it is very timely and most necessary to have a chance to acquire all the information anyone can get about the subject."

Mrs. Rose F., Wisconsin

Catholic-Protestant Bible

"How is it that you consider you are justified to state in your *PLAIN TRUTH* for November, 1964, on page 23, there is doubt about the trinity? Why let your apparent opposition to Catholic theologians stand against what we have from our Christian Savior, to confuse unsuspecting minds? Those teaching oppositely to Jesus Christ in His days, and now today, are the same Pharisees, don't you think? I ask this as a Protestant Christian, reared as a Baptist. I'd be glad to have your answer."

Marvin B. N., Tennessee

• *Better read it again, Marvin. We didn't state there is doubt about the trinity—we plainly said I John 5:7 is a deliberate interpolation. It's a hoax. Read Matt. 1:18. Did Jesus pray to the wrong Father? We're sending you an article on the subject of the trinity. And we certainly do agree*

those who teach opposite to Christ are modern Pharisees. Read the "short question" from our readers this issue.

It Pays to Pray

"While reading the November *PLAIN TRUTH*, the article 'Vital Keys to Success in Prayer,' I was very much impressed. My husband and I have been married nearly 31 years and it seems that trouble of every kind, except moral disgrace, has been our lot. We both have high blood pressure and I have some kind of trouble, retention of fluid in the tissues. Pills, pills seems our lot. Now, I pray for God to help us, but as yet we are plagued by our infirmities. I would like to ask you to pray for us that we can live just a few years of our lives free of disease and trouble. 'Does God Exist?,' 'The Answer to Unanswered Prayer'—I think maybe I can understand more how to pray after I read the above."

Mrs. O. T. O., Texas

• *Read the article in this issue on Mental Health. It'll make clear what many don't know about themselves.*

Why No Addresses?

"Comments made by my friends who borrow *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine is 'Why don't they publish the full names and addresses of the "What Our Readers Say" column?' I've often wondered about that myself though I never doubted they are from actual readers and not fictitious names. I wonder if you could give me an answer to this question so I can clarify them to my friends."

Mr. Joseph B., Philippine Islands

• *We're merely respecting the privacy and protecting the names and addresses of our subscribers from would-be persecutors. Some of the letters, as you know, are pretty frank.*

Evolution in British Schools

"Tonight I switched on my radio at 7:25 and unfortunately only caught a few minutes of your talk on evolution. I am a seventeen-year-old school girl studying Advanced Geography and Advanced Biology, and in both subjects I have been taught about the scientists' beliefs about the beginning of the world. At the moment I am learning

about evolution, and even in the textbooks it states that if you believe in evolution, you cannot believe what the Bible says about the creation. The rest of the class of seven and the teacher are all humanists, and she has told me she doesn't want to shake any of my beliefs. But invariably we all end up arguing at one point or another, because I believe in Adam and Eve. I am very sorry that I missed your talk on [Radio] Luxembourg because it would undoubtedly have strengthened my arguments and belief. I would be very grateful if you would send me the article on The Origin of Life, because I feel that it will be a great help to me in understanding the Bible, evolution, and the *detached* way people talk about the beginning of the world."

Diana J., England

• *Detached is right.*

Ascend to Heaven?

"I had two preachers come to convince me I was all wrong about not going to heaven. In about 20 minutes one of them just jumped up, cursed at me, and ran out the door. The Word of God will put the Devil to flight. They don't stay long when I make them read their beliefs out of the Bible."

Richard H. M., Georgia

• *That would be quite a long search all right.*

Origin of the Universe

"Hearing one of your recent broadcasts about science and the creation of the earth brought to mind something I read some time ago. It compared the possibility of the world being created by accident with that of an explosion in a printing shop producing a dictionary."

June J., California

Stubborn Irishman?

"A few months ago I wrote you asking if you could help me find the one and only true God. I mentioned where my 38 years was nothing but a ball of confusion. A short time later I received an answer in the form of booklets and *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I have never been so shocked in my life. I picked up my Bible and turned to

certain scriptures to which this literature referred. There were the answers. All my life I have been believing false ministers and practicing pagan traditions. What a miserable, deceived life I have led. Please pray for this stubborn Irishman, that I may wake up to the knowledge that God is giving me at this time."

John G. M., New York City

• *Sounds like you've made a good start, John.*

A Quitter

"I want my name removed from *The PLAIN TRUTH*, Correspondence Course, and the co-workers list. I desire no longer to study. I am too disgusted to study anymore. I am sick and tired of the way this country is being run and too much corruption in high places, so I will quit being religious and do other things."

Ralph M. B., Montana

• *"If you can't lick 'em—Join 'em"—or is it your conscience that's bothering you, Ralph?*

Liberal Christian?

"Our minister says he's a 'Liberal Christian.' I asked him how that is determined and he said when you read the Bible and you don't understand, pass it up and continue on."

Mrs. Laura A. M., Ohio

• *"Liberal"—or dishonest?*

"Broad is the way . . ."

"Regrettably, my Sunday School teachers failed to teach me the Word of God properly. I married a Catholic girl and tried to embrace her religion without success. I investigated and studied several cults and became confused. After the war, I lived and worked in Japan and was associated with people of the major oriental religions. I became by then the most confused. I gave up four years ago and became a non-believer. I started having unenjoyable encounters with the civil law enforcement agencies. I became involved in an altercation and was convicted of felonious assault. Now I am recuperating in the prison hospital from surgery for cancer. I have faith in the

REAL GOD now, thanks to your broadcast. I am extremely happy now. I believe that the Bible means exactly what it says, thanks to you."

Robert J. W., Michigan

Correspondence Course

"I have just started the Bible Correspondence Course, which I receive through Bricket Wood, and am finding it very, very interesting. Your College is certainly doing a big job—but are the people prepared to hear?"

M. B., South Africa

It's Free

"If you ever need a 'witness' to the fact that you send the literature free of charge you may use me. I have received *The PLAIN TRUTH* for about three and one-half years, and have received around sixty booklets and articles, all without so much as a hint that I should send money for the literature. If God's message could be bought, I am sure that amount of literature would cost several hundred dollars. I forgot to say that I am also taking the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, also free of charge, of course. Since I have had the advantage of a good deal of this world's education, I feel qualified to make the next statement. Although the Correspondence Course is written so that anyone who can read the Bible can easily do the work; in quality and thoroughness of instruction, it is easily the equivalent of courses given for college credit by the better colleges and universities. Of course, it is really superior to these courses, as it is God's course, written by God's ministers."

Billy R. G., Louisiana

"This morning I heard your talk on the Kingdom of God. I must admit that I was moved by the value and good sense of what you said. I had always been taught that the Kingdom of God was a state of mind, when actually this millennial *day* will be a reality in the near future. You can see the confusion that has been in my mind. I would like the text of your talk, so that I can study it at my leisure."

Woman from France

The MIRACLE of Pearl Harbor

Just 23 short years ago the U. S. was plunged into World War II at Pearl Harbor. In January, 1942, all news was bad. Read, in this eye-opening article, the one reason WHY the Allies were allowed to win that war—and why they have not won a war since!

by L. E. Torrance

CAN YOU believe it now? In January, 1942—just 23 years ago—the U. S. Army and Navy lacked even the power to stop a Japanese invasion of the West Coast of the United States.

The Pacific Fleet was all but destroyed. The Army was untrained, ill equipped.

It was America's blackest hour.

Secret plans, known only to President Roosevelt and a few selected advisors, called for the evacuation of the entire United States west of the Rocky Mountains should Japan invade the mainland.

Just how—and WHY—almost-certain victory was miraculously wrenched from the hands of the German-Japanese Axis is a startling, never-before-told story. It involves *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, and why you are able to hear it today!

The time has come to reveal this story in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

An "Invited" Bombing?

One month before the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japan, the American troopship, the *Hugh L. Scott*, made a strange, unscheduled three-day stop in Honolulu. I was on that ship.

We of the 5th Air Base Group, who were on board, wondered, "WHY?"

After we were once more steaming toward Manila, our intelligence officer, Colonel Tally, revealed to us highly secret information when he said, "We were detained for three days in Hono-

lulu because the Army and Navy High Command expected Japan to bomb Pearl Harbor on November the 6th."

The Colonel startled us: "The U. S. has been trying to goad Japan into attacking us for some time."

"WHY?" we asked in astonishment.

"The American people hate war," he said, "but if Japan will just declare war first, the U. S. will then become aroused and will be willing to fight back."

"Otherwise," he said, "the complacent American public will not wholeheartedly support a war to stop Hitler and Japan."

The Colonel warned, "If the U. S. doesn't get into the war to help Britain and Russia, our only two possible allies will be conquered by Hitler."

This West Pointer's cold-blooded analysis sent shivers through us. "After Hitler conquers all of Europe, he will then invade the United States. But the American people are unprepared for war," he concluded.

How right he was!

The Colonel divulged more top-secret information as he went on to say that the danger of war was so great that the Army and Navy brass in Honolulu debated whether to send the *Hugh L. Scott* and its cargo of troops back to San Francisco or on to Australia.

"The decision," he said, "was finally made to send us on to the Philippines because the *Hugh L. Scott* has on board tanks and airplanes which MacArthur's army in the Philippines

will need if Japan launches an attack against Manila."

Safe Arrival But . . .

After the few tanks and airplanes we had on board the *Hugh L. Scott* were delivered to the American forces in Manila, we of the 5th Air Base Group were told to board an inter-island steamer. There wasn't room on the small boat for both us men of the "5th" and all our equipment, so we left our guns and ammunition on the dock to be shipped later.

We arrived at the Del Monte airstrip on the island of Mindanao in the southern Philippines, the first of December, 1941.

World War II began for the U. S. six days later when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and Clark Field on the island of Luzon.

When the Japanese invaded Luzon, the equipment we left sitting on the dock in Manila was sent to the fighting men on Bataan, who desperately needed every gun they could get their hands on.

Even though we were unarmed and unprepared for war, we still expected the mighty U. S. Air Force to fly in from the United States.

In preparation for their arrival, we began feverishly building airstrips. The island of Mindanao became a complex of thirteen top-quality, heavy-duty airfields. We built high-quality bomb shelters, and blasted out a large airplane hangar in a mountainside.

The American planes did not arrive,

but the Japanese army did! We, our airstrips, our hangars, and our bomb shelters were all captured on May 10, 1942.

We had been prisoners for more than a year when we heard one of the most astounding stories ever told, the story which revealed the truth about the "Miracle of Pearl Harbor."

"Stranger Than Fiction"

Only a few of the group who heard this story are still alive to tell it.

We heard this astounding story from an English-speaking interpreter, a cousin of the Emperor. This Japanese officer startled us by revealing, "The Imperial Japanese High Command now realizes that we will eventually lose the war." He said bitterly, "The Germans have let us down."

According to the Emperor's cousin, two weeks after Pearl Harbor, Japanese spies in Moscow sent a secret report to Tokyo warning that "our German allies have suffered a disastrous defeat in the battle of Moscow."

This report from Japanese spies in Russia revealed how Nazi armies were hurled back by a surprisingly well-equipped, warmly clad Siberian army which Hitler and his generals did not know existed. But the "die" was already cast! This Japanese spies' report from Moscow came to Tokyo two weeks too late. By the time the full magnitude of the colossal defeat suffered by the German armies on the Moscow front became known, the Japanese High Command had already bombed Pearl Harbor. They had already committed themselves to fighting a losing battle.

Many of our Japanese guards, who were unaware of German defeats in Russia, were constantly telling their American captives that they expected to live in California after the war was over.

The cousin of the Emperor was not deceived. He had been listening to the news. He admitted that Japan's German allies had just suffered another major disaster at Stalingrad, where the entire sixth German army was either killed or captured by the Russians.

That is why he said, "The Japanese now realize that it is only a matter

of time until Germany is defeated. Without the help of Hitler, the Japanese army cannot hope to conquer the U. S.

"We made a fatal mistake in bombing Pearl Harbor without attacking the U. S. West Coast at the same time. Had we invaded the West Coast early in the summer of 1941, you would never have sent thousands of tanks and airplanes, countless guns and ammunition to Russia. You would have been forced to use these weapons to defend your own country.

"It's obvious now," he said, "that without large-scale American help, the Russians could not have kept Hitler from annihilating both their army and their entire population.

"It's too late now. We have already scattered our troops all over Southeast Asia and the islands of the Pacific where they are dying like flies from malaria, gonorrhoea, and syphilis."

He then made the alarming statement, "After conquering Russia, the Germans planned to spend a few days conquering England; then they planned to *blitz* across northern Greenland on into Canada, while we Japanese were invading Alaska and the West Coast."

The Emperor's cousin said, "If everything had gone like we planned, we would have struck you before you had time to arm and train an army."

With astonishing frankness, he revealed top-secret Japanese plans. After all, we were "American pigs," (as the "Japs" called us)—doomed to die.

Cold-bloodedly he said, "Germany had promised us the western half of the U. S. for our part in the war. In order to inflame all Asia into backing our propaganda slogan, 'Asia for the Asiatics,' the Japanese army had been instructed to kill every white man and woman in the Orient and in the western half of the United States, just as soon as victory was certain."

Thinking we would never live to tell the story, and that nobody would believe us if we did, he boasted, "After destroying the U.S. nation, we Japanese planned to conquer the rest of China, marshal the millions of Chinese into a fighting army and then after Hitler relaxed in a world at peace, the Japanese Imperial High Command

planned to strike Germany a surprise blow."

Regretfully he added, "If we just hadn't made a tactical mistake, we could have conquered the world."

Almost apologetically, the Japanese lieutenant went on to explain the Japanese tactical mistake. "We could have destroyed the United States if we had just landed our forces on the West Coast of the U. S. in a surprise attack. Army intelligence now realizes that the Japanese army could have taken much of the Rocky Mountain region before you Americans could have equipped and trained your peace-loving people to fight."

But he was wrong. The Japanese should have attacked the Russian flank in Siberia, and forced Stalin to fight a two-front war and helped Germany conquer Russia before they attacked the U. S. Hitler urged the Japanese to attack Russian Siberia, and leave the U. S. alone. But the Japanese had their own plan to conquer the world.

Why Japan Bombed Pearl Harbor

Admittedly, Japan had long wanted to have as part of their empire the entire North American continent, but the wily Japanese military strategists decided against trying to fight both Communist Russia and the U. S. at the same time.

The Japanese had always been afraid that if they invaded the U. S., the Russians would stab them in the back by invading Manchuria. That is why, as part of their preparations for war, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Matsuoka, signed a treaty of neutrality with Stalin on April 13, 1941. The Japanese hoped this treaty, coupled with Russian fear of Hitler, would keep them from having to fight a two-front war.

This treaty of neutrality aroused the American government, but not to action. Washington was content to merely wonder if the Japanese signed this treaty of neutrality with Russia as preparation to attack British and American possessions in the Pacific.

The Japanese preparations to attack the U. S. were suddenly intensified on

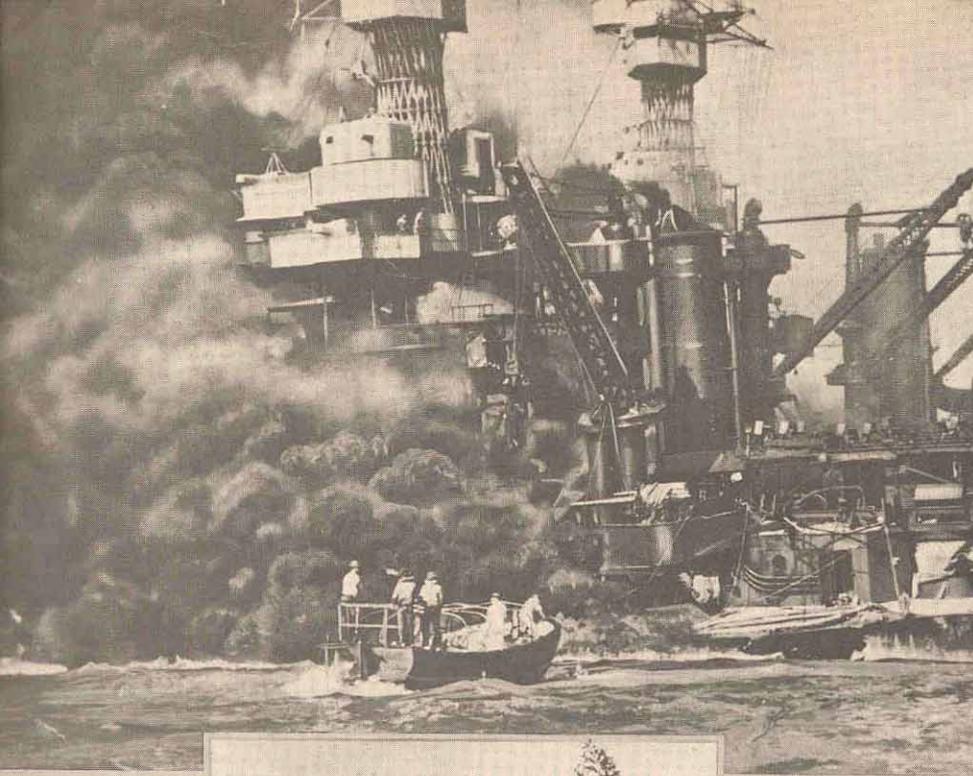
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PEARL HARBOR

Astounding as it may seem, the defeat at Pearl Harbor actually won the war for the United States and the Allies. Read the never-before-revealed truth in the accompanying article.

On June 22, 1941 the German armies attacked Russia. By December 2, of that year, advance units of the German forces reached the outskirts of Moscow (see inset photo at left). Japan erroneously assumed Russia had been defeated. The Japanese now thought their eastern flank would be free. Five days later on December 7, 1941, they attacked Pearl Harbor (large photo at left). But this was their most gigantic miscalculation, because . . .

Wide World Photos



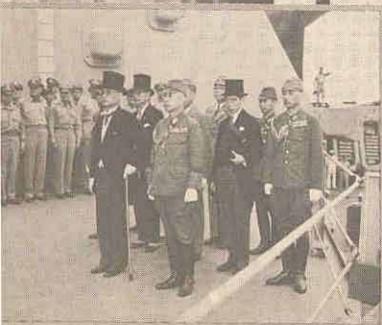
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. . . the Germans never captured Moscow or Stalingrad. First, they became bogged down in Russian mud (see lower right). After Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Russians utilized fresh troops from Manchuria to lift the siege from Moscow and Stalingrad (see large photo at right). As a result . . .



. . . Germany was unable to drive to victory and was finally defeated. In the Pacific, the Japanese now had to face the immense industrial complex of the United States. They couldn't win. In 1945, the Atomic Bomb was used. Japan officially surrendered September 2, 1945 (see photos at left).

Wide World Photos



June 22, 1941, when at 3:30 in the morning, German *blitzkrieg* struck Russia a surprise blow.

The German attack overran the border at most places before the Russians could organize a defense. In fact, most of the 3,800,000 Russian prisoners taken by the Germans were taken in the first few weeks of the campaign (William L. Shirer, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, pp. 952-953).

Because this attack on Russia appeared to be fantastically successful, the Japanese no longer feared a Russian "stab in the back" after they had begun attacking the U. S. The Japanese war lords began gleefully preparing to launch their long-planned attack on the U. S.! Japan hastened its preparations to capture needed raw materials in Southeast Asia before they and their ally, Hitler, launched a direct invasion of the United States' shores.

General Tojo, the Japanese Prime Minister, instructed his ambassador to Washington, Admiral Nomura, to secure from the American government approval to conquer Indonesia and all of Southeast Asia and India.

The American government refused to be frightened by thinly veiled threats of war, by what amounted to an ultimatum.

The Japanese suddenly began throwing threats of war at the U. S.

That these threats of war were not idle threats was made evident when Secretary of State Hull's cryptographers, on November 19, 1941, deciphered the notorious "winds" message to Admiral Nomura from Tokyo. Tokyo warned Admiral Nomura that when the Japanese newscaster on the short-wave Tokyo broadcast said the words, "East wind, rain," Japan was about to attack the United States.

Unknown to the United States, on November 25, 1941, the Japanese carrier task force sailed for Pearl Harbor.

The Japanese were further encouraged to attack Pearl Harbor when last-minute reports out of Russia stated that on "December 2 (1941) a reconnaissance battalion of the 258th (Nazi) Infantry Division had penetrated to Khimki, a suburb of Moscow, within sight of the spires of the Kremlin . . ." (William L. Shirer, *The Rise*

and Fall of the Third Reich, p. 863).

Assuming their potential enemy, Russia, had already been defeated by their German allies, the Japanese government gave the command: "BOMB PEARL HARBOR."

Now, they thought, was the time to capture the Philippines and Southeast Asia as preparation for a German-Japanese invasion of the American homeland.

Japanese Decision Premature

But unknown to General Tojo and his war lords, the communist general, Marshal Zhukov, launched, on the day before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, a gigantic counteroffensive on the Moscow front which reeled the German armies back in the bitter cold and snow.

"Fresh Soviet divisions which German intelligence had no inkling of were continually being thrown into battle" (William L. Shirer, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, p. 855).

This fresh, well-trained, well-equipped Soviet army changed the course of history. The Nazis were stunned! "Where did this large, well-clothed, well-equipped Russian army come from?" they asked.

Little did the Nazis realize that their own ally, Japan, was responsible for the colossal disaster they suffered on the Moscow front.

Japanese Lust for U. S. Land Backfired

Russian spies in Japan had somehow discovered that Japan planned to attack the U. S. at Pearl Harbor about December 7, 1941.

The Russians also learned that the Japanese had politely refused Hitler's demand to attack Russian troops on the Siberian border. The Japanese were "dead set" on destroying the Pacific fleet of the U. S. and capturing all of Southeast Asia and India. They were determined to "feather their own nest" and not Hitler's.

When Russian spies discovered this fanatical Japanese determination to attack the U. S., Stalin hastily withdrew his army of close to a million men from the Manchurian border and brought them over the trans-Siberian railway to Moscow, just in time to turn

the tide of battle against the Germans in early December, 1941.

The Japanese High Command now realizes that if they had invaded Siberia, the peace-loving U. S. would have remained neutral until both Japan and Hitler were ready to launch a surprise invasion of the North American continent.

They also realize that if they had attacked the Russian army on the Siberian border, Stalin would have been forced to fight on *two fronts at once*.

Stalin then would not have been able to bring his well-equipped Siberian army to the Moscow front in time to stop the Nazis. European Russia would have fallen.

Because the Germans had badly mauled the Russian army, the Russians were not strong enough to fight both Germany and Japan at the same time. The power of Communist Russia would have been destroyed.

After annihilating the Russian armies, and before alarmed Washington statesmen could have armed and trained an American army of defense, Hitler and Japan planned to launch a world-shaking attack on the U. S. mainland.

But the Japanese made the wrong decision. They neither invaded Siberia as Hitler wanted them to, nor did they invade the West Coast of the U. S. as hindsight led them to believe they should have. They bombed Pearl Harbor instead, without invading the West Coast of the U. S., giving the U. S. valuable time to equip and train an army.

BOMBING: Blunder? Blitz? or Blessing?

Strange as it may seem, the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese was a MIRACLE which saved the U. S. from defeat.

Before Pearl Harbor, American naval strategy had been decided by battleship admirals, who assured the American statesmen that battleships would win the war.

Alexander De Seversky quotes Admiral William V. Pratt as saying on June 11, 1941, "A battleship is so heavily armored that when a bomb strikes it, the force of the explosion

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Why

Pope Paul Went to INDIA

India is NOT a Catholic country. What's behind the Pontiff's history-making India visit? What are Catholic plans for Asia?

by William H. Ellis

THE WORLD is being swept off its feet by this new Pope. He has shown himself to be a vigorous leader—he has dared to do things NONE of his predecessors *dreamed of doing!*

Pope Paul is remaking the "image" of the Roman Catholic Church!

Few people understand that each activity—each unprecedented trip the Pontiff takes—is part of an *over-all plan*. Each move by Paul VI is significant. It's a step in the fulfillment of his dream of world religious unity—led and guided, of course, by the Roman Pontiff!

India—Key to Asia

Pope Paul recognizes the importance of India. India is a VITAL KEY TO SOUTHEAST ASIA! India has always influenced the religion of non-white Asia.

In order to sway the world, the Pontiff realizes he must influence especially the peoples and leaders of Asia.

Few Westerners have any conception of the numbers of Roman Catholics already in Asian countries. The pope knows that there are *thirty-eight million* Catholics in Asia—many of whom are well-educated, and in positions of great influence!

Catholics can CHANGE ASIA'S FUTURE!

That's why the Vatican is vitally interested in India.

Paul VI is the first pope to ever visit India. Ostensibly to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Bombay, Pope Paul planned also to establish personal contact with the leaders of the oriental religions. He knows the power of personal contact.

The Associated Press reported that far from seeking contact with Indian

Catholics alone, Pope Paul joined "in a fraternal and unprecedented session with *non-Christian* leaders, quoted Hindu scripture, cited a Hindu prayer and commended its use."

"The Pontiff said that all men must begin 'to build the common future of the human race.'"

New World Peacemaker

Before an audience of Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs and Zoroastrian Parsees, the pope asked, "Are we not ALL ONE in this struggle for a better world...?"

On his return from India, he said that he hoped his trip would have "*historic and spiritual consequences!*"

The historic image of the Catholic Church has been one of influencing, aiding and controlling the governments of Europe and Latin America alone. Often this has led to bitter feelings and war.

But the world is tired of war!

Everyone wants peace—his own way!

As a result, Pope Paul has come out in the role of PEACEMAKER! He knows that the fear of nuclear war and the desire for world peace can bind the religions of the world together in a common bond.

This universal — Catholic — cooperation of all religious sects under Vatican leadership has long been the dream of Papal planners.

Paul VI began what may be called the "Vatican Aid Program" with a token gift of \$50,000 for the poor of India.

In Lebanon he gave another \$40,000 for the same purpose of helping the poor.

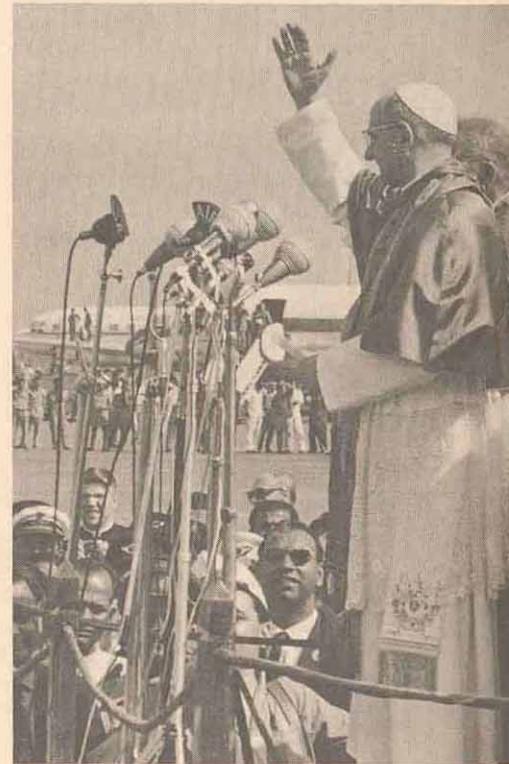
After seeing India's masses—poor, starving, living and sleeping in the streets—Church leaders hope that the

pope will be stirred also to hurry the completion of a new Catholic stand on the matter of birth control.

The Art of Compromise

The BIG QUESTION has not yet been asked!

Will the differences of worship—the differences of doctrine and DEITY



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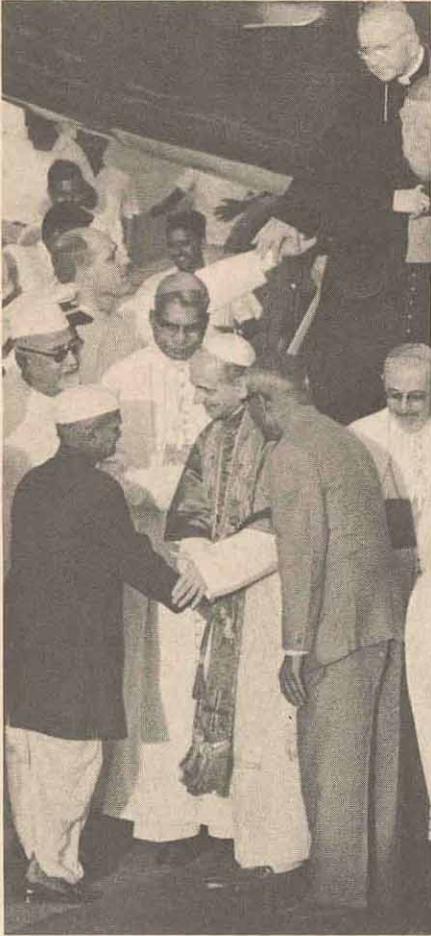
Pope Paul VI deplanes in Bombay to be greeted by enthusiastic Indian crowds.

—hinder this Catholic drive for ultimate world religious unity?

Certainly not!

After returning to Rome, Pope Paul reported that his trip had impressed on him the need for a "*new mentality*" of Christian love. But *what kind of "love"?*

In the past, when confronted with



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Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri of India warmly greets the "Traveling Pope" upon his arrival in Bombay.

the heathen religions of the old world, Church leaders have COMPROMISED! And through compromise—the love of this present evil world—they have gained the support of heathen peoples.

Hear the evidence of history!

British archeologist, Walter Johnson, writing of the Roman Catholic conversion of Britain, said, "Christian and pagan ideas were blended. Following the wise, and, indeed, only practical method—that of peaceful permeation—the church often retained the forms of heathen ceremonies, while actually investing these with new meanings." (*Byways in British Archeology*, page 25.)

In 601 A.D. Pope Gregory was faced with the problem of influencing the British toward Catholicism. What did he do? He wrote to Bishop Mellitis "that the temples of the idols in that nation ought not to be destroyed. . . . For if those temples are well built it is requisite that they be converted from

the worship of devils to the service of the true God; that the nation [Britain], seeing that their temples are not destroyed, may remove error from their hearts. . . ."

Baptizing Heathen Customs

Most Christians today don't realize the extent to which the customs they practice are actually a syncretism—a "blending"—of pagan ways which have been "christened" with Christian names!

Sir James George Frazer long ago exposed the true origin of modern holidays in his authoritative book, *The Golden Bough*. He writes, "When we remember that the festival of St. George in April has replaced the ancient pagan festival of the Parilia; that the festival of St. John in June has succeeded to a heathen midsummer festival of water; that the festival of the Assumption of the Virgin in August has ousted the festival of Diana; that the feast of All Souls [Hallowe'en] in November is a continuation of an old heathen feast of the dead; and that the Nativity of Christ himself [Christmas] was assigned to the winter solstice in December . . . we can hardly be thought rash or unreasonable in conjecturing that the other cardinal festivals of the Christian church [so-called]—the solemnisation of Easter—may have been in like manner, and from like motives of edification, adapted to a similar celebration of the Phrygian god Attis at the vernal equinox." (*The Golden Bough*, page 360.)

Notice the great variety of sources the Roman Church has drawn from to create a universal religion which could be accepted by the bickering pagans of Europe. And it was all done by mislabeling heathen rites "Christian."

Walter Johnson writes, "Thus, by the retention of . . . idolatrous feasts, of pagan symbols and ceremonies, of the heathen names for the days of the week, the new religion [false Christianity] gained entrance [into Europe]!" (*Byways of British Archeology*, page 27.)

The Roman Church has been noted for its willingness to compromise and adapt its message to the practices of non-Christian peoples.

In Mexico, Central and South America, the Indians may be seen dressed in their feathered costumes, dancing their ancient ceremonial dances and often sacrificing at the steps of a cathedral built on the foundations of their ancient pagan temples!

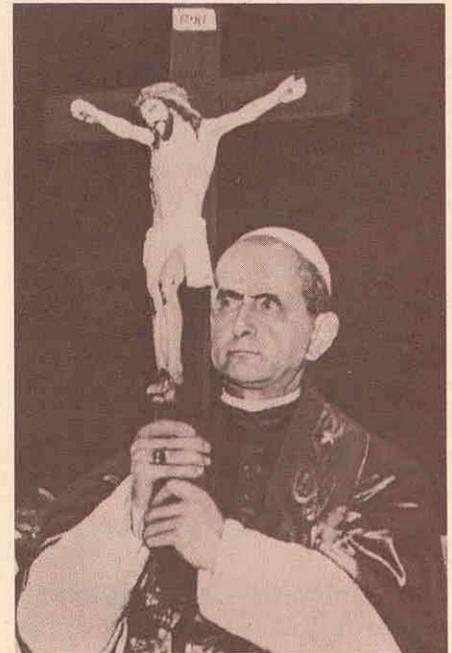
Why should we think Catholic influence in Asia will be any different?

Ancient Ideas of "UNITY"

Actually this practice of labeling heathen customs, rites and traditions "good" or "Christian" is a VERY OLD IDEA! It is the approach which prevailed in many ancient civilizations—especially those of Greece and Babylon! So admits Dr. W. A. Visser t'Hooft, secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Who began the idea of one universal religion after the Flood in the days of Noah? It sprang out of the heart of that archrebel Nimrod at BABEL (Gen. 10:9-10, 11:1-9). It is a Babylonian idea.

Ever since God Almighty scattered the nations at Babel, they have stub-



Wide World Photo

Pope Paul carries the sign of the cross to non-Catholic India, in a solemn religious procession at Bombay Eucharistic Congress.

bornly striven for their lost WORLD UNITY!

Pope Paul VI is revealing himself
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God's GREAT SOCIETY

What will it be like? How different from today's world will it be?

by Eugene M. Walter

WHEN President Johnson steps into the four-year term of office as President of the United States on January 20, he brings with him a plan for building this world's "Great Society."

Following on the heels of Kennedy's "New Frontier," the Johnson plan calls for the rebuilding of cities, cleaning up and beautifying the countryside, and improving education on all levels. The successful execution of this three-point program is hoped to bring about the President's great, over-all goal: wiping out poverty.

The big question is: WILL IT SUCCEED?

Already considerable time and effort have been spent investigating what can be done in the cities, the countryside, and the schools. A massive program designed to make this costly American-style Utopia a reality is now being launched.

What's Wrong With Today's World?

Despite his optimism, Mr. Johnson admits, "It is harder and harder to live the good life in American cities today. The catalog of ills is long. There is the decay of the centers and the despoiling of the suburbs. There is not enough housing for our people or transportation for our traffic. Open land is vanishing and old landmarks are violated. Worst of all, expansion is eroding the precious and time-honored values of community with neighbors and communion with nature. The loss of these values breeds loneliness and boredom and indifference. Our society will never be great until our cities are great."

The President knows!

Looking at conditions in rural America, the President warned: "We have always prided ourselves on being not

only America the strong and America the free, but America the beautiful. Today that beauty is in danger. The water we drink, the food we eat, the very air that we breathe, are threatened with pollution. Our parks are overcrowded, our seashores overburdened. Green fields and dense forests are disappearing. A few years ago we were greatly concerned about the Ugly American. Today we must act to prevent an Ugly America."

Nor is this all. Describing our educational system, the Chief Executive added: "A third place to build the Great Society is in the classrooms of America. There our children's lives will be shaped. Our society will not be great until every young mind is set free to scan the farthest reaches of thought and imagination.

"We are still," he continued, "far from that goal. Today eight million adult Americans have not finished five years of school. Nearly 54 million—more than one quarter of all America—have not even finished high school. Each year more than a hundred thousand high school graduates, with proven ability, do not enter college because they cannot afford it. . . .

"In many places, classrooms are overcrowded and curricula outdated. Most of our qualified teachers are underpaid, and many of our paid teachers are unqualified. . . .

"But more classrooms and more teachers are not enough. We must seek an educational system which grows in quality as well as in size. . . ." (Mr. Johnson's address, taken from *Saturday Evening Post*, October 31, 1964, pp. 30, 31).

The President's analysis pinpoints *grave problems*. But are these ills really ALL that's wrong? Are they the cause of the woes plaguing America—or

only the *results* of the real causes which, unless overcome, bar us forever from a "Great Society"?

Why Today's Sick Society?

Engulfed in the glitter and gleam, the gaud and the gadgetry of a shallow and superficial society, people today no longer stop to just plain T-H-I-N-K!

Assaulted by a relentless barrage of double-talk, distortions, half-truths and unadulterated LIES from advertisers, politicians and the clergy alike, it is simply *too much work* for most individuals to sift through this confusing maze of propaganda. The quest of the TRUTH about why they are here, what life is all about and where they are going, is forgotten.

How much easier to lose oneself in a ready-made daydream behind the TV set or at the movies! This, of course, is exactly what Satan, the deceiver of this entire world, and the author of this Babylonish, competitive system WANTS (Rev. 12:9).

But it's high time YOU were *different*. It's high time you began to THINK—deeply and *objectively*, responsibly and *realistically*! It's high time you *dared* to look at the situation as it REALLY IS and to realize that it's not just a matter of an isolated "problem" here and there. Rather it's a matter of an ENTIRE SOCIETY *coming apart at the seams!*

You live in a society: where family life is rapidly disintegrating. Where one out of four marriages ends in divorce. Where more murders take place between husbands and wives than in any other category. Where children are considered a burden best left to shift for themselves or to be farmed out. Where adultery, fornication, homosexu-

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Racial hatred skyrockets. Both Negroes and Whites are to blame. Who will be the first to make the right decisions? Above, riot in Florida. Inset shows Ku Klux Klan on move again.

This Is Society Today!

America—and the world—is on the verge of internal collapse. Everywhere there is immorality, corruption, poverty, hate, crime, mental anguish. It grows worse daily. Will there be a reversal of this tragic trend? Only God can deliver us from the inevitable collapse of this world's society. Read the bright future ahead in God's Great Society in the accompanying article.

Below, the result of one year's use of pep drugs. Narcotics use continues to rise and sap our youth.

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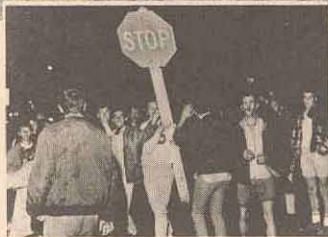
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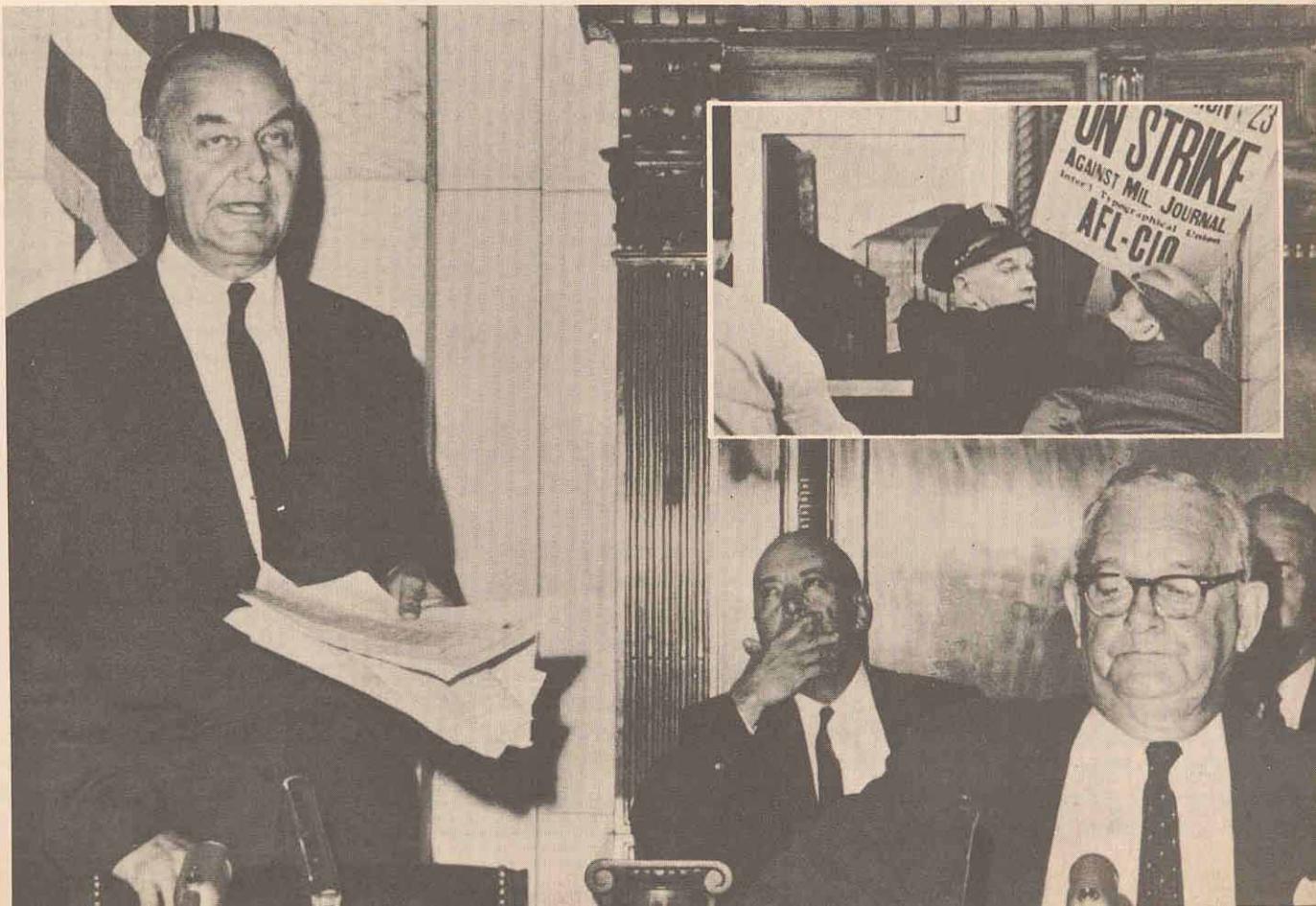
Poverty and fighting amongst ourselves continues. Large photo shows typical tenement slum area—and why it is a slum. Inset photo shows woman swinging baseball bat at man slashing at her with knife during Rochester, New York street fight.



Juvenile delinquency and crime rate rises totally outstrip population increases. The statistics are alarming. Photo at extreme left shows riot at Seaside, Oregon. Close left photo is of prisoner at Jackson, Michigan State Prison. Five thousand criminals are in this prison alone.

The Bible prophesies of our day: "From the least of them even unto the greatest of them everyone is given to covetousness" (Jer. 6:13; 8:10). Below is a typical example. This is a hearing on current scandal—the Bobby Baker case. Inset, shows International Typographical Union striking against a large city paper. Again, big business and the unions—each attempting to "get something for nothing"—continue to bicker and fight.

Wide World Photos



ality and wife-trading vie with television as popular forms of entertainment.

You live in a society: where respect for all constituted law and authority is GONE! Where police, not allowed to enforce the law, serve as targets for public abuse and the savage attacks of teenage hoodlums. Where racial violence and strife is assuming ever-larger proportions. Where crimes of every description—rape, murder, assault, theft and dope addiction, to name but a few—are running so rampant it is futile to try to quote statistics because they are outdated by the time they come off the press. Where cities are asphalt jungles infested with human "rat-packs," making it unsafe for either men or women in many areas, even in broad daylight. Where teaching is a dangerous profession and police are stationed in the halls of schools because students carry switchblade knives. Where the syndicate runs the city so completely that even the Federal Government is helpless to intervene. Where courtrooms are overcrowded with lawyers and criminals searching not for justice but for some loophole in the law. Where to be a cold-blooded killer is to be "temporarily insane" or "socially maladjusted." Where to be "civilized" is to enjoy watching a helpless old man get stabbed to death by a thug on a busy street corner—and then calmly go home to watch several hours more of killing on TV. Where to give birth to illegitimate children is an acceptable means of earning a living, with a graduated income plan for each child thus born.

Is that the kind of world you want?

You live in a society: where the economic fate of the nation is in the hands of covetous, irresponsible union leaders. Where it's acceptable to steal your employer bankrupt. Where the goal of many manufacturers is to see how cheaply and poorly a product can be made. Where in a time of unequalled prosperity the average family is less than three months from bankruptcy. Where going deeper into debt is the panacea for all personal, business and government economic ills. Where food growers feel no responsibility whatsoever toward their fellow man and will

use any kind of poison spray imaginable in quest of the "almighty dollar." Where new land is plowed up and chemical fertilizers are dumped on overworked land in a greedy effort for quick gain. Where new drugs are produced by the hundreds, but still can't keep up with the new diseases. Where people desperately try to buy health in pills and peace of mind in tranquilizers. Where the overwhelming majority of hospital beds are filled with mental patients.

Is this kind of world God's world?

You live in a society: where ministers condone sin instead of preaching against it. Where insipid, watered-down religion admits it doesn't have the answers. Where the ministers vie with college students for the suicide record.

This list doesn't even begin to *scratch the surface* of the plague upon plague, curse upon curse, woe upon woe, SIN UPON SIN to be found in America—and all the world—today.

God's Stern Warning

As God Almighty has said: "Ah, sinful nation, a people *laden* with iniquity, a seed of *evildoers*, children that are *corrupters*: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel into anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the *whole head is sick*, and the *whole heart faint*. *From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores*: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment" (Isa. 1:4-6).

What a vivid description of our society today!

Far from moving upward to the great and powerful society, America and the British Commonwealth are rapidly plunging downward in a snowballing crescendo from a sick and degenerate society, a demented and depraved society, a society ROTTEN TO THE VERY CORE, to total ANARCHY AND OBLIVION!

And yet, in spite of this bleak and pessimistic outlook for the immediate future—the painful lessons that must yet be learned by a rebellious and sin-

ning mankind—there is GOOD NEWS AHEAD! Beyond the catastrophic events destined to take place within the next few years (all fully explained in our free booklets *The United States in Prophecy* and *1975 in Prophecy*), there is the bright prospect, the happy outlook of *The WORLD TOMORROW*—God's Great Society!

Just as man has reached the end of his rope and is about to blast himself into nothingness, God will intervene and STOP man's hellish inhumanity to man. He will send Jesus Christ back to this earth together with thousands of His angels and saints made immortal to CRUSH man's rebellion and to establish God's Government on this earth once and for all—to FORCE mankind to be happy, healthy and prosperous.

What God's "Great Society" Will Be Like

God has not left you in the dark about the details and plans for His "Great Society." Many verses and chapters—portions of entire books—of the Bible are devoted to a description of it.

In God's Society, HE will be the Supreme Ruler, aided and assisted by those who qualify in this lifetime for a position of rulership with Him. You can be one of those who qualify for such a position if you meet the conditions God has set forth.

The TEN COMMANDMENTS will form the basis of all law in God's Government, and all mankind will be forced to obey that law. Punishment will be meted out swiftly and severely on transgressors, for only as these laws are obeyed can there be perfect peace and happiness. All the suffering and misery in today's world can be traced directly or indirectly to breaking the points of this law.

Instead of looking for loopholes in the law, Jesus Christ Himself will "execute judgment and righteousness in the land" (Jer. 33:15).

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him [Christ], the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord... and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears: but with right-

eousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth . . . and righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins" (Isa. 11:2-5).

Yes, at that time there will be true justice. And God's Headquarters in Jerusalem will be called the "habitation of justice, and the mountain [a symbol of government] of holiness" (Jer. 31:23)—the "city of TRUTH" (Zech. 8:3).

"And many nations shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain [government] of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for THE LAW shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:2-3).

And what will the effect—the fruit—of this system be?

"And the work of righteousness shall be PEACE; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (vs. 17-18).

No more will there be fears, worries, tensions, frustrations and INSECURITY! No more will there be a dog-eat-dog society of such fierce, cut-throat competition that people will want to *escape from reality*. Instead there will be *security, peace*—HAPPINESS! How WONDERFUL it will be!

The Cities Under God's Government

President Johnson said, "In the next forty years we must rebuild the entire urban United States."

Did you know that this is exactly what is *going to happen?*—but not the way you probably think!

Shortly before the return of Jesus Christ, the United States—modern Israel—is going to suffer the greatest defeat in all its history—the ravages of

hydrogen bomb war. Our nation will be left desolate! The few who escape will be taken into captivity. The land will rest a number of years to rejuvenate it from the abuse it now suffers due to being farmed continuously without sabbatical-year rests (Lev. 26:33-35). But after Christ returns He will take back the captives to their former land and build the cities anew.

"And they shall *build the old wastes*, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall *repair the waste cities*" (Isa. 61:4). "And the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded . . . and I [God] will settle you *after your old estates* [in your former locations], and will do better unto you than at your beginnings" (Ezek. 36:11).

Yes, you can be sure that when GOD directs the rebuilding of our cities it will be done RIGHT. It will be done according to design and plan, with beauty as well as utility in mind—not in the chaotic, hit-and-miss fashion of many buildings in today's cities.

God says, "WOE unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place" (Isa. 5:8). In God's cities people will have room to live. Jamming together as many uninspiring, cheaply-constructed dwellings as possible WILL NOT BE PERMITTED!

Also, in God's cities there will be the "community with neighbors" which President Johnson said is lacking in today's cities. People will no longer have to be AFRAID of their neighbors. They won't have to worry about living next door to someone who is mentally "off," a pervert, or a killer. Old people won't have to fear being senselessly attacked and brutally beaten by some hoodlum out looking for "fun." Instead, "There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem . . . and the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof" (Zech. 8:4-5). Juvenile "hoods" will no longer roam the streets and organized crime will no longer run the city while the city officials helplessly look on.

After our captivity God says, "Again there shall be heard in this place . . . even in the cities of Judah, and in the

streets of Jerusalem [the cities of Israel], that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant, and without beast [because of the captivity and bombing], the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; and His mercy endureth for ever" (Jer. 33:10-11).

This is a brief look into the happy cities of the WORLD TOMORROW that Christ will establish.

The Countryside in the Millennium

AGRICULTURE is the basis of national wealth. Today we have polluted our land with chemical sprays and fertilizers, dumped sewage and industrial refuse in our water sources, cut down our forests, and violated every agricultural law a loving God gave us. And then we wonder why the weather is upset, why drought now afflicts vast segments of our nation, and why our crops are being attacked and destroyed by increasing numbers of new plant diseases and insect plagues.

In God's Kingdom, farmers will be obeying God's agricultural laws and the entire nation will be blessed with unbelievable wealth and prosperity. Whereas in today's world, once-rich-and-productive farmlands are rapidly turning into desert wastelands, in the World Tomorrow the deserts will again become useful and productive.

"The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose . . . for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons [a more correct translation is desert animals], where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes" (Isa. 35:1, 6-7).

God says, "I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together"

(Isa. 41:19-20). Soil conservation will be practiced!

Regarding the weather, God says, "I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord" (Ezek. 34:26-27). Weather and nature will be man's ally instead of his enemy!

Under God's Government there will be the incentive of private ownership. "Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidence, and seal them [receive the property deed]" (Jer. 32:44). At that time every man will sit "under his vine and under his fig tree" (Micah 4:4).

Prosperity will be so great that "the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them" (Amos 9:13-14).

As the passage just quoted shows, good, natural, home-grown foods will be available in abundance. Everyone will be able to have and enjoy tender, lean meat and wholesome milk coming from cows that have not been doped with all kinds of drugs and poisons, and fattened up on highly concentrated, unbalanced, processed foods designed only to put on artificially produced weight and give the owner a fat profit.

"In that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures [not be cooped up in a feedlot where they never see a blade of green grass]. The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan" (Isa. 30:23-24).

This good food will play an important part in producing the additional blessing of GOOD HEALTH, enabling the full enjoyment of the prosperity of God's Kingdom. Also, God will directly intervene and HEAL those suffer-

ing from deformities or physical handicaps.

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing" (Isa. 35:5-6). "And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken... and the tongues of stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly" (Isa. 32:3-4).

And instead of taking these blessings for granted, people by this time will have learned that all good things come from God, and they won't forget to praise and thank Him for His blessings. "Therefore they shall come and sing (praises) in the height of Zion and shall flow together for the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all... and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord" (Jer. 31:12, 14).

Education God's Way

"The FEAR OF THE LORD is the BEGINNING of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). Yet the fear of God and a knowledge of His laws—of TRUE VALUES—are totally missing in today's educational system. God has been laughed, scoffed, mocked and ridiculed right out of the classroom—and our entire society is reaping the penalty.

"Hear ye the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel," God THUNDERS, "for the Lord hath a CONTROVERSY with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no TRUTH, nor MERCY, nor KNOWLEDGE OF GOD in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood touches blood" (Hosea 4:1-2).

"DESTRUCTION and MISERY are in their ways: and the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:16-18).

MISEDUCATION has had a great deal to do with bringing this wretched state of affairs about!

God says, "My people are DESTROYED for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

But WHY? Is it because the knowledge is not available?

NO!!

It is because our *teachers* and *educators* have "REJECTED knowledge"—TRUE knowledge, that is, about God and His laws. They have substituted in its place—and irresponsibly funnelled into the pliable minds of our nation's youth—the unprovable, the laughable, the utterly ABSURD AND RIDICULOUS *theories of evolution*—all carefully masked and "gift-wrapped" in the name of *science*. And instead of refuting the foolish arguments of the evolutionists, the teachers—the ministers—themselves rejecting the Word of God and, refusing to OBEY it, have been spiritual cowards who have compromised and acquiesced at every turn of the road (read Jeremiah 23 and Ezekiel 34).

ALL TRUE EDUCATION hinges and is based on understanding and applying *right spiritual principles and laws* to the PHYSICAL CREATION OF GOD. If obedience to God's law comes first, all the necessary advances in true science and technology—the physical blessings and conveniences that make life more enjoyable—will follow in due course of time. But if advances in material achievements come *without* the spiritual knowledge of how to control and USE it, the result is a chaotic system such as we have in today's world.

Since spiritual education is the most important, God holds the spiritual educators—the *ministers*—MOST responsible for the failure of today's educational system to produce peace and happiness. God says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

What KIND of knowledge? SPIRITUAL knowledge!—"because thou hast *rejected knowledge*, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no *priest* to me: seeing that thou hast FORGOTTEN THE LAW OF THY GOD, I will also forget thee" (Hosea 4:6).

In God's Kingdom this situation will be completely CHANGED! Instead of wasting precious time in idle reasonings about whether or not God exists, people in the Millennium will KNOW that God exists and that He RULES because the spiritual teaching will be
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St. Valentine's Day— where did it come from?

by Herman L. Hoeh

WHERE did the custom of exchanging valentines originate? How did Christians come to inherit this ancient Roman custom?

Why do we find no such practice commanded anywhere in the Bible?

A Christian Custom?

It is time we questioned why parents encourage children to celebrate St. Valentine's Day—when it is never so much as mentioned in the Bible.

Did you know that centuries before Christ's birth the pagan Romans exchanged valentines at this same season? On February 15 and on the evening of February 14 they celebrated an idolatrous festival in honor of their "valentine"—Lupercus, the "hunter of wolves"? The Romans called the festival the "Lupercalia."

The custom of exchanging valentines and all the other traditions in honor of Lupercus—the deified hero-hunter of Rome—"have been handed down from the Roman festival of the Lupercalia, celebrated in the month of February, when names of young women were put into a box and drawn out by men as chance directed," admits the *Encyclopedia Americana*, art., "St. Valentine's Day."

When Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, there was some talk in church circles of discarding this pagan free-for-all. But the Roman citizens wouldn't hear of it! So it was agreed that the holiday would continue as it was, except for the more grossly sensual observances.

But how did this pagan festival acquire the name of "St. Valentine's Day"? And why is the little naked Cupid of the pagan Romans so often associated today with February 14? And why do little children and young people still cut out hearts and send them on a day in honor of Lupercus the hunter of wolves? Why have we

supposed these pagan customs in honor of a false god are Christian?

Who Was the Original "St. Valentine"?

Valentine was a common Roman name. Roman parents often gave the name to their children in honor of the famous man who was first called Valentine in antiquity. That famous man was Lupercus, the hunter. But who was Lupercus?—and why should he have also borne the name Valentine among the heathen Romans?

The Greeks called Lupercus by the name of "Pan"—the Semites called Pan "Baal," according to the *Classical Dictionaries*. Baal—mentioned so often in the Bible—was merely another name for Nimrod, "the mighty hunter" (Genesis 10:9). So the hunter Nimrod was the Lupercus—or wolf hunter—of the Romans. And St. Valentine's Day was a day set aside by the pagans in his honor!

But why should Nimrod have been called "Valentine" by the Romans?

Valentine comes from the Latin word *Valentinus*, a proper name derived from the word *valens*, meaning "to be strong," declares *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*. It means literally "strong, powerful, mighty." Could this refer to Nimrod, the grandson of Ham? Indeed!

We read in the Bible that Nimrod was "the MIGHTY hunter" (Gen. 10:9). It was a common proverb of ancient time that Nimrod was "the MIGHTY hunter before the Lord." *Nimrod was their hero—their strong man—their VALENTINE!* The Romans would say—a Valentinus, a Valentine—meaning a *mighty* man!

How plain! The original Valentine was Nimrod, the mighty hunter of wolves. Another of Nimrod's names was "Santa," meaning "Saint." No wonder that the Roman Lupercalia is called "St. Valentine's Day"!

But why do we associate HEARTS on

a day in honor of Nimrod—the *Baal* of the Phoenicians and Semites?

The surprising answer is that the pagan Romans acquired the symbol of the heart from the Babylonians. In the Babylonian tongue the word for *heart* was "bal" (see *Young's* or *Strong's Concordance*). The heart—*bal*—was merely a symbol of Nimrod—the *Baal* or *Bel* of the Babylonians!

Executed at Rome

Nimrod—the original *St. Valentine*—fled to Rome, according to ancient tradition, and was killed there for his crimes. Later, in Constantine's day, the pagan Babylonian Mystery religion, masquerading as Christ's Church, made Nimrod—the *St. Valentine* of the heathen—a *Saint!* She has continued to honor him by calling him *falsely* a Christian martyr.

But why should the Romans have chosen February 15 and the evening of February 14 to honor Lupercus—the Nimrod of the Bible? (Remember that days in ancient times began at sunset the evening before.)

Nimrod—the Baal or sun-god of the ancient pagans—was said to have been born at the winter solstice. In ancient times the solstice occurred on January 6 and his birthday therefore was celebrated on January 6. Later, as the solstice changed, it was celebrated on December 25 and is now called Christmas.

It was the custom of antiquity for the mother of a male child to present herself for purification on the fortieth day after the day of birth. The fortieth day after January 6—Nimrod's original birthdate—takes us to February 15, the celebration of which began on the evening of February 14—the Lupercalia or *St. Valentine's Day*.

On this day in February, Semiramis, the mother of Nimrod, was said to have been *purified* and to have appeared for the first time in public with her son

as the original "mother and child."

The Roman month February, in fact, derives its name from the *februa* which the Roman priests used in the rites celebrated on St. Valentine's Day. The *februa* were thongs from the skins of sacrificial animals used in rites of purification on the evening of February 14.

Cupid Makes His Appearance

Another name for the child Nimrod was "Cupid"—meaning "desire" (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, art., "Cupid").

It is said that when Nimrod's mother, who was white, saw him, she *lusted* after him—she *desired* him. (Nimrod was colored. His father was Cush, ancestor of the East African Ethiopians. She was the first white woman after the flood to marry a colored man, Cush.) That is how Nimrod became her Cupid—her desired one—and later her Valentine!

So evil was Nimrod's mother that *it is said she later married her own son!* Inscribed on Egyptian monuments of antiquity is proof of Nimrod's marriage. Nimrod (the Egyptians called him "Osiris") was said to have been "the husband of his mother."

As Nimrod grew up, he became the child-hero of *many* women who *desired* him. He was their Cupid! In the Book of Daniel he is called the "*desire of women*" (Dan. 11:37). He provoked so many women to *jealousy* that an idol of him was often called the "image of jealousy" (Ezekiel 8:5). Nimrod, the hunter, was also their Valentine—their strong or mighty hero!

No wonder the pagans commemorated their hero-hunter Nimrod, or Baal, by sending heart-shaped love tokens to one another on the evening of February 14 as a symbol of him.

It is about time we examined these foolish customs of the pagans now falsely labeled Christian. It is time we quit this Roman and Babylonian foolishness—this *idolatry*—and get back to the faith of Christ delivered once for all time. Let's quit teaching our children these pagan customs in memory of Baal the sun-god—the original St. Valentine—and teach them instead what the Bible really says!

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a 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.

"Does I John 5:7 belong in the Bible? Some say this verse proves God is a Trinity."

W.F.D., Seattle, Washington

This verse is spurious! It is a *fraud*—a deliberate hoax—foisted upon a deceived world centuries *after* the inspired New Testament was written!

It is not part of the faith once delivered to the saints!

Those who cite this verse to prove the doctrine of the Trinity are either in gross ignorance or are out-and-out deceivers! The Bible nowhere teaches the pagan doctrine of a Trinity! I John 5:7 is properly deleted in modern translations, such as the Moffatt, Goodspeed, and the Revised Standard Version.

Where then did I John 5:7 come from? Why is it found today in the King James Bible? And who put it there?

The editors of the *Critical and Experimental Commentary* were forced to admit this verse is *not* found in *any* of the old manuscripts of the Bible and was not found in the manuscripts of the Latin Vulgate until as late as the eighth century! Notice their confession:

"The only Greek MSS., *in any form*, which support the words, "in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one: and there are three that bear witness in earth," are the Montfortianus of Dublin, copied from the *modern* Latin

Vulgate; the Revianus, copied from the Complutensian Polyglot; a MS. at Naples, with the words added IN THE MARGIN BY A RECENT HAND; Ottonianus, 298, of the *fifteenth century*, the Greek of which is a *translation* of the accompanying Latin. ALL THE OLD VERSIONS OMIT THE WORDS. The *oldest* MSS. of the Vulgate OMIT THEM, the earliest Vulgate MS. which has them being Wizanburgensis, 99, of the EIGHTH CENTURY."

Even Adam Clarke confesses in his *Commentary*: "But it is likely this verse is NOT GENUINE. It is wanting in every MS. of this epistle written *before* the invention of printing, one excepted, the *Codex Montfortii*, in Trinity College, Dublin. . . ."

Clarke continues, "It is wanting in both the Syriac, all the Arabic, Ethiopic, the Coptic, Sahidic, Armenian, Slavonian, etc., in a word, IN ALL THE ANCIENT VERSIONS but the *Vulgate*; and even of this version many of the most ancient and correct MSS. have it not. It is wanting also in ALL THE ANCIENT GREEK FATHERS; and in most even of the Latin."

How, then, did it creep into the text of the King James Version? Hear the voice of History:

I John 5:7 "... is not contained in any Greek manuscript which was written earlier than the fifth century. It is not cited by ANY of the Greek ecclesiastical writers; nor by any of the early Latin fathers, even when the subjects upon which they treated would naturally have led them to appeal to its au-

thority. *It is therefore evidently SPURIOUS*; and was first cited (though not as it now reads) by Virgilius Tapsensis, a Latin writer of no credit, in the latter end of the fifth century; but by whom *forged*, is of no great moment, as its design must be obvious to all." (The Emphatic Diaglott.)

Trinitarians grasp at I John 5:7 as a last straw to support their doctrine because *no other scripture in all the Bible can lend credence to the pagan doctrine of a tri-une God!*

The doctrine of "God in three Persons" is not Biblical! It originated in ancient paganism!

Babylonish and Oriental religions have long believed in triune divinities—father, mother and child. The Egyptians worshiped Isis, Osiris, and Horus; the Babylonians deified the arch-rebel Nimrod, his wife Semiramis, and her illegitimate son Horus, known also as Gilgamesh. The widespread worship of a "Trinity" traces all the way back to this original trio!

God is *not* a Trinity. God is a

FAMILY (Eph. 3:15), composed of the Father, and Jesus Christ, the first-born among many brethren (Rom. 8:29). The Bible does not teach a "closed" God-head. Rather, true Christians can become Sons of God—very members of the *God Family*—if they are *born again* by His Spirit at the resurrection.

At the resurrection, Christians begotten by the Holy Spirit, are born into God's ruling Kingdom. We will become co-inheritors with Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:17)! We will be born of God as He is! We will be glorified just like Jesus Christ—we will be *like Him*, "for we shall see Him as He is" (I John 3:2)—as *very God!*

Satan has deluded the world with his diabolical trinitarian concept in order to *hide* the marvelous truth about MAN'S DESTINY!

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Enterprise, were sunk by bombs off Indonesia.

This humiliating naval defeat by enemy air power at Pearl Harbor "cut through national complacency and brass-hat smugness."

The American government immediately ordered production of airplanes to be greatly increased. During World War II, the U. S. produced well over 200,000 war planes of all kinds and descriptions. Surprising as it may seem, the U. S. actually shipped Soviet Russia more airplanes than Germany herself produced during World War II!

Military analysts now realize that if Japan had held back and not attacked the U. S., but had helped Germany defeat Russia instead, the American nation would not have built a strong air force in time to stop Germany and Japan. Our admirals had planned to build three navies instead. But the bombing of Pearl Harbor proved the battleship useless against overwhelming air superiority.

The German High Command correctly assumed that, backed by vastly superior air power, they and their Japanese allies could have quickly overrun our *untried, untrained, and unequipped* army.

Stop and think!

What would have happened if the "Jap" bombers hadn't sunk most of our Pearl Harbor fleet? Without a large air force, the U. S.—not to mention the rest of the world—would have been a helpless victim of Japanese and German aggression, but by attacking Pearl Harbor before they were ready to invade the U. S. the Japanese alerted the American High Command to the importance of air power.

The failure of the Germans to conquer Russia in 1941 gave the U. S. at least two badly needed years' time, time to arm and train the most powerful armed forces a nation has ever had.

We were *blessed*—not blitzed—by the bomb!

The Tide Is Turned

This sneak attack on Pearl Harbor backfired. Instead of defeating the U. S., this sneak attack aroused the sleeping American giant to action.

It was American air power which

Why Pope Paul Went to India

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in the role of NEW LEADER in this world's quest for unity.

What he will do in the future—and why—will have far more effect on your life than you remotely dream!

Jesus Christ spoke of these events. He warned "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

He meant, "Watch WORLD NEWS!" The time is approaching when the true faith will be stamped out—and a baptized paganism, falsely labeled "Christian," will be imposed in the world.

Unless you are watching world news—and remain true to the faith—you won't be able "to stand before the Son of Man."

Be sure to write in for our free booklet, "1975 In Prophecy." It reveals exactly what the future holds for you!

The Miracle of Pearl Harbor

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goes upward, into the air, and very little damage is done" (*Victory Through Air Power*, p. 173).

This reliance on the battleship for defense was made clear by Admiral Clark H. Woodward who on October 10, 1940, said, "The navy is unanimous in its belief that the battleship is still supreme at sea" (De Seversky, p. 173).

Americans utterly failed to understand the importance of the airplane.

That is why American military aviation was primitive and haphazard when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. It took the disaster of sinking several battleships, cruisers, and destroyers at Pearl Harbor to convince the American government that the airplane was a formidable weapon in war.

The importance of the airplane was further recognized a few days after Pearl Harbor when the British battleships, the *Prince of Wales* and the

hammered the Germans and Japanese into helplessness and saved the American nation from the total annihilation planned by Hitler and Japan.

Why the Miracle of Pearl Harbor?

Could anything be plainer? The Almighty Divine CREATOR inspired these Japanese blunders. He did not want the "Japs" to win World War II.

WHY?

The Bible makes clear the answer. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and *then shall the end come*" (Matt. 24:14).

Even though by 1945 this Gospel was being preached over the radio to part of the U. S., it was not yet being preached to all nations.

The Almighty Creator God intervened in the affairs of men because prophecy (Matt. 24:14) must be fulfilled.

The work of God, the work of publishing the Gospel message to all the world, had already begun in the United States.

Should this United States have fallen, God's WORK would have been stopped.

A Dire Warning

This Gospel is now being preached to all the world. The prophecy of Matthew 24:14 is right now before your eyes being fulfilled.

The time of God's intervention is almost at hand. The end of this age is fast approaching.

Will God Intervene Again?

God will not save us from this next war unless we really turn to believe and trust in the Living God who rules the heaven and the earth. Unless we as a people repent now, we will not be saved by divine intervention from the sudden, imagination-defying hydrogen bomb destruction and national captivity planned by the fast-rising tenation power in Europe!

God won't be on our side in this next war unless we get on His side now!

All the tearful prayers of a disobedient, God-rejecting people will not in-

duce God to withdraw the terrible punishment He has prophesied for our rebellious nations if we don't repent now.

It will be too late to pray then. God won't see bloody hands lifted up to Him in desperate supplication.

If the people of this nation reject the preaching of the Gospel and the Truth of God now, God will be through fighting for us! God will be ready to FORCE our people into submission to Him.

What About You?

But what about you? You, personally, can be saved from the coming destruction prophesied for our nations today.

But you've got to repent—NOW—

before it's too late! Before God begins to take frightful measures to force His people to repent nationally. The day the attack begins will be too late. The way to escape the coming prophesied tribulation is to turn around now, forsake your ways, your false religion and your society, and put all your trust for safety in the Living God by obeying His laws NOW!

Just before the destruction comes, then you can say, "God, I have obeyed you, I have done all you have asked, so now I claim the protection you have promised me in Revelation 3:10," and He will save you out of the coming destruction.

What have you to lose by turning to God? You have your *life*—this *physical* life—and eternal life to gain.

God's Great Society

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in the hands of *spirit beings*, themselves very *sons of God*. They will disseminate the TRUE VALUES and give loving help in applying it to people's lives.

"Yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isa. 30:20-21).

These teachers will "reveal unto them [the people] the abundance of peace and truth... and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the PROSPERITY that I procure unto it" (Jer. 33:6, 9). Obedience to God's way—His LAWS—brings ABUNDANCE AND PROSPERITY! In God's Kingdom people will be EDUCATED to this *fact*—not told that God's law is a CURSE!

At that time God says, "I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts [actually *change* man's nature so he will obey God's law instead of being hostile to it as natural man now is—Rom. 8:7]; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his

brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they ALL shall know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord" (Jer. 31:33-34).

What a happy, joyful, WONDERFUL time that will be!

More Information Available

You have just been given a brief glimpse into the truly "Great Society" of the WORLD TOMORROW. But the Bible reveals much, much more about it. You need to have this information—and you can get it absolutely free in our Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. All you need do to begin receiving this fascinating and intensely interesting study course is to make your request and promise to study this course *with your Bible* at least one-half hour each day.

Also, write for our articles on "The Coming Utopia," and "The Kingdom of God—What Will it be Like?" These articles—also free upon request—explain aspects of God's Kingdom not covered in this article.

Don't delay! Make your request right now while you are thinking about it. We will speed the literature to you as soon as we receive your request.

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER SEVENTY-FIVE

THE "NEW MORALITY"

THE old man, who had invited the three strangers to spend the night at his home in Gibeah, was pulled outside by hoodlums. They demanded that he send out the Levite guest. The old fellow shook his head in fear and disbelief when he realized what these vile men wanted to do. (Judges 19:16-22.)

Willing to Compromise

"Please go away and leave us alone!" he pleaded. "This Levite is my guest along with his wife and servant! It would be a terrible disgrace to let anything happen to him at my home. Surely you can find your pleasure elsewhere!" The old man was very concerned about his reputation. But he was much less concerned about the drift into the "new morality" of that age!

"Do as we say," the men growled, closing in more tightly around him, "or you'll never get back into your house!"

The elderly Ephraimite was sure that by now the man they wanted probably had heard the unfriendly voices, and wouldn't come out under any circumstance. In a frantic attempt to escape from this nightmare situation, the old man was moved to make a miserable suggestion. To save his male guest—and his own reputation as a host—he self-righteously stooped to an unthinkable compromise.

"Look, fellows," he begged, "Don't consider such a terrible perversion. I have a young daughter inside! We'll send her and my guest's wife out to you to do with as you please if you'll only forget about the man!" (Judges 19:23-24.) The miserable old man didn't study God's Word. He thought men were more impor-

tant and more worthy of protection than women. He reasoned that what he was suggesting was a lesser perversion and would be less sinful. He should have been willing to protect all the household with his own life.

"We don't care about the women!" was the angry reply.

Sick with fear, the old man ambled back into the house. Hesitantly he whispered the situation to his guest, who turned pale at what he heard. Like his host, his frenzied mind quickly sought a wretched way of escape. As a Levite from the Tabernacle at Shiloh, he especially should have trusted God for His promised deliverance. (Leviticus 26:3, 6; Deuteronomy 4:31; 20:4; 31:6.)

"Don't let them in!" the Levite muttered cravenly, seizing his common-law wife. To save himself, he was ready to do anything—even sacrifice the woman he should have been protecting.

He hauled the surprised woman up to the door, yanked it open and thrust her outside. (Judges 19:25.) Quickly he closed and bolted the door, hoping the mob would be more gentle with her than depraved mobs usually are. It happened so suddenly that the poor woman hardly knew what was happening until she found herself being stared at by the depraved men waiting outside. She wheeled around to get back into the house, pounding feverishly on the door. The men stared lustfully at her, noting for the first time that she was unusually attractive.

"Let's take her and forget about the man for now!" one of them suggested.

The others nodded in agreement. The frightened, struggling woman was dragged away. Though she repeatedly screamed for help, there was no one to even try to rescue her. The men who should have protected her were hiding behind locked doors. Each man—instead of obeying God (Deuteronomy 12:8)—was doing what pleased him. (Judges 17:6.)

A noted Jewish priest and historian said these Israelites had so over-indulged in enjoying their luxuries that they had become effeminate, depraved.

Hours later, just before sunrise, the woman came staggering up to the house and fell down at the door. (Judges 19:26.) In the meantime, her cowardly common-law husband was preparing to leave without her. He didn't know where she was, but he was afraid to look for her lest he run into trouble with the depraved men who had taken her.

On opening the door to leave, he was surprised to find her lying there face down. His conscience stung him because of the cowardly, brutal way he had acted. But instead of helping her up, he chose to assert himself as her master, even in the face of her pitiable circumstance.

"Get up, woman!" he barked. "I want to get going for home right away!"



Next morning, when the cowardly Levite started to leave the house where he had rested, he found his assaulted common-law wife lying at the doorstep.

There was no answer or movement. The man motioned for his servant to help the woman up. The servant tried to get her to her feet. It was then that they discovered she was dead—the end product of the “new morality” of that age!

A Desperate Plan

Without a word the Levite lifted the body onto one of his burros and started for home. (Judges 19:27-28.) On the way he had plenty of opportunity to consider how cruel and cowardly he had been. He regretted his terrible conduct, but at the same time he hoped that he could place the blame for his common-law wife's death elsewhere. The more he thought about the depraved Benjamites, the more he considered their guilt and the less he considered his. By the time he arrived home, his anger and desire for revenge had grown to such an extent that he conceived a gruesome plan.

The first thing he did was compose twelve copies of this message, a copy to be sent to each of the twelve tribes of Israel:

“My wife was lately seized by wicked Benjamites in their city of Gibeah. She died because of their brutal advances. I am sending proof of her death. I ask that something be done to execute vengeance on the foul men who are responsible.”

The Levite immediately sent the letter to all parts of Israel by swift carriers. Wherever it arrived it was startlingly effective, but not just because of the words. With each message the angry Levite included a piece of his wife's body, having cut her up into twelve parts!

Even though most of Israel was in a state of lawlessness and idolatry at the time, people were shocked and angered to hear of the atrocity by the Benjamites. (Judges 19:29-30.) Following a hasty exchange of communication, the various

leaders of all tribes, except Benjamin, soon met at the city of Mizpeh, not far from Gibeah, to decide what to do. The head men of the tribe of Benjamin did not attend because of being offended at the ghastly accusation that had come to them from Mt. Ephraim.

Representatives at this meeting asked the complaining Levite to come and give them a more concise report of the miserable event. The Levite welcomed the chance to do so, explaining in detail most of what had happened. He made no mention of how he had thrust his wife into the hands of the men of Gibeah in an attempt to save his own life.

Crime Must Be Stopped!

"It's true that I performed the awful act of cutting her in pieces, but she was dead many hours before I did so," the Levite informed his listeners. "I went to this horrible extreme to try to awaken Israel to the fact that there are such evil men in the city of Gibeah. I trust that I have moved you to do something about this shameful matter!" (Judges 20:1-7.)

The Israelites remembered God's command that any murderer should be executed. (Numbers 35:19-21; Deuteronomy 19:11-13.) Enforcing this law would make others fear to commit murder. (Numbers 35:33-34; Deuteronomy 19:20.)

The leaders of the eleven tribes were not long in agreeing that the matter would be investigated as soon as possible. They went so far as to claim that none of them would return home until it was cleared up. They decided that a tenth of all the capable men of each tribe would be drafted into service to supply the army with food and water in the event that force would be necessary against the tribe of Benjamin. (Judges 20:8-11.) Meanwhile, men were sent throughout the Benjamite territory to make a careful inquiry and to demand the death penalty for the murderers.

When the investigators came to the leaders of the tribe of Benjamin to ask about the matter of the Levite and his common-law wife, they were received coldly. All the Benjamites refused to punish the murderers. They believed in molycoddling criminals.

"This sort of thing you speak of could happen anywhere in Israel these days," the Benjamites observed. "Why point to us as the black sheep of the whole nation?"

"We are not to be put off so easily," the investigators countered. "No matter where such a crime happens, the guilty ones *must* be punished. We have orders to demand that you seek out the offenders in this case and turn them over to us to be put to death for their crime! We expect you to act right away!"



Mounted couriers raced to all areas of the tribes of Israel with the message from the Levite and packages containing grim reminders of the crime against his common-law wife.

"Go back to your leaders and tell them that we can take care of our own affairs!" the head men of Benjamin retorted angrily. "Tell them also that we shall resist any effort to force us to do anything about this matter!" (Judges 20:12-13.)

Surrounded by a growing group of hostile men, the investigators had no choice but to return to Mizpeh empty-handed. When they reported what had happened, a state of war was declared by the leaders of the eleven tribes. Men were organized into units to form an army numbering four hundred thousand.

At the same time the Benjamite soldiers gathered at Gibeah, numbering about twenty-six thousand besides the seven hundred men of Gibeah. This was only a small fraction of the size of the army of the other tribes of Israel, but the Benjamite soldiers were well trained. Besides, they were angry because of the accusation that had been made against them, and had more of a desire for battle. They felt confident also because seven hundred of their soldiers were left-handed and unusually skillful with slings. Some of them could sling a stone to hit a man as far away as six hundred feet. (Judges 20:14-17.)

Partial Obedience NOT Enough!

The army of the eleven other tribes was almost ready to march on Gibeah. But one more thing needed to be done. God should be consulted in the matter.

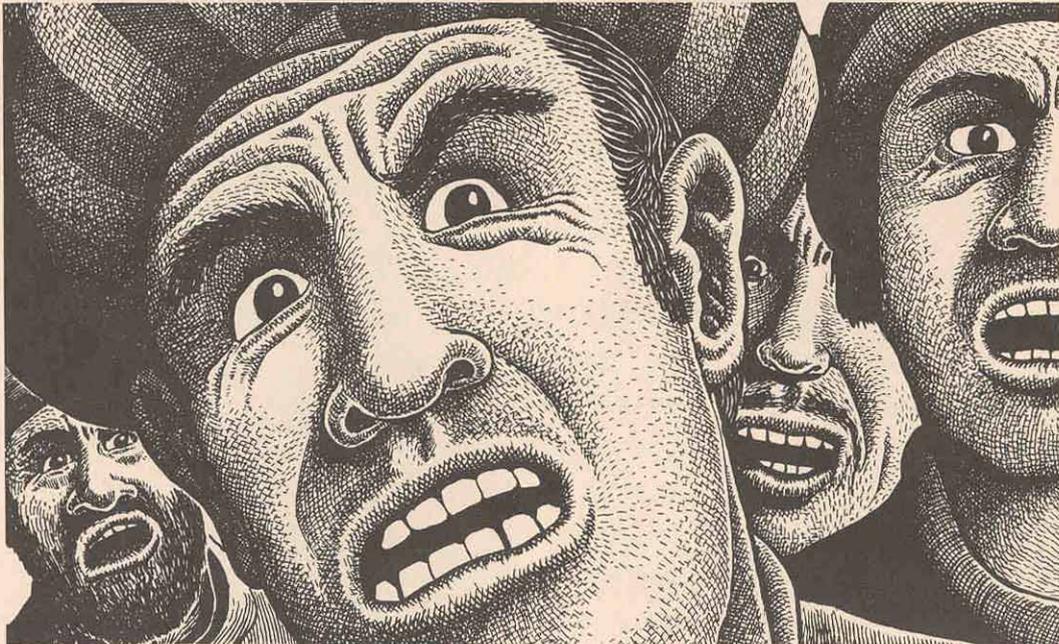
The Israelites went to the city of Shiloh where the Tabernacle was, to ask Phinehas

the priest to inquire of God which soldiers should lead the attack. Phinehas was surprised that the leaders of the tribes of Israel would ask advice of the Creator instead of going to some pagan oracle. Seeing their sincerity, he spoke to God for them, although he could see they were self-righteous.

God answered Phinehas' prayer by making it known to the priest that the soldiers of the tribe of Judah should be foremost in an attack on the Benjamites. (Judges 20:18.)

Next morning the troops of the eleven tribes marched toward Gibeah. When they were only a mile or so away, they lined themselves in fighting formation with the soldiers of Judah forming the first ranks. The commanders of the four hundred thousand men planned on surrounding the city and then demanding that the Benjamites surrender. If they refused, the large army was to close in and crush the opposition into defeat.

It didn't quite turn out that way.



The Benjamite leaders were angered by the demands of their Israelite brothers, and bluntly told them that they preferred to take care of their own affairs.

Suddenly the whole army of Benjamin poured out of the gates of Gibeah and rushed madly toward the would-be attackers! This unexpected event caused such confusion in the larger army that the troops fell into terrible disorder. The foremost ones broke rank and plunged backward into those following, causing a uselessly struggling, screaming mass of humanity!

By afternoon there was no more action on the field of battle. The Benjamites had withdrawn into Gibeah and most of the army of the eleven tribes had fled to the north. They had left twenty-two thousand soldiers on the battlefield, but they had no more desire to fight. They were all dead. (Judges 20:19-21.)

This unexpected victory by the Benjamites was a sobering blow to the other tribes of Israel, who had assumed that their cause was so important, and just, that there was no need of asking help from God. They had thought the eleven tribes could easily defeat the Benjamites. Although the people were shocked and saddened, there was still no appeal for divine aid. Instead, the Israelites went again to Shiloh to weep and merely ask Phinehas to inquire if there should be another attack against the Benjamite army. They still thought they were righteous just because they were trying to punish the Benjamites.

Through Phinehas, God indicated that another attempt should be made to overcome the Benjamites at Gibeah. Next day the troops of the Israelites pushed toward that city just as they had done in the first attack. This time the commanders felt that their men were prepared for anything, and that there would be no more frenzy and disorder.

The Benjamites didn't pour out of the city to meet their opponents as they had done before. This gave the larger army the opportunity to start surrounding Gibeah as had been originally planned. Just as their front ranks were splitting up and going to the right and left, the Benjamites rushed out through hastily opened gates to catch their enemies in such a thinned-out condition that the larger army was again thrown into a sudden state of confusion!

A Bitter Lesson Brings Results

When the action of battle had ceased and each army had withdrawn, the ground was again strewn with dead and dying. This second combat had cost the eleven tribes eighteen thousand more men. (Judges 20:22-25.)

The loss of a total of forty thousand soldiers was an awesome price to pay to try to avenge one person and punish the Benjamites. Leaders of the eleven tribes were so shaken that they all went to Shiloh, along with many other Israelites, to humbly make offerings at the Tabernacle and to ask for God's help. Tears of sorrow and repentance flowed from many eyes as the people realized that their sad losses had occurred because of their departing from God's laws.

After making their offerings and fasting for at least most of a day, they asked God through Phinehas if they should go into battle once more against the Israelite brothers or drop the idea of trying to punish them. All this should have been done

in the first place. After Phinehas had made this third request at the Tabernacle, God disclosed to him that one more attack should be made. Moreover, He promised that, if they sought Him in real earnest, this next attempt would result in victory for the eleven tribes. When Phinehas passed on the Creator's pronouncement to the people, they were thankful and greatly encouraged. For the time being they resolved to be more obedient so that they might receive more help from God. (Judges 20:26-28.)

Next day part of the troops of the eleven tribes again marched toward Gibeah. Those troops who didn't march had been sent during the night to a hiding place south of the city and to a palm grove to the east of it.

The Benjamites were expecting another attack. They rushed out to meet the enemy troops coming from the north when they reached a point a short distance from Gibeah. At sight of the oncoming Benjamites the attackers halted. Then they turned and fled—just as they had been told to do!

Believing that their enemies were in the same state of fear they had shown twice before, the Benjamites pursued them vigorously in the hope of effecting a quick victory. They proved to be the faster runners. Soon the distance between the two groups was so lessened that the men with slings started hurling their missiles.



Many of the Benjamite soldiers were so well trained with slings that they could hurl stones with deadly accuracy for hundreds of yards.

About thirty of the fleeing Israelites were struck and killed before someone among the pursuing Benjamites began hollering excitedly and pointing backward.

The pursuers glanced back. They came to a quick halt when they saw the great cloud of smoke billowing up over their city. Not until then were they beginning to be aware that enemy troops had somehow made their way into the city and set it on fire. When they turned and saw the Israelites rushing back toward them without a sign of fear, they realized that they were the victims of well-planned strategy. (Judges 20:29-32.)

The Worm Turns

It was the Benjamites' turn to panic. Pursued by the ten thousand Israelites who had turned on them, they raced for the hilly area east of Gibeah. As they ran, they could see throngs of their people hurrying out of the city in a frantic attempt to escape the men who had rushed in as soon as the Benjamite soldiers had left. Hundreds were not able to get out.

The escaping inhabitants also headed for the hills to the east. Just as the first of their numbers topped the first large rise, they stopped, then rushed back in the opposite direction. Behind them suddenly appeared the first ranks of the largest division of the army of the eleven tribes. At the same time the troops who had raided the city came out of it from the west in hot pursuit of the inhabitants. (Judges 20:33-34.)

The people of Gibeah and the whole Benjamite army were rushing into a tremendous three-jawed trap that was closing in on them just as fast as they were moving into it!

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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for Southampton, England, on April 11, 1956.

Mrs. Armstrong kept a diary of this trip. Her comments, written on the spot at the moment, are far more accurate than anything I could now write from memory.

Mrs. Armstrong's diary was published in *The PLAIN TRUTH* in three installments, in the October, November, and December, 1956, issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. They evoked a tremendous interest among our readers. Many exciting and interesting things happened. I feel that her diary belongs as a part of this record, so I shall reprint it here—breaking in, as I may,

from time to time, with comments of my own.

Following is her account of that trip:

Mrs. Armstrong's Diary
by Loma D. Armstrong

WE arrived in New York after our train ride from Longview, Texas. We encountered varied weather conditions on the trip: dust storms in Texas, Missouri, and Illinois; rains, of almost cloudburst intensities, in Indiana and Ohio; and heavy fog in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The weekend, in New York, was very windy and today (April 8) we awakened to see several inches of snow on the ground. It is still snowing. We hope that the weather will clear soon and allow the sun to come out.

Arriving in Europe

Monday, April 16

We arrived in Southampton at 2:45 p.m. Our son Dick and George Meeker were on the dock to meet us. Dick was so glad to see us that he whirled me around until I was almost dizzy. When our car was unloaded at the dock it had three flat tires, but they held air when inflated. George Meeker drove Dick's car to London and Dick drove our car, with us.

The drive from Southampton to London, in the bright English sunshine, was beautiful. Our drive was interrupted with a stop at a quaint little tea room for tea. We arrived in London after dark.

Dick took us first to the apartment where he and George live; then we

went to our hotel. After our baths we enjoyed a good night's rest.

Tuesday, April 17

We had to completely repack our trunk and pack our suitcases as lightly as possible for our trip by airplane to Zurich, Switzerland, on our first lap to the Middle East.

Wednesday, April 18

We arrived in Zurich, Wednesday afternoon. It was a cold, rainy day—rain mixed with snow. In places the ground was white with snow.

In London, we were told that we would not need coats, and that it would be very hot over the whole area in which we would be traveling; so, before leaving London, at the airport, we gave our coats to George to take to their apartment until we returned. As a result we were damp, soggy, and shivering before we were in Zurich many minutes. Mr. Armstrong bought a Bolex movie camera for our TV pictures.

We left Zurich by train for Rome, having to sit up until midnight. When we arrived in Milano we changed trains for the remainder of the trip, Mr. Armstrong left his hat on the first train. So we arrived in Rome with him bareheaded. He remedied that soon after we arrived, however, by buying a new hat.

We were in Rome only a few hours. The nearer the time came to fly across the Mediterranean Sea the more tense I felt. I do *not* like to fly.

Our flight was in the bright sunshine and the Sea was beautiful. We flew along the Italian coast over the Bay of Naples—near Mount Vesuvius, over the Island of Capri, across the boot of Italy, over Stromboli, then out to sea. In the middle of the Mediterranean we saw an American aircraft carrier and several cruisers.

Destination Africa!

Though trouble had quieted down between the Arab Egyptians and "Israel" for a while, military ships were in evidence—standing by—in a number of places.

It was dark when we reached the

shores of Africa. We flew over Alexandria and the Delta of the Nile.

We arrived in Cairo at 9:30 P.M., April 18, to a strange and different world. At the airport, an Arab and a Negro, possibly an Ethiopian, checked our passports. Because we were Americans, we were held up until our names were checked against a list they had of spies or political undesirables.

The friendliness of the personnel at the English and at the Swiss airports was sadly missing here. We were looked upon as sympathizers of the British, who are hated in Egypt.

We were taken to our hotel in a bus driven by an Arab dressed in robes—in fact, all people, here, dress in robes. It was a long drive and so surprising. We saw block after block—mile after mile—of large, *modern* apartment buildings, four to twelve stories high.

After arriving at the Semiramis Hotel, we had baths and washed our teeth in water from the Nile (along its banks, Moses was hidden in the bulrushes when he was a baby). It flows deep and wide, just outside our window and across the street. Ex-King Farouk's yacht is anchored just below and is used as an annex to this hotel. A young lady from Long Beach, California, a school teacher, was on our plane and has a room on the yacht.

It was 1:40 A.M. when I finally got to bed.

Friday Morning, April 20

A guide from the American Express office—a young Arab named Sayed, who speaks English very well, dressed in a red robe and red fez—came to the hotel after us. He had a nice car—a Chrysler—and an Arab driver who could not speak English.

What Egypt Is Like

We drove all through the native quarters where we saw the narrow streets filled with donkeys pulling carts of hay or vegetables; donkeys being ridden by men who were like giants on them (the men were so long-legged that their feet almost dragged on the streets); cars, mostly American, being driven by Arabs; and people wearing dirty, filthy, and so often

ragged robes. In the midst of it all there were children and dogs. The children, too, were dirty and ragged. Our driver used the horn on the car to drive through. All other cars were doing the same. Horns honking incessantly. The drivers of the donkey carts were yelling; people chattering; dogs barking; and the *smell was awful*. The motion pictures we took could not bring back with us the sounds or the smells. Actually, no one paid any attention to the honking of the horns. We had to wind our way slowly through the whole mess. The streets were as filthy as the people.

Some of the shops are crude holes in the wall where different craftsmen are plying their trades. We saw one man carving large copper and brass trays by hand. These trays were intricate with beautiful designs—very beautifully done.

We were taken to the "City of Death." It is a place outside, or in the outskirts of the city. It is the place where the poor are buried. When we arrived, a pickup truck was unloading a body, merely wrapped in cloth, to be



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In Cairo, beside Arab guide Sayed, in white robe, are Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong. In background is a mosque with with two minarets.

put in a hole which they dig in the clay banks and afterwards close up.

There were many caves in the hill-sides. We found many people living in some of these dirt caves, sitting on the ground outside their openings in the dirty, dusty streets, even though they were in the midst of the "City of the Dead."

We were then taken to a large mosque. We were told that it is the largest in the world. When we entered the courtyard of the mosque, we had to don canvas slippers over our shoes. No one is allowed inside in shoes. All Arabs remove their shoes and go in either barefooted or in socks. In the center of the courtyard is a large fountain, around which the Arabs sit and wash their hands and feet before entering the mosque.

As we entered, we were surprised at the beauty of the place. Its only furniture was a high altar reached by an ornate stairway from which the Koran (the Arab Bible) is read. The floor was completely covered by a beautiful red carpet on which a number of Arabs were sitting or lying down. They were scattered over the large room, not in groups. We tried to take pictures inside the mosque but the lighting was too dim.

We have never in all our lives seen so many diseased eyes. Many people are blind and deformed—especially with twisted feet. And it's no wonder; besides bad diet, I doubt if they ever take a bath. Their clothes just rot off them.

A Tourist Trap

Our guide took us into a shop which he called the "Palace of the Flowers." When we entered, it was full of perfume. The shopkeeper said that all the oils of the flowers from which the French made their expensive perfumes came from Egypt. (All the flowers were grown in Egypt, so he said.) Not knowing anything about the perfume business, I, at least, was gullible. While the shopkeeper had me smell different (?) perfumes (he put a little on the back of my hand) an Arab served us mint tea, which I did not want. The atmosphere was very oriental. At the end of the shopkeeper's spiel he tried

to sell me a box with five large bottles, each a different scent, for \$95.

I kept asking him if he did not have a tiny perfume bottle. So, he showed me a box slightly smaller. Finally, after showing me five or six boxes, each a little smaller than the previous one, he came to a size that would be nice to take home as gifts to some of the college girls. So, I fell for it. The sequel comes later!

After seeing Cairo, we left in the evening by train for ancient Thebes, now called Luxor—450 miles south, up the Nile.

As the train pulled slowly through the city, we saw how the people live. There were mud or adobe apartments—just a conglomeration of rooms placed anywhere, one on top of the other. There was no plan, but they were placed as if they had been blown together by a strong wind and stuck just as they happened to light. The Arab women and children sit on the ground wherever they take the notion. It makes no difference what filth surrounds them.

After we were no longer able to see the country through which we were traveling, we went to bed in our tiny compartments only to awaken in the night choking with dust. The only way a person could breathe was by holding the sheet over the face. The dust was thick in the air.

Daylight came very early so we were able to see the country through which we were passing. A canal, beside the track, seemed to provide water for use in their homes and huts as well as for irrigation. The black-robed women were dipping the water in huge pitchers or bottles which they always carried on their heads.

We would also see people in water up to their waists and water buffalo wading. A highway ran along the opposite side of the canal, and, early as it was, early dawn, we could see many men and women walking briskly along. Some of the men rode small donkeys—with their feet almost touching the ground, while the women carried baskets or jars on their heads. Others rode camels. Children were driving goats or water buffalo. There were people scat-

tered over the fields working with their hands in the soil. A few had crude hoes. Once in a while we saw a donkey and camel yoked together pulling a crooked stick or a plow. Their agricultural methods were primitive. But the soil appeared rich.

Ancient Egypt's Grandeur

We arrived in the early morning at Luxor and were taken to our hotel in an antiquated motor-driven hack. There was no room for Dick so he was driven in a horse-drawn buggy.

This was Luxor, built on the site of the ancient city of Thebes, capital of the ancient Egyptian domain when Egypt was at the zenith of its splendor. Luxor, today, includes also the village of Karnak, six miles from the main village.

All the wealth of war, the booty, and the shipments of goods from other countries were once hoarded in Thebes, the capital. Today, we saw the remains, only a number of rich monuments, and supporting columns of temples and tombs. Once they were overlaid with gold, silver, alabaster, or marble; now there is nothing but time-worn stone. The temples had been connected with one another by courtyards and lobbies. Now, however, the massive columns are all that remain of the former splendor.

Our guide, an elderly and scholarly Egyptian, walked over the ruins hour after hour with us, explaining the history and the religion of the people who worshiped at the temples. It was all worship of the sun-god Ra.

We were there during the Muslim fast called Ramadan. Although our guide was in his seventies, he carried on all day through the hot sun, with no food. The fast lasts a month and no food can be eaten from sunrise until sunset; however, they can feast all night if they choose.

After a long day we sat on the large veranda of the hotel overlooking the Nile. The moon was full and the stars seemed so near and so very bright. It was a beautiful evening.

Our beds in the hotel were covered with high canopies with curtains of mosquito netting. We did not pull the netting over us when we went to bed,

but we soon found it was impossible to sleep without it, after being bitten a number of times by mosquitoes.

The food was terrible. I could not eat any breakfast, so I drank some hot tea. At least the water had been boiled.

King Tut's Tomb

This morning we crossed the Nile river in a felucca or sailboat built as they used to build them thousands of years ago. A driver with an old Ford car met us on the other side and we rode over hot dusty roads to the tomb of king Tut-Ankh-Amon. His tomb was discovered in 1922. He is said to have died at the age of eighteen in 1341 B.C. His tomb was the last to be found.

The tomb is deep underground, down a tiled and decorated passageway, past a false entrance and thence to the real entrance where the inner coffin lies. In the room were images of the history of some part of his life. These images were in the tile on the walls.

The contents of the tomb filled one whole wing of the museum at Cairo. It took several years to move all the contents from the tomb. The mummy is in a museum. The wealth buried or stored in the different treasure rooms of the tomb was fantastic.

After King "Tut's" tomb, we entered the tomb of Ramses the Sixth. I did not go to the end of the passageway down into the tomb, but Dick

and Mr. Armstrong did. I felt that the long climb back up was more than I wanted to try. I did, however, go into the tomb of Seti.

After our visit to those tombs we were taken to the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut, which was carved out of a mountainside. She is said to have ruled Egypt from 1505 to 1448 B.C. She reigned like a King and the large figures or statues at her temple have been made with false beards. She claimed she was the daughter of the sun-god himself. The story of her birth and of her reign is depicted on one of the terraces of the temple ruins. There is today the theory that she was the Queen of Sheba, who visited King Solomon. Our guide vehemently denied this, though we overheard other guides stating it as fact.

After returning to our hotel we packed our bags for our return through the night to Cairo. Once more a dusty trip.

Cairo Again

When we reached Cairo our guide who had previously taken us over the city was at the station to meet us with the same Chrysler car and chauffeur. He had planned a trip to the Pyramids and a camp out in the Sahara Desert, but we still had the box with the five bottles of perfume intact. I had never unwrapped it because the evening after I had bought it, Dick learned that it was *not* perfume oil but perfumed

water. We had been taken to a place for tourist "suckers."

Mr. Armstrong told Sayed that he wanted to go directly to the American Express office and find out about this camping trip before we were letting ourselves in for something else. Then he and Dick expressed in no uncertain terms how we felt about being taken to a crooked "perfume" dealer by a guide hired by the American Express.

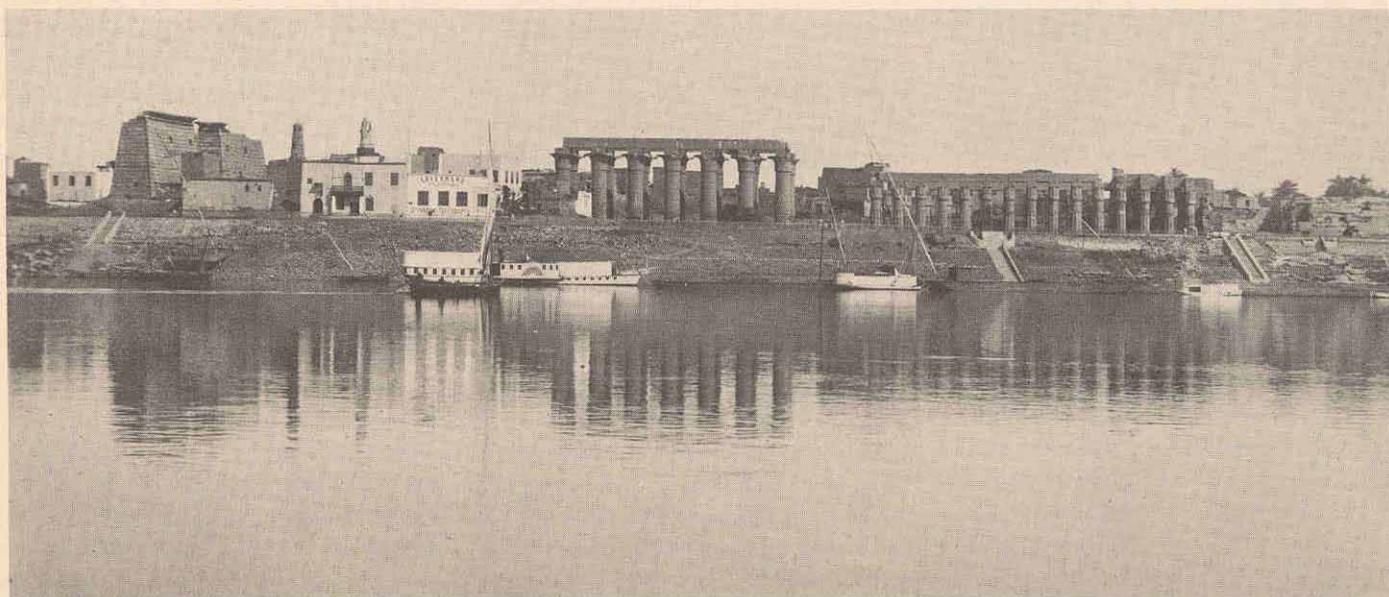
Sayed was crestfallen and very apologetic and assured us he wanted only to please. He told us to give him the package and he would get our money back for us while we ate our breakfast at the hotel. He did just that, and was back before breakfast was over—with the money.

Our next visit was to the site of the ancient city of Memphis, where Moses and Aaron pleaded with the Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go. Only a few ruins which have been excavated remain now of the ancient city.

We drove from there to the Pyramids at Saqqara which, we were told, were the oldest of the Pyramids. There were also, in this area, a number of tombs over 2500 years old.

We then drove through the city of Giza, out into the Sahara desert past the Great Pyramid where we found our camp. We were quite surprised to find it really *just* our camp. We expected to find others there, but the four tents were just for us.

Mr. Armstrong's and my tent was



A general modern view of ruins of Luxor temple with Nile in foreground.

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quite large. It was white on the outside but very colorful on the inside with each panel of the tent a different design. The sand had been smoothed out level and covered with oriental rugs. There were two cots nicely made up with sheets and wool blankets (it is very cold on the desert at night). There were also a table, large pitcher of water, wash bowl and soap; and hung on the center pole were towels and a mirror. A large bouquet of flowers adorned the table. Dick's tent was like ours but smaller. Another large tent we found was our dining room. It also had a rug over the sand. In it was a large table with a centerpiece of flowers. There was a table for serving, and chairs with cushions. A short distance away was another tent—the cooks' tent. Here was a cook, assistant cook, and a waiter.

Sayed had brought his little seven-year-old son, Mohammed, out to spend the day and the night. They slept out under the stars on cots.

We arrived at the camp before lunch time.

After lunch, three camels with their leaders were outside our tent. We were helped aboard and had our first camel ride. I rode on a camel called "Ginger Ale," Mr. Armstrong's was called "Christopher Columbus," and Dick's was called "California." Sayed rode a small donkey called "Moses in the Bulrushes."

The Great PYRAMID

We really enjoyed our camel ride to the great Pyramid of Giza. This Pyramid is one of the seven wonders of the ancient world and many books have been written about it. Many people believe it to be of divine origin.

We went into the Pyramid through its long, low passageway to the King's Chamber. It is a marvelous building and although the King's Chamber is in the center of the huge pile of stone, it is ventilated by built-in air shafts.

I waited while Mr. Armstrong and Dick walked stooped over in the shorter low passageway to the Queen's Chamber.

We could only wonder, and *question*, the supposed origin of the Pyramid when we had seen it all inside



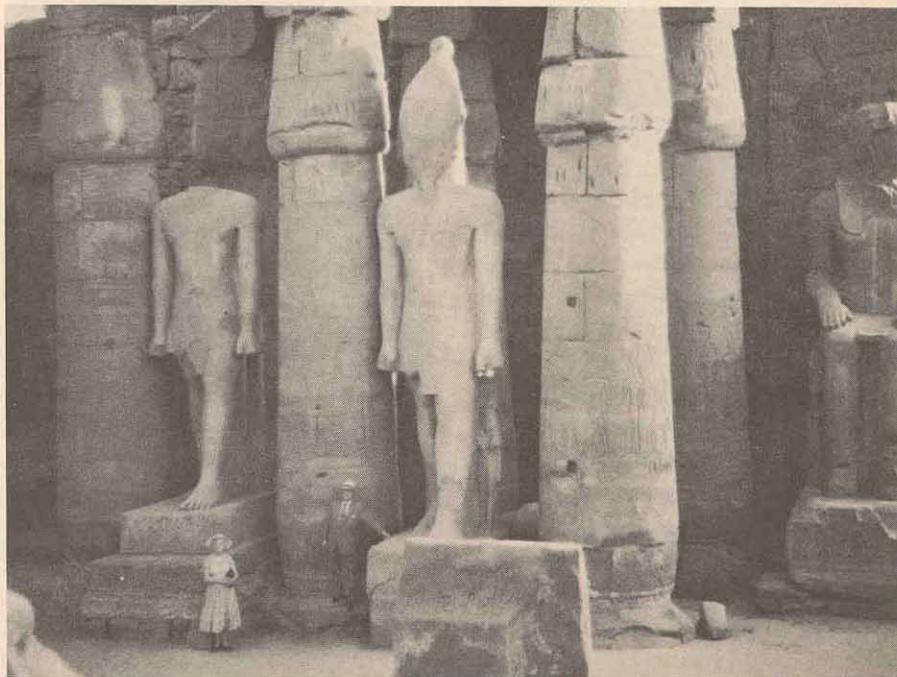
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The ruins of the Great Temple of Amen Ra at Karnak, Egypt.

and out. Mr. Armstrong has read many books, and studied a great mass of pamphlets and material on the theory of "a divine message in stone" in the Great Pyramid. After personal examination, he left it with many doubts regarding any inspired architectural design. Most self-designated "authorities" and "Pyramidologists" have never vis-

ited or personally inspected the Great Pyramid, but have worked out their theories and mathematical calculations in London or America. We were quite disillusioned by what we saw.

When we once more mounted our camels we rode back across the desert to our camp, where the cooks had prepared a huge dinner which none of us



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At the foot of the shattered, giant remains of statues of ancient Pharaohs at Luxor stand Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.



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On a carpeted camel at the great Pyramid of Gizeh is Mr. Dick Armstrong. Guides insist visitors ride camels, experience Egypt firsthand!

could eat, because of the size of the lunch they had served before we left for the Pyramids. Our guide told us that he had asked some Arab entertainers from the village to come out that evening to put on a show for us.

We saw them coming by foot across the dunes in the moonlight. Then the dining tent was made ready for the entertainment. Although it was bright and beautiful out in the moonlight, the wind was cold.

There were six entertainers, all men, in their Arab robes. Four with strange musical instruments which they played with rhythm and not much music. The other two were dancers and the dances were weird imitations of animals. Finally, one danced the dance of a demon. Our guide stopped him before he danced himself into a frenzy because he noticed that I was shocked by it.

After they left we tried to eat some of the huge meal that had been prepared for us. Then we went to our tents for a night out on the Sahara desert. The air was so clear we could hear the Koran being read over the loud speakers from the minarets of the mosques of Cairo.

When we awoke and had our break-

fast, the car came to take us back to Cairo. We first visited the Sphinx again, then on in to Cairo.

We then went to the Museum where we saw room after room of the fabulous furniture, vases, jewelry, and other material taken from King Tut's tomb.

Conference with Sheikh Hafiz Wahba

During the afternoon, we returned to the Hotel to pick up our bags that we

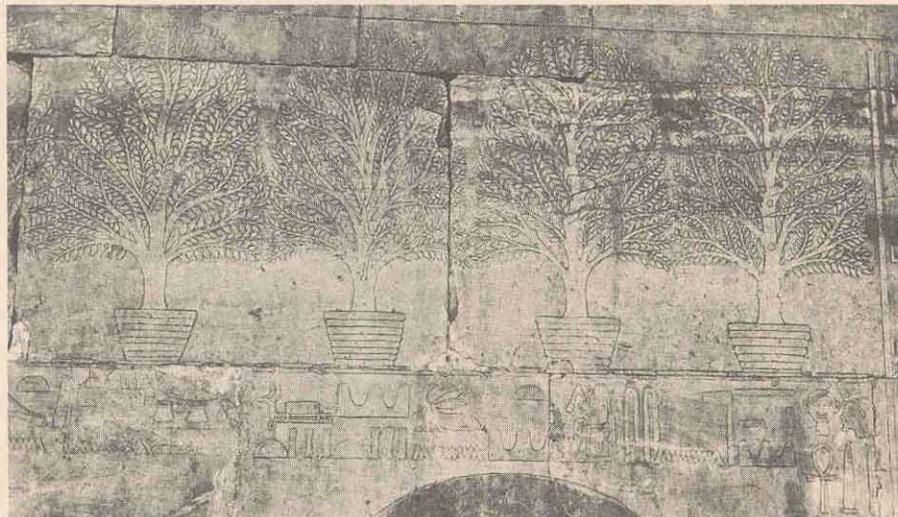
had checked there while we were on our trek to the desert. We found that Sheikh Hafiz Wahba had called and had left us his telephone number.

He and his wife and three daughters came later in the afternoon to see us. While Mr. Armstrong and Dick talked to the Sheikh (whom Mr. Armstrong had met in San Francisco at the first meeting of the United Nations and later in London, England), I had an interesting visit with his wife. They had lived in London while the Sheikh was the Ambassador Extraordinary from Saudi Arabia to Britain for 25 years. His wife was very irked to have had to return to the customs of the Arabs and dress in the black robe and veil of the women of the Middle East, and to be forced to walk several paces behind her husband. She was quite well educated and her daughters had been educated in London. All were dressed in western clothes when they came to see us.

After our visit with them we went to bed early and were called at 3 A.M. to go to the airport for our flight over the Dead Sea and the Jordan River to Jerusalem, our first stop.

The airport at Jerusalem was so far from the city that we could see nothing of it. After a 30-minute stop we flew to Amman. That was a rough flight and for the first time on the trip, I became air sick, or perhaps it was flight sick.

When we arrived at Amman airport, Dag Hammarskjold's plane was there.



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Incense trees brought from "God's Land" were carved on wall of Queen Hatshepsut's temple at Dair El-Bahari.

He was sent by the United Nations to settle, or to quiet the trouble between the Arabs and the Jews.

Now to Babylon!

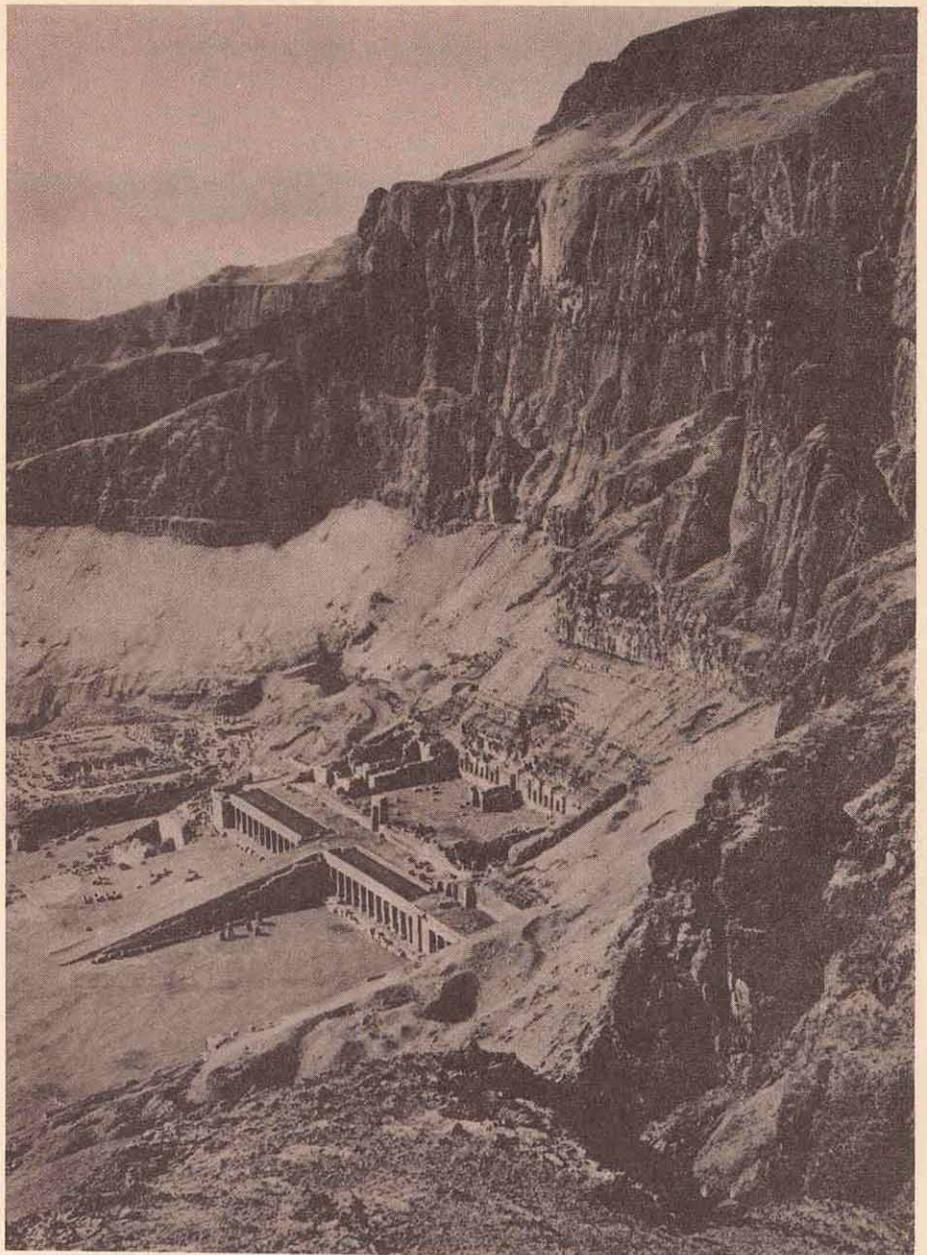
We were delayed in Amman about an hour, while some repairs were made on our plane. Then we flew on to Baghdad, where we arrived in the early afternoon. For some three or four hours we flew over nothing but desolate, waste, desert land. Our American Express guide met us at the airport and took us to our hotel. The hotel was a modern, air-conditioned building, opened only five months before. It is surprising to find, all over the Middle East, very new, modern apartment buildings and hotels. Our hotel was on a narrow side street just a half block off a dirty and dilapidated street, which was actually the main street of Baghdad.

I was too tired to look at Baghdad but Mr. Armstrong and Dick walked a mile or so through the main street but came back to get away from the swarms of beggars. Everywhere in the Arab countries children and grownups besiege one every few steps begging and blocking one's way, following along determined not to leave until they are given money.

We went to bed early and were called at 6 in the morning. After a breakfast of tea, toast, and orange juice our guide met us and we drove 65 miles by car over the roughest, dirtiest roads to the site of ancient Babylon.

A very small part of Babylon was excavated by the Germans prior to World War I. We saw the Ishtar (Easter) gate with the dragons and bulls in the brick walls. There was also the lion's den into which Daniel had been thrown. A picture, or rather a brick form of a lion, is still on the wall (den). The inscriptions, placed on the wall by King Darius identifying this very pit as the lion's den into which Daniel was thrown, were taken to Berlin by the Germans.

The "Processional Way" from the Ishtar gate to the ruins of Nebuchadnezzar's Palace have been excavated. The paving stones are just as they were when Daniel and the three Hebrew



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A spectacular aerial view of the Temple at Dair El-Bahari. It was built by Hatshepsut, the Biblical "Queen of the South." On its walls the Queen portrayed her trip to "God's Land" to visit Solomon.

children were there, but the Palace is in ruins and a stork had built its nest on top of one of the ruins. The owls were there just as is prophesied in the Bible. We also saw the ruins of the hanging gardens, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Miles of the ancient city is still under 15 or 20 feet of sand, soil and rubble.

It was so strange to realize we were walking over the same paved street that the prophet Daniel with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego walked over. To be in the place where Daniel had been thrown into the lion's den and

the other three into the fiery furnace and to realize that "One like unto the Son of Man" had been there too, and delivered them all from death, was awesome. All of those events seemed so real to us even though the proud old city is now in ruins.

On our way to Baghdad we passed through two of the filthiest villages on earth. Surely, none could be filthier. How any of the babies there ever grow up is a mystery to me. They are filled with vermin and filth.

We were covered with dust when we returned to our hotel and after a

good bath had naps until dinner time.

Although it was only April 26, the heat was terrible and our air-conditioned room was such a relief.

On the next day our guide took us all over the city of Baghdad. Our first trip was through the dirty streets to the Gold Mosque. None but Moslems are allowed in the mosque. Our guide, though an Arab, was a Roman Catholic, we found, and was engaged to marry a Lutheran girl. When they become married he said he would change his religion to hers.

There Are Dangers, Too

As we took movies of the open door of the mosque, a crowd began gathering around us. Their manner plainly told us we had better move from there *fast!* Our guide took us through the crowd and into a building where we climbed three flights of narrow, *very* steep stairs to the roof and had a good view of the Golden Dome. We took movies from that vantage point unmolested.

After leaving the mosque we were taken to the market, or Bazar (as they are called there). There were narrow, dirty streets packed with dirty people—all Arabs in dirty robes. There were open shops on both sides of the streets. A number of times in the crowd we were separated from our guide and from Dick. There were many square blocks of these shops—mostly filled with sandals, materials or yard goods, Arab head-dress materials, or copper and brass wares. We finally came to a wider street or passageway where men and boys were pounding out pans and other vessels from copper. It was a regular bedlam, but we stayed long enough to take movies of them and their handiwork.

After we emerged from the Bazar free from vermin (and I was so sure we would not be, after being jammed in with so many people), we were taken to a beautiful new and modern building—the Tombs of the Kings. Everywhere as also in this Mausoleum, an Arab will be seen chanting the Koran, and always they expect to be tipped by a visitor.

We were so surprised to see on the main street of Baghdad, men selling

their wares outside the buildings. Along the curbs there were men with trousers or jackets for sale—with tape measure over their shoulder to measure the prospective customer. There were baskets of bread for sale, put upon the dirty sidewalks, covered with flies and dust.

Many of the people are diseased and blind and crippled or deformed. It is a miserable existence but they know of nothing better.

In most of the hotels in the different Arab cities, the clerks and managers were German, well-dressed, and speaking English fluently. We found this to be true in all the Middle East.

We drove out of the city several miles to the southeast to the great Arch of Ctesiphon, built by King Kisra of ancient Persia, long after the days of Alexander the Great. It was an *immense* arch! We also saw a part of the

King's Palace. This palace of King Kisra had been excavated by the Germans. We took pictures of the storks on the ruins.

When we were returning from the Arch, we passed a tribe of Gypsies—some of them riding on donkeys. One woman was nursing her baby as she walked along. All their tents and equipment were carried on donkeys.

At Baghdad we were 11 hours sun-time from home—almost halfway around the earth.

Our flight back west to Damascus from Baghdad over the Euphrates river, and the desert, took several hours.

We saw the green trees surrounding Damascus from the air and they were a welcome sight after the wasteland of the desert.

And that completes the first installment of Mrs. Armstrong's diary. It will be continued in the February issue.

Personal from the Editor

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of the ONE Body—ONE CHURCH. Christ is NOT divided (I Cor. 1:13). There is ONE true Church. All in it "speak the same thing" (I Cor. 1:10) and there is NO DIVISION!

But WHAT is the divine MISSION of that Church? What is its PURPOSE? The answer is to *do* the WORK OF GOD, which Jesus started, and now continues *through* His Church. And *what* did Jesus start DOING?

Mark tells us. "The *beginning* of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Then, beginning verse 2, Mark records how John the Baptist prepared the way before Him. Coming, then, directly to the BEGINNING of the WORK Christ did, Mark says: "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee . . ."—DOING WHAT? ". . . preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT ye, and BELIEVE the Gospel" (Mark 1:14-15).

Two things Jesus commanded His hearers to do: 1) REPENT, and 2)

BELIEVE. But believe WHAT? Believe JESUS! Believe His Message—His GOSPEL. You have to believe that Gospel—that Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD, to be saved! JESUS SAID SO!

The KINGDOM OF GOD is the GOVERNMENT of God. It is also the divine FAMILY of God, into which we may be born. It is the UNIVERSE-RULING family! You *repent* of—WHAT? Your rebellion against that GOVERNMENT of God. God governs by His LAW, summed up by the Ten Commandments. Some will say, we must repent of SIN! Yes, SURELY! For sin IS the transgression of THE LAW (I John 3:4). It means unconditional SURRENDER to the GOVERNMENT of God—to yield to let God RULE your life, according to HIS laws—it means to live by EVERY WORD IN THE BIBLE (Mat. 4:4).

What is the divine MISSION of God's true CHURCH? Jesus commissioned His Church: "Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GOSPEL to every creature." Not just *any* gospel. Not a gospel merely *about* the Person of Christ—but His Gospel of the Kingdom of God—the Gospel He said we have to BELIEVE in order to be converted and saved!

Again, Matthew records His Great Commission: "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in

[into] the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: *teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have COMMANDED you:* and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Mat. 28:19-20). In proclaiming His GOSPEL, Jesus specifically said, teach them to OBEY God's COMMANDMENTS!

Jesus gave a prophecy for our time—just before the END of this world. The SIGN of His coming and the end of this age is this: "And *this* Gospel of the KINGDOM [the same Gospel He taught the original Apostles] shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; AND *THEN* shall the END come" (Mat. 24:14).

That Gospel was not preached after 70 A.D. to all the world. In every generation it has been preached—to a FEW, but *not* TO ALL THE WORLD—ON ALL CONTINENTS!

Wherever God's true Church is—the ONE Church that is CHRIST'S—it will be preaching *THAT* GOSPEL to the whole world—over *all continents*—today. For we are *near* the END! That is the Gospel of the *living* Christ! It is the GOOD NEWS of the *coming* KINGDOM OF GOD to *RULE THE WORLD!* It is the Gospel of the divine GOVERNMENT. It teaches people to REPENT of rebellion against GOD'S government—transgression of GOD'S LAWS. It teaches salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ—the remission of sins through Jesus' shed blood and reconciliation to God by Christ's DEATH; and salvation through His LIFE.

It has NO PART in this world's governments—its members are AMBASSADORS, as in a strange land, of THE KINGDOM OF GOD, soon to destroy and replace all human governments of the nations today. Jesus prayed for His Church: "...Holy Father, keep through *thine own name* those whom thou hast given me, that they may be ONE, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them *in thy name*: ... And now I come to thee; ... I have given them thy Word; and the world hath hated them, because *they are not OF the world*, even as I am not OF the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the

world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. *They are not OF the world*, even as I am not OF the world. Sanctify them through THY TRUTH: THY WORD is TRUTH" (John 17:11-17).

Jesus said His true Church was to be KEPT *in the name* of the Father—GOD. *Twelve times* in the New Testament, the NAME of this one *true* Church, is The CHURCH OF GOD! It is GOD'S Church, and Jesus Christ is its guiding, sustaining, directing HEAD!

In this world, churches are named after MEN, or after the SYSTEM men have devised, or the kind of church government MEN have thought out, CONTRARY to God's Word—or after a significant doctrine they emphasize—or, what men hope to make it—all-encompassing, universal or catholic. But wherever that ONE *true* Church is, it will be named The CHURCH OF GOD. But that is not all. Many have appropriated God's name, but are not proclaiming the KINGDOM OF GOD, as the GOVERNMENT of God, which we must OBEY—teaching obedience to God's Law (Ten Commandments) (including the fourth)—teaching REPENTANCE of rebellion and transgressing God's holy LAW—teaching that we may be now BEGOTTEN into the KINGDOM (Family) of God, and may, by the resurrection, be BORN into the GOD FAMILY! That true Church is preaching the imminency of the coming of CHRIST as KING of kings and LORD of lords, to RULE all nations for a thousand years on earth. Not up in heaven, but ON THIS EARTH (Rev. 5:10).

There is only ONE such Church!

It is doing THE WORK OF GOD. It is, as Jesus said it would be, a "little flock," persecuted, despised by the world. But it does have dedicated, consecrated, converted, fully instructed and trained, ordained MINISTERS in all parts of the world—available to call on you, visit you in your home, answer your questions, explain the Bible to you—*IF YOU REQUEST IT!* But none of them will *EVER* call on you, unless YOU of your own free will request it! Paul had visited the elders (ministers) at Ephesus from house to house—BUT, regarding the general

public, Jesus said, GO NOT from house to house" (Luke 10:7).

Neither Jesus, nor Peter, nor Paul, nor any of the original true Apostles ever approached people and personally URGED conversion on them. God has made every human a FREE MORAL AGENT. God forces each to MAKE HIS OWN DECISION, and the true GOD will never force you to be converted.

But if you, of your own volition want to know MORE about the *very* Church which Jesus Christ founded, and heads today—if you'd like to ask questions about it, why not write your request for a personal visit, to the Editor? We might not be able to have one of God's own ministers call on you immediately—but if you'll make the request and be patient, I'm sure that before too long we can get one of these men GOD has called and trained, to visit you. And let me suggest that you JOT DOWN on paper the QUESTIONS you are going to want to ask. I've learned, personally, by more than 35 years' experience, that you'll forget them unless you do.

Hundreds and hundreds—yes, thousands upon thousands—are being *converted*—their lives CHANGED—by this WORK OF GOD, through *The* WORLD TOMORROW broadcast world-wide; through *The* PLAIN TRUTH; the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, and other vital free literature we send upon request. Some, not realizing one of God's own called and consecrated ministers could call and explain, and answer questions, have JOINED one of the churches of this world. You cannot JOIN the true Church of God—the Almighty GOD *puts you in*. But if you have questions about fellowship, doctrines or practice—or ANY questions about the Church or the Bible, or the Christian LIFE, write me. I cannot call and visit with you personally any more (as I used to do and wish I still could), but God has now given me many truly called and chosen men who CAN. DON'T go to the churches of this world, or join any, UNTIL you hear the full truth and weigh carefully the FACTS, according to your own BIBLE. *Then* make your decision and take what steps GOD shows you.

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