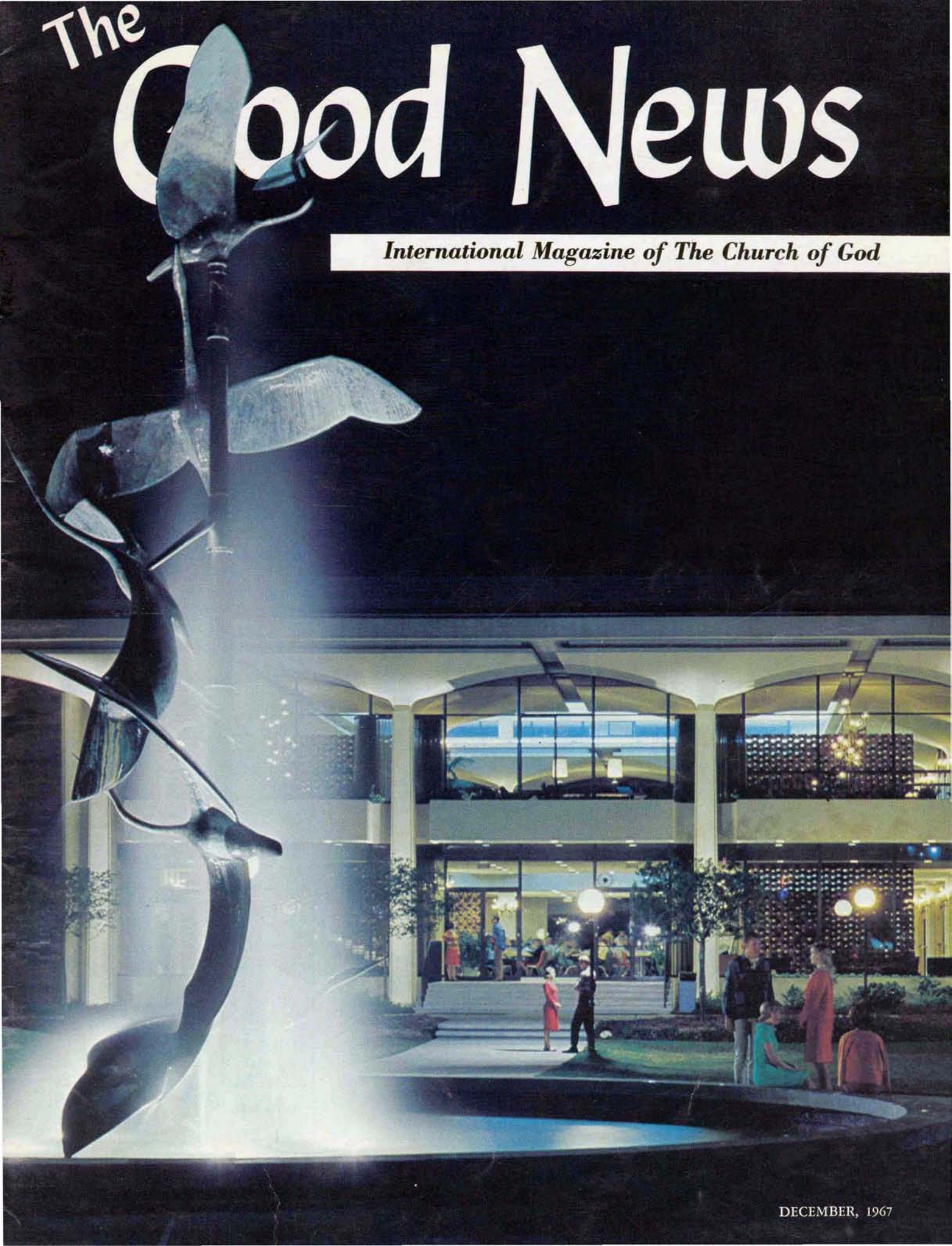


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What our READERS SAY . . .

Wife's Blood Poison Healed

"My wife had blood poison . . . She was in very much pain when we sent for a prayer cloth from God's elder in this area. My wife was healed in a very short time. It was her first time to ask for healing. We thank God for His healing and also for you, Mr. Armstrong, for showing us God's way to live. It is wonderful to live in a way that we can ask God to heal us and expect to receive it."

A. F., Alabama

Financial Blessings for Tithing

"Fantastic is the best word to describe the financial blessing I have just received. Beginning this month my monthly pay check has increased \$250.00 per month, or \$3000.00 per year. That's not all as my summer salary may go up \$700.00. On top of that, my superintendent has agreed not to dock me for the time I miss for the Feast of Tabernacles. This means \$300.00 to \$400.00. He said that I may make up the time in the summer. As one could probably surmise this is a third tithe year blessing as I will be entering my third tithe year this fall. God really works in an almost unbelievable manner."

W. C. H., Ohio

Twenty-year-old Blessed for Tithing

"I haven't wanted to admit it, but it really does pay to tithe. I am 20 years old. I have more and better food than before, will be getting the clothes I need for winter. . . . The house I live

in now is larger and basically better than before. One thing too, tithing has taught me to budget my money better, and not spend it for foolish things. I've noticed that I wasn't getting the results of tithing much, until I began to trust God to provide what was needed, and not try to do it all by myself. Also when I have been trying to be more obedient in all things."

Miss B. H., Minnesota

Mr. Waterhouse in Fresno

"I had to write you and tell you how very much we enjoyed Mr. Waterhouse. The slides were so beautiful and enlightening. The sermons gave us all such a better understanding of God's plan. The long sermons made us wish our physical bodies would quit complaining, and leave our minds alone to learn."

Mr. and Mrs. F. M., California

Conversion Brings Loss of Weight

"Since I was baptized in July, God has done so many wonderful things for me. Our pastor anointed me and God healed my lungs from an affliction that was twenty years bothering me, and He has helped me regain some of my youthful figure. In reading my Bible, I was convinced that I was a disgrace to His creation. I asked myself, 'If I was created in God's image what will people think God looks like if they look at a walrus like me?' So, I asked God to help me, and I started doing something about it. I have lost 23

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FEAST OF TABERNACLES

1967—AROUND THE WORLD

From FOURTEEN locations — around the World — comes news of the Greatest Feast of Tabernacles EVER. Read the dynamic, heartwarming, on-the-scene reports from each area with news of dramatic growth in God's Church, plus a news and picture survey of yet another fabulous site in beautiful Lake of The Ozarks, Missouri.

by Albert J. Portune

LAST month in our "around-the-world tour" of the Feast sites for 1967 we visited each of the five present sites in the United States. We saw how God made this Feast once again the finest for His people so far in this age.

This month we continue with the rest of the Feast sites around the world!

England

Our first stop overseas will be Middleton Tower Holiday Camp in beautiful, green Morecambe, Lancashire, England. Here, from Mr. Raymond McNair — Evangelist in charge — is a first-hand account of the Festival there.

"Greetings: — Without exaggerating one bit, I am able to say that this was the best Feast of Tabernacles ever! We were told this by many Britons, as well as by a number of Americans who were keeping the Feast for the first time in England.

"One member put it this way. 'This Feast was the best Feast we've ever had. It was better than all the others put together!'

"The final count revealed a total enrollment of 2,080 — just under the 2,100 mark which we had expected. These 2,080 people came from 49 different countries. I believe *every continent* was represented.

"Overall, we felt the weather was better this year than last. We had a little colder weather, but less rain — at least during the daytime when we held the services.

"I am sure you can at least partially understand what a wonderful set-up we have here at the Feast. The British holiday camps are about as ideal a

set-up as you can find for God's Festivals.

"These holiday camps are pretty well self-contained. They include not only the chalets or motel-like sleeping quarters, but dining, sporting facilities and entertainment are all available right on camp site.

"The College, as usual, provides the entertainment. One of the highlights of this year's Festival was the excellent Student Talent Show. This was the best-organized, most enjoyable Student Talent Show that we have ever had at any of God's Festivals here in Britain.

"We were happy to have a number of ministers and ministerial assistants from the States with us in England for the Festival: Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin McMichael, Mr. and Mrs. James Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harry Schaer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freeland and Mr. Dick Wiedenheft.

"Again, we rejoiced to see God inspiring His ministers to give a balanced variety of various kinds and types of sermons: correction, exhortation, instruction, prophecy and sermons of encouragement!

"Truly, this group of nearly 2,100 people was the most international collection ever to assemble at any of God's Feasts. Forty-nine countries were represented by those who joyously observed God's Feast at the Middleton Tower Holiday Camp, Morecambe, Lancashire, England.

"And next year we look forward to having an even more wonderful Feast! It now looks as though we will be able to observe next year's Feast of

Tabernacles in an even more modern and better-equipped holiday camp! Also, so far as we can see, we will be able to accept as many people from the United States as want to come. The new camp we are planning to go to will accommodate over 10,000 people!"

Anyone for England next year?

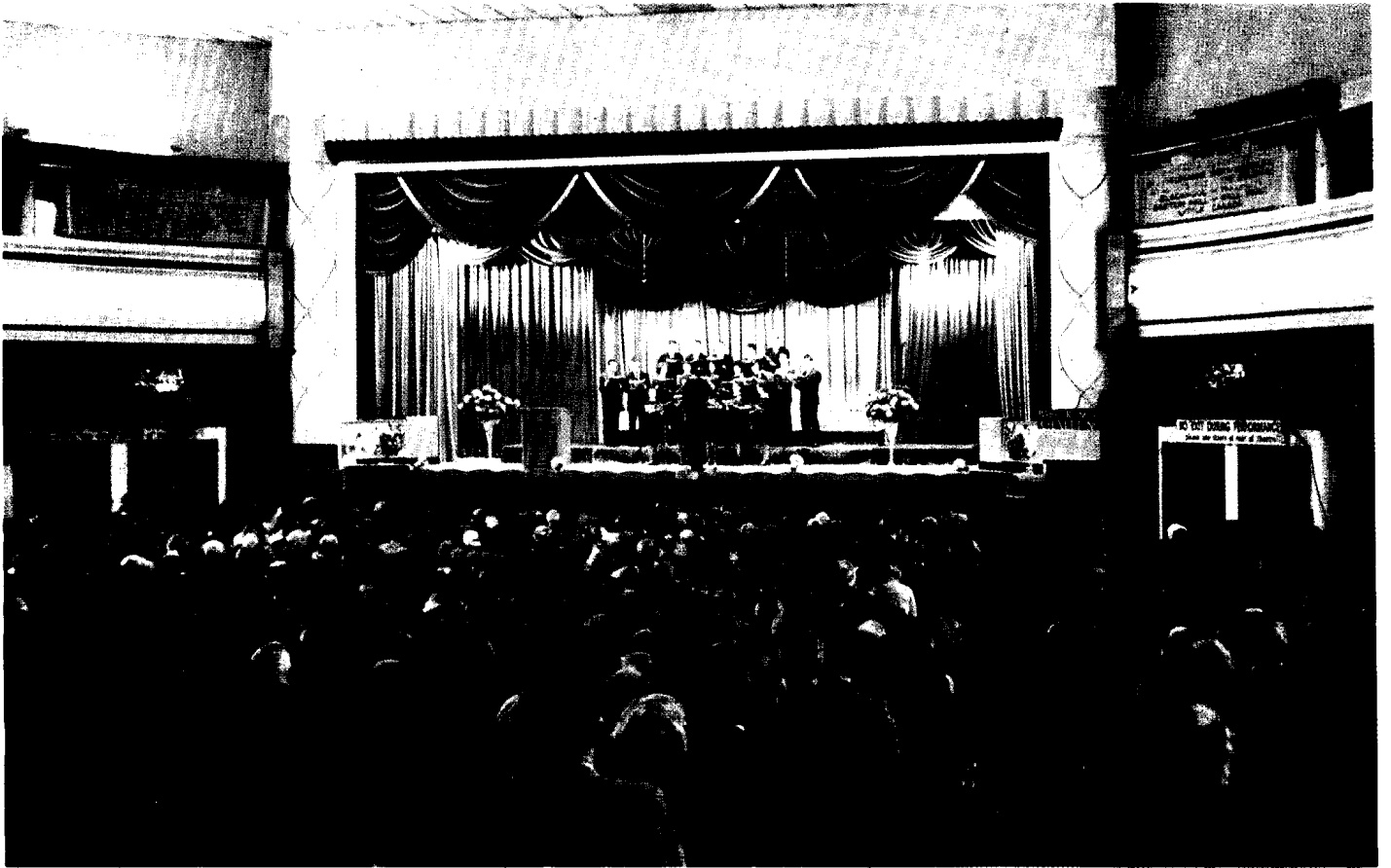
Mr. McNair's report should encourage some to want to go to England next year as God makes possible. It certainly is an added blessing to be able to *change areas* from year to year and attend various Feast sites. What a blessing that God has revealed His tithing law so that we can save our second tithe to have the experience and enjoyment of travel and attendance with our brethren at these inspiring FEASTS.

France

Across the English Channel in sunny Southern France Mount Blanc towers into the autumn sky — the highest peak in Europe.

In the shadows of Mount Blanc, for the FIRST TIME in modern history the Feast of Tabernacles was observed by 175 joyful brethren. But here is a summary of the Feast in France from Mr. Dibar Apartian, Evangelist and voice of *The WORLD TOMORROW* in the French language.

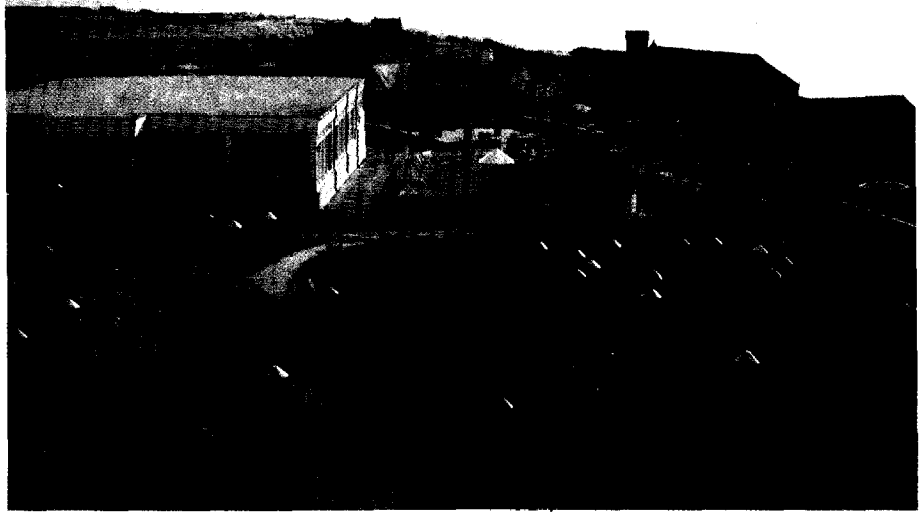
"Greetings from Praz-Sur-Arly! For the first time in history our *French-speaking brethren* in Europe were gathered together to keep God's Feast of Tabernacles in France. I wish I (Pictures next two pages. Article continued on page 6)



Morecambe, England



LEFT — The Ambassador College Chorale from Bricket Wood provided stirring special music throughout the Feast. RIGHT — Viewed from the main auditorium, here is Middleton Tower Holiday Camp overlooking Morecambe Bay.



Ambassador College Photos
FAR LEFT — Congregational singing in the main auditorium. LEFT — Children thrill to a carousel (merry-go-round) ride at Holiday Camp. RIGHT — Students from Ambassador College helped serve meals in the fine Dining Hall where brethren enjoyed the finest in "Food and Fellowship"!



could find adequate words to describe our joy and gratitude to God.

"Snow-capped mountain peaks towering in the distance — wooden chalets perched upon surrounding green hills — foliage in varied autumn hues — the tinkling of cow bells — such was the setting of the site where God chose to set His name. We were in the vicinity of Mount Blanc, the highest peak in the Alps.

"The first Holy day, we had 175 people representing nine different countries — primarily FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, and BELGIUM. Three other of God's ministers — Messrs. Carn Catherwood, Colin Wilkins, and Etienne Bourdin — assisted me in conducting a most successful and exceptionally smooth-running Feast. The overall theme was the need for God's people to grow in true Christian life, to be a LIGHT to others — and to ENDURE to the end.

"As at the other Feast locations, we too had social activities; these included: an excursion to Chamonix, the famous ski-resort at the foot of Mont Blanc; a bus trip to the world-renowned Lake of Annecy; a 16 mm movie of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE campus in Pasadena — and a delightful "fun show" organized by a group of 4 French-speaking students from Brick-et Wood.

"God blessed us with eight days of outstandingly good weather — with practically constant clear skies, day and night. But in addition to all this, we are happy to report that TWENTY-ONE persons were baptized on the seventh day of the Feast!

"Thank you for all of your prayers as well as for the various messages you sent us from the four corners of the world. God willing we shall return to Praz-Sur-Arly to keep His Feast of Tabernacles, next year!"

Halfway around the world another group of French-speaking brethren met to observe God's annual Feast. Mr. Louis Jubert — Elder in charge gives us a quick summary of the Feast of Tabernacles in the Island of Martinique in the *West Indies*.

"We are very thankful to God for what He has been doing for His Church in Martinique. Every day the mem-

bers here, as well as those from St. Lucia who have come for the Feast, have been receiving great blessings. The building in which we have been meeting is so beautiful that the people hardly know what to say. The Feast was terrific. For the first Holy Day there were 50 adults and 74 children; for the Last Great Day there were 49 adults and 67 children."

Yes, brethren, the mustard seeds — sent on the powerful air waves of worldwide radio — take root and grow! What a thrill it is to have a part in God's Work spreading and growing and soon to blossom into the wonderful World Tomorrow.

The Philippines

Now, brethren let's "zero in" on The Philippines!

Here is Mr. Arthur Docken's gripping saga of *your brethren* and their experiences at a dramatic display of wind and weather and WHO IT WAS there . . . The Feast of Tabernacles, Philippines 1967 —

"The plans had been laid and all was in readiness for the finest and most exciting Feast of Tabernacles ever held in the Philippine Islands. Everyone was thrilled at the prospect of keeping this Feast in the cool mountains of central Luzon. Members of the office staff formed an advance work party and they left early for the Feast to prepare the Teacher's Camp for an influx of members. They arrived on Sunday, and Monday morning, in spite of a heavy rain, they worked feverishly cleaning dormitories, kitchen and meeting hall, making preparations for at least 250 men, women and children that would soon arrive.

"Tuesday calamity struck!

"The heavy rains now became torrential and the wind began to blow — a typhoon was headed straight for Baguio! It struck during the day, and that night was the most terrifying for all at the camp as water poured in through every crack and crevice. Clothes were soaked, bedding wet and cold, spirits a little dimmed.

"But for two families it was even worse — they were stranded in a bus half way up the mountain road leading to Baguio caught between two land-

slides! As the winds raged outside, the passengers fearfully waited out the night. The other passengers didn't know it, but very possibly their lives were saved because some of God's people were on that bus. They all came through without a scratch. But it was a fantastic experience. The winds tore at that little bus while the rains saturated the already unstable mud cliffs above them. At any minute the road itself could be weakened from the storm and the weight of the bus and send all aboard hurtling into the chasm below.

"Finally they were able to clear enough of the road to move ahead a little. Mr. Tuangco and Mr. Api — the two men of the families helped keep up the spirits of their wives and six children, and finally Wednesday morning Mr. Api walked the 17 kilometers to the Baguio camp to report their situation and return with some badly needed food. After two days the bus finally made it the rest of the way and our people reported to the Feast tired and weary but thankful to God that He had delivered them from a valley of death. Several people were buried in landslides that night, others drowned as flood waters rose and dikes broke washing out roads and bridges, but our people were spared any harm.

"The Teacher's Camp was a mess. Trees uprooted, the valley flooded — our people were stationed up on the mountainside so escaped the flood — lights were off and the water stopped. It was a sad little group of 26 that met that first night, damp and cold, not knowing what was to happen now to the wonderful Feast that had been so carefully planned for and prayed about. The flickering candlelight by which they met only added to the gloom, but when Mr. Ortiguero opened the service and began encouraging them that this was *God's Feast* and we are to rejoice, the tears ended and all joined into the spirit of God's Feast.

"Meanwhile a large group in Manila was preparing to leave by bus early Wednesday morning. I had left about 4:00 a.m. hoping to get there in

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YOU ARE YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY!

There are three great enemies you must fight until you conquer—in order to become a BORN SON in God's Kingdom. These three are: your own SELF—this present evil WORLD—and EVIL SPIRITS, demon influence. This article begins a series to show you HOW to fight these enemies!

by David Jon Hill

YOU are at war! Whether or not you know it, your life has been plunged into a "state of emergency" by the Almighty Creator who made you. The promise of eternal life is made ONLY to one who has gained the victory—to the overcomer—"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God..." (Rev. 3:12).

To Overcome Means to Conquer!

It is not a passive fight that God has called us to, but a direct frontal onslaught—a crushing conquest! It is an all-out war! TOTAL WAR!

Many wars have been fought in the history of mankind on this earth, but not one good thing has been produced by any of them! Men and women have been asked to give their lives that others might live. People have been called upon to die for every reason man could devise—for the emperor, for the country, for the church. The greatest motivation man can offer in war is either to protect country, home and family in a defensive struggle or to offer plunder and power if one helps wrest it from the hands of another! Or a hero's death!

But God offers us the *whole world*. "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the EARTH" (Mat. 5:5). He also offers us POWER: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give POWER OVER THE NATIONS: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron..." (Rev. 2:26-27).

God does not call us to go to battle for nothing! He offers us the greatest rewards that any conquering king of this earth ever offered to his soldiers. But God offers *one thing more* that NO MAN can offer!

ETERNAL LIFE!

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the WHOLE WORLD, and lose his own soul? [life] or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mat. 16:26.) The most you could hope to gain from any other king in any other war would be a limited amount of power over a limited area for a LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME! Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Alexander, the Caesars ruled the world all in their turn—BUT THEY ARE DEAD!

Our God offers us all that for which they fought and died, in addition to LIFE EVERLASTING! "... I am come that they might have LIFE, and that they might HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY" (John 10:10).

This goal God offers is *worth* the greatest conflict you could possibly be put through! To have the riches of all the earth, to have power beyond the realm of man's understanding, to have practicing knowledge of the laws that make life happy and pleasant, peaceful and productive, and to have LIFE INHERENT WITHIN YOURSELF to enjoy and use these other blessings forever—THIS IS A GOAL WORTH FIGHTING FOR!

Rules of Warfare

The precept followed by every great military leader is "Know your enemy—never underestimate him!"

The United States and Great Britain—the Israel of today—are going into captivity soon—conquered by an enemy they do not even recognize! Even in the struggle against the recognized enemy of Communism, the West is losing ground and having a difficult time because it *does not recognize the kind of warfare* being waged by the enemy! Both Communism and Fascism are fighting a total war—a type of war the United States and Great Britain have never had to fight before! A *trade* war, a *propaganda* war, a war using singers and dancers, artists and writers, a war of *ideas*, a war of *diplomatic negotiation* over conference tables—and at times a war of terrorism, of guerrillas attacking innocent women and children, and finally an open warfare of one army facing another in desperate all-out battle!

You face a war *even more* TOTAL in its concept! The enemy you fight has no honor, no ethics, no mercy!

You are forced to fight on *three fronts* in your war. Unless you recognize, put up a defense and mount an attack against these three fronts *you may lose!* These three battle fronts are: (1) your-SELF; (2) the world; and (3) Satan and his demons!

Of these three enemies the self is the *first* and the *worst!*

In order to fight this enemy, you

must know his *purpose*, his *tactics*, his *strengths*, and his *weaknesses*! In this article we will examine this enemy thoroughly and also examine the battle orders that the Captain of our salvation has given to us to overcome this enemy!

All-Out War!

Let's realize first of all that no "Laodicean attitude" will ever conquer in this warfare! Every good soldier must have good morale! He must have a *desire to fight*, to *conquer*, and to *WIN*!

Military leaders give men slogans to fight by; let us see the slogans God has given to us. "FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH, *lay hold on eternal life...*" (I Tim. 6:12). "STRIVE to enter in at the strait gate..." (Luke 13:24). "... mortify [kill] the deeds of the body..." (Rom. 8:13). "... so *run*, not as uncertainly; so *fight* I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and *bring it into subjection*: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (I Cor 9:26-27).

The Christian life of overcoming is not a quiet, passive, contemplative sort; but an active, moving, *pressing*, *striving* RACE, won only by those who press forward constantly!

Too many of you brethren feel since you have been baptized and received God's Holy Spirit that you do *not live with a carnal mind any longer*! You tend to consider the way *you* do or look at things as *the* way. If you discover a fault in yourself or if one is brought to your attention, you tend to generalize or excuse your own faults by saying, "Nobody is perfect!" Or you say, "I know I have got to overcome, and I am trying but I just can't do everything at once."

These answers come from *YOUR CARNAL MIND*!

What YOU Are Like

Before we go any further let's understand two basic facts about the *human* mind that God has created in you. "The heart [the way you naturally tend to think, feel, and believe] is *DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS*, and *DESPERATELY WICKED*: who can know it?" (Jer.

17:9.) This situation does *not change completely* when you are baptized and receive God's Holy Spirit. It only *begins* to change. At baptism you have *added* to your carnal mind a portion of the Mind of God. God's Mind, His Holy Spirit, begins to reveal to you what *you* are really like, and gives you the power and strength to *overcome* that enemy, *to cease to be like you were*!

Too many times we like to use scriptures in the Bible against the people of this world from a self-superior sense on our part. "Because the *carnal* mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). How many times have you used this scripture referring to the world—and it *does* refer to the world—not realizing the context in which Paul wrote this scripture. The book of Romans is written to the *saints* at Rome. It is written to *begotten sons of God*, members of the body of Jesus Christ, members of the Church of God!

Paul demonstrated that neither the Greek mind, which tends to be academic, philosophical, nor the Jewish mind, which tends to be proud and self-righteous, was the right kind of mind. He showed that *ALL* had sinned and come short of the glory of being God. Only through God is there any power which would keep a human being from sinning and coming under the penalty of death. Paul showed all through Romans 7, that when the Spirit of God is added to your mind, there is an immediate warfare that ensues because of the basic human nature that you inherently are.

"But I see another law in my members, *WARRING* against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members" (Rom. 7:23). As in any war, sometimes the enemy presses very hard, and you find yourself in retreat, not any longer in *control* of the situation and conquering. This is the time Paul is warning about in Romans 8:7, urging you never to give in to your carnal mind and live according to its dictates. In this battle the warfare is *constantly going on*, the enemy is *ever present*—you are either winning or losing at *any given minute of any day*.

"For though we walk in the flesh, we

do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds); casting down imaginations [*reasonings*], and *every high thing* that exalteth itself *against* the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity *every thought* to the obedience of Christ" (II Cor. 10:3-5). Our warfare takes place within our minds! This is the battlefield! Little skirmishes and big battles are fought here every single day at the *speed of thought*!

God's mind present with you, especially when you are in contact with Him through never-ceasing prayer, enables you to see what you should do and how you should act. But your carnal mind, also present with you as long as you are a human being, begins immediately to put up a defense against the attack of God's Spirit. It begins to think of ways *around* doing what God wants you to do. It begins to barricade and entrench itself with *justifications* and *reasons* why you have not or cannot do what God wants you to do. It all seems *perfectly reasonable*; it is *very understandable*—but it is "AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD"!

Unless you *immediately* recognize this and ask God for reinforcements to pull down the "strongholds" your carnal mind has built up, you will find yourself beaten back, having *less character* each time you submit to your carnal mind rather than conquering with God's Holy Spirit!

Self Preservation

The basic law of all life is *SELF-preservation*! You are no different from any other form of life. *Humanly* you want to stay the way you *ARE*! *Humanly*, you *resist any change*. Your human mind is thinking at nearly the speed of light to come up with some reason why it does *not* have to submit to the mind of God.

Notice very closely what God said you must bring into captivity, what you must control: "every *THOUGHT*"—this is where sin begins!

Let's notice the process of how this develops. "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his *OWN*

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HISTORY DOCUMENTS

JESUS CHRIST!

The real facts behind the birth of Jesus and the historic PROOF that Christ lived have been intentionally suppressed! Read these remarkable Bible-confirming records from all over the ancient world!

by C. V. Dorothy and L. E. Torrance

HISTORIANS deny that Jesus Christ ever lived!

"But then, historians are privileged LIARS" (Wilberforce's *Spain*, p. 11). Right! Some of these same historians, professors and critics who deny Christ *know better!* They know Jesus lived — the records of history are *full of proof.* The truth is available. But the writers of history refuse to tell the *whole truth!*

The truth is, exciting history and additional proof of Christ is MISSING — missing from modern textbooks, pulpits and classrooms! The truth is, in Jesus' day THE WHOLE WORLD *expected a Messiah*, a world-ruling Savior! The truth is, Jesus' birth was *officially recorded* by the Romans!

These startling facts are available. Why haven't historians told you before??

Does History Lie?

History cannot lie! The trouble is, *historians can!*

Take two examples from modern history. Which story would you believe about the Mexico-Texas war? The Mexican version calls the Americans "rebels"; the U.S. version calls the Americans "heroes." Which would you believe: the World War II story — taught in West Germany today — which whitewashes or ignores Hitler? Or the story written by those who died fighting Hitler?

Obviously, both stories are not completely true . . . they are "slanted," biased!

Ancient and famous authorities tell us the same type of slanting was going on in their day!

Polybius (a *very reliable* Greek historian of the 2nd Century, about 201-120 B.C.) divides history writers into three classes. Some write and "slant" history for *pay*; they tell what someone *wants to hear.* Some write for the vanity of *display*; they write what *sounds good.* Lastly, some write for the *truth* (see *Histories*, Introduction p. xiv, Loeb edition, Bk. 16.14).

Three kinds of histories . . . what kind have you been reading?

More startling is the story of Procopius. The Roman Emperor Justinian commissioned Procopius to write something glorifying himself, the emperor. Procopius was faced with the same problem all historians face: "If he writes what people wish to believe, he must *frequently violate his conscience*; if he writes the *full truth*, A STORM OF INDIGNATION MAY OVERWHELM HIM." Justinian could not stand the truth; Procopius could not afford to risk his

own chances for success by publishing truth.

How did he solve such a frightening problem? "By describing both sides of a question in different volumes" (Atwater's Introduction to Procopius' *Secret History*, 550 A.D.). Clever Procopius! He wrote a flattering volume to please the emperor — *for publication.* He wrote the real truth in a private volume (the *Anecdota* or *Secret History*) — *for safekeeping.* (Emphasis ours throughout.)

Procopius does not prove that history lies — rather, he proves that *historians lie.* He should know . . .

Procopius himself says in his foreword to the *Secret History*: "You see, it was *not possible*, during the life of certain persons [the Emperor, etc.], to *write the truth* of what they did, *as a historian should.* If I had, their hordes of spies would have put me to a most horrible death. I could not even trust my nearest relatives. That is why I WAS COMPELLED TO HIDE THE REAL EXPLANATION OF MANY MATTERS *glossed over* in my previous book . . . I find it hard indeed to *have to stammer and retract what I have written before.*"

Now you see that motives and prejudices drastically affect what historians write — and what they refuse to write. Now you realize history writers do not always tell the whole story! Now you *need to know* what historians refused to reveal about the greatest figure who ever lived: Jesus Christ.

The "missing record" of Jesus will give you unshakable proof — outside of the Bible — that Christ really existed. And do not kid yourself that you "don't



Ullstein — Schönefeld

Emperor Justinian.

need proof" or that you "shouldn't try to *prove*, just *believe*"! You — as a human — need proof all right, and God says "Prove *all* things..." (I Thes. 5:21).

Did Prophecy Fail?

If historians told all the facts at their disposal, we would know absolutely that a dramatic Bible prophecy about Jesus Christ was literally fulfilled. Refusing to admit historic proof, many Bible translators and historians have rejected the marvellous prediction of Haggai. Some have even concluded that prophecy failed. Not so! You will soon see abundant proof, but *first*, the prophecy.

Haggai 2:6-9 gives an amazing prophecy of Jesus Christ. "For thus saith the Eternal of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while... and I will shake all nations, *and the desire of all nations shall come*: I will fill this house with glory saith the Eternal of hosts." The King James phrase "the desire of all nations" *does apply to JESUS CHRIST!* However many commentators reject this translation — through prejudice, or through lack of history to show the truth of it.

Let's understand. Prophecy is dual. That means prophecy is fulfilled twice: first in a small way, then in a big way. Haggai's prediction was fulfilled for the first time, right on schedule, in the days of Herod and Christ. Of course, the final fulfillment will be even bigger — and it is coming in *our day!* But the first time is what concerns us now. Here are the predictions, and the facts which fulfill the predictions, as they came to pass.

"I will shake all nations" — the internal and external wars of Rome in Europe, Britain, the Mediterranean Sea, Egypt, and in Palestine; the fall of three great dynasties: Roman Republic, Egyptian Ptolemies, the Syrian Seleucidæ... all in the first century B. C. The Roman Empire dominated the world; therefore the wars which shook Rome at this time shook the earth.

"The *glory* of this latter house [built by Zerubbabel] *shall be greater* than of the former [built by Solomon]." Now although Herod remodelled Zerubbabel's second Temple, he did not surpass the glory of Solomon's Temple. How did God give this inferior Temple more

glory than Solomon's first one? (For proof that the second was inferior to the first, see Ezra 3:12, where the people who had seen the first house wept with disappointment at the sight of the second.) How could God make the inferior one into a superior? The answer is simple. Send the *Desire of all nations* into the Second Temple!!

Jesus Christ — whom we will soon prove was the "Desire of all nations" — entered that Second Temple and *glorified* it beyond any building in all history (see Luke 2:22-26). God's very Son announced salvation in that Temple! Read John 7:14-43. Jesus proclaimed, "If any man thirst, let him come unto ME [God] and drink," which showed He was of God, that He had the Holy Spirit to offer, that men could be *saved*. No wonder the Jews refuse to translate Haggai 2 properly. The "desire of all nations" condemns them.

While all authoritative Jewish sources (*Jewish Encyclopaedia, Talmud, Rabbis*) admit Jesus walked in the Second Temple, *they reject Him AS the Messiah*. They must then reject the prophecy of a Messiah or "Desire," because that Temple was destroyed in 70 A. D.! Either Christ came to the Temple before 70 A. D., or Haggai and the Old Testament are FALSE. Quite a problem for a Jew, isn't it? The Jewish solution is to change the translation of Haggai. God's answer is to prove that prophecy does not fail!

Was Christ "DESIRED"?

But can you prove that Jesus Christ was *desired* by the nations of that day? Indeed you can! The historic proof of this startling fact has been *cast aside, ignored!*

How many nations desired Christ? Let's begin with the most obvious — the nation of Judah — and work outward to find our answer.

JEWS — A reliable and great historian, Josephus (who incidentally also says in the Introduction, *Antiquities*, that some *historians falsify facts* due to wrong motives) shows the Pharisees who had killed Christ still expected a Savior. "...But what more than all else incited them to war was an ambiguous oracle, likewise found in *their sacred scriptures* [they knew prophecy], to the effect that at that time ONE FROM



Josephus

THEIR COUNTRY WOULD BECOME RULER OF THE WORLD. This they understood to mean someone of their own race, and many of their wise men went astray in their interpretation of it" (from *Wars*, 6.5.4, Loeb Translation, Vol. III, p. 467). See also *Antiquities*, 17.2.4, where 6,000 Jews clearly believed in "HIM who would some day be set over the people WITH THE TITLE OF KING, FOR ALL POWER WOULD BELONG TO HIM." Though these clever Jews misapplied the prophecy to save their own skins, they had knowledge of Christ's coming and they DESIRED HIM.

Cruel Herod, fully persuaded (and fearing) that the Jewish nation was not only desirous of a divine king, but also expecting him AT THIS TIME (due to Daniel's 70 Weeks' Prophecy which dates Christ's coming), launched a temple-remodelling program intended to show he — Herod — was the fulfillment of Haggai's prophecy! Analyze carefully Haggai's words and Herod's speech in Josephus, *Antiquities* 15.11.1. There you have absolute proof the Jewish nation awaited the *desired* Christ. But did *pagan nations* desire Christ?

GREEKS — Plato, probably the most famous philosopher of ancient history, and a true representative of Greek culture, shows the Greek desire for Christ. Speaking through the character Alcibiades (on the subject of religion) Plato says: "It is therefore necessary, to wait until One teach us how we ought to behave towards the gods and men. When shall that time arrive and *who*

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Feasts Around the World

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plenty of time to get settled before the first service that night. The news reports were strangely silent about the storm. While we had had heavy winds and rain in Manila I seriously doubted that the typhoon would be so bad that we would have to cancel God's Feast in Baguio. We left without really knowing if we would be able to make it or not but knowing God would provide a way for us to make the first service that night. He did, but not in the way we thought!

"We had driven about halfway when I stopped for gas, and that was as far as we could go. Beyond that point the roads were flooded, beyond the flood the bridges were washed out — beyond that landslides made the road impassible. There was no way for us to get through to Baguio — even the planes were grounded. It was about 7:00 a.m. and I knew that soon our people would be boarding the buses and starting their trip to Baguio. Finding a phone in the central plains of Luzon is difficult, but after about an hour we did find a phone and I called our people in Manila. They had not yet heard that they could not get through but the bus company had and they would not send out their buses. I instructed one of the men there to inform everyone that we would have a meeting that night in the YMCA if it was available. When the YMCA officials said we could use the rooms we normally use for Sabbath services, the news quickly spread to the church brethren still in Manila. That night 110 people showed up for the first meeting!

"But what to do about the Feast site in Baguio and the people in Manila? Roads were still closed Thursday, and we finally made contact with Baguio by radio phone. More families had begun to show up and it looked like more would follow. It seemed obvious that God did want us to hold the festival in both locations and that is what we did. The first holy day 157 attended in Manila and 79 in Baguio. After that

the numbers in Baguio increased every day until the last holy day when they had 143 present! Manila had 169.

"Wednesday the weather cleared — beautiful weather in both locations and that beautiful weather continued throughout the whole Feast. It was wonderful and joyous but also fantastic the way God worked things out! Notice this strange set of circumstances.

"There was a *minister at each location*. I would have gone earlier, but the Plache's were here for Atonement and stayed until Monday. Had we left any earlier we may well have been stranded somewhere between Feast sites. Had Mr. Ortiguero left later there would have been no minister in Baguio.

"There was a *pianist at each location*, and we only have *two*. *Half of the choir* was at Baguio and *half* at Manila so we had special music at each location. Each Feast site had a man familiar with our sound system (they are brothers incidentally — why didn't they go together?), the man familiar with feeding large groups just happened to go to Baguio early, the office staff was at Baguio where they were needed, and other men in Manila were there where their talents were needed. The meeting hall was available to us *every day* — this was very unusual!

"In other words, God arranged it perfectly so that we could have a *balanced Feast at each site*. Also, this gave us fourteen Feast sites around the world when we include the Feast site on the island of Mindanao. There (Mindanao) were 663 there for the Last Great Day.

"We learned some things from this experience. Many members confessed that they had *not* faithfully saved their tithes, others were more anxious to "*go to Baguio*" than to "*keep the Feast*." The Feast to them was a vacation, a time to enjoy themselves in a physical way, and not a time to rejoice before God and keep the Feast in the

attitude of spiritual joy and worshipful drinking in of His Word. The Feasts of God *are* for our enjoyment, that is true. But more than that they are for the feasting on Spiritual meat that is necessary for Spiritual growth and eternal life.

"The total attendance here on Luzon for the Last Great Day was 312!

That is 56% increase above last year's 198. Many of these brethren could not have attended at all if we had not had the Feast in Manila. They were truly happy that God worked it out this way."

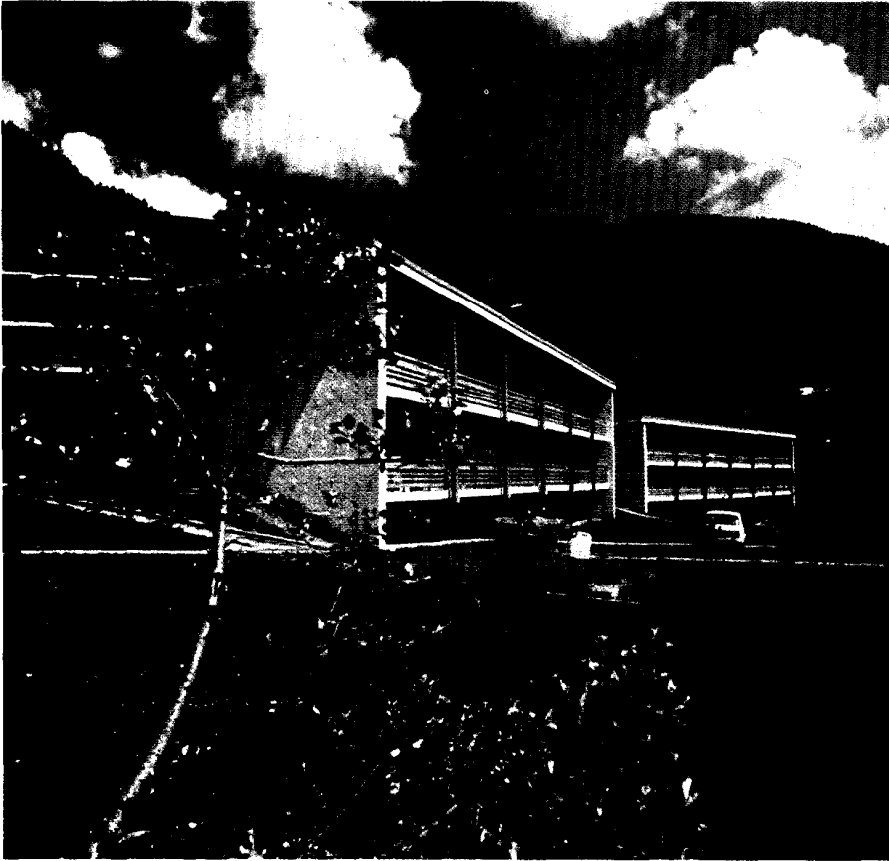
That was a rather lengthy report but we wanted you to share the experiences of your brethren in The Philippines. This report should remind us how much our brethren ought to be in our prayers, not only at the Feast, but EVERY DAY.

Australia

As Mr. Ted Armstrong's Administrative Assistant in the Foreign Work, Mr. Richard Plache, was sent to Australia to assist Mr. Wayne Cole in conducting the Feast of Tabernacles. En route to Australia, Mr. and Mrs. Plache spent the Feast of Trumpets with the brethren in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the Day of Atonement with God's Church in Manila. Also included in their itinerary were stops in Japan and Hong Kong. Here is Mr. Plache's report on the Feast in Australia.

"After two weeks of traveling prior to the Feast, we finally arrived in Sydney, thrilled with the opportunity of seeing another part of this great worldwide Work and the prospect of meeting and serving hundreds of brethren in God's Church.

"The day we arrived was a beautiful, warm, clear *spring* day (the Feast of Tabernacles occurs in the spring in the southern hemisphere). By the next day, the weather had taken a turn for the worse. It became rainy and cold. However, this did not dampen our spirits as we made the two hour drive from Sydney to the Feast site located near Blackheath in the beautiful and picturesque Blue Mountains. This set-
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LEFT — Picturesque setting for the Chalets in which members stayed during the Festival. RIGHT — View of the entrance to the Mont Blanc resort area where our people observed the Feast. FAR RIGHT — Interior view of the Dining Hall.

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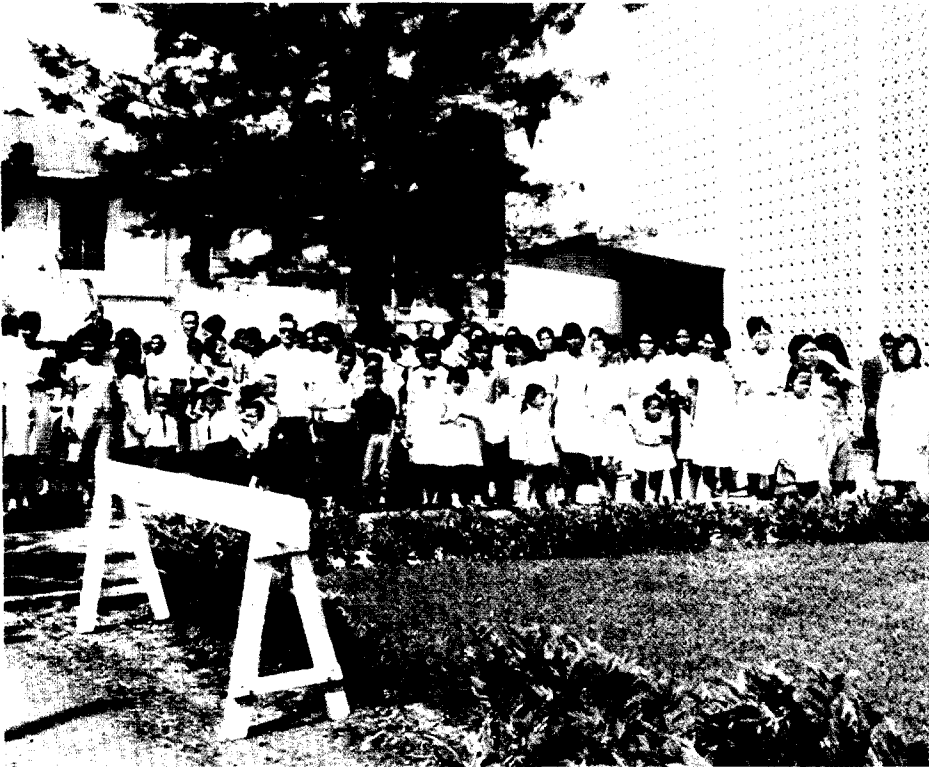
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LEFT — Overall view showing the meeting hall (Right of Center) flanked by chalets & recreation area. RIGHT — The congregation in the meeting hall just before the service began.



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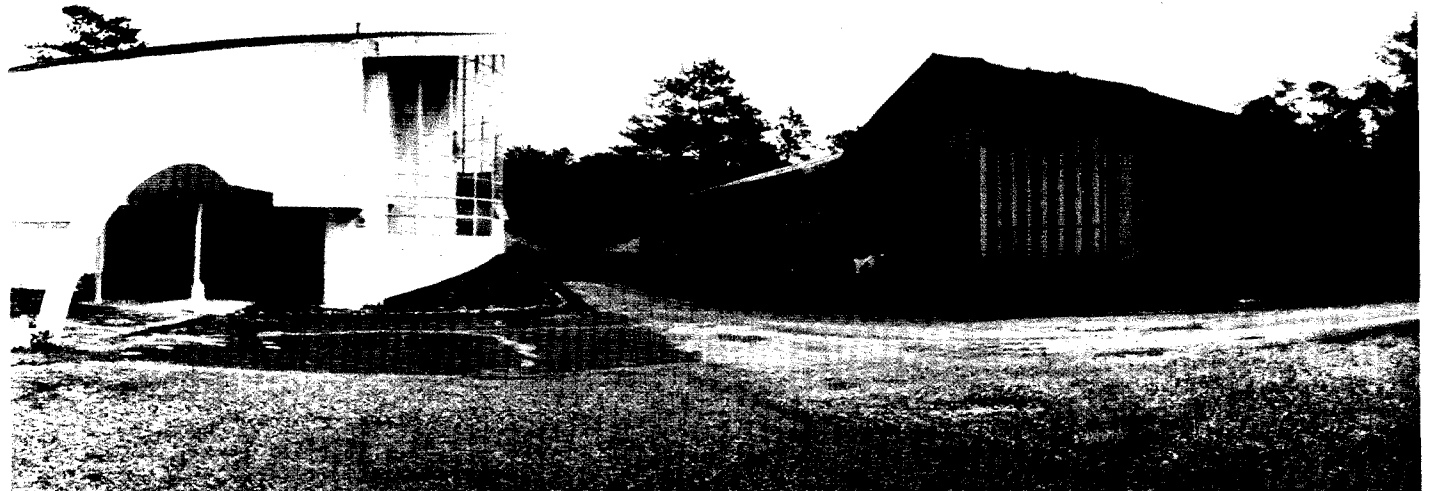


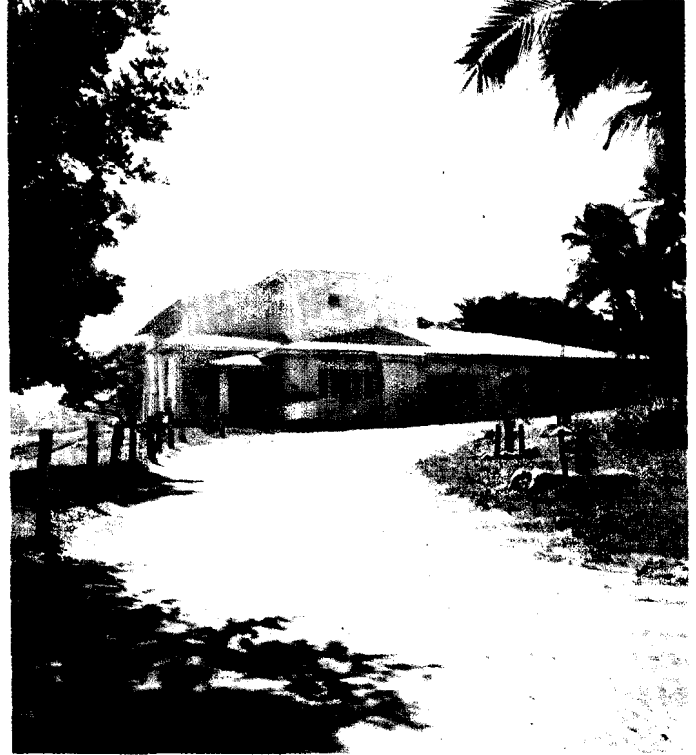


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 TOP LEFT — Group shot of the Manila people during the Feast.

CENTER LEFT — Mr. Docken leads in congregational singing in Manila.

BELOW LEFT — Panoramic view of the meeting area in Baguio City where Mr. Ortiguero conducted the Feast.





Ambassador College Photos

LEFT — Scottburgh featured unlimited recreation facilities as seen in this gorgeous oceanside scene. RIGHT — For the fourth year running our people were able to meet in the Scottburgh Town Hall, shown above.

Scottburgh, South Africa

Baguio City-Manila, Philippines



Blackheath, Australia



LEFT — The Sydney congregation staged two performances of "Oklahoma" for brethren attending in Blackheath. RIGHT — A group of the ministers gathered at Blackheath — Mr. Wayne Cole at extreme left.



RIGHT — In the background is the "Tent of Meeting" for Australian brethren.



LEFT — Song service "down under" led by Mr. Graemme Marshall. RIGHT — Children enjoy a play area with the beautiful Blue Mountains in the background.



ting provides God's people with one of the most fabulous environments you could ever desire for holding a Feast. The views are simply breathtaking. The rain, which lasted for the first five days of the Feast, also proved a blessing in disguise for without it the flies would have been unbearable.

"The verdict on this year's Feast was the same as at all the other sites — *Best Ever*. There were 1,962 present from 6 countries (one from Singapore and 4 from Tonga). The ministers remarked about the unusual amount of inspiration that God was giving to them, and the people were really moved and edified by the various sermons and sermonettes.

"In the opening service, Mr. Wayne Cole, Evangelist in charge, struck the keynote by emphasizing the importance of learning *instant obedience*. Throughout the Festival, the gigantic *work* of creating the wonderful World Tomorrow was emphasized. It will not be done easily or quickly. All of us need to be *preparing ourselves now* for this tremendous task.

"During the Feast, the Sydney congregation presented two performances of the musical "Oklahoma." They had spent about nine months in preparation for these performances, and it was evident that much practice and hard work had been expended. It was high quality, professional entertainment in every way.

"Another highlight of this year's Festival was the addition of 63 newly baptized members to God's Church.

"All in all, our entire stay in Australia was truly memorable and has serviced to expand the place in our hearts and prayers for all our brethren in 'The Land Down Under.'"

South Africa

Mr. Ernest Williams — office manager of our South African office and pastor of the Johannesburg and Durban Churches sends us greetings from another Southern Hemisphere Feast site. Here is his report.

"Three hundred sixty brethren attended an extremely profitable and inspiring eight days of spiritual food at the Feast of Tabernacles in South Af-

rica. For the fourth year running the Scottburgh Town Hall was able to accommodate all those attending from South Africa as well as people from Rhodesia, Zambia and Botswana.

"The Festival was highlighted by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dart from Bricket Wood, England. Among a great variety of powerful and instructive messages were sermons showing how we should approach God in prayer; how to develop true humility and how husbands and wives can work together as a more effective team.

"The weather, although rather oppressive at the beginning of the Feast, improved considerably toward the end. Light rains brought much welcome relief both to the drought-stricken sugar farmers as well as to the sweltering brethren in the services!

"Recreational facilities were practically unlimited. In addition to swimming, tennis, soccer and golf, an ocean trip also added to the great variety from which to choose. The single men displayed their superiority by soundly thrashing the married men in a football match — even though allowing their seniors two goalies and a three goal advantage!

"Two of the evening activities included a fun show produced by the Johannesburg Spokesman Club and an enjoyable dance.

"Six people were baptized during the Festival.

"As the Feast drew to its close people had to be reminded why it was necessary for them to return to their homes — to face our struggles with the world and our own human nature in order to better qualify for God's Kingdom!"

Well, brethren — HOW ABOUT IT? Can there be any doubt this was THE GREATEST FEAST EVER?

When you put it all together you get the BIG PICTURE. You see God's people obeying their Creator and His Son Jesus Christ. You see God Himself intervening everywhere to tell us personally: "You are My people — My chosen. I'm in command and though I permit trials and problems, through it all YOU KNOW I'M HERE and I have loved you."

The Great hands of our Father and Jesus His Son, our Elder Brother, held us firm — together — rejoicing and serving Him, with the assurance that this *WAS* God's Feast indeed.

A total of twenty-three ordinations occurred around the world during this Feast. Seven were raises in rank and sixteen were ordained as Local Elders. In the concluding article next month read a short biographical sketch on each man ordained and a summary of his present assignments. Also there will be a preview panorama of the NEWEST Feast site for 1968 — Lake of The Ozarks! Don't miss the final article in this series on the 1967 Feast of Tabernacles next month!

What Our Readers Say . . .

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pounds, and feel lots better. But, I am still about 18 pounds too heavy, so am still working on it."

V. C., Arizona

Another Broken Marriage Mended

"You may be pleased to know you have changed our way of thinking and lives so much, through you I have recently mended my broken marriage and returned to my husband. I've had no peace of mind for four years since it happened, now at last I've found it. How can I thank you enough for giving me more spiritually and mentally than a church has been able to all my life."

Mrs. R. M. E., Sussex, England

Healed of "Eye Ulcers"

"You see, sir, I was having trouble with my eyes. I went to the doctor and he said that I had 'eye ulcers.' He said I would have to start treatments and medicine. That night one of God's ministers anointed me. He told me never to put my contacts in again and in three weeks to see the eye doctor. The doctor said it was a miracle that the eye was healed. With God it's very possible to be healed."

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. P., Missouri

West Indies Wakes Her Up!

"It is very easy here in the United States to let down and take things for granted. Learning that some people in the West Indies may only get to talk to God's ministers every two or three years really woke me up to appreciate the advantages we have of attending weekly Sabbath services, Bible Study, church socials, hearing the broadcast several times a day in our area, and of being able to read all the literature you make available. I'm sure if these people traded places with us, they would never be too tired or have anything more important to do than to take every opportunity to learn more about God's Way."

Mrs. G. B., Ohio

First Anniversary in God's Church

"Yesterday was our first anniversary in God's Church. My wife and I both stopped smoking one year ago yesterday and have saved \$200.00 to \$250.00 in living expenses since. All thanks to God for ridding us of this habit and teaching us how to live."

Mr. and Mrs. A. C., Colorado

"After reading the article about the Caribbean baptizing tour, I just had to cry a little. The attitude these people have made me think back to when I first came into the Church. I have been in the Church for four years now and I know I have lost too much of that first love."

A. H., Illinois

Cigarette Consumption Summary

["Mr. Armstrong recently] commented, 'I wish someone would figure the size of one day's cigarettes rolled into one big stack.' The very next day I heard on an interview on the radio with Dr. Peter Steincrow about his book, *You Live as You Breathe*. He volunteered that the daily cigarette consumption (and that seems like a good descriptive word) now in the U. S. A. is about 500 million (daily). This is all I needed to figure the size of the giant cigarette you pictured. Using only 2½-inch length (to allow for unsmoked stubs and filters conservatively)

and the standard ¼-inch diameter, it turns out to be a total volume of 578 cubic feet of tobacco. This would fill about 25 average size coffins (an aside observation). This one day's total would also make a giant cigarette approximately 10 feet in diameter and 600 feet long. Also put them side by side and end to end proportionately you would have a stack 5½ miles wide and 55 miles high. Or one other way — just put them end to end for *one* day's smoke — they would reach from Los Angeles to Atlanta, Georgia. If we'd wait and collect a month's supply, however, we would have a cigarette 'rope' that would nearly circle the earth at the equator three times. Enough of that. I feel that I'm making an ash of myself."

M. B., Georgia

Co-Workers Can't Thank Enough

"Enclosed is our tithe. Every time we send our tithe I have so many things to say, but when they're put on paper they just don't sound right, so numerous letters have gone in the waste basket. It only proves one thing. Words just cannot express our happiness and exuberance over all of this Truth. We just can't read it fast enough. We're so thankful that we have been called, and both of us too. Why us? — and I'm sure everyone has thought this at times. We're thankful for Garner Ted and his powerful, booming truth-filled one-half hour every day. We're thankful for your ministers here, who are so willing and ready to help and answer questions. We've never met any other minister ever that we would be willing to tell our problems to, and seek advice, but with God's true ministers it doesn't matter anyway. Pride and vanity must go! It's just wonderful — that's all!"

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. G.,
Oregon

Children Are Real Blessings

"This is my daughter's first tithe. She saves her first and second tithes out of the \$1.00 a week I give her. I work and she goes to school and does more than her share of the housework, and

the \$1.00 is such a small amount to give her, but she's such a wonderful daughter and she never complains. Good children are certainly a heritage and a blessing and I sincerely pray for God's Kingdom to come so that all parents will know the blessing they receive when their children are taught God's ways. It came too late for my son, but my consolation is knowing he, too, will have his chance. Isn't God's truth a blessing and strength and comfort!"

Mrs. L. H. B., Missouri

Doesn't Pay to Steal From God

"We were taught a lesson we will not forget. We became delinquent in our tithes for the sum of \$29.00. My wife had her purse stolen losing \$16.00 plus her driving license which cost \$1.00 for a duplicate. We were notified that we had to pay \$14.00 more on a bill than we planned on. This adds up to a total of \$31.00 which is \$2.00 more than our tithes that were delinquent. It does not pay to cheat God of His tithes. We are sending the \$29.00 we were delinquent. Thereafter, we will gladly give God His rightful percent."

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. E., California

Jordanian Broadcast Heard in London!

"Some time ago I read in *The PLAIN TRUTH* that *The WORLD TOMORROW* was being broadcast to the Middle East daily on Radio Hashemite, Amman, Jordan, a station so powerful that it could even be heard here in Britain. Last night, really for fun, I decided to fiddle around on my little Mitsubishi portable transistor radio and try to get Hashemite. Shortly after 6 p.m., 8 p.m. Jordanian time, I was fiddling about trying to get the station on 31.48 m, and to my very great surprise and joy, Garner Ted came through fairly loud and sometimes clear! It is not clear enough for me to listen to properly, but nevertheless I know that I can once again listen to *The WORLD TOMORROW* in this part of the world once more."

Surprised, London

Each month for *The Plain Truth* our Research staff aids Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in preparing articles for the series on evolution. On these two pages the Staff sounds out another facet of the evolutionary dilemma by asking...

IS MAN DE-VOLVING?

SCIENTISTS, professors, students and laymen alike find agreement on ONE POINT, no matter how much they disagree otherwise. That common belief is that man is EVOLVING UPWARD. Man is *superior* to all other animals by millions of years of "natural selection."

Nothing could be farther from the truth!!

Many animals on this earth are superior to man in one field or another. With the exception of the Mind or Intellect, no skill or invention of mankind stands unchallenged by what some animals do instinctively — from BIRTH!

This is an all-encompassing statement, but let's take a *sample* of the innumerable *proofs*—the example of the BAT.

The Bat

Before World War II, hard-working, intelligent men spent billions of dollars building and perfecting radar, only to learn with a gasp of amazement that the lesser BAT had the secret all along!

Amazed scientists discovered bats were using personal radar systems to guide themselves in the dark *before* "evolving" man, as they put it, was even "out of the trees."

In recent years, the small, grotesque bat has been the subject of hundreds of experiments. The results, the accuracy of their sonar systems, will astound you!

Take, for instance, the normal species of bat. He emits, receives, and evaluates ten to twenty sounds or "beeps" *per second* when scanning the air, and up to 250 per second when "studying"

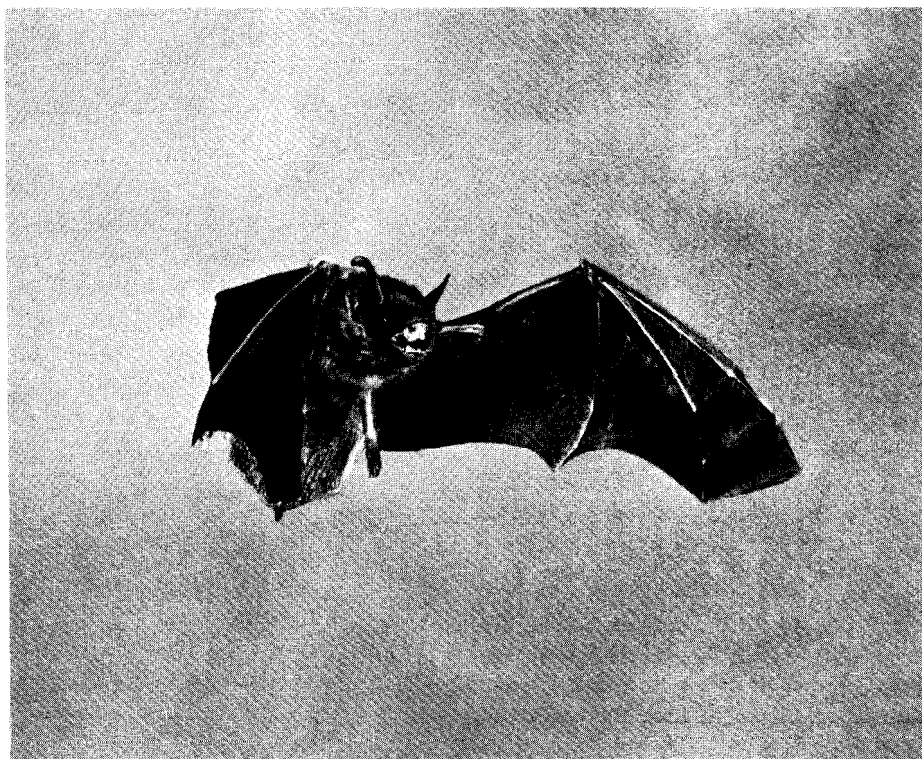


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Brown Bat in flight — the Superior Radar system.

his prey. The sound emitted vibrates 150,000 times per second, much higher than that which the human hearing spectrum recognizes.

An intricate, delicate feat. But that's not all—

The bat *evaluates* each of these "beeps" as they return to his ear. The time elapsed between the sound emitted and the sound returned measures the distance between the bat and his obstruction. The original SONAR system!

"Jamming" the Waves

In one involved experiment, 60 loudspeakers were installed in a dark room in which 28 hair-thin piano wires

were strung at random. The speakers produced a volume of noise *2000 times as intense* as the echo of the bat's beep and *on the same frequency!* Man was trying to "jam" the bat's built-in sonar system!

Yet the bats were still able to fly through the maze of wires without a hit! They not only picked up their own sonar echoes bouncing back from the wires, but separated the correct waves from the far louder "background" noise of the same frequency!

The same experiment was repeated except this time the bat's mouth was bound to prevent him from emitting his sounds. Instead, a recording of the

bat's voice was played in conjunction with his flight. The recording was made of the same bat in the same room with the same obstacles. This time the bat still made it through the wires easily with a 90 percent efficiency, only an occasional glancing blow to the wires.

Experiments have shown that the bats' sonar waves don't just give them a *vague* picture of shadows or outlines. *Their "beeps" are as crystal clear to them as 20-20 vision is to a human.* A little bug flying within 25 feet of a bat is as sure as caught, but if a scientist should throw a piece of debris in the air the size, shape, and weight of a fly, the bat will study it by sonar, come to the conclusion it is inedible, and never even come near it.

All this mountainous work of sonar evaluation is performed instantaneously by a brain which weighs a few *hundredths* of an ounce!

A Professor of Zoology at Harvard, admits, "In these days of technological triumphs it is well to remind ourselves that living mechanisms are often incomparably more efficient than their artificial imitations. There is no better illustration of this than the sonar system of bats. *Ounce for ounce and watt for watt, it is billions of times more efficient and more sensitive than the radars and sonars contrived by man*" (*Scientific American*, July, 1953, "Bat Sonar").

Varieties of Bats

Outstanding species of bats are even more puzzling to evolution! The HORSESHOE BATS of Europe hang upside down and swivel around 360° just like a common *radar dish*. When their "scanner" picks up an insect on the screen, they launch out and capture it, then return to their inverted position and rotate again like a radar dish!

Professor Griffin of Harvard describes another species: "The most surprising of all specialized bats are the species that feed on fish. They have a well-developed system of frequency modulation (FM) sonar, but since sound loses much of its energy from air to water and vice versa, the big puzzle is: How can these bats locate fish under water by means of this system?" It would involve compensating for the *bending* of

the sonar waves through water and back again—seemingly *impossible!*

Such an exacting feat requires the application of many mathematical compensations in a fraction of a second. Yet the bats *can* evaluate all this data in a *hundredth* of a second with a veritable "peabrain," and be *billions* of times more efficient than man's electronic sonar. Humbling, isn't it?

It's a paradox, yet true. If the theory of evolution were true, if animals of lower intelligence gradually evolved into *higher* intelligence, why is MAN, the so-called "highest," so far behind the lowly bat?

A Million Witnesses

The bat is just one example among millions. The eagle, the crab, the frogs, the hawks, or the owls have better EYES than man. The fish, seabirds, owls, and insects have better HEARING than man. The shark and silk moth excel man in ODOR DETECTION, as do the BEAR, DEER, DOG, CAT, and nearly every other animal on the face of the earth.

The "incubator bird" has a thermometer in his beak, while the cricket and rattlesnake can both tell temperature differences of a hundredth of a degree! Which one of US can perform that feat?

Birds are smoother than planes, dolphins are smoother than boats, and the traffic patterns of fish schools have man's cloverleaf superhighways beat by far!

Every track and field record of man is broken by at least one animal or another. The broad jump (puma), high jump (mountain lion), sprint races (cheetah), boxing (the kangaroo), and weight lifting (beetles can lift 850 times their own weight!).

Starfish, lobsters, and lizards all regenerate limbs. WHY CAN'T MAN?? When a starfish has a limb cut off, he grows a new one right back. When a MAN has a leg amputated, why can't HE grow back a new leg, if he evolved from sea animals and lizards??

Cows are able to eat cellulose (wood-like materials) to gain nutrition. Wouldn't it be wonderful if MAN could do this? There would be NO problem with famine or lack of food then! Why CAN'T man do this, since he is supposedly developed *from* these lower animals?

The examples go on and on, but the question remains: "WHO put this instinct — which often is SUPERIOR to man's ability — INTO an animal's head?"

The conclusion is inescapable—either the insects that outperform man have a *greater BRAIN POWER THAN MAN*, or else a *Great Designer has a greater brain power and mind than man and created BOTH animals and man!* There is no middle ground!

You brethren should know and *know* that you know GOD IS the Creating mind behind this awesome and complex universe.

You Are Your Own WORST ENEMY

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LUST, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (Jas. 1:14-15). First of all your carnal mind makes you think you would *like to do* what is *contrary* to God's law. You *play* with the thought, roll it over in your mind, *entertain* it and plan—until finally you have GONE TOO FAR! You have not resisted from the *beginning* and the power of sin has snowballed until it is too great to re-

sist. Next you actually DO what you had been *thinking* about doing—this is sin—death is the penalty!

This can be repented of. But the only one who knows how many times you can retreat before sin, and ask God later to forgive that retreat, is the one who has repented *too many times!* God says very plainly, "I am weary with repenting" (Jer. 15:6).

Don't try to find out how many times God will forgive. Certainly He is

forgiving, loving, merciful and kind. Yet He warns us very sternly that if we do not *bear fruit consistently* that He will break us off as a dead branch and cast us into the lake of fire!

Don't *assume* YOU are all right! "Examine yourselves, whether *you* be in *the* faith; prove YOUR OWN SELVES . . ." (II Cor. 13:5).

Just the Way I Am

How many times have you heard people say, "I'm just hardheaded, that's all!" or, "I have a very quick temper and I tend to jump to conclusions"? This is the excuse *your carnal mind* puts up—the *reason* your human mind displays against the knowledge of God! This is *your excuse* for not overcoming because you *are* the way that you ARE!

Some even try to blame it on their *parents* and complain, "Dad was always nervous and grouchy and so am I!" This explanation satisfies the self. It explains readily that if you just *are* that way, then that's just the way you *are* and there isn't any way of helping *the way you ARE!* You just *are* easily offended. You just happen to *have* a despondent, pessimistic attitude. You "just can't seem to remember." Or you are just *weak!*

This to the carnal mind seems to be the *perfect reason why* you do not *have to overcome!* It is PERVERTED REASONING!

YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO OVERCOME *WHAT YOU ARE!*

God never inspired the hymn titled "Just As I Am!" We can't come the way we are to God. WE MUST CHANGE!

The human mind is very fertile and clever in coming up with all kinds of arguments *against* God's truth. When His truth, revealed by His Spirit in your mind, begins to *accuse you* of not overcoming as you should, *you* begin *immediately* to find an *excuse!* This is another tactic of your carnal mind!

The Excuse Tactic

Like the first Adam, you cast furtively about to find a scapegoat for your sin! You say that you *inherited* your bad habits or your faulty disposition from your parents. Perhaps you claim that it was your family background, that

you grew up in a house where mother always dominated and so you *just naturally* tend to dominate even though you are a woman. Or you men *just naturally* tend to listen to your wife more than you should because mother always told you what to do! You let this NATURAL CARNAL *reasoning satisfy you into thinking you don't have to overcome this problem!* It is not *your* fault, it's the fault of *someone else!*

Some like to blame their *education* and claim that if they had received more or better education things would be different! After all, you can't be expected to study the Scriptures if you had only a sixth-grade education as much as you would be expected to study the Scriptures if you had a college education!

Perhaps your excuse is your *geography!* If you had just lived in Oregon instead of Arkansas *things would be different.* If you lived in the country instead of the city; or if you lived in the city instead of the country *things would be different!*

Perhaps your *job* is your problem. *If* you didn't have to work such long and hard hours you would be able to study and pray more. *If* you had a job you could do with your hands, your mind would be free to think about the things of God. *If* you had a job where you had to use your mind, you would be able to develop and use all of the attributes that God would have you develop.

"Pass-the-Buck" Classic

This is an excuse that mankind has been using ever since the time of Adam! This is how the real *you* thinks and acts and works. God faced Adam with the question, "Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" (Gen. 3:11.) Adam was quick to answer, but the answer was an *excuse:* ". . . The woman whom *thou* gavest to be with me, *she* gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (verse 12). Adam had to find a *reason why* he had sinned—just admitting it to God didn't seem to be enough. But when he offered the reason, when he explained that it was his *wife's fault*, not his, *his carnal mind* was satisfied. If you will read on briefly there in Genesis 3, you will discover the woman

was no different from her husband. When God asked her why she had done this thing, she replied that it was the *serpent's* fault, that *he* had been the one to beguile her—it was Satan's fault!

MOST PEOPLE ARE ONLY BLIND TO THEIR OWN SINS! "All the ways of a man are *clean in his own eyes*; but the Lord weigheth the spirits" (Prov. 16:2). We can't have the understanding to know how our own carnal minds work unless we ask God in heaven to guide us in recognizing this worst enemy we have. "Man's goings are of the Lord; how can a man then understand his own way?" (Prov. 20:24.)

Turn now to Jeremiah 10:23—"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is *not in man that walketh to direct his steps.* O Lord, CORRECT ME, *but with judgment*; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing" (Jer. 10:23-24). Make this YOUR prayer: ". . . cleanse thou ME from SECRET FAULTS. Keep back thy servant also from *presumptuous sins*; let them not have DOMINION over me . . ." (Ps. 19:12-13).

Don't ask God to show your *husband or wife* where he or she is wrong—ask God first to show YOU where YOU *are wrong!* If your sins are not obvious to you—if you cannot pick out at least three *specific* things you need to overcome, then you desperately need to ask God to *search and cleanse YOU*—to show you the sins that are *secret to you!*

"Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins *in the light of thy countenance.* For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is *soon cut off*, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So *teach us to number our days*, that we may *apply our hearts unto wisdom*" (Ps. 90:8-12). The marginal rendering reads better here, "*that we may get us a heart of wisdom.*" This is the way to get wisdom—to fight your chief enemy, YOURSELF! Our days are numbered and slipping away all too fast—

we don't *have* the threescore and ten years left to us anymore, and using every precious second is absolutely necessary.

Concentrate all your force and energy on your worst enemy—bringing every weapon to bear to *exterminate* this enemy. "SEARCH ME, O God, and know MY heart: try ME, and know MY thoughts: And see if there be *any wicked way in ME*, and lead ME in the way everlasting" (Ps. 139:23-24).

What YOU Can Do!

In order to come to grips with your worst enemy, to come *concretely* to the attack—so you will know *exactly* what to do, I urge you to write a short essay about yourself. After praying, on your knees to Almighty God, in the attitude

expressed by the above scriptures, take out a piece of paper and title it: "*WHAT I AM.*"

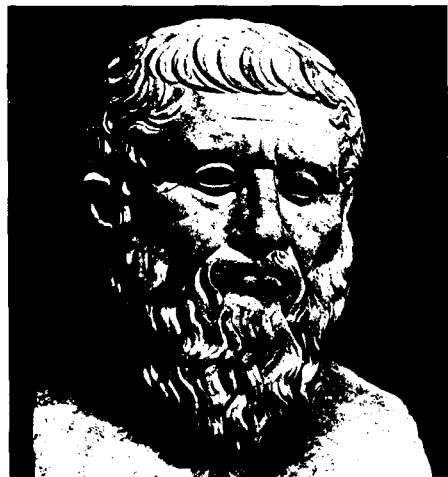
Be candid, truthful before God—ask God to help *you* see YOU, AS HE SEES YOU! Then describe what He opens your mind to see. After you have this written, you will know what you need to change. Ask God directly in prayer to help you overcome *one* of the points that you have written down about yourself.

In a succeeding article we will examine several other phases of human nature concretely and specifically to help you find out even more how *your* human nature works and how *you*—the begotten son of God—may *overcome this nature and stand before God MORE THAN A CONQUEROR!*

HISTORY DOCUMENTS JESUS CHRIST

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shall that Teacher be? For MOST GLAD WOULD I BE TO SEE SUCH A MAN." An amazing pagan witness from 300 B. C. to Haggai's prophecy! The Greek world desired Christ!



Plato

ROMANS—But the real rulers of the known world of Christ's day were the Romans. What about them?? Tacitus, the royal historian of Rome, tells us in *Histories*, 5.13, that in the 60's A. D., the East expected a king to arise from Judea to rule the world! Startling as Tacitus' pagan record is, it does not

prove directly that the Romans, but rather that the Jews, awaited the Messiah. Still, we have a more direct proof for the *Romans*.

Virgil, the greatest Latin poet, wrote *nearly 40 years before Christ* "A GOD-LIKE CHILD SHALL BE BORN . . . COME QUICKLY TO RECEIVE YOUR POWER FOR ALL THE WORLD AWAITS YOU. Oh that I may live to see so noble a subject for my verse!" (Eclogue IV, Lonsdale and Lee's *Works of Virgil*.) Virgil's remarkable prophecy is based on the revelation of an earlier Roman prophetess: The Sibyl of Cumae.

According to Suetonius, the Roman historian, the same famous sibyl or woman prophet, said, "Nature is about to bring forth a king to the Roman people" — 63 B. C.! Obviously the king would be divine, since "nature" was to bring Him forth. Obviously a true prophecy, since it came years *before* Christ's birth. Obviously—since the sibyl was well known—this prophecy was well known and believed by *many Roman people*. Rome, which included Britain and North Africa, was awaiting, in her limited understanding, for Jesus Christ! But there is more.

The Mysterious East

"Throughout THE WHOLE EAST, an ancient and constant opinion had familiarly prevailed; that they who proceeded from Judea were fated to OBTAIN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE WORLD" (Suetonius, *Life of Vespasian*, chap. 4). But how far is "the whole east"? Probably Suetonius himself did not realize *how far* his own statement applied: all the way to *the Pacific Ocean!*

To a Roman of Suetonius' day, the "east" included modern Turkey, Palestine-Jordan, and possibly Iraq to the Euphrates River. At the time of Christ's birth, the Roman Empire extended eastward to Babylon on the Euphrates. Another great empire began right there and spread further eastward into modern Afghanistan, and up to India. That empire was Parthia.

PARTHIAN—The Magi of Matthew 2 who worshipped Christ were Parthians. The Magi—travelling for nearly six months and 1200 miles—clearly thought Christ was "the Desire of all nations"!

INDIANS—The priestly ruling class in India was called "Brahmins." Apparently they too desired the Savior—possibly having heard of Christ from the Parthian Magi. The fact is (according to ancient Indian history) the ruler of India sent emissaries to Palestine, 1 A.D., "to know whether the predicted royal child had actually made his appearance" (Jones, *Asiatic Researches*, Vol. X, p. 27-28). But the witness and the desire of Christ had gone even farther in the pagan world!

CHINESE—Remember the famous sayings and jokes in the name of "*Confucius say . . .*"? Well, no joke this time. The Chinese philosopher K'ung Fu-Tze, or Confucius, said in the early 500's B. C.: "The Holy One must be sought in the West." His prophecy was carefully handed down from father to son and, "in the year 64 after the Christian Era, the Emperor Mimi, we are told, under the influence of this ancient expectation, sent messengers westward into India, that there they might inquire for the long predicted Holy One of Confucius" (Du Halde's *China*, Vol. I, p. 360, 361; Le Compte's *China*, p. 118, 200). The greatest Chinese thinker

speaks for China. The Chinese DESIRE THE HOLY ONE.

MAYANS (North America) — Spence, in *Myths and Legends*, says that gods worshipped by this ancient people "had promised not to desert mankind altogether, BUT TO RETURN at some future indefinite period and resume their sway of radiance and peace" (Volume on Mexico and Peru, p. 169). Amazing! Removed by thousands of years and thousands of miles from the Holy Land, the Mayan Indians of Yucatán, Mexico — from ancient times — *expected a divine ruler* to set up His government, just as did the Jews.

There you have it! THE WHOLE EARTH — from America to the Sea of Japan — DESIRES THE CHRIST!

Could anything be clearer? *Prophecy has not failed!* Haggai's words were literally fulfilled (for the first time, or type) when the "Desire" — Jesus Christ — entered the Temple.

This "desire" in heathen and pagan lands is enough by itself as a proof that Christ lived. But there is stronger proof.

Christ Officially Recorded

If you were an agnostic or atheist — and open-minded — you would certainly believe Jesus lived, provided you found His name in a Roman Census record — a record recorded on the spot. You would probably doubt that record if a Christian said he saw it. But you would believe — again provided your mind was not closed — if an atheist or Christian-hater said he saw it. Such a person would have every reason to deny a record of Christ's birth, and *no reason* to tell the world.

WE HAVE THAT RECORD — AND FROM A CHRISTIAN-HATER!

The Roman Emperor Julian (called "the Apostate" because he turned from Christianity to paganism) attempted to destroy the Roman brand of Christianity. He said, arguing for the pagan side: "Jesus, whom you celebrate, was one of Caesar's subjects. If you dispute it, I will prove it by and by; but it may as well be done now. For you yourselves allow that he was enrolled with his father and mother in the time of Cyrenius" (Nathaniel Lardner's *Works*, Vol. 7, p. 626-627).

Julian tried to destroy Christianity . . . but not by denying Christ. Having possession of all the royal archives, Julian was willing to admit *Jesus was real*, and was so confident of his sources that he speaks *defiantly* — challenging Christians to *check up* if they don't believe. No one would have challenged friend and foe alike to *check*



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Emperor Julian

the files, if they didn't exist. No one would have risked his royal reputation and future, by citing a false or non-existent document.

Luke of course records this very census under Cyrenius — in his Gospel, chapter two. But again historians have denied Luke and cried "fraud!" "There is no evidence for this census; therefore it was never taken; Luke is wrong!" — say the critics.

Their minds closed, the critics can do nothing when the real proof comes in — except reject the evidence. But no fair-minded person can reject *Julian's* testimony. No fair-minded person can reject the *stone* — found by archaeologists in Rome, 1764 — which proves Cyrenius did rule Syria twice, exactly when Luke says he did. THE ROMANS HAD THE CENSUS FIGURES OF 4 B.C. IN THEIR ROYAL FILES, WITH JESUS AND HIS FAMILY NAME RECORDED THERE as late as 350 A.D.!

Now the witness of a much earlier, closer-to-the-fact Christian writer of 105 A.D. Justin Martyr said, "Now there is a village in the land of the Jews, thirty-five stadia from Jerusalem, in which Christ was born, as you can

ascertain also from the registries of the taxing under Quirinius your first procurator in Judaea" (*First Apology*, chapter 34). Justin — defending Christians from government persecution — could make no greater mistake than appeal to *public* records, UNLESS THESE RECORDS EXISTED. He would be checked up on immediately!

Why are these absolute historic proofs *left out, missing* from textbooks, from pulpits, from history?? Now it can be told.

History's Hardest Hurdle

At last we can understand why historians lie about Jesus Christ. Historians are *human*. Christ is *divine*. Humans — in their very nature, their very makeup — DO NOT LIKE the divine. "For the carnal [natural, physical] mind is ENMITY against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

We now know what historians have done when faced with something they didn't like. They distorted, they twisted, they "slanted," they *suppressed and DESTROYED* the truth! The trouble with histories you've been reading, or your child has been reading, is that they were written by human beings filled with carnal-minded rebellion against God!

Beautiful facts, amazing facts, wonderful facts have disappeared because historians refused to accept GOD. Historians choose to ignore this plain evidence because they want the Bible to seem odd, different, religious, removed from real history, from reality! Moreover, other critics are now feverishly trying to destroy even the truth of the Bible. Historians cannot hurdle the barrier of human nature!

Let us be thankful there is abundant, mountainous, undeniable proof that Jesus Christ lived. Let there be no *doubts* — God will soon return and literally SHAKE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH! (Haggai 2:6.) The "Desire of all nations" will return *again!!*

Be sure you are rid of all *your* rebellion and human doubts against your VERY CREATOR! History outside the Bible is only intended to bring you to the truth that your Bible is *inspired, VITAL TO YOUR VERY LIFE.*