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## Riots in East Germany *what do they mean?*

**Russia is losing out in East Germany. A unified Germany looms as the leader of the United States of Europe which is NOW forming right before our eyes!**

by Roderick C. Meredith

**B**LOODY revolt has been taking place in East Germany. It is destined to affect *your* life!

Fed up with the communist "worker's paradise," the laborers and farmers of East Germany have turned on their masters. It is not an isolated rebellion, but rather reflects the spontaneous feelings of revulsion these enslaved people feel toward the Soviet rulers. Red flags were torn down and spit on. Pictures of Stalin were burned by oppressed factory workers.

This is the beginning of an East German revolt against Red tyranny. Czechoslovakia, Poland and other conquered nations behind the Iron Curtain have witnessed similar uprisings in recent weeks. It will take time, but Russia is going to *lose out* in some of these countries.

### Kremlin Worried

Meanwhile, the bloody struggle for leadership in the Soviet is still going on. Russia's leaders are still uncertain of themselves. Malenkov's claim of a Russian *hydrogen bomb* may be a real threat to the Korean peace talks about to begin. But Soviet weakness is demonstrated in recent "soft" policy toward the West. Her leaders *know* the U.S. still

leads in atom bomb production—and is bound to be ahead in work on the hydrogen bomb even though Russia has developed one.

Now the Kremlin, shaken as it is by internal strife, has found another potential enemy within its own fold. The satellite armies of Eastern Europe have shown themselves *unwilling* to obey Soviet orders without question.

During the recent uprising, Russian-trained and equipped East Germans, Polish, and Czech troops *refused* to fire on rioting workers. This has resulted in executions and severe disciplinary measures. Russia has had to call in her own troops to restore order.

But a worker's revolt is a dangerous thing for Russian soldiers to see. Communism is supposed to be a *blessing* to the working man. Bewildered Soviet troops were not prepared for these uprisings. They did not always arrest German workers when commanded to do so. Now they are having their eyes opened. Many are beginning to desert to the West.

So Russia's position is shaky in Eastern Europe. Her satellite armies there comprise at least 1.2 million men, probably more. If not carefully handled, these satellite forces *may turn against*

*Russia to form a united Fascist Europe.*

In particular, Russia must regard the East Germans as *enemies*, not allies. The German spirit of nationalism is high. The people are clamoring for a *united Germany—a strong Germany.*

### Nazis Come Back

The deep significance of East Germany's revolt against Russia lies in the revival of Nazism in West Germany—and *secretly*, in East Germany as well. A *united Germany* is destined to end up as a restored *Nazi Germany.*

Nazi-controlled war veterans' associations, led by World War II Wehrmacht field commanders, are taking a vigorous part in preparations for the West German national election on Sept. 6. Over eight thousand German veterans and their families recently attended a mass political meeting at Hannover, in the British Zone of West Germany. The principal speaker was Field Marshal Kesselring—advocating the reorganization of the Stahlhelm (Steel Helmet) legion.

Many of these veterans were former S.S. troopers. Their leader, the former General Herbert Gille, received a tremendous ovation when he declared that the dreaded S.S. troops had "died for

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Europe" and should not be regarded as a criminal group.

At such rallies, the Nazi veterans come wearing Iron Crosses on arm bands and Hitler-like uniforms. The recent British discovery and arrest of the ring of Nazi agents in their zone has failed to stop the revival of Nazism in Germany!

America seems oblivious to the fact that we can have more than one enemy at a time. We have been pushing for the unification and rearmament of Germany.

But France is more skeptical. She has no desire to see a rearmed Germany across the Rhine. She has been throwing a wrench into the cogs of the machinery being set up to form a United Europe which would include an independent and rearmed Germany. Many Frenchmen believe that any agreement made by Germany about the purely defensive use of a new army would be a mere scrap of paper against the national urge to regain not only East Germany but other former possessions. A prominent French newspaper says that European nations worried about the actions of former German generals should remember also that many of the diplomats employed by the Bonn republic are former Nazis.

France FEARS this revival of Nazi power that America seems unwilling to admit. She remembers that in 85 years the Germans started five wars for the purpose of enlarging their "living space." The spirit of militant nationalism is rapidly growing in Germany. It will soon be ripe for another Nazi coup!

## Where America's Millions Go

America has been spending millions of dollars in Western Europe to help build stable governments which would

be our allies in time of war. Has this money bought us friends?

No!

America's desire to help is beginning to be regarded as "meddling" by many European countries. We have helped them get back on their feet, but many of these peoples resent any U.S. suggestions as to their national policies.

In Italy, Premier De Gasperi's friendship with the U.S. was apparently a major factor in causing his rejection by the Italian Parliament. The Neo-Fascists joined with the Communists in a coalition to insure his defeat. Fascism is rapidly gaining strength in Italy. But America's dollars are still helping to build a strong Italy which the Fascists may use against us!

The new French Premier, Joseph Laniel, is in a shaky position. The original popularity of his cabinet is already on the wane.

On the French labor scene, Communist, Fascist and other radical groups have been causing a series of crippling strikes. The recent communications strike was fomented by these elements.

Now the French people themselves

are beginning to consider a Fascist-type leader to dissolve their constant political discord.

Democracy is not working in Europe. Prophecy says America's dollars are building a united Fascist Europe which will destroy us! These nations are still suspicious of one another, and, fearing Germany, France will delay the final setting up of an armed European union. But it is coming just the same!

## What Will Happen

While these nations are seething with unrest and are beginning to look for a "strong man" to solve their problems, a sinister world-wide Nazi movement is preparing a return to power! What even France doesn't realize is that the Nazis are using this time to plot TOTAL WAR from hideouts in Argentina and Antarctica! As we have revealed in past articles, Adolf Hitler is probably still alive and is heading a vast Nazi underground which has its sinister tenacles in every continent! We have been telling you so for years!

Whether or not Hitler himself will continue to head this Nazi-Fascist movement in its rise to power is uncertain, but it is sure to come.

Germany is destined to be the leader in any European union. She is the economic heart of Europe and is rebuilding faster than any other European nation. West Germans are eating better and are building more homes than at any other time since the war. But a strong Germany always becomes a militant Germany. It spells trouble for America.

The revolts in East Germany mean that now at last the means for a united and powerful Germany is at hand. It will be delayed only long enough for this work of God to preach the TRUTH to all nations as a "witness." God has decreed that the gospel of the kingdom—the GOVERNMENT OF GOD—be preached before World War III begins (Mat. 24:14).

As this article goes to press, a significant dispatch from Baden-Baden, Germany has just been released. It reports that the foreign ministers of six West European countries—including Germany—have pledged to work "unerringly and without hesitation" to weld their nations into one powerful state. They called for the quick formation of a United States of Europe.

Our Frankenstein is now being built! The "Beast" of Revelation 17 is now rising out of the bottomless pit!

May God help you to do your part in getting out this message of God's soon-coming kingdom. Let's wake up to the meaning of these times! Let us work zealously together to proclaim the true gospel as "witness" to all nations. "And then," said Christ, "shall the end come."

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# WHY So Many Denominations?

**There are more than 250 important denominations in America—and scores of little groups and sects. WHY? When did all this CONFUSION originate?**

**by Herman L. Hoeh**

## **PART X**

**E**VERY denomination realizes that at some time in the history of the Christian Church there has been a great apostacy or falling away from the truth. Catholics and Protestants may dispute the *time* of its occurrence, but they both admit that it has happened! Jesus founded ONE church—His Church—to teach the TRUTH.

But what do we find today?—hundreds of different church denominations *founded by men*, each professing to teach the truth, yet contradicting and condemning one another. What confusion!

Even if we couldn't know the *facts*, reason and observation alone would tell us that all these bickering denominations could *not* be the ONE true Church that Jesus founded and promised to guide into truth.

But we can know the *facts*—the plain record of Scripture and history—which tell us *when, how and why* there are so many denominations today!

### **Only the FEW Remain Faithful**

Jesus, in his Mount Olive prophecy which He gave his disciples shortly before his crucifixion, forewarned that the FIRST event to befall the church would be a GREAT DECEPTION! Here is what He said: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For MANY shall come *in my name*, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive MANY" (Mat. 24:4, 5).

Notice, it is the MANY who were *deceived*—not the few! It is the MANY who would be deceived by ministers who come *in the name of Jesus Christ*, claiming to be His ministers, claiming to speak with His authority, professing that He is the Christ. This is not speaking of a few long-haired fanatics who come in their own names, claiming that they themselves are Christs. The MANY have never followed them!

But the overwhelming majority have *been deceived* by ministers who come in

the name of Jesus Christ, preaching that He is the Christ, but who teach a different gospel and a different faith. They are the false preachers who enter the ministry to earn a living, who choose it as their occupation or job, who appoint themselves as Christ's representatives, yet who are *not* called by Jesus Christ to be His ministers. They have hired themselves out to the people and therefore must preach what the people want to hear. They do *not* correct and reprove the congregations of sin, which is the transgressions of God's law, as the Bible commands true ministers to do.

It is against these false ministers that Jesus warned: "Take heed that no man deceive you."

### **A Lesson to be Learned**

The apostles, instructed directly by Jesus Christ, constantly warned the Church about the great departure from the FAITH that would *begin to occur at the close of their ministry*—not 1500 years later during the Protestant Reformation!

Scarcely twenty years after the crucifixion of Jesus, the apostle Paul, in one of his first inspired letters, cautioned Christians not to be deceived by false preaching, or by false letters purporting to be from the apostles. "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day"—the time of God's intervention in human affairs when Jesus Christ will return to rule the nations—"shall not come except there come a *falling away FIRST*" (II Thess. 2:3).

The wholesale departure of Christians from the truth was the FIRST event prophesied to befall the true Church. Yes, today's hundreds of denominations were prophesied. *God is allowing human beings to form their own churches, to learn by hard cruel experience, that every teaching contrary to the way of life revealed in Scripture will end in sorrow and death.* The world has not yet learned this lesson fully. The world doesn't want to receive the

truth, but would rather be lulled to sleep by false ministers who preach what the people want to hear.

### **Apostles Knew What Would Happen**

In Acts 20:29-30, the teacher of the Gentiles explains *how* the apostacy would begin. He gathered the elders (ministers) of the church at Ephesus to deliver them a final message concerning their responsibility over the local congregations. "For," said Paul, "*I know this*, that after my departure shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of *your own selves* shall men arise, speaking perverse things," why?—"to draw away disciples after them." To gain a personal following for themselves!

Do you catch the full significance of these two verses? The elders or ministers were especially assembled because, *immediately after Paul would leave Ephesus*—not at the time of the Protestant Revolt, but IMMEDIATELY—there would come within the local church congregations false ministers, wolves in sheep's clothing, to make a prey of Christians; and even from those elders *already in the church congregations* some would pervert the doctrine of Jesus to secure a following of "Christians" themselves.

### **HOW It Happened**

The city of Ephesus was located in the Roman province of *Asia*, which embraced the western part of Asia Minor or Turkey today. After preaching in the province of Asia at Ephesus, Paul had to separate the disciples from Jews who would not follow the teachings of Jesus Christ (Acts 19:19). Those Jews especially hated Paul because he brought Gentile converts, uncircumcised in the flesh, into fellowship with converted Jewish brethren. This so incensed them that they went everywhere spreading *lies* about the teachings of Paul (Acts 21:21).

The apostle warned Titus about the

"many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision" who were spreading "Jewish fables, and commandments of men that turn from the truth" (Titus 1:10, 14).

It was from the stubborn Jews that the original trouble arose in the Christian community. They followed Paul to Jerusalem to accuse him falsely (Acts 21:27; 24:18). Not long after this, they had so poisoned the minds of the Christians at Ephesus that Paul had to write Timothy: "*This thou knowest, that ALL they which are in Asia be turned away from me*" (II Timothy 1:15).

Notice, *in a few short years*, ALL in the province of Asia were *deceived* into turning from the truth which Paul preached. It was not the few, but the *many*—ALL—who were deceived; yet they thought they were still Christians.

The apostle John later wrote to the Ephesians: "Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works" (Rev. 2:5). Here is PROOF that heresy overtook many Christians while the apostles yet lived!

Although much of the opposition developed originally from Jews who tried to impose their human traditions and fables which were contrary to the law of God (Mat. 15:3), as the number of Gentile converts increased, there arose a feeling of antagonism between Jewish and Gentile converts, especially about the time of the destruction of Jerusalem. Such a contention naturally would lead to CHANGING the days celebrated by professing Christians. Dislike of Jews, who celebrated almost the same days as the early true church, caused unconverted carnally minded Gentiles in the church to oppose the holy days of God.

#### Gentile Deception Prophesied

Not only Paul, but also Peter warned the churches that MANY would be misled. There were false teachers among Christians who would bring in heresies, "and MANY shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the *way of truth* shall be evil spoken of" (II Peter 1:2).

When Paul wrote his second letter to the Gentile-born Thessalonians, he instructed them against the "mystery of iniquity" which "*doth already work*" (II Thess. 2:7).

Notice, the cleverly disguised teachings of iniquity or LAWLESSNESS were at work *in Paul's day*. The Roman world was being filled with numerous mystery religions which stemmed from the old Babylonish sun-worshipping mysteries. It was Paul himself who was restraining lawlessness until he should be "taken out of the way."

False teachers secretly professed to give a hidden, yet easy way to evade the

consequences of breaking God's law. Jude had to include in his letter the admonition that every Christian "should earnestly contend for the faith which was *once* delivered unto the saints. FOR THERE ARE CERTAIN MEN CREPT IN UNAWARES, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, TURNING THE GRACE OF GOD INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ . . . These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit" (Jude 3 and 19).

These false teachers *crept in unawares*—professing to come in the name of Jesus Christ. Yet they deny that Jesus is the Christ by rejecting the only sign that proves that He is the Messiah (Mat. 12:39, 40) and substituting for it the "Good Friday-Sunday Resurrection" tradition.

They also turned the grace or unmerited pardon of God into a *license* to disobey the commandments, claiming that grace makes you free to commit sin!

Jude says these preachers separated their followers from the true body of believers. By the time John wrote his epistle, he had this sad note to include about those preachers who at first crept in unawares: "*They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us*" (I John 2:19).

Those who departed were no longer Christians. They separated themselves from the *true church* and organized themselves into *their own church*.

#### True Christians Forced Out

Although numerous deceivers, called Gnostics, left the church, drawing away disciples after them, there was an even more dangerous apostasy which has deceived this whole world.

In instructing the evangelist Timothy, the apostle to the Gentiles instructed him to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come that they will not endure sound doctrine; but after *their own lusts*"—the congregations wanting to do what they please—"shall they heap to themselves teachers"—elect ministers who will preach what they want to hear—"and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto *fables*" (II Timothy 4:3, 4).

This was in the days of the apostles and evangelists, not at the Protestant Revolt! MANY who fellowshipped in the local congregations of the early church, after about two generations, did not endure sound doctrine because they had not repented and received the Holy Spirit. They elected teachers who, for

the sake of money, pleased their wishes by preaching fables—the enticing fables of mysticism and sun-worship that were engulfing the Roman Empire. The letters of Paul were twisted by them to give another meaning than intended (II Peter 3:16).

But instead of leaving the local congregations and forming their own sects, as some Gentiles did at first, the false preachers remained within the congregations and soon began to *expell the true Christians*.

In the letter of the apostle John to Gaius, we read: "I wrote unto the church, but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, AND CASTETH THEM OUT OF THE CHURCH" (III John 9 and 10).

The true Christians, who alone, comprised the true Church, *were being put out of the visible, organized congregations*. They were the SCATTERED ones of whom John said: "Therefore the world knoweth us not" (I John 3:1). In the Western Roman Empire, where Paul died, the state of Christianity was even more advanced along the paths of error. The name *Christian* was being borne away by leaders who crept into the fellowship of the Church of God and who, in the name of Christ, deceived the MANY into following their false teachings and into organizing with human government a *universal or catholic church* over the whole Roman Empire.

#### The Age of Shadows

Following the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. and the deaths of the apostles, a strange phenomenon is witnessed. The true church almost disappears from history, and false churches arise! Of this period, the famous historian Gibbon says: "The scanty and suspicious ecclesiastical history seldom enables us to dispel the dark cloud that hangs over the first age of the church" (*Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, ch. XV).

The truth was obscured by error!

Jesse Lyman Hurlbut gives us even more details in his book *The Story of the Christian Church*, page 41: "We would like to read of the later work of such helpers of St. Paul as Timothy, Apollos and Titus, but all these . . . drop out of the record at his death. For fifty years after St. Paul's life a *curtain hangs over the church through which we strive vainly to look*; and when at last it rises, about 120 A.D. with the

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# Why Aren't Your Children More Healthy?

**Hundreds of you have been puzzled about how to feed your children properly. Here is the answer from a physician who sees these problems in their true light.**

**by Ralph E. Merrill, M.D.**

**H**AVE you ever stopped to think that in America today the majority of our mothers are unable to nurse their babies more than a few weeks?

Most of our children are anemic, have frequent colds, tonsillitis, ear infections, stomach upsets, and many have deformed bones and tooth decay with faulty alignment. It is also a sobering fact that congenital deformities and weaknesses are increasing and malignant diseases in the very young are much more common than formerly.

The question is, "Why?"

## Children Can Be Healthy

In the first place, let us remember the well recognized fact that in many out-of-the-way places where people have lived for hundreds of generations under primitive conditions the mothers nurse their babies for over a year and the native children are very healthy, with practically no illnesses, deformities or tooth troubles—provided that they live on their native foods (part of which is usually sea-foods of different kinds), and do not have access to our modern refined foods. In some of these more healthy tribes it is their custom for the prospective young father and mother to live for some time on special sea foods which we now know to have high vitamin E content, as well as many of the other vitamins.

Reasoning from the custom of these natives, from the experiences of our veterinarians in producing healthy animals, and from the observations and records of many physicians and dentists it is now very clear that the health of our children is being seriously undermined by the poor nutrition of our fathers and mothers, and especially of the mothers during their pregnancies, as well as the badly deficient diet of the infant during the first few years of his life.

It is estimated by reliable authorities that fully 80% of the food consumed by the average American has had removed from it practically all the *natural* vita-

mins, enzymes, and minerals that nature put there. When these essential life-giving factors are not present in most of our food, is it any wonder that sicknesses and degenerative diseases of all kinds are steadily increasing!

## TRUTH About "Enriched" Foods

Right here let us stop and realize that vitamins and enzymes are organic *living* substances which can NOT be made synthetically. It is a misleading statement of the facts to call any food "enriched" just because it contains a few synthetic vitamins. On the contrary such "enriched" food should be called "adulterated" food. In Canada it is against the law to "enrich" bread. At any rate, any food that is so poor in the nutritional elements that it has to be enriched is not worth buying. We are only deluding ourselves if we try to supplement our deficient foods with highly potent synthetic vitamins in any form, whether in "shots," pills, capsules or liquid tonics. It has been definitely proved that some of the synthetic vitamins, notably A and D, are often distinctly harmful when given in large quantities over a period of time. At best, synthetic vitamins, which are practically the only kind sold and used today, act like stimulating drugs by producing in some individuals a *temporary* general "pick-up" feeling like a "shot in the arm." But they do not furnish the natural life-giving factors needed in the body's reparative and building processes.

## Proper Diet for Mothers

And so this problem of how to obtain an adequate nutritional diet with all the *natural* vitamins, enzymes, and minerals is not an easy one to solve. It is especially difficult to know how to plan a diet for those infants under six months whose mothers are unable or unwilling to nurse. Ideally, the young parents, like some of the South-Sea islanders, should go on a nutritional training course for a year or more before the baby is conceived. This means that they should have at every meal some good protein

food such as milk, cheese, eggs, and different kinds of meat and fish. Also they should be careful to have every day some fresh fruit, and two or three fresh or frozen yellow or green vegetables, in the form of raw salads or properly cooked vegetables that have not been over-heated or soaked in water a long time, or canned, or even left to wilt in the open air for any length of time. For the Vitamin B-Complex they should have daily about three tablespoonfuls of brewers' dried yeast powder or wheat germ flakes. For the other natural vitamins of A, D, E and F the best source is at least one tablespoonful of some good standard brand of Cod Liver Oil which may be taken at bed time with some fruit juice. (The cod liver oil must be kept in a cold place so that it does not become rancid after the bottle is opened.) In case more calories are needed freshly stone-ground whole grain cereals or bread made from freshly stone-ground grains may be used. But, strictly forbidden are any sweet foods that are sweetened with glucose or white sugar. (Natural honey may be used in moderation.) Also forbidden are all foods made with white processed flour, and all soft drinks as they all contain a great deal of white sugar and other harmful ingredients. Volumes could be and have been written about the evils of white sugar and white flour, but it is sufficient to say here that these two articles of the American diet have undoubtedly caused more harm in the last 50 years than all the alcoholic liquors consumed by our people since the beginning of the nation.

## The Infant's Diet

In this article we are chiefly concerned about the diet for the infant, which, to be healthy, must have a good inheritance. If the parents' and especially the mother's diet has been adequate the new baby will probably be very healthy and happy on breast feedings for at least six months. During these first few months the baby may be given

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# Immortality of the Soul?

**Death is NOT the separation of body and soul! Read how the fable of the immortality of the soul crept into the Christian world TWO centuries after the Crucifixion.**

**by Herman L. Hoeh**

**E**VER since human beings appeared on this earth, they have all shared *one* common fate — DEATH. Whether rich or poor, young or old, we all face DEATH.

Death is a reality!—a *terrible* reality for most people. It is supposed to be the inescapable final plunge into the next world from which there is no return. Mussolini screamed for mercy before he was slain. Dictator Stalin met sudden death—just as he murdered many of his enemies.

Hundreds are born and other hundreds die every hour. Thousands starve annually in China and India. Other hundreds perish—are *burned alive*—in flaming buildings and on the battlefronts.

Just what is DEATH anyway? Do *you* know?

## The World in Confusion

There are dozens of *ideas* about what happens at death. But how can you KNOW what really occurs?

You can't peer on the other side of death to find out. Then how are you going to be sure of what will happen when the blow of death cuts you down?

You have been reared in a professing Christian world. Yet observe the CONFUSION among the churches. Many people confess their bewilderment. One teaches that man is body and soul, but another teaches that man is body, soul and spirit. Modernists believe man has an immortal soul, but they don't know how man acquired it in his supposed evolutionary development from the anthropoid apes!

Still others say that man is mortal, that when he dies he is dead. Most churches believe that death doesn't mean death. Death is the separation of body and soul, they say. Death means you continue to live, only in another place and condition.

Amid this CONFUSION you hear the arguments that human beings have only two places to go—heaven or hell. A great church teaches that there are three places—heaven, purgatory and hell. Some understand that there is only *one* place—the grave—and that a resurrection is needed to impart eternal life.

What confusion among the churches!

Have you ever stopped to wonder how the churches "know" you have an immortal soul? Have they *seen* one?

The immortality of the soul can't be proved in a laboratory. Scientists have not seen heaven or purgatory or an ever-burning hell. No one has ever seen an "immortal soul." No one has ever seen a "soul" leave a body at death. The answer is, *they don't* KNOW—they blindly assume.

Yet you can't afford to remain in ignorance on this vital question. Let us not be like many agnostics who say, "I don't know," by which they mean, "I don't WANT to know." Let's understand it.

## How YOU Can Know

There remains only *one* way to know what *death* is. That is by the revelation of the Creator who made man and who set laws in motion governing human life—its birth, growth and DEATH.

We have such a revelation—and what it reveals is NOT what most of you have been taught!

Where did the churches acquire the doctrine that death means the separation of body and soul? Did Jesus teach it?

Where does the Bible say that you have an immortal soul?

Why would you need a resurrection if you could live apart from your body?

## Example of an Auto Accident

Auto accidents happen every hour. Hundreds are injured and dozens die. Let us stop a few moments to consider what happens in an auto accident.

A young child, seeing his father struck down by a speeding car, rushes to his side to comfort him. The son speaks; but no reply. The father is unconscious, he hears not a sound, he is not thinking a single thought—yet he is still breathing and alive!

Notice. Here is a man who is still alive, although he is totally *unconscious* of what occurred after being struck to the pavement.

As the seconds pass, the child notices his father weakly gasping for his last

breath of air—then the breathing ceases. DEATH has struck!

Now, according to the common teaching, the father knows more in death than when he was still alive. Is this reasonable? Is it logical that if the father does not know what is happening while unconscious, that he knows everything as soon as he dies? That he knows more when dead than alive?

Put yourself in the father's place. Have you ever realized that *if you were* an immortal soul which can think and know after you leave the body, *you would also be able to know and think while you were in your unconscious body?* Merely the body was unconscious, *not you*, since *you* are supposedly an immortal soul.

But the facts are that YOU would be unconscious, not just your body. YOU would not know what happened after striking the pavement. Then finally YOU would die, YOU would cease to think and breathe. YOU would be dead! You would NOT be an immortal soul, YOU would be dead!

Now notice a question which Job once asked. If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14).

Most churches today have changed this Scripture to read: "If a man die, is he really dead?" This is exactly what they say in the case of the father who died in the accident—"If the father dies, *he is not really dead!*"

Let's learn the TRUTH. Let's study the revelation of God in order to KNOW what death really is.

## Man IS a Soul

In the very first chapter of Genesis, at the time man was created, God tells us what man is. "Then the Eternal God formed *man* of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and MAN *became* a living SOUL" (Gen. 2:7).

Man *is* a living soul—that is what he *became*. Man is a living being or creature, a *soul* breathing the breath of air which imparts physical life. Then YOU and I are living SOULS. When we *sin* we must die because the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Since *we are liv-*

ing souls, and since *we* sin, then *the soul must surely die!*

This is exactly what God inspired the prophet Ezekiel to write: "The soul that sins shall DIE" (Ezek. 18:4).

As the soul can die, it must be mortal, subject to death. Nowhere is the phrase "immortality of the soul" used in Scripture. If the soul were immortal, then it could not die; but Scripture says that the soul does die.

Even animals are *souls*. In the first chapter of Genesis, the same original Hebrew word for "soul"—*nephesh*—is translated "creature" when referring to animals. Since animals are also living, breathing souls, they inhale *the same breath of life* that God breathed into Adam. Solomon said "they all have one breath" (Ecc. 3:19). Moses, writing of the flood at Noah's time, said: "All flesh died . . . both of cattle . . . and every man: all in whose nostrils was the BREATH OF LIFE" (Gen. 7:21-22).

God didn't breathe an immortal soul or spirit into Adam. He breathed *air*—the same air that animals breathe, which imparts physical life to man and animals alike.

#### Soul Has Physical Life

Not only is the soul a living, breathing creature, whether man or animal, but the word "soul" is also used to mean *life* or *blood* of living physical beings. Notice Isaiah 53:10 and 12: Jesus Christ, who came to redeem us from the penalty of death, gave "his *soul* an offering for sin." "He hath *poured out his soul* unto death."

Jesus offered his body (his soul) for our transgressions. He also poured out his blood (his soul) for our sins. He did not pour out an immortal substance, but he poured out *his blood* (soul) which gave him physical life. When his blood was shed, his life was gone.

This is why Moses could write in Leviticus 17:11 that "the *life* of the flesh is in the blood"—not in an immortal soul. The *life* of animals and man is in the blood. The original Hebrew word for "life" is *nephesh*—the same as for "soul." That explains why Jesus poured out his "soul" or *life* when he shed his blood for us.

How plain then, that the soul not only means the living, breathing *body*, but also the *blood* which contains the physical life of all flesh. We inhale air and the lungs, absorbing the oxygen from the air, impart it to the blood. That is how the *breath of life*—oxygen from the air—is imparted to the blood.

As a living soul breathes to sustain its life, so when the life is gone, it must become a dead soul or body. In many places in the Old Testament, a soul is also called a "dead body." In Numbers 19:11 and many other verses, the same

original Hebrew word *nephesh*—meaning "soul"—is translated "dead body." Hence a dead body is also a *soul*—a *dead soul*—just the same as a breathing body, Adam for instance, is called a *living soul*.

The word soul means the physical body, whether alive or dead, and it also means the life in the blood. But nowhere in Scripture can you find that man has an "immortal soul." *The soul is physical.*

#### No Knowledge in Death

Recall the father who was struck to the pavement in the auto accident. After being unconscious for a short period, he died. What happened to him? Did he go to heaven? Here is David's inspired answer: "His breath goes forth, *he* returns to his earth; *in that very day his thoughts perish*" (Psalm 146:4). So the father didn't go to heaven; *he* died and returned to dust.

"For the living know that they shall die (the child knew he would also face death): but the dead know *nothing* (the father was DEAD, lifeless)" (Ecc. 9:5).

Since a dead man knows nothing, he could not be in heaven praising the Lord. "The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any that go down into silence" (Psalm 115:17). "For *in death* there is NO REMEMBRANCE of thee, in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" (Psalm 6:5). That is what your Bible says.

Man is exactly like the animals that perish. He has only mortal life. As one dies, so dies the other, said Solomon. We all go to one place—the dust of the earth. The breath (mistranslated "spirit") returns to God, who gave it to mankind when He breathed it into Adam's lungs. Even at this very moment, the "breath (spirit) of all mankind" is in the hands of God—in His authority and He takes it back whenever He will (Job 12:10 and Ecc. 3:19-21).

#### Why a Resurrection?

Man has no eternal life abiding in him by nature. We need to gain eternal life as a GIFT from God through the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:23). Now let Job answer his own question: "If a man die, shall he live again?"

"All the days of my appointed time," he said, "will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: for thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands" (Job 14:14-15).

Job will wait in his grave till the appointed time when Jesus Christ will come to raise the dead. "Thou shalt call" said Job. "The hour is coming," said Jesus, "when *the DEAD* shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live" (John 5:25). Where

have the dead been? In heaven? No!

"The hour is coming, in which all that are *in the GRAVES* shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the *resurrection of life* . . ." (John 5:28-29).

So the dead are in their graves awaiting, like Job, the RESURRECTION (I Cor. 15:12). This mortal shall *put on* immortality at the resurrection. To those who *seek* immortality, God bestows eternal life (Rom. 2:7).

Man does not possess immortality, nor an immortal soul. Then how did the doctrine of the immortality of the soul originate in the churches?

#### The Amazing Origin

You are now going to read WHERE the doctrine of the soul's immortality came from. It did *not* come from the Bible nor the early true church which was guided by the teachings of Christ. It came, instead, nearly TWO centuries later into an apostate Christianity from the pagan Greeks! The Greeks obtained it from the Egyptians, who taught it soon after the apostacy at the tower of Babel.

In fact, its ultimate origin is the FIRST RECORDED LIE!—"You won't really die" (Gen. 3:4). And the devil has had the world believing it ever since.

The famous Greek historian, Herodotus, who lived in the fifth century before Jesus, wrote: "The Egyptians were also the FIRST that asserted that the soul of man is immortal . . . This opinion some among the *Greeks* have at different periods of time *adopted as their own*" (*Euterpe*, chap. 123).

Not the Bible, but the Egyptians taught that the soul of man is immortal. And the Greeks *adopted* the doctrine from the Egyptians.

Socrates, the perverted Greek philosopher, traveled into Egypt and consulted the Egyptians on this very teaching. After his return he imparted the error to Plato, his most famous pupil. Now compare the present-day doctrine of the churches with what Plato wrote in his book, the *Phaedo*: "The soul whose inseparable attribute is *life* will never admit of life's opposite, death. Thus the soul is shown to be immortal, and since immortal, indestructible . . . Do we believe there is such a thing as death? To be sure. And is this anything but the *separation of the soul and body*? And being dead is the attainment of this separation, when the soul exists in herself and separate from the body, and the body is parted from the soul. *That is death* . . . *Death is merely the separation of soul and body.*"

Death didn't mean death to Plato, and the churches today have almost uni-  
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# Conditions of Answered PRAYER

**Why doesn't God intervene and answer your prayers?  
How can you be SURE of getting an answer?**

**by Roderick C. Meredith**

**T**HIS world seems to be "cut off" from God, doesn't it? Amid all the strain and the clamor of anxious men trying to solve the world's ills through *human* government and power, one often pauses to wonder why God doesn't show Himself and intervene to save man from impending destruction.

Has God gone "way off" somewhere? Why do the polished prayers of the preachers and politicians seem so *empty* and futile? *Why* don't they get RESULTS?

## Basic Cause

The fundamental reason why the prayers of most people—yes, even *ministers*—are *not* being answered today, is that they do not really *know* the true God. They think of God as a sort of vague, far-off, indefinable something. They know not the *true* God who is the *active, law-giving* RULER of the universe. They seem to forget that God *reveals* Himself in His word, the Bible, and that He shows us the *kind* of God He is—that God informs us *how* we should OBEY Him, and what He has PROMISED to do for us.

Have you ever heard a minister *claim* God's promises in prayer just as he would confidently cash a check and *know* that he would be paid the indicated amount? Probably not.

Why?

*Because* most pastors and their followers do not believe that *God means what He says* in His word. Jesus told the young man that the *way* to salvation was to "keep the commandments" (Mat. 19:17), but your preacher will probably tell you that Jesus didn't mean what He said, or that Jesus' preaching was "just to the Jews." But that is NOT what your Bible says! It says that the resurrected Christ commanded the disciples to go into *all* nations, "Teaching them to observe *all things* whatsoever I have commanded *you*" (Mat. 28:19-20). But most preachers will try to *twist* this to mean something else! They don't really believe in the Christ of the Bible, and they don't even *know* the *true* God

whom He served. They hate His laws!

In like manner, when we read James' inspired words that, "the prayer of faith SHALL save the sick" (James 5:14-15), your preacher will probably try to *explain this away*. Perhaps he will say that we can't take this promise literally. Yet if a mortal *man* gives him a written promise to pay ten dollars in the form of a check, he takes that promise literally—he goes to the bank in complete faith, without doubting, and receives the \$10. He *believes* man's word, *literally*.

## Believe The Bible

*Can* we take *God's* word literally? Does God *mean* what He says in it?

Jesus thought so. He said, "Thy word is TRUTH" (John 17:17). The apostles constantly taught and acted as if God's word was *literally true*.

*Who* is right? Are you going to follow the differing ideas of *men*, or do you want to obey Jesus and live by *every word of God* (Mat. 4:4)?

To get RESULTS in your prayers, you should *believe in the God of the Bible*. Believe His word is *truth*. And be willing to *act* on God's word and His commands.

*Free yourself* from the hide-bound traditions of this confused world and its churchianity. *Seek* the true God in prayer. *Study* God's word to find out His commandments and His promises. Then, *take God at His word!*

Once you come to know the true God and His power, you will still need guidance as the disciples did (Luke 11) in *how to pray*. If you have not received the August issue of the *Plain Truth*, write for it today and *study* the article on prayer contained therein. It will show you *how to pray*.

Beside the correct *way* to pray, the Bible reveals *seven basic conditions* which you should fulfill to be certain of an *answer*.

What are they?

## Seek God's Will

In James 4:1-4, the apostle showed that the children of this world—fighting

and warring as they do—fail to receive help because they often neglect to ask God's help. And when they do, it is only to ask for their own selfish ends. To ask *selfishly* is to "ask amiss." You can expect *no answer* to such a prayer.

To get an answer, follow Jesus' example when He said, "I seek *not* mine own will, *but the will of the Father* which hath sent me" (John 5:30). But can you *know* God's will? "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but *understanding* what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

STUDY God's word as Paul commanded Timothy (II Tim. 2:15). Then you will begin to think more as God thinks. You will come to *know* what God's will is in every circumstance. If you believe and know that God is *love*, that His will is for *our good*, then you will want to pray according to God's will.

You need not always have a specific promise in the Bible to know that something is God's will. Through experience and guidance, you will learn how to apply the *principles* of God's revealed will to any situation which may arise.

The point is that you must pray according to *God's* will to receive an answer. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything *according to his will*, he heareth us: and if we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we *know* that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (I John 5:14-15). God's word reveals that by fulfilling this *condition* you KNOW that God will answer your prayers!

Asking according to God's will is the *over-all, fundamental condition* of answered prayer. All other conditions could be grouped under this one because they are the specific points of *God's will* in regard to prayer. The following six, together with and magnifying this first condition, will ensure *answered* prayers.

## Believe God

Most people do not realize that a *lack of faith* is simply a *disbelief* that

God will keep His promises or back up His word. Have you ever thought of it that way?

God has *promised* to heal His children through the prayers of His ministers (James 5:14). If you *doubt* this promise, you are making God out a *liar*!

Real FAITH is not an emotional "feeling" that you generate by thinking certain thoughts over and over. You don't "talk yourself into," or "think yourself into" real, believing faith. Godly faith is simply your willingness—through God's help—to quietly, patiently *trust* God to perform His word. Abraham had that kind of faith. The apostle Paul wrote of him: "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in *faith*, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Rom. 4:20-21).

Abraham relied *completely* on God to perform His promises. Do you?

If you lack real *faith*, ask God to give it to you. Faith is one of the *gifts* of God's Holy Spirit.

James was inspired to write that a man *must* have faith to receive answers to his prayers (James 1:5-7). A man who *wavers* will not receive an answer. "For let not *that* man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord" (v. 7).

God has made hundreds of promises in his word which we can claim. Healing is just one of them. When you are sick, do you obey God's command to "call for the elders of the church"? Or do you rush to the phone and call the doctor? Do you *completely* TRUST God to keep His promise to *heal*, or do you trust in the *painful, costly*, and sometimes *fatal* method of doctors with their drugs and knives?

If you really believe God will heal, then *trust* Him to do it! Faith without works is *dead* (James 2:20). To have answered prayers, you must have *faith*—and you must *act* on that faith!

### Be Fervent

It is common in our day for parents to teach their children memorized prayers. The father often mumbles a hurried, routine prayer of thanks at the table. The minister either reads or recites from memory an eloquent prayer which *sounds* very impressive.

Is God impressed?

The "fruits" show that God rarely hears such prayers, for they are usually *not answered*.

This is so because people don't put their *hearts* into their prayers (Hosea 7:14). They don't "cry out" to God with their whole being as the ancient prophets did—and as Christ did when He prayed.

On the evening before His crucifixion, Jesus needed strength from God for the coming ordeal. He needed to get really close to God. He knelt down and began to pray that God's will, not his own, would be done. "And being in an agony he prayed more *earnestly*: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). He prayed *earnestly*—with all His heart.

In James 5:16, we read, "The effectual FERVENT prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We have to pray *fervently, earnestly, zealously*, if we expect God to hear.

Put your *whole heart* into your prayers!

### Fear and Humility

Modern man has a cocksure, self-sufficient attitude and thinks he can get along fine without God. He neither fears God nor respects God's word as an *authority* in his life. He is vain, egotistical, self-important.

Is it no wonder that God fails to answer the prayers of such men?

The very *first* prerequisite to a knowledge of God is to fear Him and respect His word. "The *fear* of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10).

Carnal man needs to realize that he is only *dust* and shall return to the dust unless and until he receives the Spirit of God, which is the begetting to eternal life. Eternal life is a *gift* from God (Rom. 6:23), not something we already have. "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then *vanisheth away*" (James 4:14).

We need to *fear* God, realizing that our lives are in His hands. We should be humble, realizing that any gifts or talents we may have are ours *because God gave them to us*.

When we can approach our Creator in *that* attitude—respecting His power and authority over our lives—then He will hear our prayers.

When Christ was in the human flesh, even He feared God as we should. "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that *he feared*" (Heb. 5:7). When we fully realize our own *helplessness*, then we will cry out to God as we should.

Peter wrote "be clothed with *humility*: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (I Pet. 5:5).

The attitude of *humility* and *godly fear* is vital in prayer, and at *all times*.

### Be Persistent

In Luke 18:1-8, Jesus spoke a parable to teach us that we should always pray.

and never give up hope. He showed that even an unrighteous judge would finally hear the pleas of a widow who *kept coming to him*. So we should keep praying to God, *even though He doesn't answer right away*.

God has made many promises in His word. But He has *nowhere* said that He will perform them at the *time*, or in the *way* that we choose. Sometimes it is very good for *us* not to have our prayers answered immediately. God is building patient *faith* into our characters.

James was inspired to write, "the trying of your faith worketh *patience*" (James 1:3). If God doesn't answer your prayers immediately, exercise *patience* and keep praying until He does answer.

Don't nag at God. He has supreme wisdom to know *when* and *how* would be best to answer your prayers. But if you have prayed as you should, He *WILL* answer. God *always* keeps His promises! So be *persistent*. Keep praying in faith, and God is *bound* to perform His part.

### Obedience

A sixth condition of answered prayer is one which is neglected and violated consistently by most professing "Christians." This hinges directly on the before mentioned fact that very few people today really know the true God. People do not look to God as the *AUTHORITY* in their lives. Instead, they make a "god" out of this world's society and its customs, traditions, and religious practices.

God inspired Paul to write, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to *obey*, his servants ye are to whom ye obey" (Rom. 6:16). If you obey the ways of sin practiced in this world, you are putting this society and its pagan customs *in place* of the *true* God!

God wants more than "lip service." He requires *OBEDIENCE*!

If you haven't learned to fear the true God and accept His word as the *authority* in your life, then you don't even really *know* God. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a *liar*, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

How can men persistently refuse to keep God's commandments, and then expect Him to answer their prayers? Peter answers, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil" (I Pet. 3:12).

*Sin* is simply breaking God's law (I John 3:4). God will *not* hear the prayers of those who persist in *sin*—in evil. If people would obey God, they  
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# Life Did Not Evolve!

**Science disproves evolution. Read how the laws of biology prove that the thousands of life forms on this planet must have been created!**

**by Herman L. Hoeh**

## **PART II**

**T**HERE are millions of forms of life inhabiting this tiny planet. How did they come into being? How did man originate?

None of us should be afraid to see these questions put to the test. Whatever is found *proved* true, let us admit to *be* true.

### **Have Various Forms of Life Developed Through Evolution?**

*Change* is not synonymous with *evolution*, as is often assumed. Both special creation and evolution declare that changes have occurred. The problem is **WHAT KIND OF CHANGE** has occurred. Has it been variations *within* the kind, as the Bible states, or has it been variations *beyond* the kind, so that more complex species arise through slow, progressive improvements?

To support their theory, evolutionists claim that the generally progressive change of species into different species of more adaptability and complexity can be proved by (1) evidence from the *past* found in the fossil records of the earth's surface and (2) evidence of the *present* from biological laws which are believed to have produced this gradual development from simpler life to more complex modern life forms.

### **False "Proofs" from Biology!**

Let's begin by examining the second source of evidence, present biological laws.

What is a "species"? Who defines what a "species" really is?

Upon the *definition of this one word* hinge most of the *false conclusions* of evolutionists. A book entitled *General Biology*, by W. C. Beaver, contains this very significant note: a Dutch botanist, Hugo De Vries, "discovered the origin of a new species of primrose from the common primrose."

Judging from this one statement, one might accept the evolution of "species" to be true. But is it? The "new species of primrose" is NOT a new *Genesis kind*. A PRIMROSE IS STILL A PRIMROSE. People *assume* that the above defi-

nition of species is synonymous with the *Genesis kind*. Actually "species" is often synonymous with "variety."

The *Genesis kinds* are really divided by the "bridgeless gaps" of nature which distinguish the man *kind* from the bear *kind*, the oak *kind*, the pigeon *kind*. Instead of allowing human definitions of "species" to deceive us, we ought to *observe* nature to see what the Bible "kinds" really constitute.

Most materialists class as "species" what in the Bible sense are no more than *varieties within the kind*. When *Genesis* says that a certain kind is to reproduce after its own kind, we understand from the harmony of nature with the Bible, that there are definite bounds *out of which* a kind does not develop and *within which* there may be innumerable varieties. The *races of men* are an excellent example of such changes. The human *kind* is divided into dozens of racial varieties, yet we are all human beings—of the human *kind*.

Now here is the question: Do the *Genesis kinds*, which are bounded by "bridgeless gaps" today, gradually outgrow their bounds to produce other kinds? It is the confident belief of naturalists that by means of physical laws such is the case. If so, then we can test the laws now operating to see if evolution can occur, given time enough.

### **Putting Theories to the Test**

New theories of men always develop which outmode older ones. There are many theories of science that have been discarded as unscientific, yet the strange fact remains that books, which children must read in school, are written with the ASSUMPTION THAT THESE DISPROVED THEORIES STILL HOLD TRUE.

Here are the historic facts. As Professor More said: "The pathway of science is literally strewn with the wreckage of cherished hypotheses."

*Wreck number one* is Darwin's theory of natural selection or survival of the fittest. Accurate scientific investigation wrecked this idea long ago, but has left it in the roadway of true scientific progress as though natural selection really works after all!

Here is what a scientific publication explained almost forty years ago: "Natural selection does not and cannot produce new species or varieties or cause modifications of living organisms to come into existence. On the contrary, ITS SOLE FUNCTION IS TO PREVENT EVOLUTION. . . . It may permit the fit to survive by not killing them off, IF THEY ARE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE: but it does not bring them into being, or produce improvement in them after they have once appeared." (From *World's Work*, Dec., 1913, p. 177).

Even Darwin, four years after the publication of his *Origin of Species* wrote to Jeremy Bentham: "When we descend to details, we can prove that no species has changed, nor can we prove the supposed changes are beneficial, which is the groundwork of the theory."

Natural selection can not start a single organ, it can only forestall the degeneration of what already exists. No new species can occur by this method!

If *natural* selection can not produce new species, what about *artificial* selection by men under the most advanced care?

### **Breeding Stock Disproves Evolution**

God has given man the power through breeding stock to increase varieties and to improve the parent stock despite the natural tendency to degeneracy. Now let us notice if these improvements bring about the evolution of new kinds or if they merely produce improved varieties *within the kind*.

Douglas Dewar in *Difficulties of the Evolution Theory* states: "The breeder, no matter on what animal or plant he experiments, after he has effected a number of minor changes in any given direction, is suddenly brought to a standstill; in a comparatively short time he reaches a stage at which he cannot accomplish more, no matter how much he try."

Here is another demonstration that God created the kinds to stay within their bounds, yet putting it within the power of man to improve stock, to increase variety, always reaching a maximum *within* the species.

If natural selection can not produce organs, what of Lamarck's theory of the *inheritance of acquired characters*? Can animals and plants transmit to their posterity, characteristics which they have acquired through environmental influence during life?

What is the evidence of scientific experiment? Another wreck in the pathway of progress!

#### Acquired Characters Not Inherited

Lamarck's theory is really an unproved hypothesis, not accepted by most biologists as remotely possible. Yet there are thousands of textbooks written for children trying to reconstruct the history of life by *assuming* that the inheritance of acquired characters is possible. When people want to believe in evolution, they will not give up a cherished belief even in a disproved idea. Lamarck's theory is so badly needed that authors confidently tell their readers: "There surely must be inheritance of acquired characters, only time is lacking to allow them to be expressed!"

Weisman demonstrated that there is absolutely *no biologic proof* that changes which are induced by environment in the body tissue become inheritable in the germ plasm. Creationists recognize that in nature there is *adaptation to environment* but this is not inherited. Each successive generation is IN ITS TURN influenced by the environment, but if removed from its environment, the succeeding generations do not exhibit these externally induced changes.

An easy-to-remember example is that of circumcision. Circumcision of a male parent does not affect male children born. Each generation must be circumcised successively.

Thus if one generation can not transmit to the next generation those characteristics which it has acquired through environment, HOW CAN IT TRANSMIT CHARACTERISTICS WHICH NONE OF ITS ANCESTORS POSSESSED SO AS TO GIVE RISE TO NEW ORGANS AND EVENTUALLY TO NEW SPECIES?

There is no way for the reptile to have transmitted characters to produce fowl, as a commonly accepted theory states. The chicken came before the egg directly from the hand of the Creator. Fowl did not evolve from reptile eggs as many school textbooks state.

#### Could Mutations Produce New Species?

Neither natural selection, nor inheritance of acquired characters can produce new species. But there are still other ideas advanced by evolutionists as "proofs." The most noted of these is the evidence of mutations. Examples of mu-

tations are hornless cattle, seedless oranges, red sweet potatoes. Hugo De Vries brought *mutations* to evolutionary respectability because they seemed to permit "jumps" in nature which possibly could explain new varieties. The fallacy of the mutation theory lies in its *application*. Mutations do produce varieties, but these varieties are erroneously *assumed* to be species in the making.

It is through mutations that great diversity and beauty in flowers have been produced, that benefits to man have occurred in animals, vegetables and trees. But always short-legged sheep are sheep, albino rats are rats, blotched-leaved maize is maize, Shirley poppies are poppies, double petunias are petunias.

*Mutations are inherited* according to Mendel's principles. This is an important fact because Mendelism prevents evolution. Inheritable characteristics are *not* added generation after generation, but remain the same, although they may be in new combinations.

Mutations NEVER accumulate into large differences so as to become characteristic of a new kind or species (when rightly defined). Mutations are usually indifferent to the organism, producing either slight or no visible effects. Some mutations or sudden changes are *beneficial to man*, but are usually changes for the worse to the plant or animal as far as its ability to survive without man's care. Many mutations tend toward freakishness.

Instead of proving evolution to be true, mutations demonstrate creation to be true. These sudden changes always occur *within* the species or kind, causing variations, but *never* adding characteristics differing fundamentally from the species.

Left to survive in nature, mutations are almost invariable handicaps, less fit than the parent stock. *This proves that man was put on this earth to dress and to keep it, otherwise life would degenerate.* Weeds would overcome beneficial plants.

Not one of the preceding methods gives the slightest proof that present laws could have brought the complexity of kinds into the world from a single species. Evolution can *not* be demonstrated!

#### Other Arguments Prove Hopeless

There are numerous side arguments often presented to "prove" man's descent from the anthropoid apes or similar creature. Such are the arguments about vestigial or useless organs. Most of these organs are really useful or necessary in developing to maturity. Those vestigial organs which possibly are not useful—according to our limited human knowl-

edge—do not indicate evolution but rather *degeneration* of organs and bodily tissue. The curse on the serpent is an example of degeneration. Biologists recognize the presence of miniature organs within snakes that indicate that they once possessed legs.

*Degenerative organs disprove evolution.*

But are there any hopes for "developing organs"? NO! Not in all the billions of creatures living on the earth. There is not a single organ in a developing stage. Dewar says: "The absence of nascent (developing) organs, then, indicates that evolution, as distinguished from degeneration or mere differentiation, is not taking place in any living animal of which the anatomy is known." (p. 26).

Yet if evolution were the law of nature, there would be hundreds of "developing" organs in different stages of growth throughout nature.

Many evolutionists present another theory called *phylogeny*, which purports to prove that the stages of human growth before birth indicate sub-human ancestry. Even though they ought to know better, evolutionists fail to say that *phylogeny* is merely a hypothesis of men who have *assumed* that the development of the foetus indicates ancestral history. Here is what an eminent scientist writes about it: "Admittedly it does not apply to the embryonic development of plants." Yet, to be true it would have to apply, if as evolutionists believe, plants and animals have descended from a common ancestor.

"The animal embryo in the course of its development does NOT follow a number of supposed ancestral stages but acquires directly and expeditiously all the features of its (human) family." Thus states the scientist Dewar on pages 37 and 56 of his book.

#### Creation Proved Necessary

There is not room in this condensed article to explain the many examples of *interdependence* in nature, of *mutual adaptation* of organs, and of the masterly plan of every part in the body of living creatures, which show that the world about us could not have come either by chance or by evolution. *The universe is the result of forethought and deliberate design!*

Unless *creation* of numerous forms of life had taken place *at the same time*, many creatures could not now be alive because their existence and propagation depends on other life.

There are many insects—bees and wasps—which need flowering plants to survive. Many plants could not have propagated unless these insects were  
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## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

*Short Questions*

FROM OUR READERS

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

## Should We Preach the Gospel from House to House?

Jesus Christ has solemnly commanded His true ministers to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom in all the world as a witness to all nations before the end of this present age (Mat. 24:14). He also said that the gospel must be published among all nations (Mark 13:10).

In fulfilling this divine commission, should we go from house to house distributing literature and talking with people in an effort to convert them? Some believe they are following the example of the early New Testament Church if they go from house to house preaching the gospel. Does the Bible really teach this?

There is a passage of scripture in Acts 20:20 which might *seem* to support this belief IF only one verse is read and taken out of its proper setting. One might *assume* that the apostle Paul went from *house to house* in order to preach the gospel of the kingdom to the unconverted. But when we read the entire paragraph beginning with the 17th verse, we can understand the intended meaning. The apostle Paul . . . "sent to Ephesus, and called the ELDERS of the church . . ." and said to them, "I . . . have taught YOU publicly, and from *house to house*" (Acts 20:20). Paul was teaching the *leaders of the church* in their own homes. He was NOT teaching the UNconverted from door to door!

Here is another misunderstood scripture: "And *they* (the twelve apostles and other disciples), continuing daily with *one accord* in the temple, and breaking bread from *house to house*, did eat *their* meat with gladness . . ." (Acts 2:46). Notice that these people were *all* in harmony. They continued daily with "*one accord*." They were *all* of the *same* belief.

Many had congregated at Jerusalem from many nations in order to attend

one of God's annual festivals, Pentecost. Because they had travelled a long distance and because they had no home in Jerusalem, the brethren who lived there invited them to come to their homes and eat. (The eating of a common meal is referred to as "breaking bread" in the King James Version. For proof write for Mr. Armstrong's booklet on the *Lord's Supper*.) The converted brethren ate in the homes of other converted brethren—not in the homes of the unconverted. They did not go to the houses of the *unconverted* to preach to them, rather they preached the gospel to them in the synagogues and in the temple. They followed the *direct command* of Jesus Christ to the seventy disciples he had previously sent to preach the gospel. He said, "Go NOT from *house to house*" (Luke 10:7).

The apostle Paul had his own hired house at Rome where he "received *all* that CAME UNTO HIM, preaching the kingdom of God" which Jesus had commanded his true servants to preach (Acts 20:30). Paul did NOT go from house to house preaching to sinners and unconverted people. He preached to them in the synagogue. After some became converted leaders of God's true Church, then the apostle Paul visited and taught them in their homes.

Today the gospel is being preached to the entire nation by radio. Anyone is at liberty to listen or to close his ears and reject it—merely by turning the dial of his radio. The gospel is also being published. It is being sent free of charge to all who *request* it. And also, as in the example given in the New Testament, we go into the homes of converted brethren who request that we do so in order to counsel with and baptize them. But we do *not* go, uninvited, into the homes of unconverted people in order to teach them. We should *never* attempt to force God's truth on anyone. In Mat. 7:6, Christ showed that the *truth* is too precious for that.

This is the example of Jesus Christ, the twelve apostles, and the apostle Paul. Let us follow it.

## Is the Day of Miracles Past?

Were divine miracles just for the apostles day or should the true church be performing them today?

When Jesus Christ was upon this earth he performed many miracles. He commissioned his disciples to "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, *freely give*" (Mat. 10:5-8). The disciples of Christ DID as *he commanded* and performed many miracles. Jesus told them, however, that they would "not have gone over the cities of Israel, TILL THE SON OF MAN BE COME" (Mat. 10:23).

Now, notice! He was speaking to his original twelve disciples, but what he told them was to apply to his disciples (followers) throughout *all ages*, for Christ plainly stated that his disciples would not have preached the gospel to all Israel before his second return. He could not have referred only to the original twelve, but he alluded to his disciples who would carry out his will *in the end time*.

A lot of people think the day of miracles is past because they see few miracles performed.

Christ knew this present generation would be a faithless and unbelieving generation as he asked, "When the Son of man cometh (at His second coming), shall he find FAITH on the earth?" Remember that "the just shall live by *faith*" (Heb. 10:38).

Very few really have faith today. Divine miracles—which are answers to *faith-filled prayers*—are often scoffed at as impossible or Satanic. Therefore, very few people are willing to really *trust* God to heal them. Jesus said, "According to *your faith* be it unto you" (Mat. 9:29). *Many lepers*," Christ said, "were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and *none* of them was *cleansed*, saving Naaman the Syrian" (Luke 4:27).

Yes, there were many sick in the land of Israel, but none of the Israelites—those who had God's word and who should have trusted in Him—none were healed but one, Naaman the Syrian, a Gentile.

Likewise today there are millions in the world who are sick, but very few of them will be healed—not because God is weak or impotent—not because God has changed. "For I am the Lord, I change not" (Mal. 3:6; Jas. 1:17). "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

No, the day of miracles is not past. God's true ministers *will do* as God's word commands (James 5:14-15). Cer-

tainly any one who does not believe that God can heal will *not* be healed. God heals *only* those who put their trust in Him. He expects you to believe that he CAN and WILL heal you.

## Life Did Not Evolve

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created at the same time to transmit pollen for reproduction of new plant life.

How plain that *creation did occur!*

Life could not have developed as evolutionists claim. Since it theoretically takes time to develop new organs which supposedly make survival greater, "evolving" creatures would have perished in the process of change before becoming specialized. Their developing organs would have made them clumsy and incapable of defending themselves.

Why is there NOT ONE SINGLE CREATURE IN THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING MORE EFFICIENT AND COMPLEX ORGANS TODAY?

"Just Give Us More Time!"

As usual, evolutionists have a clever argument to evade the inevitable. Just given *time* enough and everyone could see evolutionary wonders performed! These blind materialists overlook the fact that the element *time* does not cause the laws of nature to *change* from age to age. *Time* may affect the rapidity of development but it *cannot alter the biological laws which*, as we have learned, *prevent the possibility of any evolutionary changes beyond the created bounds of each kind.*

All scientific research is based on the ABSOLUTE KNOWLEDGE that no matter how often or how long an experiment may be performed, the same results will always occur. There is no proof that time could bring about that which it is *not* bringing about now.

So we come back to the only rational explanation which alone is in harmony with, and in no wise disproved by scientific fact: "In the beginning GOD created the heaven and the earth." Man, groping helplessly in ignorance and unhappiness, *needs* the knowledge of LIFE and its purpose and laws, *revealed* by God in the BIBLE.

## WHY Denominations?

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writings of the earliest church-fathers, WE FIND A CHURCH IN MANY ASPECTS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THAT IN THE DAYS OF" Peter and Paul.

Those inspired young men who out-

lived the apostles left almost no mark in the record of Church history for *one* particular reason. They were the last vanguard of the true apostolic church which fought against the rising tide of prophesied apostasy immediately after the days of the apostles. *The false ministers* in church offices, against whom the evangelists preached, are the very ones recorded in the history of the universal or catholic apostasy at the close of the first century.

Some of those ministers may have been honestly deceived, but many, many others were deceivers who had "men's persons in admiration because of advantage"—financial advantage (Jude 16). They taught a mixture of truth and error; but with each succeeding generation they departed further from the truth and added more and more pagan superstition.

The writings of those early Catholics prove that they corrupted the faith once delivered, by developing false doctrines which have passed into the churches today from the sun-worshipping pagans.

### Heathenism in Apostolic Days

Inspired Christianity under the apostles converted many men and women who had been spiritually blighted by pagan practices and festivals of the Roman State religion. Together with the rapid growth of true Christianity, dozens of religions were also propagated in the Empire and coming to the capital, Rome. Most of these religions were attempts to fill the spiritual emptiness of the state religion by "saviors" and sun-worship. The Roman Emperors, seeing the need of revivifying their degenerate system, allowed admittance to many of these sects, the most important of which was Mithraism.

"Towards the close of the first century A.D. Mithraism began to make its influence felt in Rome and the western provinces" (*A History of Rome to 565 A.D.*, by Roak, p. 392).

As the false ministers were seeking prestige and converts for themselves, their natural tendency was to alter Christianity to meet the prevailing desires of the spiritually sick multitudes of the Roman Empire. Hence, apostatizing Christians developed, very early, doctrines that were parallel to the mystery religions which were pagan counterfeits of the way of the true Savior of the world. There were now pagan and "Christian" mysteries to deceive every class of people.

Notice how many features of paganism were adopted by Catholics in order to gain members for their church. Mythraism "had so much acceptance that it was able to impose on the Christian world its own Sun-Day in place of the Sabbath, its Sun's birthday, 25th of De-

ember, as the birthday of Jesus . . . and various of its Easter celebrations." This revealing extract is from page 74 of *The History of Christianity in the Light of Modern Knowledge.*

### Deception Continues Today

It took those original false teachers centuries to weed out all the inspired practices of the early church. They gradually rejected the Holy Days of God and substituted the centuries-old festivals of paganism, calling them by Christian names. They rejected the government of God and slowly organized a dictatorial form of human government. They twisted the commandments of God, and perverted the gospel of the Kingdom.

Instead of the churches coming nearer and nearer to the FAITH of the Bible, each new "reformation" has brought more error into the world under the guise of "restored" truth. Today the Christian world is in hopeless confusion, not a single one of the churches being able to agree on exactly what constitutes the gospel of Jesus Christ. Each has a slight portion of truth in its doctrine, but a great deal more error that is deceiving the MANY.

In coming articles in this series, you will read the amazing facts that the early Catholics taught their parishioners to assemble on the sabbath and that they gradually accepted the *brand* of Imperial Rome and forced Sunday on their members!

## Why Aren't Children Healthy?

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fresh orange juice, diluted with equal parts of boiled water, beginning with a teaspoonful and gradually increasing the amount to two or three ounces of the diluted juice. At the same time the baby should be given a good brand of standard cod liver oil, beginning with a half teaspoonful and gradually increasing to two teaspoonfuls daily. Incidentally the babies usually learn to like cod liver oil much better than the orange juice.

When the baby demands more milk than the mother can supply the best substitute is Grade A raw cow's milk, certified if obtainable, diluted at first with one part boiled water and two parts milk. The boiled water is gradually eliminated until the age of about six months when the baby should be able to take whole milk. No sugar of any kind is added to the formula or to any of his other foods. (If a sugar must be used, the best one is milk sugar or lactose.) Unless one is sure of the cleanli-

ness of the milk and the milk handlers it is probably safer to let the diluted raw milk simmer just under the boiling point for three minutes in an open sauce pan. But heating certainly does destroy much of the vitamin and enzyme content of the milk.

When the baby demands more food, as he will by the age of 3 months if he is healthy, then he may be given (a teaspoonful or two to start with) one of the vegetables, preferably cooked and pureed in the mother's own kitchen, using only fresh or frozen vegetables. However, because the vegetables supply mainly the needed minerals which are not destroyed by heat, and because the quantity used is small, it is sometimes justifiable to use a good brand of canned baby-food vegetables such as the "Beech-Nut" brand which comes in small glass jars and are produced under the best conditions from organically grown vegetables without the use of poisonous insecticides. (We have no financial interest in the "Beech-Nut" Co., but it seems that they have spent their surplus in improving their products rather than in advertising their name as some companies do.) Packaged cereals and canned milks are deficient foods and are poor substitutes for really good foods. If the baby is not getting sufficient calories from the milk, the cod liver oil, the orange juice, the pureed vegetables, the fruits and the yolk of egg, which may be given cooked or uncooked at about three months, then some whole grain cereal finely and freshly ground may be given with milk but without the addition of sugar. If this type of cereal is not available then one is forced to resort to the sweetened, prepared cereals like "Pablum" to which may be added a little brewers' yeast or wheat germ.

#### Foods to Be Avoided

As to the deficiencies of liquid canned milks it now has been definitely proved that the high temperature required to sterilize the liquid milk causes not only a loss of the C vitamin but also a serious loss of the B-6 vitamin (pyridoxine) the lack of which has produced convulsive seizures in some infants. Also some of the canned milk producers are removing the natural butter fat and substituting the notoriously bad oleo-margarine, which is devoid of all natural vitamins and nutritional mineral factors. "Oleo" is like all the synthetic fats made from cheap vegetable oil like cottonseed or coconut by the process of hydrogenation. This means the cooking at high temperature and high pressure of the oil in the presence of a catalyst and elemental hydrogen so that the original oil is destroyed and a new compound takes its place. The resulting dark and smelly grease is then bleached

and deodorized to a pure white colorless and tasteless synthetic fat that can be then processed to imitate butter, lard, and other shortening or frying fat. The physical properties of the new product are quite desirable, but the nutritional value is practically nil except for the unnecessary calories they supply. Nutritionally these synthetic fats are in the same category as white sugar and alcohol. Adulterating the canned milks with "oleo" is just one more step in the degeneration of our food.

#### Facts to Bear in Mind

It is very necessary that the baby be given some food that has the complete B-complex vitamin. Outside of mother's breast milk the only practical sources of this complete B-complex are brewers' yeast, wheat germ, raw liver extract and rice bran. The orange juice supplies the vitamin C, and the cod liver oil furnishes the Vitamins A, D, E, and F. And, what is most important, these sources also supply all the unknown vitamins which may be just as essential as those already isolated.

When the infant is over six months old he may be given, gradually over a period of several months, pureed liver and other meats and fish, cottage cheese, soft cooked eggs, baked potato and whole grain bread toasted crisply. But the less white flour foods and white sugar that is used the better. This means no jams, no jellies, no jello, no candy, no cake, no ice cream and no soft drinks. We must learn to look upon these sweetened foods and drinks as slow poisons and calcium robbers gradually undermining the health and bone structure of the body.

In 1941, Dr. Thomas Parran, who was then the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service, made the following significant statements. "We have learned of the virtues of milk and of green vegetables; of the fish liver oils, so rich in vitamins A and D; of the vitamin C in citrus fruits. In spite of this, every survey, by whatever method and wherever conducted, shows that malnutrition of many types is widespread and serious among the American people. We eat over-refined foods with most of the natural values processed out of them. Because of this, many well-to-do Americans who can eat what they like are so badly fed as to be physically inferior and mentally dull. The nutrition of the very poor is appalling. By their lack of morale you shall know them."

So said the head of the U.S. Public Health Service twelve years ago. Since then each year has seen the soil of our farms more and more depleted by crop mining, by erosion, by the use of strong chemical fertilizers, and by the

use of increasingly more deadly insect poisons. By these and other means much of our once fertile land is gradually but steadily becoming like most of our present day refined foods—*dead and without life.*

From the foregoing glimpses of the state of our national nutrition, it must be clear that at least a great part of the answer to the question posed in the first paragraph of this article lies in the poor character of the food on which our American children are trying to exist.

## Immortality of Soul

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versally followed *his doctrine* instead of the teaching of Jesus Christ, who came as the messenger from God bringing the true way to gain immortality and eternal life.

#### Early Catholics Teach That Soul Is Mortal

For TWO centuries, however, the churches that had apostatized still retained the true teaching that man was mortal and needed the Spirit of God to gain eternal life at the resurrection.

Such early Catholics as Justin Martyr, who died about 166 A.D. wrote: "But our Jesus Christ, being crucified, and DEAD, and having ascended to heaven, reigned; and by those things which were published in His name among all nations by the apostles, there is joy offered to those *who expect the IMMORTALITY PROMISED BY HIM*" (*Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. I, p. 176).

The early Catholics knew that when Jesus died He was absolutely *dead*, not in some abode of spirits. They also knew that He promised immortality to the overcomers, not that man already has an immortal soul which could live forever without Jesus' promise.

#### Catholic Doctrine Changed

But Catholic doctrine soon changed in order to gain greater numbers for their church. Toward the close of the second century, a school of professing Christians in Alexandria, Egypt, adopted *Platonism* plus the Bible as their creed. One of their chief teachers, Origen, wrote: "Souls are immortal, as God himself is eternal and immortal." He continues to speak of "the Platonist, who believes in the immortality of the soul" (Vol. IV, pp. 314, 402).

Notice, *this teaching came from Plato*, not the Bible. Tertullian, another important teacher at the close of the second century, wrote: "For some things are known, even by nature: the immortality of the soul, for instance, is held by many . . . I may use, therefore,

THE OPINION OF A PLATO, when he declares: 'Every soul is immortal' (Vol. III, p. 547).

Instead of quoting the Bible, Tertulian quotes Plato to substantiate his belief that man has an immortal soul.

There were some Catholic writers and teachers even as late as the fourth century who condemned the CHANGE IN DOCTRINE from the TRUTH to the errors of Plato. Here is what Arnobius wrote of those who were "carried away with an extravagant opinion of themselves that souls are immortal . . . Will you lay aside your habitual arrogance, O men, who claim God as your Father, and maintain that you are immortal just as He is?" (Vol. IV, p. 440).

As the centuries rolled by, the truth was completely stamped out of the Catholic Church. They even issued a decree in 1513 A.D. against the faithful few who "dared to assert concerning the nature of the reasonable soul that it is mortal" that they must be "punished as heretics."

When the Protestant Reformation broke out, instead of returning to the FAITH ONCE DELIVERED, the reformers chose to follow tradition—Catholic tradition which has its origin in *pagan philosophy and doctrines of demons*. And that is the reason why most of YOU were reared to believe in the immortality of the soul.

Let's quit following the traditions of men and, instead, strive for the TRUE FAITH once delivered to the saints. It is time we put away the false doctrines we have been taught and ask God to clear our minds to see His TRUTH.

## Conditions of Answered Prayer

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would get *answers* when they pray. Then God wouldn't seem so far away, so unreal—as He probably does to most of *you!* Think it over. Then *do something about it.*

Does God ever hear the prayers of the unconverted? Yes, He does. God himself has blinded the eyes of many to the truth at this time (Rom. 11:7-8). It is His *responsibility* that they don't know the truth yet. So God does sometimes hear and answer the prayers of those who *obey as far as they know.*

The lepers and cripples who came to Jesus to be healed didn't know all of God's truth. But they did realize that Jesus was sent from God and could heal. And they *acted on what they knew.*

So it is a matter of your *heart or attitude.* If you come to God in a humble, repentant spirit and are determined to

obey Him *to the best of your knowledge,* He will hear your prayers. But this is *no excuse* for anyone who knows the truth to disobey God!

True Christians can have a special confidence that God *will answer* their prayers *if* they are OBEDIENT. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, *because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight*" (I John 3:22).

### Use Christ's Name

The seventh condition of answered prayer is the correct use of Christ's name. This is a greatly misunderstood subject, and the use of Christ's name is often abused.

After Jesus had been with His disciples for over three years, and had taught them *God's will* and how to obey it, He said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father *in my name,* he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing *in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full*" (John 16:23-24). These verses give us the privilege of employing Christ's name—asking by His authority—when we pray to God. But most people misunderstand *how* we can ask "in Jesus' name."

When our government sends an Ambassador to another country, he is given *authority* to carry out certain business *in the name* of the United States Government. He can act *in the name* of our government because it has conferred on

him the *authority* as its chosen representative to carry on certain business on its behalf. His authority is *limited* to do only what the government has specifically authorized him. If he exceeds his delegated authority, his actions are *null and void* and will *not* be backed up by this government.

That is the way we are to ask things "in Jesus' name." Christ has given His ministers the duty of performing certain functions in His name—or *by His authority.* We can rightfully ask for things "in Jesus' name" only when we know that it is His will—that His *authority* stands back of it.

Just rattling off the words "in Jesus' name" to a prayer that is contrary to God's will and Christ's will is of *no avail whatsoever.*

Those who abide in Christ and are God's children have the privilege of praying in Christ's name. Jesus explained, "If ye abide in me, and *my words abide in you,* ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

Yes, Jesus' *words* must abide in you. You must ask according to *His will.* You must abide in Him—*belong to Him.* "Now if any man hath *not* the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9). And God gives His Holy Spirit to them that OBEY Him (Acts 5:32).

So to pray in Jesus' name, you must at the same time be *yielding* to His will to the best of your knowledge. "In Jesus' name" means *by His authority.* You are praying through Him as your High Priest (Heb. 4:14-16).

Christ—our High Priest—was tempted in all points like we are (v. 15). He understands our weaknesses. It is His revealed will to give us of His Spirit (Luke 11:13) and to help us live a more abundant life (John 10:10). You need to *study* God's word to know the principles of His will, that you may ask by His authority.

Praying in Jesus' name is a great privilege. Use Jesus' name *correctly,* and your prayers will be *answered* because of the *authority* conferred through Him.

### Action Will Follow

If you faithfully conform to these seven *conditions of answered prayer*—with God's help, you may then have *absolute confidence* that God will hear and answer your prayers. You will be changing, growing closer to God each day. You will be actively seeking and doing His will.

This intimate contact with the Creator of Heaven and Earth will give you a peace of mind and quiet confidence that *nothing* can destroy. But your confidence will not be in *self,* but in the

### Sacred Calendar Printed

Many of you have written us requesting some means of calculating God's annual Holy Days. These annual Sabbaths are not to be determined by means of our present Roman calendar—of *Pagan* origin. Rather, they are based on the sacred calendar God gave to Israel to preserve for us today.

This calendar can be verified by history, astronomy, and mathematics. It is the same calendar that God gave His people to help them—and us—to observe His Holy Days and therefore keep in remembrance His *true* plan of salvation.

We are happy to inform you that one of our college graduates, Mr. Kenneth Herrmann, has carefully prepared and edited in handy form God's Sacred Calendar in conjunction with our present calendar for easy reference. This will enable you to easily and accurately determine all of God's festivals this year. Be sure to write *immediately* for one of these Sacred Calendars which will be mailed to you free of charge.

greatest POWER there is. In every trial and problem, you have the right to call on the Supreme Power—the active, living God who reveals Himself in the Bible.

God has inspired an example of how He heard and answered even the prayers of an unconverted man because that man was in a right spirit, and had obeyed what he knew. In II Kings 20:1-11, we read the account of how king Hezekiah was about to die and sought God's deliverance.

God's own prophet, Isaiah, had told Hezekiah that he would die. But Hezekiah knew that God was an all-merciful God, and that he had obeyed God the best he knew how and could.

So Hezekiah "wept sore" and besought God's intervention (v. 3). He put his heart in his prayer!

In spite of the fact that He had previously told Isaiah that Hezekiah would die, God heard and answered Hezekiah's fervent prayer! He added fifteen years to Hezekiah's life!

What a result of prayer!  
But was that all?

No indeed. Hezekiah did not doubt God's power to intervene and act as this world does. He made a further request that God would give him a special sign that he would be healed (v. 8).

God's servant, Isaiah, gave Hezekiah the choice of the sign—the shadow would either go forward ten degrees, or

backward ten degrees. Hezekiah said it would be harder for the shadow to go backward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward" (v. 11).

Because of Hezekiah's faith, obedience, and fervent prayers, God Almighty not only healed him and added fifteen years to his life, but He actually caused the sun to reverse itself in the heavens!

This was not an "optical illusion." God's miracles are real! "For with God NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE" (Luke 1:37).

If you believe that God's word is truth, this should inspire you to pray as never before! Pray for God's work, for God's servants, for His people everywhere. Ask in faith for your own needs. Rely on God in every trouble. He is a God of power!

Now you know the conditions to having your prayers heard and answered. May God help you to put them into action.

HOLY DAY CALENDAR

Fall, 1953

Festival of Trumpets, Thursday, September 10th.

Day of Atonement, fast day, Saturday, September 19th.

Festival of Tabernacles, begins sunset, Wednesday, September 23rd, ends sunset, Thursday, October 1st.

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