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Wide World Photo

WEST BERLIN TODAY—Traffic moves along the Kurfürstendamm, showplace of the city. Modern buildings illustrate the rebuilding that has taken place in West Berlin since end of World War II. In this issue the truth about the Berlin crisis is made plain.

Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

YESTERDAY, driving a visiting minister from Pasadena around London, we drove over to the Parliament Buildings and stopped at the entrance to the House of Commons visitors' gallery.

Britain's Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, was scheduled to deliver a history-making speech, urging Britain's immediate entry into negotiations for joining the European Common Market. We wanted to hear that speech.

On both sides of the entrance, people were queued up in long lines. On inquiring of officials, we learned that many had been standing or sitting there for many hours, and that it would be three or four more hours before doors would open to the Visitors' gallery. Further, there already were more people waiting in line than would be admitted.

So we read his speech in the newspapers later.

It was, in truth, more of a history-making speech than even the Prime Minister probably realized. His central point, it seemed to me, was his emphasis on the danger to Great Britain to be left on these islands, isolated and alone. He sees this burgeoning Common Market bringing undreamed-of prosperity to its six European members. He sees Greece, and now Denmark, clamoring to join. He sees ahead, but never talks about, a UNITED *political* Europe. He sees, just across this channel, across which some men and women can swim, a giant new world power developing that will be mightier, as a military power, than the United States or Russia.

He sees this United Kingdom *stranded*, alone, by itself, on these islands. He sees the HANDWRITING ON BRITAIN'S WALL! He sees it spelling the DOOM of the British nation. He is alarmed—afraid!

And he is right!

The handwriting *is* on Britain's wall! These factors, which I have just seen developing in Europe's capitals, *do* spell the DOOM of Britain as a nation! Unless a drastic move is made to prevent,

Britain's END is not more than 12 to 15 years away, at most!

And WHERE is this great nation—formerly the world's greatest—turning in this hour of her greatest peril? She is turning to her potential ENEMIES—the very enemies God's prophecies say are going to destroy her as a nation! She wants to JOIN THEM.

Mr. Macmillan reasons that Britain still has influence. Britain can make her weight felt more on the inside, than on the outside looking in. That is human logic.

But THIS THING IS OF ALMIGHTY GOD!

God Almighty says He is about to PUNISH TERRIBLY both Britain and America—*because our sins are increasing!*

Across this English channel, BABYLON is being resurrected! God Almighty SHOUTS to Britain, in this, her hour of imminent peril: "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES!"

And in this dark hour growing constantly darker, Britain is trying to RUSH IN!

BRITAIN, like America, *has forgotten her GOD!*

The Eternal GOD is the one in whom to put our TRUST. When Britain puts her trust in BABYLON across this narrow water, this BABYLON becomes the false god in whom she tries to trust. Britain, in this, is having another god before her own true GOD! For this national sin, she shall be punished—until she learns that The ETERNAL is God—and turns to HIM!

America is trusting, likewise in the false gods of enemy "allies," and military armaments. Both nations are going to have to learn that GOD determines the outcome of wars. GOD causes nations to rise or fall. GOD RULES THE UNIVERSE!

These things are mighty REAL. I'm right here where I SEE it taking place.

But, as with nations, so with the in-

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dividuals who, together, form nations. Where are YOU placing *your* trust? WHO—or *what*—is the god in which YOU trust? These are perilous times! It is fast growing LATE! Better examine your own inner heart, and see where YOU stand!

GIANT WORLD POWER Rising out of Common Market

Prophecy is leaping to life! The fastest moving, most powerful military machine of all time is developing at lightning speed! You need to know the FACTS about the Common Market!

HAMBURG, GERMANY:

by Herbert W. Armstrong

TWO BIG-NEWS developments are hurling this world, *fast*, toward nuclear WAR! But you are not getting the true significance—the *real meaning*—through ordinary news sources.

One of these BIG-NEWS developments is the *immediate world crisis*—BERLIN! The other is the fast-developing *Common Market* here in Europe.

To bring you the PLAIN TRUTH on the Berlin crisis, *on the spot*, we have flown into West Berlin Garner Ted Armstrong, Executive Editor of *The Plain Truth* and co-speaker on *The WORLD TOMORROW*, and David Jon Hill, an Associate Editor. Their reports appear elsewhere in this number.

But WHAT IS The Common Market?

To bring you the *real meaning* of this European Common Market, fulfilling prophecy *so fast* very few realize just what *is* happening—I have just visited, once again, Brussels, Belgium; then the pulsating smoke-belching German Ruhr, and I am now writing from Hamburg, Germany.

You hear *about* the Common Market constantly—on newscasts, in newspapers and magazines. It is BIG news today! But you are not getting the REAL STORY—the fantastic, overwhelming MEANING. You are not, from these sources, being told *where it is leading*—the incredible world-shaking catastrophe it is precipitating—and you probably do not really know exactly *what it is!*

Actually, it is one of the crucial developments of world history. It is bringing to life a slumbering giant. It is developing into—creating—a GIANT NEW WORLD POWER, that will be mightier than either Russia or the United States! It is swiftly, dynamically, fulfilling PROPHECY! It is resurrecting the ROMAN EMPIRE!



Wide World Photo

West Berlin's KaDeWe (Kaufhaus des Westens) department store, with shoppers briskly crossing street.

Already! New Capital of Europe!

The other day, just before entering Germany again, I was in Brussels, Belgium.

What's important about that? A great deal!

More than 27 years ago I proclaimed over the air, and wrote in *The Plain Truth*, the Bible PROPHECY that the old Roman Empire was going to come to life—in *our time*. I said it would come as a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. I said, while others scoffed, there would be ten nations in the territory of the old Roman Empire that would give all their economic, political and military power to the human leader designated as "The BEAST" of Revelation 17.

I said it would not stick together—it would last but a short time, and then fall apart. I said it would be DESTROYED by Russian armies, and by the second coming of Jesus Christ!

Therefore, *when* it rises up, I said, we would be *very close* to the END of this world, and the coming of Jesus Christ to establish the WORLD GOVERNMENT of the Kingdom of God.

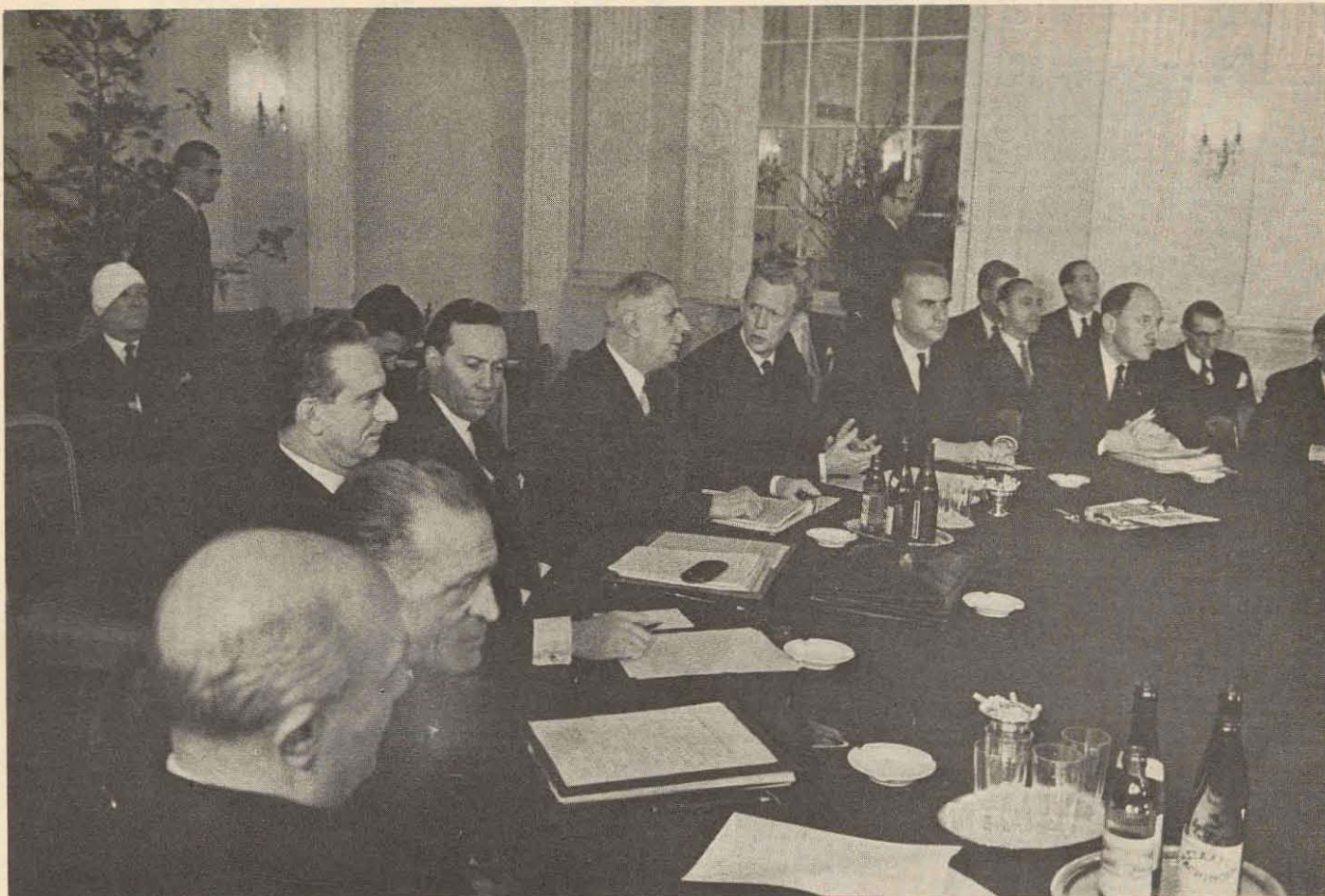
But people scoffed.

No one agreed, then! No one believed it!

Most evangelical ministers who believed Christ would return in Person to earth shouted in "revival meetings" that "the Lord may come any minute—He may come to 'snatch away His Bride' even before this night is over!" I continued to proclaim that Christ could *not* come until certain things occurred first—among them, this new United Europe!

Now what's so important about Brussels, in Belgium?

Just this: on its elegant Avenue de la Joyeuse Entrée today there is a new, very modern glass-and-concrete building. If you are in a tourist group, your



Wide World Photos

Two scenes from the Little Summit Conference meeting at Bad Godesberg, July 18, 1961. Represented are chiefs of the six European Common Market nations meeting to work out program for political cooperation.

guide will proudly point it out as "THE NEW CAPITAL OF EUROPE!"

Here you can *see, with your own eyes*, that prophecy coming to fulfillment!

Actually it is the Headquarters of Euromart—the new Common Market of Europe. Already it is being called *The New Capital of Europe!*

Everyone over here seems to realize, and even take for granted, that the Common Market is only the *start*—it is going to develop into a united *political* Power!

Also in Brussels is another startling evidence of this—a new UNIVERSITY. This university is something new and different—for Europe. Its purpose is to train the most promising and ablest young men of Europe for important posts in the coming united Government of Europe!

It is realized that this will be no ordinary government. Most governments propagandize *nationalism*—loyalty to

the one nation—the one language. But this coming United States of Europe will be made up of a crazy-quilt of *many* nations, speaking *many* languages (Revelation 17:15), each having its own national aspirations, customs, loyalties, prejudices and hatreds.

The governments of these nations, in the past, have trained their peoples to envy, distrust, and feel a sense of rivalry against one another.

The coming new UNITED government must try to override the jealousies and hatreds of the past, and instill a new international sense of loyalty. This is going to be like trying to solidify together many different chunks of iron and miry clay, as prophecy so vividly pictures it! (Daniel 2:33, 42-44.) They shall not remain united together, except for a *very short time* (Rev. 17:10, 12), and shall be demolished at Christ's coming (Dan. 2:34 and Rev. 17:14) and replaced by the Kingdom of God.

Nevertheless, they are going to TRY! They are *now* starting a school on the advanced graduate level, open only to college or university graduates, to attract the ablest young and middle-age men of Europe. In this new college the purpose is to train these men to run the coming government of the resurrected Roman Empire!

Another such school is being established at Florence, Italy.

Already a Summit Conference

If anyone doubts that there is serious and determined PURPOSE to expand the Common Market into a united political GOVERNMENT, listen to this!

On July 18, at Bonn, Germany, a Summit Conference was held for this very purpose! The Chiefs of the governments of the six Common Market nations met for the sole purpose of discussing the *political integration* of the Common Market countries.

Plans for the United States of Europe *definitely are being made!*

The prophecies I have been proclaiming, on the air, and in *The Plain*



Truth for 27½ years are in definite process of fulfillment before your eyes! No one scoffs any longer!

And now, on July 10, comes the news that Greece has signed an agreement of association with the Common Market nations to join them. Britain is trying to get it—possibly won't, or if she does, probably will not become a part of the politically organized new united GOVERNMENT.

The prophecies show that there will be TEN nations uniting to restore the Roman Empire.

You Need to Know!

You need to know what is back of all this—what it means—what it *is*—how it is going to *change your life* and the whole world!

At this point, in writing this article, it became necessary to break off, and drive on over to the capital of *another* Common Market country.

I am now writing from Amsterdam, Holland.

Here in Amsterdam, earlier this year, a new magazine was started. It is called

"IBC" which stands for *International Business Contacts*, the new international monthly for promotion of world-wide foreign trade. In it I find additional facts about the Common Market. This magazine, promoting European UNITY, will be received regularly hereafter at the Ambassador College News Bureau in Pasadena.

All through this magazine I notice the emphasis on European unity. The opening article contains, from the European viewpoint, the REASONS that have prompted these nations to fulfill God's prophecies by uniting.

WHY Europe is Uniting

The people of Europe need to bear in mind, it says, that Europe is going through a *completely new phase of development* in this second half of the 20th century. Three facts have caused this:

1) Most European nations previously maintained prosperity by possessing *colonies* in Africa and Asia. Now they are lost, or being lost. This source of former prosperity is stripped from them.

2) Two world wars on their soil in 25 years have wreaked both material and moral destruction. Indeed, both are everywhere in evidence. The material destruction has been largely rebuilt—thanks to U.S. dollars! But the moral decay is obvious everywhere. In Oslo many on the streets after 9:00 p.m. were drunk. In Stockholm a mother said it is now common practice for late teen-age sons to bring their girl-friends to their own homes to sleep with them for the night. The divorce rate is rising sharply. Girls do not show any expression of shame on their faces—sexual promiscuity is the socially accepted custom, no longer looked upon as wrong. But these girls *do* show unhappiness, boredom, cynicism, and a lack of that happy, sparkling, exuberant and innocent eagerness that once was their maidenly charm and beauty. Everywhere people are seeking pleasure and sensual gratification.

3) The scientific and economic upward surges of both the United States and Russia, together with the cold-war
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squeezing them in the middle. They are so close to the U.S.S.R. that they can almost look over the border from their own home or apartment windows and see the Russian military juggernaut poised at their door-step ready to roll over all Europe!

Up until now, these many little European nations have relied on United States military and nuclear power to restrain the hungry Russian bear from devouring them. But United States prestige is being rapidly dragged in the dust and trampled down into the mire of Communist insults. Communist propaganda gives the impression that the U.S.S.R. is fast pushing America into second place in nuclear, missile, space, and general power development.

What Europeans See

All this leaves the nations of Europe uneasy.

They have been taking a good look at themselves! And what do they see?

They see many nations, each small compared to the mighty U.S.S.R. at their border, yet if joined together as ONE EMPIRE possessing potential greater population, greater industrial and economic capacity, greater military power than either Russia or America! And yet, here they are, robbed of their former source of prosperity, helpless—and WHY? Simply because they are divided! No one country, by itself, is strong enough to protect itself.

Here are many nations, each speaking a different language. Their borders have been IRON BARRIERS! They have looked at one another in a spirit of jealousy, envy, competition, strife. Each has its own kind of money. Each has imposed heavy economic tariffs against the others. If the Steinway piano factory at Hamburg, Germany, tried to sell pianos in Holland or in Denmark, or in France, it found such heavy customs duties imposed that its pianos had to be sold at such high prices very few would buy them. Thus its MARKET was limited. Likewise a French company might find that millions of Germans would like to buy its perfumes, but the German tariff wall added so much to the price that not many Germans would buy it.

Now, it finally began to dawn on

GIANT WORLD POWER

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political developments, has left Europe a group of disunited, helpless, small nations caught in the vise between the two powerful military giants of the world.

So—just put yourself in the place of these people in Europe! They see their source of former prosperity torn from them. They see two prosperous world powers, one on each side of them,



Wide World Photo

West Berliners hustling along Wilmersdorfer Strasse, one of the biggest shopping centers.

these nations, that these economic walls kept the Steinway piano factory in Germany from expanding into a bigger, more prosperous business—and forced most people in other European nations to do with an inferior quality piano. Also the French perfume and toilet-goods industry was kept from becoming prosperous, and millions in other nations in Europe were denied the privilege of having French perfumes.

Twice Germany tried to solve this difficulty by attempting to invade, conquer, and simply take over and rule the other nations. The Kaiser, and later Hitler, *wanted it all!*

But now at last, under fear of Russian hordes on their door-step, Germans, Italians, French, Dutch, Belgians and Luxembourgers began to realize how *powerful* they might become, *if they combined and pooled their resources!*

They did not know what I knew, back in 1934! I knew, then, that they were going to UNITE, and resurrect the

old Roman Empire! I had seen it in Biblical PROPHECY. I knew it was SURE!

But these nations know nothing of Biblical prophecy. They have no diabolical and evil thought in mind about creating the prophesied "BEAST" that is to fight against Christ at His return! They are natural, carnal-minded people who have only what they think of as the GOOD motive of looking after their own welfare and interests!

They are not starting this thing with any thought of doing evil. To them, this is "the way that seemeth RIGHT to a man" and they do not know, or believe, as the Bible states twice, that "the end thereof are the ways of DEATH." It *will* be the death of their cherished Europe, and of their civilization! But they are blissfully unaware of that!

To them, this seems like a good thing—a WONDERFUL thing! They ARE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER IT! This IBC magazine, here on my desk as I type, wants the whole world to know of their

fine and glorious plan.

It speaks boastfully of this "older part of the world with its glorious past."

It speaks proudly of the fact that this burgeoning Common Market actually had its first small beginning, as a reality, in these Benelux nations of Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg. "Europe's tragedy," it states, "is its dissention, above all in the sector of economy."

"The efforts to bring the European countries together in a strong unity," the article continues, "date from January 1st, 1944. At this date The Benelux was founded in London."

What is Back of It

But WHY do we see this condition in Europe today? What is back of it all—how did this situation develop?

To understand, we need to go back a bit and review what has happened before, and the chain of events that led to the present—and shall continue

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The TRUTH about Corporal Punishment

How should you train your child? How does he learn? Here is the astounding truth about modern child psychology.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

TODAY there is a deep-seated underlying hostility and resentment toward authority! Why?

In the last issue, we saw *how a child learns*, and *when* he should begin to be taught! It is now vitally necessary to get at the very *roots* of the modern theories about child-rearing. We must see what is *behind* the "no-punishment" theory, and find what are its *results*.

NATURAL Rebellion Against Authority

Just as there is resentment toward authority in the *home*, resentment toward authority on the part of young children, so there is great resentment toward any *authority* in religion! Notice what our professing Christian society is like today:

"There shall be false teachers among you . . . and many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. But chiefly them that . . . DESPISE GOVERNMENT. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities!" (II Pet. 2:1-2, 10).

Here is the keynote of our times that dignities are stultified, their offices impugned. Children don't respect their parents. Parents don't respect each other. Vast segments of society don't respect the LAW—but want to repeal, annul, emasculate and tear down every last vestige of authoritative law enforcement!

Everywhere, law enforcement agencies complain bitterly of public lethargy and apathy, uncooperative spirits and attitudes, weak laws and disinterested legislature. They complain bitterly of the movement against capital punishment which gives the murderer in the United States only ONE CHANCE OUT OF 160 OF RECEIVING THE DEATH PENALTY!

It is this basic, underlying CONCEPT of hostility toward AUTHORITY, of belief that corporal punishment is WRONG that seems to pervade every nook and cranny

of our diseased and decaying civilization.

Because this *concept* is one of the *bases* of the insipid, ridiculous theories of modern "child psychology" it must now be treated in no uncertain terms.

Why Psychologists Fear Corporal Punishment

With the ushering in of "progressive education," closely following the pragmatism of William James, a new school of "Thinkers" arose who promptly jumped the tracks of sanity, and have since remained derailed with their false theories. Since these prevailing false concepts are at the very root and core of much of today's confusion over child rearing, let us analyze a few of the more outstanding.

"Any kind of punishment either by means of words or force, or even mild reprimands on the subject, is extremely unwise," advises one foremost source, assuring gullible young parents they should *never* punish their children. "The chief danger of punishment is that it makes the child feel guilty—that he is bad, naughty. The child is likely to have a stronger feeling of guilt about his activity than about the other things he does. His ideas are vague and confused and his imagination vivid. He may build up pictures of the terrible things that will happen to him because of his naughtiness, thus sowing the seed of more fears and more anxieties, and increasing his emotional difficulties" (p. 391, *The Complete Book of Mothercraft*, Parents Institute).

Notice that great stress is laid upon the supposition that punishment will make the child feel GUILTY—that he is "BAD"—*naughty*!

This "feeling," assure the child-psychologists, is extremely *harmful*, and will surely lead to many and terrible consequences!

Thus they denounce GOD ALMIGHTY, who gives them every breath of air they breathe! The Creator spends infinitely more space in His sacred word going into *great detail* about the frightful PUNISHMENTS to be inflicted in a God-

rejecting, sin-filled world than He does in describing the rewards!

And—what is more important—God backs up His word. He DOES PUNISH!

But notice the insipid, ignorant *depths* to which this permissive society has sunk in its lawless doctrines of "do-as-you-please-ism."

"The ineffectiveness of corporal punishment has been repeatedly demonstrated. The punishing parent or teacher 'frequently forgets that he loves his child; he forgets it because something in the child's behavior has made him forget that the child loves him.' Of the problem cases described by 100 teachers, not one was improved by whipping. School social workers frequently report that a child's emotional difficulties are aggravated by beatings at home. . . . Many parents have said 'The more I whip him the worse he gets.'" (p. 345, *An Introduction to Child Study*, Strang.)

Here, incomplete and partial information from "school social workers" is used to apparently "demonstrate" that corporal punishment is ineffective. Nothing is said of the *method* of punishment, the frequency with which it was done, whether it was *consistent*, or whether correct and thoughtful USE of punishment was being made. Rather, that punishment for the sake of punishment is supposedly wrong.

"The word punishment should not appear in our dictionaries except as an obsolete word, and I believe this should be just as true in the field of criminology as in that of childrearing. The parent's object in rapping the child with a pencil is to get it to react in conformity with certain social usages—to behave itself. Why then should the parents ever be angry? Why should they ever punish in the old Biblical sense? Such things as beating and expiation of offenses, so common now in our schools and homes, in the church, in our criminal law, in our judicial procedure [published in 1928 — times have changed!], are relics of the Dark Ages. Think of it!

This quotation, now seriously outdated—has actually *come true* in part!

Recently, Attorney General Kennedy was lamenting the situations now spreading across the United States of criminals being exonerated from guilt

by the courts after being caught *red handed* in committing a crime!

It is a proven FACT today that criminals, even after *confessing freely* to their guilt, have had such confessions "dismissed" as proper evidence by a conniving counsel for the defense—interested, NOT in *whether* or not the man is really innocent or guilty, but merely in making a reputation for *himself*—because such confession was made before "arraignment."

The system of no punishment has taken hold!

The child psychologists have partially succeeded in their march against constituted authority! The RESULT is the appalling, heart-wrenching, sickening, stench of a mountain of crime, a cesspool of sadism, a sewer of pornography and dope addiction, a gigantic, mounting rush toward complete anarchy!

But now, notice the *incomplete*, utterly ridiculous, UNWORKABLE ideas promoted by impractical theorists:

"The parent's attitude should be positive, should be that of the instructor . . . by surrounding the child constantly with objects that it has a right to work with. In this way 'forbidden' objects come gradually to lose their stimulating value; the children cease to play with fire [that is, if they are still alive and your home is still intact], with matches [same comment], they stop turning gas jets on and off [that is, if they are still alive and your home has not been blown to bits, together with a dozen others in the block], picking up sharp knives and forks [that is, if they have not been so seriously cut or have fallen on one of the sharp instruments and are now dead], pulling over glass vases and bottles. But where the positive method of training does not make them let these objects alone, then gentle pencil rapping is a safe and sane procedure" (pp. 63-65, *Psychological Care of Infant and Child*, Watson).

But wait!

Will this work?

Can you REALLY apply such teachings to your children?

Can you ACTUALLY WAIT for your children to be "surrounded with objects that it has a right to work with" so it will become interested in THEM, instead of running into a busy street, pulling over heavy glass vases, turning on gas jets, playing with sharp knives? This would be SO LAUGHABLE, SO RIDICULOUS that it would be PAINFUL—if it weren't so SERIOUSLY IN ERROR!

Of COURSE the child should be able to have constructive toys, and be surrounded with right objects. But this pos-

itive teaching CANNOT take the place of proper, loving, diligent PUNISHMENT to teach a child NOT to handle objects, or follow practices that will TAKE ITS LIFE!

Many child psychologists seem to have adopted the idea that parent-child relationships are as difficult and involved as international diplomacy. So many and varied are the suggestions on the tactful employment of modern psychology in the parents' dealings with their children that one is thoroughly confused by the self-contradictions, the incomplete statements, and the unanswered questions in the dozens of volumes treating with the subject.

Another example of such contradictory *partial* information is:

"Punishment affects parent-child relations and teacher-child relations. A spanking which the child considers unrelated to the situation is likely to make him hostile to the person who administers it. It is better, whenever possible, to let the punishment fit the crime—to let the situation itself punish the child. Then the parent plays the friendly role. He gives warnings. If the child persists in doing the thing, he will get hurt. The parent can be sympathetic, but reminds the child that he said it would hurt. The problem is much more difficult when the forbidden is rewarding, like running out into the street—an exciting excursion that many times may cause no harm, yet sometimes be fatal. But over a period of time the parent can build a relation based on rewarding experiences in which his advice was needed" (p. 221, *An Introduction to Child Study*, Strang).

Taken at face value, this advice "seems" to be relatively sound. However, when looking more closely, so many are the errors and false concepts that this particular quotation must now be treated, and as a whole, will be enlarged upon further, a little later.

Re-read the first part of the last quotation.

It is sound. It makes sense. But notice again that even though it is *admitted* the problem is much more "difficult" when a child runs into the *street*—THIS eventuality is not dealt with at all!

Why?

Because, having already committed himself to NO PUNISHMENT theories, this author wouldn't *know how* to keep a child from running into the street without tying him in the yard, keeping him in a pen or else PUNISHMENT!

Even after *admitting* this "excursion" may *sometimes* (there is NO PLURALITY INVOLVED IN THIS WORD) be

FATAL, he offers NO suggestion for coping with the problem! Can you believe your eyes? I must admit, even though I *knew* child psychologists *did* have various "ideas" about dealing with children with methods other than corporal punishment—I was SHOCKED at the emptiness of some of their theories when I was researching for these articles!

Society cannot seem to reconcile itself to the fact that love and punishment *could possibly* come from the *same source*! It is somehow beyond the realm of conceivability to the average *carnal* mind that there could be any LOVE involved in PUNISHMENT! Punishment is such a "nasty" word, that some child psychologists (as already quoted) have even advocated its deletion from our dictionaries! Today's modern movements to rescind punishments, to abolish the death sentence for demented, brutal, sadistic murderers *who themselves* have inflicted torturous and horrifying *death sentences* on perhaps even DOZENS of helpless human beings, the desire of the average wife to have the word "obey" taken out of the marriage ceremony, and the vast, all-comprehensive movement of religionists to strip the pulpit of its power, rip laws and authority from the Bible, and throw discipline to the winds, may serve to illustrate the depths to which the roots of the anti-discipline weed have grown!

Notice again, from a very respected group of psychologists and child-behaviorists, how, because of certain *abuses* of right punishment—ALL punishment is assumed to be utterly wrong:

"Sometimes one sees a letter in a magazine or newspaper in which an individual or a group of parents recommends the indiscriminate use of corporal punishment with a cruelty and sadistic satisfaction that is frightening.

"Most parents, however, turn to this extreme as a last resort, and because they think that nothing else will work" (p. 365, *The Complete Book of Mothercraft*, Parents Institute).

The next quotation from the same authors serves graphically to illustrate the aforementioned principle of the basic inability to understand that love and punishment CAN come from the same source:

"It [corporal punishment] usually is the end step in a long course of happenings that has carried both parents and children away from positive feelings of love and understanding.

"Outside influences are often instrumental in bringing about this change. Sometimes it is a relative or an 'in-law' who criticizes the children, comparing them unfavorably with other members of the family. Sometimes it is the other mothers on the block, who, unable to understand or accept the normal aggressiveness of an active small child, suggest in no uncertain terms that he is badly brought up and a menace to the neighborhood. Frequently, the school finds that a child is not doing well and passes the responsibility back to the parents, who have no other way of handling the problem than through 'discipline'" (p. 365, 366, *The Complete Book of Mothercraft*, Parents Institute).

Notice that the child psychologists view the use of corporal punishment as a complete breakdown in "parent-child relationship," something that is done *only in anger*, as a result of outside coercion, or of complete frustration on the part of an upset and helpless parent.

Abuses of Punishment Cause Criticism

The authors go on, in their abysmal miscalculation, to say:

"The child's failure to live up to what is expected of him, either by the school, or the family, or his parents, is a painful and bitter experience for the mother or father. They feel a deep sense of their own failure in their most important job. *Angry and upset at themselves, as well as their children, they STRIKE OUT in the ONLY WAY THEY KNOW!*" [Emphasis ours.]

This type of punishment is an ABUSE. It should *never* be done! But the learned doctors, seeing only the *abuses*, seriously advocate NO punishment whatsoever, even in the RIGHT WAY! Notice too, how such parents are ridiculed as reverting to basic, barbaric instincts, descending to the level of their own children, "striking them" much as a person of the same age group! But to continue:

"And yet the intelligent parent cannot help seeing that this kind of treatment actually does no good. . . . Again and again we have to remind ourselves that children's behavior is not random and haphazard, as it appears on the surface. It is really purposeful: Children act in accordance with their deep inner drives and feelings. A child sucks his thumb because doing so gives him comfort and satisfaction. Punishing him will only increase his need for this kind of solace. More affection and understanding are the best cure for thumb-sucking. This is not 'spoiling' him; it is contributing toward his sound development" (p. 366, *The Complete Book of Mothercraft*, Parents Institute).

I personally witnessed two children, ages about 10 and 12, who had been reared under just such practices, in an airport restaurant recently. They both

sat, with an empty expression, with their whole thumbs firmly inserted in their mouths. These children, by their very eyes, mannerisms, and appearance, seemed deeply and emotionally disturbed! They looked frightened, worried, apprehensive! Everyone in the restaurant was staring at them—it appeared so unusual! And yet, why should they have been so shocked? Apparently, these parents were merely "contributing toward" their "sound development!"

Frequently, sensational stories of thoughtless parental brutality have been emblazoned across the pages of America's newspapers. "*Father Beats Children to Death*", "*Mother Whips Six-Week-Old Baby*", "*Father Ties His Children in Woodshed—Leaves Them All Night!*" and similar outrages have shocked and horrified the public. But human beings are creatures of extremes! Like the constantly moving pendulum, they seem to swing from one opposite extreme to the other.

There have been certain terrible ABUSES of corporal punishment—misapplication and thoughtless use by parents who are punishing their children IN ANGER. There have been sensational stories of torments upon tiny tots by a few who are not proper disciplinarians and who are completely unequipped and ill-fitted to be parents. As a result of these extremes, the child psychologists and a whole field of "do gooders" have been convinced that ANY use of corporal punishment must, by its very nature, be WRONG!

Granted, there were, a few decades ago, many abuses in child discipline even in various schools, as well as in the homes. There are *today*. Seeing these abuses and malpractices by untrained and unskilled parents should not lead other parents to assume *there is not a proper use for discipline*. The child psychologists have, true to form, swung to the *opposite extreme*—and begun to advocate NO DISCIPLINE! Very recently, as a result of the surging increase in a worldwide wave of juvenile crime and lawlessness, law enforcement agencies, government officials, and even some few child psychologists have begun to advocate more and more discipline, more respect for authority, and the introduction of corporal punishment into some school

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systems! Taken in its right perspective, with its correct application, this is certainly a very good thing! However, let us hope it is not merely the swing of the pendulum back to another "extreme"!

The Imagined "Effects" of Corporal Punishment

Parents have been increasingly reluctant to punish their children because of the supposed "effects" which they have been told punishment engenders.

"Parents spank their children for various reasons: To control the child when other means have failed; to release their own feelings of annoyance; to meet the expectations of Grandfather or the neighbors, who do not have the child-development point of view. Spanking seems the quick way of 'getting results' but these usually take the shape of temporary conformance, not of growth in self-direction and self-control. Autocratic control usually produces one of two personalities: An oversubmissive child who does what he is told but shows no initiative, or the rebellious child who is constantly waging war against authority" (pp. 221-222, *An Introduction to Child Study*, Strang).

This is an untrue assumption. The RIGHT use of spanking does *not* produce an "oversubmissive child" who acts as an automaton, but *guides and controls* initiative, inventiveness and self-reliance. This argument, true to form of *all* arguments by a carnal world, throws the Holy, Inspired Word of God out the window—fearlessly going *directly contrary* to the eternal wisdom of God!

Notice the next example. Seeing ONLY

the MISUSE of punishment by distraught, INCAPABLE parents, the author remarks:

"Some mothers are always nagging and scolding their children, yank them when they cross the street or get into buses, and slap them whenever they do something the mother doesn't like. These mothers may be tired and cross, but they do not understand that they make their children cross and irritable, too, and make things harder for themselves. "If you let yourself go occasionally and slap or spank when you are excited or upset, it probably isn't too serious, provided your child is left with the feeling that he has been punished only for something he has *done*, and that you love him anyway" (pp. 366-367, *The Complete Book of Mothercraft*, Parents Institute).

Here again, punishment is viewed as "letting oneself GO occasionally" or, in other words, *losing one's temper!* It is viewed as if the adult human being, in anger, were "getting back" at the child—and inflicting physical torment upon the child merely because the child has "bothered" the parent!

Again, seeing this *misapplication* of discipline, the child psychologists, *imagining* a number of terrible "effects" of spanking, have been responsible for deeply etching the fear of the "unknown" in the minds of many young parents—assuring them their lovely little children may turn into perfectly horrible monsters, become demented, or develop harmful "complexes" as a result of spanking!

"But if you find that you are punishing and slapping repeatedly, you may be sure you are on the wrong track.

"Spanking may stop your child for the moment, but you *don't know what else it may do* [emphasis ours].

"It may make him angry and resentful, or humiliated and ashamed. Or he may become hardened and pay no attention to it; or just so afraid that he can't trust himself to do anything.

"None of these feelings helps him to learn what it was that he did wrong or why, or how to act the next time."

OF COURSE—these "feelings" don't help him learn the POSITIVE part! But notice how INCOMPLETE is this assumption! If amply warned *first*, and *then* punished in LOVE, accompanied by kind, patient POSITIVE TEACHING of the right as opposed to the wrong, this objection becomes worthless, as is later demonstrated.

"The best that can be said for spanking is that it sometimes clears the air. But *it isn't worth the price, and it usually doesn't work!*" [Emphasis ours] (p. 367, *The Complete Book of Mothercraft*, Parents Institute).

Notice that parents are threatened with unforeseeable and dire consequences if

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spanking is utilized! One author said:

"Corporal punishment develops resentment and misunderstanding. It stresses what the child should not do rather than what he should do, produces fear, and makes him lose confidence in his parents. Intelligent parents rarely resort to corporal punishment. . . . An intelligent disciplinary method is the use of *reasoning* at the child's level of understanding. The more calm and free the discussion, the more clearly can the desirable conduct be formulated" (pp. 452-453, *Growing Superior Children*, Kugelmass).

To some authors, the whole meaning of the term "punishment" seems to revolve around blind, unreasoning BEATINGS inflicted by calloused and indifferent parents in a fit of frenzied anger!

"The typical result of the whipping in childhood is either the servile, timorous individual, who usually is at one and the same time cringy and crafty, or the arrogant and objectionably self-assured person. Almost everyone who was beaten in his childhood has a tendency toward brutality."

Notice the employment of the terms "whipping" and "beaten" as being the obvious reason for "brutality." This author continued:

"Yet the method of corporal punishment

continues to be employed, although its uselessness, absurdity, and downright harmfulness should be apparent to everyone. This mystery finds its explanation in the fact that it is mostly the whipped children, who, as parents, advocate the theory that whippings are indispensable. They believe they are following their good sense when they deal out blows, whereas actually they are following only a strange inner urge. They want to give their child a vivid and drastic demonstration of *their own superiority*; they fear that otherwise they will be unable to subdue his resistance; and they do not realize that the use of brute force plainly betrays an essential weakness that has no other resource at its disposal. Nor do they admit to themselves how much cowardice is implicit in such a procedure" (pp. 138-139, *The Challenge of Parenthood*, Dreikurs).

Here is further proof of the swinging of the pendulum. Many child psychologists, observing parents lashing out in *anger*, as a result of their own frustrations and tensions, have witnessed thoughtless *misuse* of corporal punishment—often with serious and long-lasting consequences. On the premise that punishment, by its very nature, must come from the source of ANGER, BITTERNESS, HATRED, RESENTMENT, FRUSTRATION, TENSION, they label corporal punishment as "*anything* but good" for the child, and a word which should be deleted from our dictionaries!

"If mutual respect and an ever-developing and deepening relationship is to be built up between parent and child, then certain types of disciplinary measures must necessarily be ruled out. Of these the obvious one is corporal punishment. That has no place in our program. To do violence to another human being is humiliating to him that gives and to him that takes" (p. 116, *Our Children*, Fisher).

But *is* it really "obvious" that corporal punishment should be ruled out?

You have seen it asserted that spanking: "Isn't worth the price, and usually doesn't work," "develops resentment and misunderstanding," is "unsuited to . . . modern relationship between parent and child," that it is "absurd," "useless," and "harmful," and that the very word "should not appear in our dictionaries."

We have now seen a fair representation of the theories regarding discipline through spanking from the child psychologists.

Unfortunately, too many of their theories have been swallowed by gullible parents. In the next number, we will investigate the real OUTCOME of the application of these theories of "no punishment," and where it has led our society.

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

The first printed edition of The Plain Truth, silencing atheists at a funeral, continued growth of the work in spite of hardship and opposition are covered in this 38th installment.

THE first expansion of the broadcast had come about mid-November, 1936—almost three years after we had first started on the air. At that time, using Postal Telegraph wires, we started a local network, feeding the 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning program from KORE, Eugene, Oregon, to two additional stations, KXL, Portland, and KSLM, Salem.

These, like our original KORE, were the smallest-powered commercial stations in operation—a mere 100 watts.

Weekly Portland Jaunts

But we continued, at that time, on KXL for only about ten months. On September 5, 1937, we moved up to a 500-watt station, as it then was—KWJJ. The new time on KWJJ was 4:00 P.M. Sundays. We continued on KORE and the Salem station.

This not only was another increase in power, it started weekly trips to Portland that were to continue several years. Later these trips were extended on to Seattle.

At this time I put the program on KORE, broadcast simultaneously by wire hook-up over KSLM, Salem, at 10 each Sunday morning. Then came the 123 mile drive to Portland for the 4:00 P.M. broadcast.

By this time, as explained in earlier installments, we were using a mixed quartette on the program. As the program started out, our concept had been to condense a regular church service into a half hour, using radio techniques. The program started with a fast-moving theme hymn, then two verses (never more) of a lively hymn, followed by prayer during which the singers usually hummed—or followed it with a three-fold "Amen"—then announcements about the program, *The Plain Truth* or other free literature. Then followed a

sermon of about 22 minutes, then sign-off with a closing theme hymn.

In using this type of programming, in those early days, I was merely following the custom of religious programs generally. Nearly all other religious programs on radio have continued that format to this date. But later, as we branched out onto larger stations in larger areas, we began to learn that this style of program is all wrong.

It is based on the assumption that a regular Sunday church service is being brought to people in their homes. It assumes one of two fallacies: either, 1) that all radio listeners are church-going people who *want* to sit in a church service—which is true of not more than 2% of radio listeners, or, 2) that radio is the proper medium for holding a church service with our own particular church members.

We discovered later that such type of programming causes about 98% of radio listeners to tune to some other station, or tune out. The minute the average person hears a hymn, he says: "Oh-oh! There's another one of those sentimental, pestering religious broadcasts!"—and he flips the dial.

It was some years later, but eventually we learned. Then we began programming for the other 98%—the people who are not religious—the unchurched—instead of what radio men call "the religious audience." Years ago, now, we dropped off hymns and singing altogether.

But in those days, and for some years to come, we did use singing. Our mixed quartette was hardly of Metropolitan Opera quality—yet, as religious programs went, it was very creditable. Some of the time we used eight voices in a double mixed quartette.

Customarily, however, we used the four singers which included my wife

and eldest daughter, and a pianist, beside myself. The six of us drove directly from the studios of KORE to Portland, usually taking lunch along to eat in the car en route.

Portland Tabernacle Offer

Shortly after going over to KWJJ, opportunity came to purchase a tabernacle in Portland. This brought us to the crossroads decision for the entire future of the work.

I had to learn, here, that all that glitters is not gold. This offer glittered. It flattered. It was tempting.

A Portland radio evangelist, Willard Pope, had built this tabernacle a few years earlier. He had now built a new and slightly larger tabernacle and vacated his former one. He was conducting one of these local religious broadcasts, holding nightly evangelistic services in his tabernacle and regular Sunday service for his church members which this program brought him.

The idea of having what then appeared to me as such a nice large auditorium of our own in Portland was enticing. This tabernacle seated 800 people.

But soon I began to realize that, although this tabernacle was offered on terms that amounted virtually to rent, with no down payment for about a year or so, it would change the entire direction and future course of our work.

It would mean tying me down to Portland—preaching in Portland six nights a week to those attracted by the radio program. It would mean trying to BUILD A LOCAL CHURCH. It would have tied me down, locally, in Portland. I had from the start realized that the first and major commission to which I had been called, was *not* to build up a church and to bring in members, but to proclaim the true and original Gospel

of Christ, which the world had rejected and lost for 18½ centuries. I saw our commission, in Christ's prophecy of Matthew 24:14. The Gospel was to go out, *not* to cram it down people's throats

—*not* to try to force conversion on them, *but as a witness*—perhaps even a witness *against them!*

Of course I did see that Christ had said it was to go *into all the world*, and

as a witness *to all nations*; but I had no delusions of grandeur—I never thought of myself as reaching more than a segment of the whole earth. I assumed God would raise up others to reach the rest of the world. But I did realize I was called to preach that very Gospel to as many as God made possible.

This tabernacle offer, I began to realize, would mean diverting the work from that path. I began to realize that it might prevent the radio work and *The Plain Truth* from expanding into wider areas. And already I envisioned a program expanding to reach the entire west coast—and possibly even, in time, the entire United States.

For some three or four months I weighed the matter, prayed over it, sought advice and counsel from those whose judgment in such matters I respected. And finally, on the grounds it would divert us from our divinely ordained course, which I felt sure I realized at last, the tabernacle offer was turned down.

It was a wise decision. It was a test in wisdom. I think I have mentioned before that I had discovered, very early in my ministry, that I lacked natural wisdom. I had always craved UNDERSTANDING. I had absorbed a reasonable share of KNOWLEDGE. But WISDOM is ability to put both of these together and form a right DECISION. I had read God's instruction in James 1. If any man lacks wisdom, he is to ask God for it; and, believing, he shall receive it. I had asked God for wisdom. God granted it. But, even though it comes as His gift, He lets it develop gradually, and through experience. This was one more experience in WISDOM. I have always been sure the decision was God's. The work would not be where it is today, otherwise.

Atheists at a Funeral

In February, 1937, I had sent out a letter to Co-Workers saying that the mail response indicated a radio audience of between forty and fifty thousand each Sunday—growing "toward our goal of 100,000." By April the mail response indicated 60,000 listeners. By November 26th, we had reached our goal—100,000 weekly listeners was announced! We had to set a new goal. Today, the

Reproduced here is example of articles published during that 2½ years in the Depression when no PLAIN TRUTH was issued.

MUSSOLINI

and the Spanish Conflict

in Prophecy

Being a sermon delivered over
the OREGON NET - WORK
On November 22, 1936

by *Herbert W. Armstrong*

WILL You notice, now, a most significant prophecy, found in the 25th chapter of the Book of Jeremiah, the 31st and 32nd verses:

"A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth."

My friends, we have entered the time foretold in this prophecy. Surely evil is going forth from nation to nation today, around the whole world.

At the present moment this whirlwind of evil seems to be centered in SPAIN. And so this morning I want to speak to you about the civil war now being waged in Spain, and the part this conflict is playing, specifically, in the fulfillment of the Bible prophecies.

Most of us, perhaps, have been reading more about the Spanish revolution, these past several weeks, than any other subject in our newspapers. It dominates front pages, and the news broadcasts over radio.

All Europe totters this morning on the very brink of world war! We all know that this Spanish conflict is involving, indirectly, the major nations of Europe, and might well prove to be the spark that will ignite that vast powder-magazine into the most terrific explosion of world war this old world has ever witnessed.

Once again, it is the old story of an egomaniac lust for world power. Two systems, new to the governments of mankind, both prophesied in the Bible and destined to play a major role in the closing events of this age, each the antithesis and deadly enemy of the other, now dominate the politics of Europe and give positive assurance of the imminency of another world war. Out of Rome, once the proud city that ruled the world with a heel of IRON, has sprung the system called Fascism, which is merely ROMANISM—the once mighty Roman Empire—being revived and brought once more to life under the satanic leadership of the world's most dynamic personality, Benito Mussolini. And out of Moscow flames forth an entirely new and altogether contrary system, ---COMMUNISM. Its leaders say frankly that their godless the-

TUNE IN: Every Sunday morning, at TEN. The RADIO CHURCH OF GOD, conducted by Herbert W. Armstrong, with the Radio Church Quartette, and featuring from time to time special guest singers. Broadcast over all stations of the Oregon Net-Work. KSLM, Salem, 1370 kys.; KORE, Eugene, 1420 kys.; KXL, Portland, 1420 kys.

Tell your friends and neighbors to listen in. One sermon each month mailed to all who send name and address. There is no charge. This is a FAITH work.

estimated radio audience is 15 million a week—not 75 million, as erroneously stated in the August installment—but up to 75 million *per month*! But that is a terrific cumulative audience—now world wide! It has continued to grow steadily from that original 100,000 goal!

On November 30, 1937, the father of the former atheist Secretary of the local Communist Party, whose conversion was recorded in a preceding installment, died. This precipitated a nerve-testing experience.

The mother of the young lady ex-Communist had also come into the Church. But it was a fairly large family, and nearly all the other members of the family were professed atheists. There was some kind of a controversy within the family concerning who was to officiate at the funeral. The professed atheist members were violently opposed to me. They wanted a Mr. Herbert Higginbotham, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Eugene. However, in deference to their mother, they acquiesced.

"Oh, well," they said, "we'll sit there and endure the ignorant, superstitious, medieval mouthings of this stupid God-believing minister, and then we'll have a good laugh picking to pieces his ridiculous 'funnymentials' after it's over."

I realized what I was facing.

I spoke on the meaning of death, and the question of life after death. I mentioned that among *men* there are various IDEAS—the immortality of the soul, which is pagan; conditioned immortality and the resurrection of the dead; and the atheist idea that death ends all. Then I pointed out that the reasonings and inventions of human imagination carry no weight of authority—they are only *ideas*—and other people have *different* ideas. Nobody has ever yet come back to tell us his experience, except the resurrected Christ whom they deny. Science can contribute NOTHING. We, therefore, have one of two choices: 1) accept the revelation of the Creator God—who *knows*—in the Bible, or, 2) *admit we are absolutely IGNORANT!*

The pagan, I said, is IGNORANT—he has only his imagined and superstitious ideas. The atheist, I affirmed, is even MORE IGNORANT—he has only his *prejudiced refusal* to accept truth, without any proof or scientific knowledge what-

soever; he has no authority; he, like a fool, ignorantly believes what he *wants* to believe, because he is *unwilling* to believe the truth.

Then I said that I would now read to them what GOD says, and that we have the choice of accepting this AUTHORITY or confessing that we are ignorant.

En route to the cemetery from the mortuary, I rode on the driver's seat of the hearse, and with us was a cousin of the sons of the deceased.

"Mr. Armstrong," he said, "you probably didn't know it, but you had several professed atheists and scoffers before you today. They came to ridicule and scoff, but you certainly closed their mouths! They intended to go home and pick your sermon to pieces—but their home will now be as quiet as a morgue!"

Of course, I *did* know what I was up against. I had prayed to the God they denied for wisdom. I believe He granted the request. They fell into the pit they had dug for me—being labeled IGNORANT. They had no answer.

Our Car Gives Out

By December, our old second-hand several-year-old Graham-Paige car laid down on the job, like a worn-out, tired

old horse ready to lie down and die.

At this time we had one secretary—Mrs. Helen Starkey. She was working without salary. Later, I think, we managed to pay her \$5 per week, but even that was only a fraction of a salary.

Without my knowledge, she sent out a letter over her own signature on December 21, 1937, asking Co-Workers for a special love-offering for a new second-hand car to enable us to continue the weekly broadcast trips to Portland. It was that or go off the air.

Enough came in to purchase a 1934-model used Graham—on *monthly payments*! It lasted until 1941.

Helen Starkey died about two years ago, faithful to God's work to the end. But a year or two before she died—having moved to Pasadena—I learned that she and her husband were trying to purchase a small home, but lacked a few hundred dollars of being able. It was a very rewarding privilege for Mrs. Armstrong and me to be able now, at last, to pay her the few hundred dollars as back salary she had really earned, some twenty years before. She lived in the home they bought the short remainder of her life.

More Tests of Faith

There had been no issue of *The Plain Truth* since July, 1935. The reasons

Here is a copy of Mrs. Helen Starkey's letter.

Dear Radio Friends:

I know you have all learned to love Brother Armstrong, and the good messages, of Truth, he brings to you each Sunday. He has worked so hard to make this possible. He does not receive a salary, but he and his family live purely by faith.

They have so unselfishly sacrificed, and put into the work, money they have needed for food and clothing.

Now, it has come to the place where his car cannot make the trips to Portland any longer. You remember one Sunday it broke down and they were unable to get to Portland, and had to be towed back to Eugene from Salem.

Don't you think it would be fitting at this season of the year, for each of us to make a love offering to Brother Armstrong, beside our regular radio offering, that will enable him to trade for a better car?

If enough of us send in as large an offering as we can for this, a better used car can be bought, and the radio work in Portland can continue.

Will you have a part in this love gift and send it to me as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

Helen M. Starkey

have been fully explained before. During this period, I did manage to turn out, frequently—though not monthly or with regularity—a “printed sermon” which had been broadcast.

These had been months of trial and hardship, persecution, plots by the very ministers I was working with to wreck the broadcast, struggle to meet rising expenses and keep the work alive.

I will mention briefly one such incident. On November 22, 1937, I had managed to afford enough paper and ink to mimeograph a printed sermon. But we lacked enough to pay for postage to send it out until November 26. Here are a few brief excerpts from the letter I sent along with it. This letter was sent only to those who had become regular co-workers:

“Again, with the printed sermon, I send greetings in the Lord. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your interest in God’s truth. But this month I must take you into my confidence about some of the problems we are facing in this work. Right now Jesus Christ is opening up the most wonderful opportunities for the expansion of the work. And yet, instead of taking advantage of these opportunities, *I am faced with having to stop what we are doing, and going off the air altogether, after next Sunday’s broadcast!*

“Most of you must have thought that with our vast radio audience, so many people would be sending in money that we do not need YOUR help. A HUNDRED THOUSAND listen, every Sunday, but only a *very FEW* of them send any money. And I have never asked for money over the air! We preach the Word of God—and the Scriptures are profitable for reproof, correction, and instruction in God’s way. It is not a popular Gospel. People do not pay to be told their sins—to be reproved and corrected. They would walk out of church if their pastors hit them with the Bible TRUTH. Their pastors would lose their jobs. Yet we have found that people who would not tolerate such preaching in their churches, where their friends see them being told their sins, *will* listen privately, in the secrecy of their own homes by radio. For some reason, they cannot resist LISTENING—over the radio! But they will not support it

with their money.

“The cold facts which I must face are that we have not been able to send out this printed sermon because there has not been enough money to pay postage—we do not at this writing even have enough money on hand for the trip to Portland for the Sunday broadcast, and must trust God to send it before Sunday morning. I do not like to tell you these things. Brethren in Christ, this is one of the discouragements I must face—the responsibilities I must carry—in order to bring YOU the spiritual benefits and blessings so many of you have written you are receiving from this work.

“I wish you could sit at my desk a few days, and read the letters that come in. Some of them would tear at your heart-strings! You would come to really REALIZE the wonderful amount of real good this great work is doing—already on a large scale, covering most of Oregon and southwestern Washington. Thousands are hearing the true Gospel and God’s warning, WHO NEVER HEARD SUCH THINGS BEFORE! Conversions are actually taking place while our program

is coming in over the air!

“When I look at this world and see the people hurrying here and there, absorbed altogether in their worldly cares and pleasures—yet really miserable and unhappy and LOST—heedless, knowing NOTHING of the terrible things soon to come on those who have not put themselves under God’s protection; and when I look into my Bible, and see how REAL these things are, and how SOON they are coming, I am appalled, and my heart BURNS to shout out the warning to more and more people, before it is too late!”

I felt it might be worth the space to reprint the above portions of that letter—just to show what we faced, and how we felt, at that time.

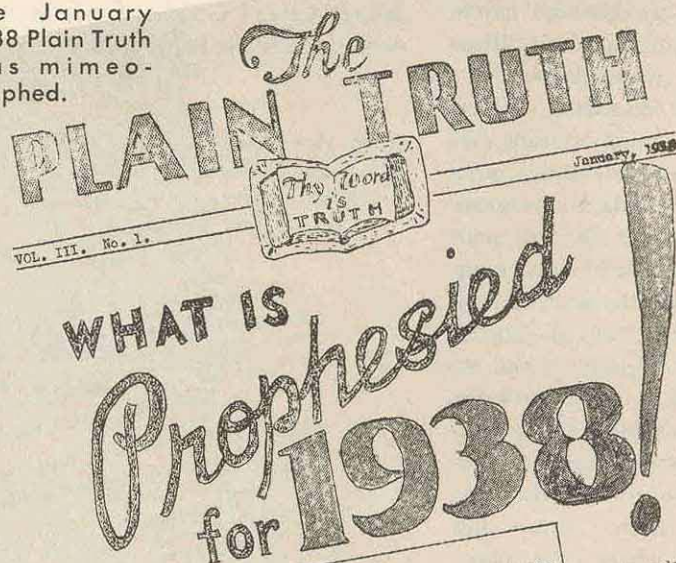
AT LAST—A Plain Truth

But, patience, faith, and struggle were rewarded—as they always are.

January 1, 1938, we finally were enabled to bring *The Plain Truth* back to life! It was the first issue in two and a half years! It is reproduced below.

But it still had to be a hand-produced mimeographed “magazine.” A letter sent

The January 1938 Plain Truth was mimeographed.



WHERE do we stand, today, in the rapid march of prophesied events?

What will happen next? What may we expect during 1938?

None but GOD is able to declare, beforehand, exactly what shall happen in the future. Fortune-tellers and others may GUESS—they may make general predictions, being careful to make them so vague and indefinite that people will be deceived into thinking those things come true. But ONLY GOD can foretell, infallibly and accurately, the future. See Isa. 41:22-23; 46:9,10.

FASTER and faster startling prophesies are being fulfilled before our very eyes—occupying the front pages of newspapers—filling men with WONDER, and PERPLEXITY!

Now what is prophesied to happen THIS YEAR—1938?

Surely everyone ought to want to know. These things are REAL—they are HAPPENING! Let us see what is now next in store for us!

clearly understand.

These three vital KEYS are an understanding of the Times of the Gentiles, an understanding of the difference between the House of Israel and the House of Judah, and a knowledge of the present identity of the House of Israel, and an understanding of the time-sequence of the Book of Revelation. An article on the Times of the Gentiles occurs in this issue of The PLAIN TRUTH, which should be read in connection with this article. A book is now being published on the subject of the House of Israel. And in an early issue of The PLAIN TRUTH we hope to bring our readers a clear understanding of the time-sequence of the Book of Revelation.

WHERE WE STAND TODAY

Let us see quickly what is fulfilled—

out with it said: "We cannot, yet, afford to have it printed. So we mimeographed it ourselves. This work has been done mostly by Sister Helen Starkey, Mrs. Armstrong, and myself, with a few of our good friends coming to the office for volunteer work the past few days, to help with the folding, addressing, stamping, etc." Mrs. Starkey was still working daily without salary.

A Bulletin sent to local Oregon church members, dated January, 1938, contained some items of interest to those of us who were close to the work in those days. This Bulletin announced the birth of David Charles Henion, son of Charles and Alice Henion, who had been church brethren for years. Alice Henion, formerly Miss Alice Benight, still reminds me that she was present the day I was called on to pray aloud for the first time in my life. Charles Henion is the son, and David the grandson, of David T. Henion, who has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Radio Church of God since we first incorporated. Today I think I may call young David Henion a convert as a result of *The WORLD TOMORROW* and *The Plain Truth*—he is now a married man with children!

This Bulletin announced *The Plain Truth* mailing list was now 1050.

It had outgrown Mrs. Armstrong and me. It was becoming too large to mimeograph. In February, 1938, we were forced to reduce *The Plain Truth* down to 3 pages—its smallest size ever. There were two sheets of paper, and the back page was devoted to a letter!

At this time I learned that we could have the March number *printed*, at a local printing plant, on cheap paper, 8 pages, for \$30 more than the cost of mimeographing. *But we didn't have the \$30!*

So the March and April numbers were still mimeographed.

March 18, 1948, I sent out a letter showing that the expenses of the work (including our family living) had risen to \$300 per month. But we were running behind on part of the family living. Legal action was being instituted to foreclose and take from us our small home! In some manner I do not now remember, this trouble was met, and we managed to keep the home. But this

Here is the
first printed
PLAIN TRUTH.

only added to the harassing discouragements in the struggle to keep the work going.

First PRINTED Plain Truth!

Finally, after more than four years on the air, we managed to produce the *first really printed Plain Truth!*

This was done by combining May-June into one number! It had to be printed on inexpensive newsprint paper. The page size was larger than the present world-circulated 40-page magazine, but it contained only 8 pages.

This was the first issue that carried under the masthead the slogan I had always wanted: "A magazine of Understanding."

But we were not able to continue having it printed, and after two printed editions, had to go back to mimeographing for some time longer.

How the radio program expanded on to a Seattle station, and the further growth and experiences in the work, will be covered in the next installment.

CORRECTION

In the August number in the Autobiography, it was erroneously printed on page 22 that "today our listening audience is estimated at some seventy-five MILLION people per week." Also that "our present estimate of the *daily* audience, per program, is some 15,000,000."

It should have read seventy-five million *per month*—cumulative audience; and some 15,000,000 *per week*, also

[illegible]

cumulative. Actually, we estimate the *daily* number of listeners to The WORLD TOMORROW to range between 1½ to 2½ million people.

To reach that many people *per day*, with each Message, seven times a week, is, of course *phenomenal!* The audience is world-wide. But to reach 75 million people with every Message, every day, seven days a week, would be something that has never been remotely approached by any man, or any radio or television program.

Also, same page, it was stated that we receive 75,000 letters *per week* during the 7 autumn, winter and spring months, and some 55,000 per week during the warmer season. That should have read *per month!*

To be receiving 75,000 letters per month is record enough—for now!

Some few years ago an article in a national magazine stated that the record high mail received came to Arthur Godfrey—from daily broadcasting on both radio and television—CBS giant Network coast to coast, daily. He was receiving 50,000 per month. The next highest mail count received in the United States, the article stated, was about 35,000.

We then received about 15,000. Our mail count may now be the record—but in any event, it is tremendous.

Perhaps in some six years, at present rate of growth, it *may* reach the dizzy figures erroneously printed in the August number.

—Herbert W. Armstrong

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professor Unaware of World Affairs

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Ever since I have been listening to The WORLD TOMORROW and reading your literature, my interest in world developments has been alerted. I am a student at the University. . . .

"Last semester I enrolled in a non-credit evening course on Communism and Democracy. During one of these discussion sessions, the rising economic power of the European Common Market was brought up. Literally everyone, with the exception of myself, was completely in favor of this alarming threat to America. I brought out several points (which I had read in The PLAIN TRUTH) showing that the ECM was already underselling us and producing higher quality merchandise. The instructor, a brilliant political scientist, promptly stated that this competition from Western Europe was a wonderful thing for the free world. He also said this was necessary and would stimulate the U.S. to increase production, lower the prices on our goods, and produce higher quality products.

"Apparently he is not very well aware of the danger ahead. I am thankful I have come to some understanding of world developments."

Man from Eunice, Louisiana

(Editor's comment: Many educated men are ignorant of the true significance of world affairs. Through the pages of The PLAIN TRUTH the true meaning of today's news is clearly outlined. You can know.)

Agrees God Controls Weather

"I certainly found the article about Hitler's seven blunders extremely interesting. It is God that causes dense fogs and cold, muddy winters."

Man from West Columbia,
South Carolina

PLAIN TRUTH Not "Wishy-Washy"

"I received my July issue and I especially liked your story on Hitler's 7 blunders. . . . You are to be commended for printing articles like this and 'Now,

New Power Bloc Stronger than Russia.' Perhaps people would not agree with your views and beliefs but they can never accuse you of being wishy-washy!"

Woman from Denver, Colorado

(Editor's comment: It is not a question of "our views." It is a matter of fact, and of truth.)

Prophecy Came True

"My husband came home from work one day and said he heard Russia had sent a man into space and he came back a madman. I said, 'You can't believe half of what you hear, but if it is true, it will be in The PLAIN TRUTH,' and it was in the June issue."

Woman from Elmira, New York

Likes "Letters to the Editor"

"A few days back I received my PLAIN TRUTH. I like the 40 pages because it gives more reading material. I have missed the Autobiography, and am looking forward to the finishing of it. I like the 'Letters to the Editor.' One can see why there is no price for it, because it is above price. During the time I was reading 'Just What Do You Mean Salvation?' I paused and went back in my mind to the old way the preachers had me believing, and deceived. I asked God to forgive me for my ignorance."

Woman from Vicksburg, Mississippi

Pictures Do Reveal Character

"After studying the photographs of the men who are in charge of publishing The PLAIN TRUTH, I am more convinced than before that my tithes are being sent to the right place."

Woman from Kirkwood, Illinois

(Editor's comment: The thoughts of one's mind are mirrored on the face. The character of man is inevitably reflected by his countenance. What most people do not reflect is sincerity.)

Wants True Bible Story

"I will be very pleased to receive The BIBLE STORY. No one except those who have hunted for Bible Stories for children know or realize what sort of stories

are being printed. They don't much resemble the real story."

Woman from Seattle, Washington

Likes Artistry of Mr. Wolverton

"The BIBLE STORY is a very wonderful work. I appreciated the artistry of Mr. Wolverton in that I like his style of presentation. Having been a draftsman for quite a few years, I like detailed drawings. And the writings of the story are simple, sound, and smooth running in form."

Man from California

Heeds Voice of Authority

"Since I have been listening to your program I have noticed a distinct difference between you and the everyday preacher. That is, you never say, 'I believe' or 'I think' or 'my church says' or 'I imagine,' and you do not speak as one who doubts or does not have enough information to back you up. You speak as one having authority and who knows what he is talking about. I praise and thank God each day for you and His guidance to you."

Man from Chateauroux, France

(Editor's comment: Just as God speaks with the voice of authority, so will He speak through His true ministers today.)

Reception Good in B.W.I.

"We enjoy your program over XERF. Reception is fine, especially at the time you selected. Even when the night is bad, it is about the clearing up time for static."

Man from British West Indies

(Editor's comment: Everyone should check The PLAIN TRUTH radio log. Reception in summer varies considerably according to time of day, and weather conditions. There may be another 50,000-watt station that would give you better reception than one you have customarily been tuned to.)

Shocked at Own Answers

"I can remember hearing your broadcast for the first time a little over a year ago. I would be listening to your program and all of a sudden I would hear something that was completely different from anything I had heard before. I

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The BRUTAL QUESTION!

Will nuclear WAR begin over the Berlin Crisis? That fatal question can be answered only by those who know both the facts and Biblical prophecy! Read this shocking, on-the-spot report by the Executive Editor of the Plain Truth!

West Berlin, Germany:

WILL the world be plunged into a super-destructive hydrogen-bomb WAR this November? Nikita Khrushchev, slamming his hand on the table to President Kennedy's face, said, "If the United States wants war . . . force will be met with force!"

Khrushchev threatens Russia will NOT COMPROMISE on Berlin. She will sign a separate peace treaty with the East Germans unless the Western powers agree to Russia's terms before the November deadline. Kennedy maintains the West will stand absolutely firm, opposes the Russian plan, says the Western allies will not withdraw from West Berlin.

Think of it!

The two really BIG powers are at this moment *both* committed to supposedly unalterable plans which, if they are carried out, will inevitably and *surely* mean WAR THIS NOVEMBER!

This BRUTAL question plagues no other people like it does the citizens of this modern, glittering, industrious, *surrounded* city of West Berlin.

I am here, in West Berlin, *on the spot*, to bring you first-hand the *real* picture, and what it *really means*!

Why a Crisis?

But what is the Berlin Crisis really about? To understand, you must know a little of the recent history of Berlin.

After World War II, the Western allies drew up hastily laid plans for "winning the *peace*." They agreed to a dividing of the nation of Germany under first a three-power administration, and later four, after France was included. Berlin lay smack in the heart of the eastern section, given to the Russians. Because of the vitally important place of Berlin in the postwar world, it was hastily decided to divide the city, too. Again, it was divided into three sections, with France later sharing control of the western two-thirds of the city.

The unbelievable series of crises over

by Garner Ted Armstrong



Wide World Photo

U. S. tanks parade in West Berlin as token reminder of Western military strength committed to defense of the city.

Berlin stems from the fact that absolutely NO GUARANTEES of any kind of ACCESS to the western sector of the city were asked of or given by the Communists—supposedly the friends and allies of the west at the close of the war.

No one seemed to know, then, how Russian and Western relations would develop after the war.

By 1948, it became quite clear Berlin would develop into a critical area.

With the attempt of the West to create European *unity*, as an effort to present a solidly united front to the advancing onslaught of Communism, Germany was finally merged into a single West German nation by the joint decision of the three Western Occupational Powers.

Russia reacted violently.

Then came the blockading of the ground routes into West Berlin, and the now-famous "Airlift" when the West carried out a fantastic, hugely expensive airborne-lifeline to the belea-

guered citizens of West Berlin.

In 1949 Joseph Stalin called off the blockade.

What Does Russia Want?

But *why* the furor over West Berlin? What does Russia *really want*?

First, Khrushchev regards West Berlin as a serious thorn in the flesh!

The glittering, prosperous, "showcase of the West," with its strikingly rebuilt, ultra-modern buildings, its teeming shopping districts, futuristic transportation systems, and high living standards, is a constant reminder to visitors from all over the world of the stark differences between the two systems.

East Berlin, as Mr. Jon Hill will report, after his detailed inspection of its mountainous and endless miles of rubble, filth, dirt, and twisted steel, presents a *far different* picture to the world than the healthy industrial glow of the western sector.

Next, the irksome floodtide of es-

caping refugees—numbering, for example, up to three hundred thirty-one thousand in the single year of 1953 alone, is a constant reminder to the Russians of the fervent desire of the East Germans to escape their brand of "liberation." Nearly all these multitudes escape to the West via West Berlin. But perhaps most important of all is the social, cultural, *political* importance of Berlin to the German people themselves!

The Germans say "The border between the two halves will not exist forever. For Berliners live on both sides of it and, in spite of being divided, they regard themselves as citizens of one town: *the German capital, Berlin!*" (emphasis mine.)

Khrushchev fears the resurgence of Germany. He would like to destroy the opportunity for any German reunification, and the subsequent loss of East Germany to the Communist orbit, by making sure Berlin—deep in the heart of the Communist-occupied sector—would cease to be such a vital calling card toward unity for the divided German people.

The Russian proposal of a "free city" merely means a guise to insure Western military might is pulled out of Berlin, leaving Russia free to "liberate" the West Berliners in much the same way she has "liberated" Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Eastern Germany, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Albania! These enslaved nations represent more than 100 million people, and more than 400,000 square miles of newly acquired power for the Soviet Union just since the close of World War II, and this in Europe *alone!*

The West knows such a "free city" would mean a crucial loss—the beginning of the decay of Western strength—the failure of the West to stem the advancing tide of godless Communism!

What Does The West Want?

Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Macmillan and Mr. DeGaulle all want, though through somewhat different means, West Berlin to remain free from the Communists.

They all want, again through somewhat different means, the reunification of Germany, the withdrawal of East

Germany from Communistic control, and Germany to remain the staunch ally of the West.

Mr. Kennedy, returning from the now-infamous Vienna meeting with Khrushchev, has called in as special advisor on the Berlin Crisis the retired former Army Chief of Staff, General Maxwell D. Taylor. I have questioned General Taylor personally. Before his retirement, and during his period of office as Army Chief of Staff, General Taylor was one of the foremost advocates of the building of a more powerful striking force, including limited tactical nuclear weapons, but with greater emphasis on non-nuclear weapons for controlling the limited "brushfire" wars, such as those in Korea, Laos, and Indo-China.

This factor, in addition to General Taylor's tour of duty as commander of the American Military Government and Chief of Army Forces in Berlin from 1949 to 1951, underscores the firm intention of the United States to resolutely insure there will not be another *failure* in Berlin!

The President of the United States told a friend, "If he (Taylor) can just help steer us through the morass of Berlin, this may be the most important assignment he has ever had."

It is being made clear to the world that the United States will back up its commitments in Berlin even at the risk of NUCLEAR WAR!

What About Berliners Themselves?

Let's come to really *understand!*

Think of it! Here are the two really BIG POWERS, struggling over Berlin like two mastiffs over a bone—each making positive statements—each committed to unchangeable policies which, if remaining unchanged, will lead to WAR!

But while the rest of the world quarrels over Germany, and over West Berlin in particular, what about the German people themselves? Do *they* have anything to say about the crisis?

More than you realize!

Let's clear the air.

Let's see the *real* picture!

Can you imagine, *for one second*, that the citizens of West Berlin, of all



Wide World Photo

Refugees from East Germany, some resting on ground while others stand in line, wait to be processed at Marienfelde refugee camp in West Berlin. From there they will be flown to West Germany to start life anew. Recently more than 1000 have been daily checked into the camp.

West Germany, and, for that matter, of the whole of Europe, are really WILLING to *lose their lives*, to be brutally SLAUGHTERED by the advancing *twenty-two DIVISIONS* of Russian tanks and troops for the sake of the policies of far-away government capitals?

Remember the people in East Berlin are GERMAN people. The people in East Germany are GERMAN people.

What the West does not KNOW—and what prophecy *clearly shows*—is that the Berlin Crisis is pushing Germany just one giant step further toward a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

Here's what eventually *will* happen!

Very SOON now—and probably a lot sooner than *you think*—a THIRD POWER BLOC is going to emerge!

West Germany, already the leading and dominant nation in "Euromart" is going to begin swinging her weight around in the world!

NATO is doomed to collapse—the present economic and industrial union of Europe among the "six" nations of the West—Germany, Italy, France and Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg)—are destined to be forged together into a great POLITICAL power!

U. S. of Europe Already HERE!

It would take unnecessary space to repeat again, as we have in these pages endlessly for over twenty long years, all the shocking, startling, statistical evidence that is so inescapable, so dramatically *evident* to even the casual observer, the facts of the coming political and military power in Europe.

But briefly, notice these startling statements!

Professor Walter Hallstein, President of the European Economic Community (Euromart), said recently that the "Common Market is not only an economic association, it is also political . . . HIGHLY POLITICAL!" He thinks of it as a substructure for a hoped-for *United States of Europe*.

Professor Hallstein, in a speech at Harvard University, was quoted by a top news source as being almost "evangelical" in his fervency on this point. He said, "*I want to stress that . . . it is political*, not just that it tends toward a political goal. That goal has been described by none less than Winston



Wide World Photo

Refugees read about President Kennedy's speech. Headline reads: "Be prepared to fight for West Berlin."

Churchill as a 'UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.' My aim tonight is to show that *the future has already begun*," he said.

Even a capital site is being proposed!

Franz Meyers, President of the German Bundesrat, proposed recently that Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands each contribute a piece of land to create an international district with a NEW EUROPEAN CAPITAL. He told a news conference this new area would resemble the District of Columbia, and that local capitals would be too fused with local and national traditions to be truly an "international European Capital."

Another top news source said recently, "Students [studying the idea to integrate Great Britain with Euromart] are concerned that Euromarket's six nations are presenting an organized economic affront to . . . Canada, the United States and Japan, as well as the United Kingdom and the other free nations in Europe. The determination of the six nations to INTEGRATE THEMSELVES POLITICALLY, ALONG THE ANCIENT PATTERNS OF THE OLD HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE, is not lost on students of the situation." (Emphasis mine.)

Did you read this hair-raising admission?

Think of it! Exactly as YOUR BIBLE PROPHECIES, and as *The Plain Truth* has

been warning for YEARS, a revival of the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE is under way, under the *modern* name, "United States of Europe." It is the final resurrection of the prophesied BEAST that is rapidly leading to the grand-smash climax of the ages—commonly called "the battle of ARMAGEDDON!"

What the Germans Say

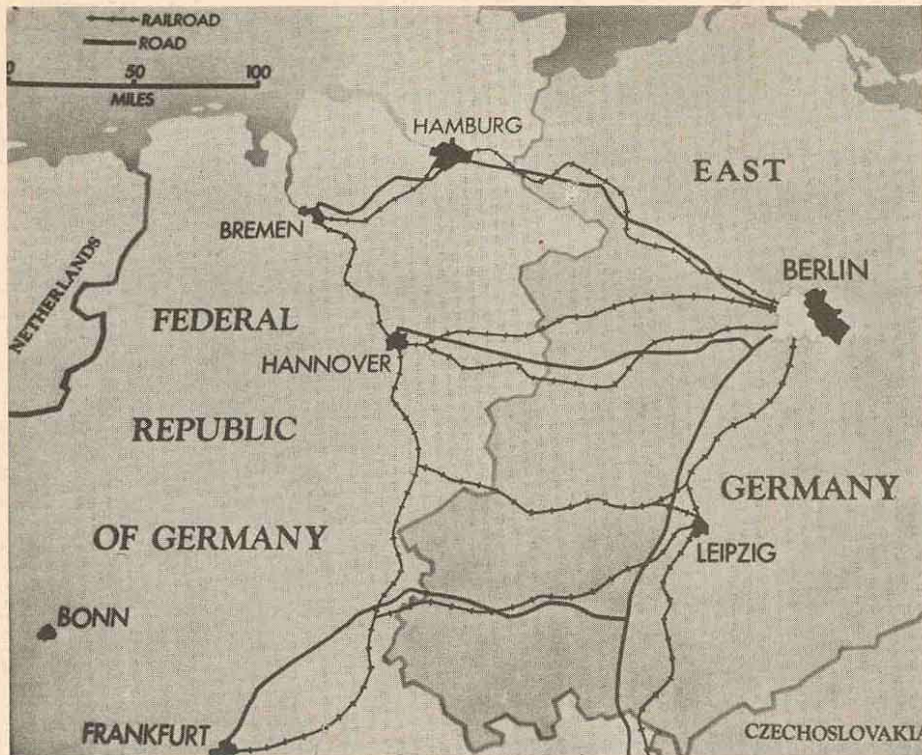
Here in Germany, once again visiting the pulsating, throbbing, vibrant industrial cities of Cologne, Aachen, Düsseldorf, Munich and Berlin, I am *again surprised!*

There are no adjectives capable of describing the tremendous *feeling* I get as I comment with explosive wonder that I AM UNABLE TO LOOK IN ANY DIRECTION without seeing belching smokestacks, FACTORIES, INDUSTRIES, WORK!

Even on my third visit to the industrial Ruhr, I am SURPRISED!

Having driven through the peaceful countryside of France, through tiny but industrial Luxembourg, and then from Belgium into Germany, the *change* was startling!

The picture of buzzing activity, of feverish industry, of hustle and hurry, was an overwhelming *force* that struck with suddenness that was inescapable. I



Wide World Photo

Map used by President Kennedy to illustrate his televised speech. Pictured is the isolated position of West Berlin in relation to the rest of the German Federal Republic, and the access roads and rail routes.

recalled the recent authoritative comment of "U.S. News and World Report": "While attention is centered on Soviet Russia and U.S. as the world's Big Two—a powerful force to dwarf Russia is beginning to form." This article went on describing the countries of West Europe drawing together into a POWER CENTER, showing how West Europe's strength—its people, skills, industrial power—outmatch Soviet strength!

The article called it a "potential COLOSSUS!"

Germans do *not* want war with Russia! They are *deliriously happy* over their new-found prosperity, their high standard of living.

As two fervently nationalistic German men told me, "We will decide our own fate—we will never be content to let it be decided elsewhere!"

Fabulously wealthy, hugely powerful German industrialist Alfried Krupp said, in referring to the possibility of opening up unlimited trade to the East, with Russia, "We shall not be lacking in initiative" when that time comes!

"We must UNITE!" said a former Nazi *Wehrmacht* soldier to me recently—"only by all of Europe together can

we withstand Russia!"

Do you begin to see?

Picture it this way. If the United States had LOST the war, and had been occupied by foreign military powers—divided at the Mississippi River—here would be a comparable picture: Suppose Germany held the Industrial East, with Russia controlling everything west of

Communist East Germany's factory workers' militia practice putting down rebellion. Several thousand blue-uniformed militiamen run through the maneuver. Armored cars used in practice drill.

Wide World Photo



the Mississippi. Suppose our leading generals such as Eisenhower, Mark Clark, MacArthur, Stillwell, Patton; the leading admirals, Halsey, Nimitz and King had been hanged as war criminals!

Suppose our national heroes were killed or imprisoned, our founding fathers impugned, our culture, our national way of life declared "outlaw." Suppose that a gigantic struggle developed between the two powers who had conquered us. But in your *supposing*—can you suppose, even for ONE SECOND—that Americans could then be persuaded, in just a few short years, to risk the loss of their homes, their lives, their loved ones, entering a NUCLEAR WAR, pointing their guns across the Mississippi at OTHER AMERICANS, merely because a foreign power had given them money and arms? Is this credible, is it believable? Is it really thinkable?

I asked two former German soldiers this very question!

Their answer came with surprising vehemence and feeling!

"NO!" they said—"NEVER!"

What Will Happen!

Remember—and mark this well! The Germans will NEVER allow their fate to be decided by someone else!

Today, as Germany heads toward all-important national elections this September, a greater crisis is developing than most of the free world even begins

to imagine! One of the leading contenders in the coming elections is the dynamic Mayor of West Berlin, Willie Brandt. Mayor Brandt is first of all a German—with the sentiments and feelings of the German people at heart—and he is also an outspoken friend of the West. Another contender, talked of greatly in recent years, but not heard from very much recently, is Finance Minister Ludwig Erhardt, portly, vibrantly active financial wizard who has almost single-handedly raised the "Deutsche Mark" from an inflated, useless paper to the strongest currency on earth—yes, *stronger than the Dollar!*

Regardless of which of these, if either of them, wins in September, when the real SHOWDOWN comes, Germany will MAKE SOME MIGHTY IMPORTANT DECISIONS!

The Germans have learned from past mistakes!

Never again will they try to fight a war on three fronts at the same time!

Never again will they attempt to wage a war toward the west while leaving their vulnerable "back door" wide open!

Just as a TREATY was signed, and a non-aggression pact confirmed between Germany and Russia in the early years of World War II (later broken by Hitler) so will another such agreement be reached!

A gigantic DEAL is going to be made.

It will be first ECONOMIC — then MILITARY!

Russia is having her troubles, both with the farming program, unrest in conquered and subjected countries, and with China.

She needs time. Time to solidify her latest ill-gotten territories in southeast Asia, to bring up the economy at home. To do this, she needs a vital shot in the arm in the form of TRADE! Her most logical, useful, and closest big industrial economic business friend is Germany!

Sooner or later—and maybe even THIS YEAR, Germany is going to withdraw from NATO! Germany is going to step out on her own—forming a separate, completely sovereign UNITED STATES! A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

The present Berlin Crisis is only one more PUSH in that very direction!

It leaves these German people NO

ALTERNATIVE! They WILL NOT go to war for the interests of the United States! The tongue-in-cheek opinions of gullible Americans, talking of "what they think" will happen over Berlin—whether WE, the *United States*, should not "go to war" over Berlin, is another stinging slap in the face to the West Berliner, and to every German!

Americans and Britons do not seem to fathom that Germany is once again a POWER TO BE RECKONED WITH!

Make no mistake!

NUCLEAR WAR WILL NOT COME OVER THE BERLIN CRISIS!

But out of it all—in a very short time—a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE WILL!

Watch World Events!

As the many articles in the *Plain Truth* have repeatedly proclaimed, this new power bloc rapidly forming in Europe is prophesied in your own Bible!

God foretold, thousands of years ago, through the Prophet Daniel, of an *end-time resurrection* of the same old "Beast" known in history as the ancient Roman Empire!

Mussolini's and Hitler's alliance was a *weak forerunner* of that very prophesied event!

But while Hitler and Mussolini met their *defeats* trying to affect the *first stage* of their plans for ultimate world conquest—the *present* power is going to BEGIN with that vital first stage already accomplished!

That important *first stage* is a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, bought and paid

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You need to WATCH, as Jesus said (Luke 21:36), and come to really *understand* the frightfully important *significance* of these world happenings. Others merely REPORT the news—they cannot seem to see what it really means!

Those of us on the *Plain Truth* staff oftentimes travel thousands of miles to bring you ON-THE-SPOT reports and—what is MUCH more important—the real MEANING of today's rapidly moving world events!

Nothing is more important to *your life right now* than to find out WHERE GOD IS REALLY WORKING! Find out where the prophesied *work of God* (Matt. 24:14) is being conducted—PROVE all things, *check up, make sure!*

As you see these prophesied happenings unfolding, developing, coming to pass before your very eyes, you should *be honest with yourself!* Come to ADMIT where you heard about it—WHO it was who TOLD YOU SO! Don't be a spiritual coward! God will not *allow* to escape these perilous times ahead any who keep sitting on the fence—waiting, watching, always "not quite" convinced it's high time to SURRENDER to their Creator, GIVING their very lives to Him who ONLY is able to save!

What about YOU?

Giant World Power

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into the prophesied future.

The Eternal God, who created all that exists, *rules* over His creation. But He made man a free moral agent, setting before him the right way as well as the wrong, decreeing that man must choose for himself which way he will go—allowing him to go the wrong, if he rebels.

Always mankind has chosen wrong, in the serene delusion that it is right. This world is *not* God's civilization—it is the false way that has seemed *right* to deceived humanity. Into it God raised up a nation He chose as His, revealing to them His beneficent government with all its prosperity and blessings, but allowing them to reject it.

Then God Almighty, Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, gave world dominion

to the Chaldean Nebuchadnezzar. Through the prophet Daniel, God forcibly brought to this gentile king's consciousness the fact that The Eternal actually rules His Universe, and gave this dominion to Nebuchadnezzar. Yet both he and his son on his throne refused obedience to the government of God, exalting *themselves* as supreme. Thereupon God's sentence upon them was put in effect—that for 2,520 years the succession of gentile kingdoms following them should be *cut off* from divine contact, rule, and blessings—and under the CURSE of being guided by wild animal-type minds—UNTIL they learn that The Eternal Creator GOD is Supreme Sovereign over the earth and the Universe!

They have not learned this yet—and *will not*, until after the coming and forceable rule of Christ! But today we are rapidly approaching that time!

Nebuchadnezzar's world-Empire was followed by the Persian, and, in turn the Greco-Macedonian, and then, mightiest of all, the ROMAN EMPIRE. The Roman Empire was the most degenerate of all spiritually. But it was the greatest, largest, most powerful in military might.

The original Roman Empire fell in 476 A.D. But it was, say God's prophecies, to be resurrected seven times. Six of those revivals have come and gone.

TODAY WE SEE THE SEVENTH and last resurrection springing to life! The first of these seven was Justinian's reign beginning 554 A.D. This was accomplished at the behest of the Pope of Rome. Justinian, and his successors have all been crowned by Popes. In each case, the Church ruled over the state.

But after Napoleon's fall, in 1814, the Holy Roman Empire, as it was called through the Middle Ages, split up. It never held together for any great length of time. It always was made up of a crazy-quilt of several nations speaking different languages, having different ideals and aspirations. After 1814 each nation formed its own national boundary lines, set up its own barriers of trade, currency, and immigration against the other.

Actually, the Protestant "Reformation" was more of a political than a religious break-off from Rome.

After 1814, the Italian peninsula was broken up into 12 separate little states. In 1860 Garibaldi united these 12 into the one nation of Italy.

In 1935 Mussolini conquered Ethiopia. Adding this to Italian Somaliland, Eritrea and Lybia, he entered into a Concordat with the Papacy, and officially proclaimed it the ROMAN EMPIRE.

This was the insignificant, puny, short-lived *sixth* resurrection of the Empire described in Revelation 17:8 as "the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." It was so unimportant that, as the Roman Empire it "was not"—and yet it was—at least in name!

All through these years the nations of Europe have been *wanting* to unite—but impassable obstacles stood in their way. They distrusted one another. They each had ulterior designs against the others. As stated above, Germany twice tried to eat its cake and have it too, by provoking two world wars in efforts to conquer not only the nations of Europe, but of the whole world.

But today Germany is cut in two. East Germany is under Communist domination. Against the common enemy, the U.S.S.R., dedicated to conquering and ruling the whole world, Britain and America began fostering ideas of a UNITED EUROPE.

Yes, paradoxically, the very Frankenstein Monster that prophecy warns is to destroy us has been proposed, encouraged, aided and abetted by both the U.S.A. and Britain!

And then the first literal beginning, in action, was this Benelux formation in London, among nations that actually are among the "Lost" Ten Tribes of Israel! (If you have not already, write for and read our free booklet, *The U.S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.)

Will any of these *Israelitish* nations become members of the ultimate Ten-Nation prophetic "*Beast*"? In past years I have thought not. Prophecy does not say, specifically. But in Revelation 18:4 we read the warning, "Come out of her, my people." The "her" is this modern Babylon, the resurrected Roman Empire! God's *spiritual* people, converted Christians, could not *be* converted if they still were "in Babylon." So it must be speaking of God's *na-*

tional people, Israel. This, therefore, may indicate that *some* of the Israelitish nations of north-western Europe will become a part of the coming United States of Europe. At least, France, Belgium, and The Netherlands already are in this "Big Six."

And right now, even Britain and other nations are trying desperately to *get in!*

What "Euromart" IS

Now let's take a good look at this Common Market. Let's understand exactly *what it is*—and how it is rapidly evolving into the coming politico-economic-military-religious UNITED EUROPE!

Only 15 years ago, most of western Europe was in ruins, devastated by the world war. Nearly 40 million had died. Another 100 million were living at or near starvation level. Europe was impoverished. Each nation, by itself alone, felt helpless. They began to feel the need of unity.

Someone has published a popular-selling book on how to get rich. The suggested recipe is simple: Just form your own family into a new "nation" and declare WAR against the United States. Of course the United States will win the war. But then after defeating you, it will endow you with billions of dollars of post-war aid. The United States rushed to Europe's aid with both the suggestion of a United States of Europe and American dollars.

Even before the end of the war three governments—Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, announced their intention to form a joint customs union, to be known as BENELUX.

American aid, with the Marshal Plan, brought about phenomenal reconstruction in Europe. This beginning of an economic boom encouraged various steps toward economic integration. As early as 1948 there was a 16-member Organization for European Economic Co-operation. Others followed.

The Benelux, the smallest European unity, started in actual operation January 1, 1948.

In 1951 came a coal and steel co-operation, set up by the present SIX nations of the Common Market. In four years steel production soared 36%, and

they became, next to the U.S.A., the largest steel producer in the world.

Then, finally, in 1957, these six nations signed the Treaty of Rome, setting up the Common Market. Officially it is called EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, or the EEC. It went into force on January 1, 1958.

Atomic Energy, Too

Along with the EEC, these six nations also launched a new enterprise of far-reaching significance. You may not have heard of this. Yet it is of history-shattering importance. It is called *Euratom*. Its purpose is to develop peacetime uses of atomic energy. But when this becomes a political Empire, it is to be automatically in possession of a fully developed atomic program. It will immediately be a world power in possession of nuclear weapons!

Also included in this economic union is another startlingly significant part of its organization. This is a Court of Justice. These nations have *bound themselves* and their police departments to carry out all decisions of this Court!

So here, already, is an INTERNATIONAL AGENCY functioning within the framework of the Common Market organizational structure which is dangerously approaching *political union*!

And who is the President of the EEC? Of course! *A German*, Walter Hallstein. He directs a staff of 1,800 diplomats, economists, businessmen and labor leaders.

Sensational Results

Already results are fantastic.

It has produced, in this very short time, the fastest growing economy in the world. It has produced a new free-trade area of 172 million people—almost as large, already, as the United States! And other nations are soon to join!

It has brought them the phenomenal advantages of mass production, organized specialization, mass marketing. Last year they showed an increase of 28% in commerce within the market.

Tariffs, formerly as high as 66%, already have been slashed as low as 25%. It is estimated that all internal customs will be eliminated entirely within four to five years. Here is one specific ex-

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

"How far should we go in telling others about our religion?"

You must continually keep in mind that no one can force his religion on someone else. And no good thing is accomplished by trying to do so.

A Christian is known by his *good works* (Matt. 5:14-16)—not by his "good arguments" or "constant preaching." Our righteous, confident, happy lives—the way we live and the customs we keep—will influence others far more than our words.

Remember, a light is easily seen, but makes no sound. God has commanded only *His ministers* to sound the trumpet in teaching people His ways (Isa. 58:1). But laymen, as well as ministers, should concentrate on producing good deeds that will influence others.

However, if someone wants to know the truth and *first* asks us in sincerity, *then* we should answer to the very best of our ability (I Pet. 3:15). But to try to tell the truth to people who are not ready to receive it is worse than useless. It may offend them so we can have no good influence on them at all.

We, ourselves, must obey God, but leave the lives of others in His hands. He will call all men to a true understanding in His own time and in His own way. Read John 6:44, 65 and I Tim. 2:4; then II Tim. 2:21-26, and you will better understand how to help others and to be patient until *God* opens

the mind of others to understand what you know.

Who are the 24 elders mentioned several times in the book of Revelation?

Some teach that the elders, mentioned in Revelation 4:4, are taken from among saved mortals. This assumption is primarily based on a mistranslation of Revelation 5:8-10. The last half of this verse, according to the original inspired Greek which John wrote, should read: "... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed *them* (not *us*) to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made *them* (not *us*) unto our God kings and priests: and *they* (not *we*) shall reign on the earth."

How clear! The 24 elders rule with God in Heaven. The resurrected saints rule on earth!

The 24 elders are not saved humans at all, because no man has ascended to the heaven of God's throne except Jesus Christ (John 3:13). All saved human beings—those who are Christ's true servants—will be given immortality *at Christ's coming*—when He returns to the earth to rule and reign (I Cor. 15:23). These 24 elders, then, are spirits, a part of the created heavenly host of beings. They have been given positions of responsibility as advisers in the Government of God through which He rules the universe.

ample. In Belgium the tariff on a German Volkswagen or a French Dauphine is \$208; but the tariff on a British Morris Minor is \$240.80. And soon there will be no customs duty whatever, inside these countries, on German or French cars.

We ourselves, in visiting the capitals of Europe this summer, have seen one remarkable result of the Common Mar-

ket, especially in southern Europe. There has been a drastic reduction in the number of American tourists visiting Europe this summer. Yet there are more tourists than ever before. These are mostly Germans, Italians, Belgians, Dutch and French. European highways are literally clogged with traffic. Few cars have a USA on the rear. They are largely D
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Do You Believe in PRAYER?

Why don't more people get DIRECT answers to prayer? Or should you expect this type of answer?

by Roderick C. Meredith

THE PRESIDENT of the United States recently asked his fellow Americans for their prayers. If you are an American, he asked YOU to pray for him.

The Chief Executive states: "In meeting my responsibilities in these coming months as President, I need your good will and your support—and, above all, your prayers."

Have you complied with this Presidential request?

Why So Little Prayer?

Surveys indicate that *very few* professing Christians make a habit of daily prayer. Most American families do NOT offer thanks to God at the dinner table as they once did. Extremely FEW regularly get down on their knees before their Maker—in a *private place*—and ask His Divine intervention and guidance in their daily lives.

WHY?

It is basically because they have been deceived about the reality of the Supreme GOD. Today's society knows practically *nothing* about the POWER of the true God!

Modern psychology and psychiatry have deluded most "moderns" into the idea that "prayer may be all right because it makes you *feel better*." Many teach that prayer's only tangible benefit is that it gives you a "positive mental outlook."

Is prayer only a religious "peace of mind" pill?

The true GOD who gives you every breath of air you breathe, who said: "*Let there be light: and there was light*"—who is right NOW beginning to intervene in the affairs of nations and PUNISH America and Britain for our national sins—that God is practically UNKNOWN to this generation. He is seldom prayed to because He is seldom recognized. He is the God that Abraham,

Isaac and Jacob prayed to. He is the God of the Bible. But very few men really study the Bible today. And fewer still truly *believe* what it says!

The true God prophesied hundreds of years ago: "This know also, that *in the last days* perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves . . . Having a FORM of godliness, but DENYING THE POWER thereof: from such turn away" (II Tim. 3:1-5).

And this is precisely what HAS HAPPENED!

Men have ceremonial prayers, pagan chants and responsive readings in church services. But when they are at home *alone* they feel unable to communicate with their Maker—the Eternal invisible God. They are used to *people, pictures, candles, idols* being around when they pray.

The invisible God seems far off—unreal. Since their forms and ceremonies—their pictures and idols—have had no real POWER to SUPERNATURALLY INTERVENE and answer prayer; it seems difficult to believe that the invisible God of the Bible should have this power.

But at this point let me say candidly, as the minister of the Eternal God, that sooner or later down the pathway of life you had better come to find and to *know* the true God of POWER, the God and Father of the Christ of your Bible. If you have skepticism and doubt about this most basic fact of all—and *millions do*—then write *immediately* for the important free booklets, "*Does God Exist?*" and, "*The Proof of the Bible.*"

What Is the TRUTH?

You may not yet fully grasp it and realize it, but you are living in the prophesied "time of the end." You are living in the age when the great, individual Spirit PERSON we call "GOD" is going to *directly intervene in human affairs* and REVEAL HIMSELF to a fear-

less, deceived, hell-bent world.

Then men everywhere are going to KNOW God. And they are going to know the POWER of God to *directly* answer the prayers of those who serve Him!

This very work of God which is being used to help prepare the way for Jesus Christ's return to this earth, which publishes The PLAIN TRUTH magazine you are now reading, and which sponsors the "WORLD TOMORROW" broadcast—this very work is the direct result of *hundreds of answered prayers!* And I do not mean vague hopes or wishful thinking. I mean *direct intervention* of the Supreme Being to CHANGE the course of human affairs!

This is the result of taking the Bible *literally*, of believing that God means EXACTLY what He says in His Word.

To have *your* prayers answered, you likewise must come to believe in the REAL God of POWER revealed in the Holy Bible. You must learn to *study* His Word and BELIEVE what He tells you.

Don't "kid" yourself. There is NO OTHER WAY!

If you pray to a "god" of your own imagination, the "essence of good" or some other man-inspired concept, you may receive *temporary* relief from your frustrations because of the sentimental mood you conjure up, but you will NEVER be helped by *direct intervention* on the part of the Divine Spirit PERSONALITY who right now sits at the controls of the Universe! He *alone* is the true GOD.

It is most important WHICH "god" you kneel before!

If you come to *know* and *believe* the God of the Bible, your prayers will be ANSWERED for you will learn to have the faith of Abraham who approached God "*being fully persuaded that, what he had PROMISED, he was ABLE also to perform*" (Rom. 4:21).

You need to understand that the

Bible is a *written contract* between you and the Creator. What God has promised *in the Bible*, He WILL perform.

There may be conditions. Then God will *unfailing*ly do His part IF you faithfully perform yours.

Learn to Pray from the Heart

In this age which threatens *human annihilation*, it is important that you learn *how* to pray. But it is also important that you TAKE TIME to pray.

For fervent prayer to Almighty God on your knees is your source of contact with the Supreme POWER of this Universe! There is NOTHING more important in your daily life than this!

During His "Sermon on the Mount," Christ *assumed* (Mat. 6:5-8) that His true followers would pray. He did not say "If you pray," but "*when* thou prayest." He *knew* that anyone who was truly serving God would be *praying often*.

Are you?

He cautioned the disciples never to pray "to be seen of men," but to enter into a closet or "secret place," and there commune with their Heavenly Father. Christ taught that it was *wrong* to make long prayers in front of others to "show off" (Mat. 23:14). Preachers and "deacons" who delight in this sort of thing are *disobeying God*.

And have you ever heard certain denominations repeat prayers over and over again? Christ said, "But when ye pray, *use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (v. 7).

Memorized prayers—including the "Lord's Prayer"—soon lose their meaning and sincerity.

Nowhere in the entire New Testament is the "Lord's Prayer" repeated. The apostles didn't repeat it over and over again. Jesus gave it only as a pattern or example after which we could fashion *our own* prayers.

This world's churches are in *error* when they practice repeating *any* prayer over and over again each week. Avoid this error. *And try not to return thanks in the same way at the table every meal.*

When you pray, don't just "rattle off" so many words. Think about your blessings, your needs, and *pray from the*

heart.

Remember, you are praying to the Supreme GOVERNOR of the entire Universe. Enter His presence with *respect* and *awe*, and put your entire BEING into your prayers. You are praying to your great *Father* in heaven—the Author of *love* and *mercy*, *wisdom* and *POWER*. *Don't forget this* when you pray!

Don't Be Ashamed

We should be careful not to pray "to be seen of men." *But* does this mean that we should be overly secretive—as if we were ashamed—when we pray?

Absolutely not!

Many "babes in Christ" are faced with this problem. Some of you are afraid to pray as often as you should *because you are afraid other people will know about it!* Have no such fear! Should the nearness of your wife, husband, or children prevent you from maintaining an intimate contact with your creator and God? Of course not!

In Luke 9:18 and 28, we find two examples of where Christ—our *perfect example*—prayed a short distance from his disciples and they knew *where* He was and *what* He was doing.

So *don't* be ashamed if anyone knows you are praying! Just be careful not to pray "to be seen of men," and try hard to find a closet or "private place" where you will not be disturbed.

When Jesus was staying at Peter's home with his disciples, "rising up *a great while before day*, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there *prayed*" (Mark 1:35).

You *can* be alone with God if you will follow Christ's example and *make a way!*

Position in Prayer

The Bible records many different positions in prayer. But it *always* shows that in private, personal prayer, you should *kneel on both knees*. It has always been a custom to kneel on *one knee* to a king or other ruler as a sign of *respect and esteem*. But the Bible always records that we should bow *both knees* to God in *reverence and worship*.

I Kings 8:54 and Ezra 9:5 show an example of a very suitable position in prayer. Notice that Solomon and Ezra kneeled upon *both knees* and spread out

their hands—upward—toward God. This is a position of humility and supplication. You will come more nearly praying *fervently* if you are in such a position.

God may not answer "sleepytime prayers" that you mumble to yourself in bed just before dropping off to sleep. If you want an answer, better GET OUT OF THAT BED and kneel before your Creator.

In public or at the dinner table, you may pray either standing or seated—whichever way you feel would honor God most in each situation. In Mat. 14:19, Christ commanded the people to sit down before he blessed the loaves and fishes.

But in private He, "kneeled down, and prayed" (Mat. 22:41). In your personal prayers, you should kneel before God and pray *fervently* (James 5:16).

Concentrate your WHOLE BEING on communing with the Creator of heaven and earth—and your own loving spiritual Father. A correct position in prayer will help you do this.

How Often to Pray

In Acts 13:22, we read that David was a *man after God's own heart*. Read some of the Psalms. Many of the Psalms are simply David's prayers. He prayed to God in time of trouble, for guidance, in thanksgiving. In *every circumstance* David went to God in prayer.

Don't think you are "bothering" God by sharing your joys and your problems with Him. *Talk to God often—in every circumstance*. That is undoubtedly one of the main reasons that David was a man after God's own heart.

If you want to be a child of God, then "get acquainted" with your Heavenly Father. Talk to Him *often*. *Share your life* with God. In Ps. 55:17, David wrote, "*Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.*" David went to God in prayer *three times a day*.

We read of God's prophet Daniel (Dan. 6:10), "... he kneeled upon his knees *three times a day*, and *prayed*, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." These examples are not commands, but they certainly show that to kneel in prayer *three times a day* is a good way to bring God into our lives.

The apostle Paul was inspired to

write the Thessalonians (I Thes. 5:17), "Pray without ceasing." This means that we are never to *discontinue* our prayer life. It also—with many other scriptures—shows that we should be *constantly* in an attitude or spirit of prayer. Talk to God as you go about your work or play. Ask Him to direct your *every thought and action*.

When you seem to be losing your temper, or when you are in doubt about a certain course of action—*stop and think*, "Would Jesus do that if He were here today?" Ask God to show you, and *study* your Bible so you will *know* what God would have you do. Then ask God for the *wisdom*, the *faith*, and the *power* to rightly carry out what you know it right.

This simple process will *change your life!* Your life will then have more *meaning*, and more *real happiness*, than you have ever before experienced.

How Long to Pray

Prayer should be one of the most important and *most enjoyable* activities of your life.

If you really love God as your Father, you will *want* to spend a great deal of time talking to Him.

Your spiritual food is obtained by contact with God through Bible study and prayer. Preparing and eating your material food takes at least two hours each day. Isn't your "spiritual food" *even more important*? Spend *more time* acquiring it.

Time is precious. Use your time where it *counts*. It's better to miss a few *physical* meals, better to *fast* once in a while, than to get "too busy" to drink in the spiritual things from God.

That is the very *purpose* of your life!

Sometimes you will need to spend a *long session* with God. Christ prayed *all night* before choosing His twelve disciples.

When you have a tremendous decision to make, or when facing serious trouble, remember that example. In such a crisis, spend a *long time* in God's presence. Pray with all your might. God *will* hear. And it will be an experience that you will never forget.

Do you have trouble knowing what to pray about? First of all, "count your blessings" and thank God for "every

good and every perfect gift." How little most appreciate God's boundless love!

Then *STUDY* your Bible and find what God's true servants prayed about. Get your mind *away from self* once in a while. Paul said to pray for the saints and for himself—God's servant (Eph. 5:17-20). He wrote that he remembered the Philippian church in every prayer (Phillip. 1:4). Apply these principles to God's true ministers, His work, and His true churches of today.

Are you separated from other true Christians but want to have a greater part in helping them and God's work? Then read Colossians 4:11-13. Paul describes one of his helpers, Epaphras, as, "always *laboring fervently* for you in prayers . . ." This man's *LABOR* was in *prayer*! That was *his part* in God's work that Paul referred to especially. It can be *YOUR PART* as well! Paul said (v. 13), "For I bear him record, that he hath a great *ZEAL* for you . . ."

Do you have a *zeal* to help God's

children? Do you get down on your knees *every day* and ask God to help and direct them? Do you pray for God's ministers and His work?

Power in Prayer

Your part in God's great work may be contributing what you should in tithes and offerings, and *crying out* to God day and night to guide and protect His servants. Mr. Armstrong and God's other true ministers are only human. We have a job beyond our human power to perform. *We need your prayers!*

When a crisis comes, when you are sick or afflicted, *KNOW* that God is a God of *power*! You can tap the supreme source of all *POWER just by getting down on your knees in a private place and fervently beseeching God to intervene and help you.*

Learn to *EXPECT* an answer. God reveals Himself as a *REAL* God—a *living, acting* God.

Take God at His word!

GIANT WORLD POWER

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(Germany), F (France), N (Netherlands)—in Common Market countries—and in countries other than their own.

A most sensational result is that the Common Market drove Britain and six other nations, in 1960, to form a competing economic co-operation, called the *Outer Seven*. This is composed of United Kingdom, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Austria, and Portugal. But it is proving to be the *Outer Seven* on the *outside, looking in* on the prosperity of the *Inner Six*.

This has forced Great Britain to start official negotiations, applying for membership within the Common Market! Britain faces economic ruin unless she can get on the inside!

This threatens the very life of the British Commonwealth! Already, South Africa has pulled out of the Commonwealth.

Other nations are rushing, now, to gain admittance into the Common Market, before it is too late! There is a mad and chaotic scramble to get in!

For more than a quarter of a century this very thing has been shouted to the

world in *The Plain Truth*, and over the air on *The WORLD TOMORROW!* Nobody is scoffing, today!

In Europe, almost everybody takes it for granted the Common Market is merely the *economic* start—that it will develop into a united *GOVERNMENT* of European nations. But no one seems to know, yet, *HOW!* The age-long enemies, France and Germany, are now fused together—but only in *ECONOMIC* trade that profits both. Would France trust a German to *HEAD* a united government? *HARDLY!* Would Germany accept a *French* ruler over them? *NEVER!*

Prophecy says all seven revivals of the Roman Empire were to be headed by the *POPE!* A pope has headed every one of the *SIX* resurrections that have come and gone. The pope is the *only* "Supreme Authority" that can be acceptable to all. This, too, you will see actually *HAPPEN* in the space of a very few years! You'll read it's *END* in Rev. 17:14, 16; and 19:19-20.

In the months and immediate years ahead you are going to see prophecies literally *leaping to life!*

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER THIRTY-FIVE

"CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY . . ."

MAN was put on earth with the power to choose between good and evil. No mere animal has such power—or such a great responsibility to make the right choice.

But Man has to be told what is good and what is evil. God has to reveal it, that is why, again and again, God told Israel, generally through Moses, that the people must observe all the laws He had given them for their good. He promised them many wonderful things if they would faithfully keep the rules given to them for their own happiness and security.

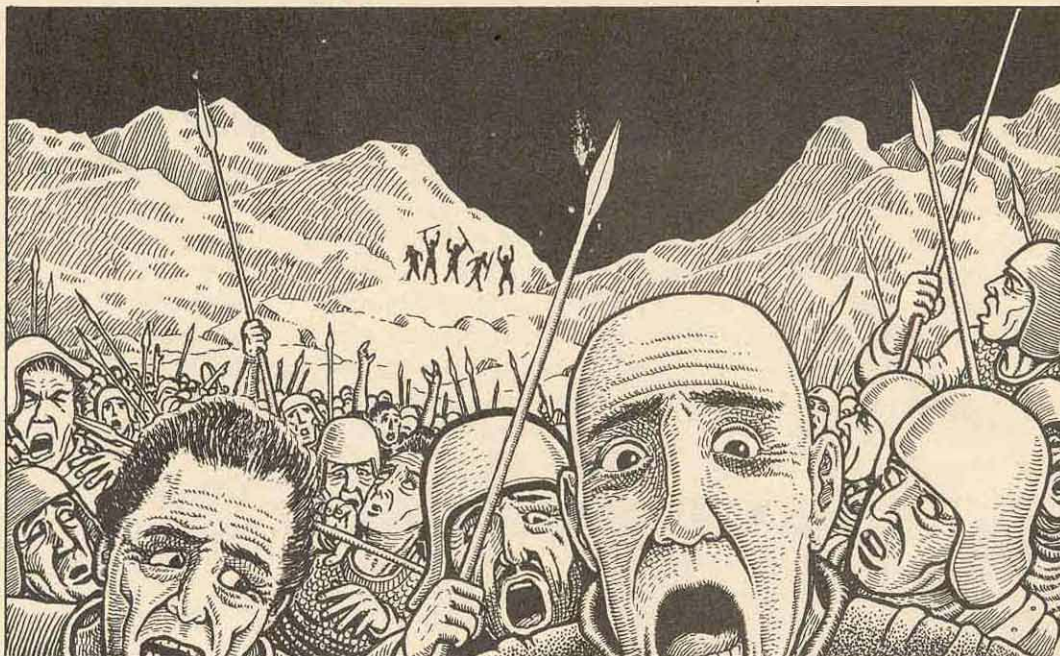
What God Has Promised

"If you will do as I have directed," God said, "many worthwhile rewards shall come to you. You shall receive plenty of rain. The land you are coming to shall yield such large crops that your grain harvest shall last till the grape harvest, and the grape harvest shall last till it's time again to plant grain. (Leviticus 26:3-5.)

"You shall have plenty to eat. I will drive all evil beasts out of your land. You shall be safe from your enemies. If a hundred of them tries to attack you, it will require only five of you to chase them away. If ten thousand soldiers come at you, it will take only a hundred of you to cause them to turn and flee for their lives!

"I will respect you. I will cause you to have many healthy children and grow into a great nation. I will be pleased to continue dwelling among you." (Verses 6-9.)

What else could any people ask for? Good health, plenty of good food, safety from enemies, safety from any evil creatures, good weather and peace of mind for obeying God—all these could be theirs on and on into the future. What would any nation give



God promised Israel that if the people obeyed, any five of them would be able to chase a hundred enemies.

right now in these troubled times to have all these good things?

One might name a list of things a mile long that any nation, including ours, would give. However, there is one thing that no nation is willing to give. Our nation could claim all those promises from God even yet if our people were willing to give that one thing. Unfortunately, as a nation, either we aren't willing to give it or we haven't been told enough about it. What is it?

It is *obedience* to the laws given to the Israelites at Sinai.

Getting back to Mt. Sinai and what happened there about four thousand years before our time, God went on to relate the terrible things that would come on the Israelites if they disobeyed.

Why Wrong Living Brings Hardship

"If you ignore my rules," God told them, "and if you refuse to live by them and break the agreement we have made, then your future shall be one of misery, hardship and despair.

"You shall become full of fears and constant worries. Your enemies shall kill you in great numbers. They shall win many battles and take over your homes and the crops you have sown. Your feeling of dread and danger shall be so great that you shall flee in fright even when no one is after you. (Leviticus 26:14-17.)

"If you still refuse to listen to me after all this punishment, then I will bring many other awful things upon you. I will send severe famines and horrible plagues. At the same time, your enemies will trouble you more and more.

"I will send ferocious wild beasts to destroy your livestock and eat up your children. So great shall be your fear of evil things to come on you that you shall even be afraid to venture out on the nearest roads or trails. (Verses 18-22.)

"If these things fail to convince you that I mean what I say, and if you continue to refuse to live by the laws that are best for you, then I will punish you even more severely!

"Your enemies shall completely conquer you. I will send terrible diseases on you. They shall spread among you when you gather together in your cities. Your supply of food shall dwindle down and down until you become aware that you are facing starvation!

"If you still feel that your ways are better than mine, your food shall become so scarce that many of you shall roast and eat your own children! (Verses 23-29.)

It hardly seems possible that any of the Israelites would become cannibals. But just as God warned, it turned out that way in Jerusalem many years later when their enemies cut them off from their food supplies in the year A.D. 70.



God warned the Israelites that if they kept on disobeying Him, they would come into such terrible poverty that they would some day eat their own children!

One of the sins of some of the Israelites was the secret worship of idols—a habit many of them had fallen into while living with the idol-worshipping Egyptians. God made some terrible threats against any who would indulge in the worship of various objects, which included little images of most anything one could imagine.

What Idolatry Is

We might consider this adoration of objects as something done only by unlearned and primitive people. But in our Israelite nations today—as well as in other nations—there are millions of supposedly intelligent people who own or carry various articles such as coins, horseshoes, rabbits' feet, crosses, insignias, etc. They actually believe that these "lucky pieces," as they call them, somehow have mysterious power to bring them good fortune. This is nothing less than a form of foolish idolatry. Any one persisting in it is breaking the first two Commandments.

It's also possible to have such high regard, desire and respect for some people, fine homes, money, cars, certain forms of pleasure and such things that they mean more to us than the One who caused them to be created. This, too, if carried to extremes, is idolatry in God's sight.

Concerning idols, God had this to say to the Israelites:

"I will destroy your idols and images and the places in which you worship them. I will wipe out your cities and make your fields into a barren wasteland. Your families, tribes and nations shall be broken up and scattered as slaves to the heathen nations. (Leviticus 26:30-33.)

"But if there are any who will realize that they have sinned and that those who have gone before them have sinned, and will become humble enough to admit that they have lived unwisely by doing that which is not good for them, then I will remember the covenant made with their ancestors and will be merciful to them."

These wonderful promises and stern warnings surely should have been enough to help the Israelites make the right decisions for their future. For many of them it was a great inspiration for better living. But what most of them did many years later is an unhappy story. That story will come later, and will prove that God means what He says when He makes a promise or when He makes a threat.

Resentment Leads to Anger

Even while the civil laws were being given to Israel through Moses, an incident took place that brought still another new law from God—one which had to do with speaking evil of the Creator.

There was a man living among the Israelites whose father was an Egyptian,

and whose mother was an Israelite of the tribe of Dan. Because he was half Egyptian, he was regarded as an unwelcome outsider by some of the Israelites in that camp.

One day this man started to pitch his tent in a desirable spot amid the tents of the tribe of Dan. An Israelite saw what he was doing, and angrily strode up to him.

"Who told you to take the best tent site?" the Israelite indignantly asked.

The Egyptian-Israelite was greatly upset by these remarks. He stopped what he was doing and in loud and furious tones told the critical Israelite what he thought of him. People in tents close to that area, aroused by the shouting, came out to see what was going on.

The Israelite who had been so indignant began to wish that he had said nothing to rouse the anger of the man to such a high pitch.

"You hate me because my father was an Egyptian!" the angered man shouted. "Well, I hate all you because you're Israelites! And I hate the God of the Israelites!"

In his mounting rage he went on to yell out some terrible things about God. He cursed his Creator and called Him vile and awful names. Some of the Israelites who witnessed the scene were hardened men to whom profane language was commonplace. But such foul profanity applied to God was shocking to them.

"Seize him!" some one shouted. "Stop his mouth!"

Men rushed in from all directions, grabbed the cursing man and quickly cut off his words by a scarf tightly bound over his lips. He was held till Israelite officers could arrive to take him before Moses.

Witnesses went with the officers to tell what had happened, and to ask what punishment should be given to one who had so loudly mocked and reviled the Creator.

"Hold the man for now," Moses instructed them. "I must find out from God what should be done with him." (Leviticus 24:10-12.)

Why God Required Capital Punishment

Later, God told Moses exactly what should be done.

"The man who cursed is so evil he is unfit to live," God said. "If he is allowed to live he will cause others to sin and make themselves and their neighbors very miserable. Take him to a place far outside the camps. Let those who heard him gather there to place their hands on his head as witnesses to what he has done and to show that his blood should be on his own head. Then those witnesses must cast heavy stones on the curser until he is dead!"

Moses passed on these instructions to the people, who did as God commanded. The Egyptian-Israelite died soon afterward under the weighty blows of the stones. (Verses 13-23.)



The Egyptian-Israelite broke into a rage and began to curse the Creator.

Thus a new rule came from the Eternal to force obedience to the Third Commandment. The penalty of death by stoning—a form of capital punishment—was to apply to any person who spitefully and hatefully pronounced vile and profane words against the One who had created him.

To punish by death for cursing God probably seems to be harsh and unjust treatment in the opinions of some readers. Some, after reading these accounts of what happened to the Israelites, might even think of God as a stern, sadistic monster, eager to see people suffer for even the slightest reason. It is a grave mistake, however, to doubt God's wisdom or His mercy. If God had not caused some laws to be enforced, evil people would have felt free to do any cruel thing they desired. The world would have become so evil that no one would be safe.

A careful reading of the whole Bible will bring out the fact that, rather than being cruel, God is far more merciful, just, patient and forgiving than any human being. If He were like you or me, He would have become so disgusted with mankind that He would have blasted every one out of existence many centuries ago.

One of the laws given to Israel was that no one should curse his parents. Those who spitefully and hatefully broke this law were subject to death. (Leviticus 20:9.) It was the responsibility of the Israelites to teach their children God's laws, just as it now is in God's church. (Deuteronomy

6:6-7; 11:18-21.) Many parents back then probably failed to teach their children properly, just as other parents fail to do so now.

If one were subject to death for cursing his parents—which is breaking the Fifth Commandment—surely it wasn't less sinful to curse God, the Creator of *all* parents and the Creator Father of us all.

"If those laws are still in effect," many are certain to wonder, "then why do so many of today's lawbreakers—murderers for example—often go free?"

The laws are still in effect. Back in the time of the ancient Israelites, God set up a system of quick and sure punishment to lawbreakers, so that others would think twice before breaking the law.

Now, even in Israelite nations, we have all kinds of laws and court systems. Often it requires months or even years to finally decide if a person is innocent or guilty.

But God's laws never change. If a person is actually guilty of murdering another, and is set free because of false testimony or of dishonest public officials, that person is still guilty in God's sight. Sooner or later, by God's hand (because human agencies have failed to give an honest sentence) that person, if still unrepentant, will surely die. So will any unrepentant person who breaks any one of God's laws. (James 2:10.)

Our only hope to be saved is through Jesus Christ, who came to Earth for several reasons, including dying for our sins. If a murderer, therefore, or any sinner, would feel very sorry for his evil deed, tearfully call on God to forgive him and earnestly desire to live rightly from that time on, according to God's living laws, he would receive the wonderful gift of forgiveness. He could have a new start in life—all because of God's great mercy. He could then live a happy, useful life as a good citizen and a good neighbor, without committing the evils he used to do.

Whenever we see people about us doing wrong things and seemingly getting away without punishment, we shouldn't be discouraged. And we should never feel envious that others seem to be getting by with doing wrong. Why envy anyone who is asking for trouble and who is sure to get into a lot more of it than he ever expected?

The best thing to do is to read the 37th Psalm.

Moses Has Visitors

Perhaps you will recall that Moses was raised and educated in the palaces of Egypt, but that he later fled from there and went eastward to the land of Midian, where he became a herder of sheep. While he lived there he started writing the first books of the Bible. There, too, he was married to Zipporah, daughter of a priest named Jethro, the man for whom he worked. Two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, were born to Moses and Zipporah. (Exodus 2:21-22; 3:1; 18:1-4.) When Moses, at God's command, set out to return to Egypt, he took his family with him. (Exodus 4:20.) However, Moses later decided there were good reasons not to take his family, and he sent the three back to stay with Jethro.

More than a year had passed since Moses had seen his family. Although his wife and sons were living not far from Mt. Sinai, Moses was so busy with leadership of the Israelites that he didn't feel that he should use precious time to go after them. He had returned to plenty of grief after his stays on Mt. Sinai, and he wasn't inclined to leave the Israelites again unless God commanded him to do so.

One day a stranger rode into camp. He told alert guards who quickly surrounded him that he had a message for Moses. He was escorted to Moses' tent after the guards made certain he wasn't armed.

"I come in advance of the approaching caravan of your father-in-law, Jethro," the stranger told Moses. "He is camped not far from here with your family, and hopes to be here inside of another day."

Moses was so pleased to hear this that he decided to go back with the messenger to meet Jethro's caravan. Some of his officers went along. They found Jethro's tents pitched only a few miles from the camps of the Israelites.

Moses was happy to again be with his wife and two young sons. He greatly enjoyed a visit with them inside Jethro's cool tents. (Exodus 18:1-7.) Afterward, he had a long talk with Jethro, who was aware of the flight of the Israelites from Egypt, but who probably never would have believed that his son-in-law could have led that flight. But as one who obeyed God, Jethro had looked with great satisfaction on this historic event. He was pleased and highly interested to hear from Moses all about the plagues, the miracles, the parting of the Red Sea, God's dealings with the trouble-makers and complainers among the Israelites, the manner in which God had provided for the people, the giving of the laws, the building of the tabernacle and other exciting highlights of recent months. (Verses 8-11.)

Jethro, who was of a priesthood family that served God, was especially interested in the tabernacle, and told Moses that it was his hope to personally make sacrifices and offerings on the great altar. Assured by Moses that he would be welcome, Jethro gave orders for the tents to be taken down. Accompanied by Moses and the Israelite aides, the caravan moved on and into the camps below Mt. Sinai.

Later, Jethro made a burnt offering and sacrifices to God. As a priest, he had an important part in the ceremonies. Afterward, Aaron and Moses and the elders joined him in a feast. (Verse 12.)

Jethro Sees Moses In Trouble

Early next morning, when Jethro came out of his tent, he was puzzled to see a crowd close to the tabernacle. In the middle of the crowd Moses sat listening to some of the people talking intently to him.

"Moses often sits there till sundown judging those who are having trouble with their neighbors," an officer explained to Jethro.

Jethro slowly shook his head, but said nothing about the matter until that evening when he could again visit the weary Moses.

"I am surprised," Jethro told Moses, "that you try just by yourself to hear all the cases of the people. See how tired you are now! If you continue in this manner, you will wear yourself down till you will be far from the healthy person you should be in God's service. Besides, the long lines of people become weary waiting for you to get around to them."

"What else can I do?" Moses asked. "Aaron has his work, and my various officers are busy with theirs."

"Let me suggest something," Jethro answered, moving his tent cushion closer to Moses. "Surely there are many hundreds of capable men among the tribes—men who have the eagerness and time to help you in this thing. Why not try to seek out a number of honest, unselfish, fair-minded men of good judgment? Place the best of these men as judges over groups of a thousand. Place men of lesser ability over groups of a hundred, and still others over groups of fifty and groups of ten.

"If a judge over ten people doesn't have the wisdom to decide a case, let him go to the judge of fifty who is over him. If the judge over fifty fails, let him go to the judge over a hundred. If even the judge over a thousand can't decide a case, let it be brought to you. Thus a great part of your task of judging could be on the shoulders of others, because surely most of the lesser problems could be judged or solved by other men whom you have instructed in God's ways of justice and fair conduct."

Moses sat in tired silence for some time. This idea had occurred to him before in a roughly similar way, but he had never given it much thought. Coming from a wise and devoted priest of God, however, it seemed to have much weight. It occurred then and there to Moses that God was suggesting this thing through his father-in-law, using human agencies as God has always done to such a great extent. (Exodus 18:13-23.)

Moses got up and strode about the tent for a minute or so while Jethro remained wisely silent.

Moses Recognizes and Takes Sound Advice

"I believe God would have me do as you say," Moses finally declared. "Tomorrow morning I shall send out officers to summon the best leaders, from whom I can choose the kind of men who can help me!"

In the days that followed, Jethro's suggestion worked out well. Capable men were

named as judges, and they carried out their offices in a fair manner. It was a great relief to Moses, who couldn't have carried on and on with such a heavy load unless God had imbued him with tremendous, superhuman vitality. If that had happened, then the people might have begun to regard Moses as almost a god. (Verses 24-26.)

Although Moses wanted Jethro to go on with the Israelites, Jethro felt that he could be of greater service by returning to his people. Moses was sad when Jethro's caravan departed, but he was thankful for the advice and the joy that had come to him. (Verse 27.)

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Letters to the Editor

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became scared of the message you proclaimed and resolved not to listen any more."

"However, I finally decided that I would listen and that I wouldn't believe everything you said. After hearing the free offer of your Correspondence Course, I decided to enroll. I had completed 2 or 3 lessons and was reviewing my notes one day and was shocked at the answers I had written down from the Bible and nearly tore them up. I have had a hard time because I had to 'unlearn' the things I thought I knew.

"I know that you and the members of your staff are the true ministers of God. This is something God has shown me through study and prayer. It took me nearly a year to realize this truth."

Man from South Carolina

(Editor's comment: A most difficult thing for man is to admit his error. This is a fine example of one who has started to repent and accept the way that is best for him.)

Correction!

"We just received the August issue of The PLAIN TRUTH and in the article "Tragic U.S. Water Crisis" . . . we notice a gross mistake regarding the water at Durango, Colorado.

"It was discovered there was some

pollution of the water in the Animas River due to the uranium mill—not enough, however, to kill the fish. The mill immediately built retaining ponds and the matter was corrected. All of this occurred over a year ago . . .

"We believe Durango deserves . . . a correction."

Couple from Durango, Colorado

Editor's Comment: We do stand corrected on this point. The mill did agree, under prodding of the U.S. Public Health Service, to dispose of the radioactive waste in a safer fashion, although this point was not primarily stressed in the quote from the *Reader's Digest* article. During the time the danger existed, however, it "sent cold chills down the spines of many health authorities," as the article reported. Certainly we are glad Durango has been willing and able to solve its problem.

Disagrees with Teaching

"At first I was interested in reading your literature, but lately I have learned of much of your false doctrine—no place of torment where the wicked will burn forever. Your teaching that our souls are not immortal is truly a false statement."

Lady from Council, Virginia

(Editor's comment: Unfortunately, we receive occasional letters from apparently sincere, albeit, opinionated, gullible people who are not willing to prove the basis of their "cherished beliefs." Christ did not say adhere to your cherished traditions. Rather, He instructed all His

followers to *obey* His WORD. You need to investigate the Bible and prove the truth. You need to request the article "Do You Have an Immortal Soul?")

Harmless Fallacy???

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I have written before to you for the booklets '1975 in Prophecy,' 'The Proof of the Bible' and 'United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy.' Though I appreciated receiving these booklets, after a very superficial glance through them I wouldn't accept them as gospel truth. All that had been written in them was so very different from what I had ever been taught and therefore I gave them to my local minister, who after reading them, said they were harmless fallacy. However, after a little careful study of the world situation today I came to the conclusion that what the Bible said about things to come must be right if there is to be any hope for this world. Therefore I would be grateful if you could send them to me once again. I promise to study these booklets diligently."

Man from Southfield,
London, England

COMING NEXT ISSUE

"The REAL REASON for the CUBAN DISASTER"—and

"The Significance of a Catholic President"

We regret space did not permit running the third vital report on the Berlin crisis in this issue. Read it next issue!

Is the MAJORITY Always Right?

*You have probably heard it said: "Millions can't be wrong."
Is the person who doesn't belong to your social group, your
political party, your church always wrong? Who determines
what is right?*

by Herman L. Hoeh

CIGARETTE commercials drum into our ears: "Millions who smoke . . . can't be wrong!" But does that make their brand of cigarette right?

Commercial drug advertisements often repeat: "Four out of five doctors recommend. . . ." Perhaps the question should be asked: "What does that *one* doctor know that the other four don't?"

Isn't it time we stopped to consider *who* determines right from wrong? Millions are today members of the Communist Party—but that does not make them right! Millions voted approval for Adolph Hitler in prewar Germany—but that did not make them right!

Majority Always Right?

Thousands of newly prosperous individuals are for the first time in their lives investing in the Stock Markets around the world. Do you know the *one basic* rule that investors always recommend to these clients? It is the one rule most often overlooked—the one rule that, when broken, causes more failures than any other?

That rule is this: "THE MAJORITY IS ALWAYS WRONG!"

People are like sheep. They want to do what other people are doing. When some become frightened about the economy, the majority become frightened. Panic hits the Stock Market. The bottom drops out. Life savings are lost. By contrast, when the market rises above its normal level, the majority want to get on the "gravy train"—for easy money. There is a temporary boom and then another reaction and a selling panic. Few realize that the Stock Market is fundamentally a *psychological* war.

The same thing is true in politics and religion. You have probably been told that "*this is a Christian world*"—that "the majority can't be wrong!" But have you ever considered the fact that *the majority* of people on earth *do not believe* in the Christian religion? If Christians are right, *then the majority*

are wrong!

The world's population now stands at 2.9 billion people. Yet in the whole world there are only 870 million people who profess Christianity and over 2 billion who don't believe in any form of Christianity!

Because the majority of people are non-Christian—actually heathen—does that make their religions right? Of course not!

Few have stopped to consider that there is *no* religion on earth that is in the majority. Every one of the "great religions"—whether Mohammedanism, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc.—is a minority. This world is in the control, not of the majority, but of *organized minorities*.

This is as true in politics. In the last presidential election in the U.S.A., the winning candidate received only 38% of the total registered vote potential. That means 62% did not approve him, yet he won! And not more than 37% approved the opposing candidate!

Let's turn for a moment to the professing Christian world.

Protestants a Tiny Minority

Only about 30% of the world's population professes Christianity. Of these, the Roman Catholic Church makes up only 18.2% of earth's population and all the Protestants put together only 7.3% of the world.

Once you admit that the majority of *non-Christians* are wrong, then you are confronted by the possibility—yes probability—that even the majority of *professing-Christians* could be wrong, too! Just because all the various Catholic Churches are five times larger than all Protestant bodies does not prove them to be right. Then what about Protestants themselves?

There are about 213 million Protestants around the world. Yet in the United States, for example, the largest single Protestant body is the Baptist—with only 21.5 million or about 12% of the

total. In other words, over 88% of all Protestants are non-Baptists.

Of that 88%, the Methodists compose the next largest group with about 12.4 millions in the U.S.A. There are less than two million Disciples of Christ—only 300,000 Nazarenes and only 100,000 members of the Friends Societies.

In other words, *no matter what group you belong to, you are in the minority!*

Why a World of Minorities?

How did all these splits and sects and divisions begin in the world? Why has God allowed man to be divided into competitive nations, races, political parties, religious sects? Is there a *purpose* for letting all this go on?

Our competing, divided, sectarian world is a direct result of defiance of the Government and the Rule of God over the world. That is why Jesus never joined any of the sects of His day! It all started at Babel when MAN decided for himself that he would determine right from wrong—that MAN alone would decide for himself what his religion would be and with whom he would associate politically. It is all a matter of Government! Read Genesis 10:8-10 and 11:1-9.

At Babel a man named Nimrod got the majority to follow him. He wanted to decide for himself what is right and wrong—no God was going to tell *him* what to do! He promised to emancipate the people from the laws of God. He fooled the people into believing that they did not have to obey God—that they could do as they pleased. All this Nimrod used as a ruse in an attempt to impose his personal will on the world. He was the first man this side of the flood to attempt to impose the will of an *organized minority* on all the world and the majority has followed him ever since.

But God intervened! He confounded their language—divided the people ac-

cording to families and nations and races and let all the world go its own way, cut off from Him. Since the majority wanted to rebel against His Government, God let them rebel—but He has punished this world by keeping it divided ever since. And that is how this world's religions commenced, too.

The heathen today are the heirs to their parents' religion. They take it for granted that their fathers' religion is true. They do not know any different. But their fathers were divided among themselves—each nation deciding for itself what it thought was right.

The same is true in our professing Christian world. When Christianity was preached in the old Roman Empire only a comparatively few listened. As the teachings of Christ became more widely heard the numbers of curious increased. They soon began flocking into the church, bringing with them most of their previous customs and superstitions, but now adding to those beliefs the name of Christ. When Emperor Constantine finally adopted the Christian religion, the vast majority suddenly overwhelmed the church. The truth was soon obliterated by pagan superstition—and that is how "Christianity" developed.

The religion of the West in the Middle Ages was an organized minority which imposed its rule on Europe and the other areas of the world. Toward the close of the Middle Ages religious fermentation set in. Protestantism arose. The powers of the Roman Bishop were shorn. But soon Protestants were quarreling among themselves. Minorities split and re-split—each one seeking to do what is right in his own eyes!

Certainly all these competing sects and strange religions cannot be right. Who is it that determines right—and what to believe?

It is God!

And now we turn to the crux of the question. All these splits and divisions are the result of rebellion against constituted authority. Every sect and denomination in the pagan or Christian world broke away from some previous form of rule or government. It is a continuous repetition of the story that occurred at the tower of Babel when man broke away from God's Govern-

ment. Without His Government there cannot be unity and truth. Of course, unity can be imposed by an organized minority, but that does not make it right. It takes the Government of God—and that is the very message of the gospel that Jesus brought.

Jesus brought, almost 200 years ago, the gospel—the gospel of the Kingdom of God, the rule of God. But the world rejected that Gospel. The churches today cannot even agree upon what the gospel is! They have lost it!

That gospel Jesus preached is once again going round the world as a final warning to every nation. God is about through letting this world go its own confused way. Almost 6000 years of human suffering and tragedy, human doubt and fear are up. God is about to intervene in world affairs and *force* all these organized minorities to give up their ways and submit to His absolute rule. God knows best. He knows what is good for us and what is bad for us. It is God who determines right from wrong. Not until the world learns to submit to His Government and to obey His Will can there ever be universal peace and harmony.

Minorities Wrong, Too!

In this evil world the majority has always been wrong—and so have *all* the minorities! Everyone has gone astray! Unless God has got hold of you and shaken you up and brought you to your senses, and led you to repentance, you are just like everybody else. Paul describes the world bluntly: "There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God, they are ALL gone out of the way . . ." (see Romans 3:10-18).

Everyone has to repent. Everyone has to learn to submit to the Will of God as revealed in the Holy Bible. But very few have been willing to do that. Many may profess to acknowledge the Word of God, but they do not understand it! It is to them a closed book, because they are cut off from God by their sins and they do not know it. It is time we faced up to the world in which we live.

It is time we examined ourselves and found where we stand before God!

It is time to separate ourselves from this world's sects and divisions!

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