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# What our READERS SAY

## President's Assassination

"I attended a church here in this little town the night the President was assassinated. The preacher never even mentioned a word about it. I mentioned it to one of the members, she said he didn't dare—for that was political."

Mrs. R. J. A., Belmont, West Virginia

• *The senseless murder of a human being is political? Unbelievable! Could it be there might have been those in his audience who actually approved of the death of their President—and your preacher was afraid of losing his members? Makes you wonder why some people even bother with the pretense of "religion" to cover up their bias, prejudice and hatred.*

## Trouble In South Africa

"Quite by chance I picked up a copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH* at my barber's salon and asked if I could take it with me. It was dated January 1963. As you no doubt know, the Europeans here who can flee this country are very anxious to do so. A clash between black and white is inevitable. The thing is *where* to go? Australia? Israel? I read your article about Germany in Prophecy and what you said made me realize that one cannot run away from God! I am Jewish and my wife and I keep an Orthodox home."

Doctor, Orange Free State,  
Republic of South Africa

## How to Influence Others

"I have tried several times to get my husband to read *The Bible Story* and *The PLAIN TRUTH*, but he would not. I leave them lying where he will be sure to see them. Just recently my children and I have been reading a chapter from the Bible and a chapter from *The Bible Story* aloud almost every night. One night my husband came in and sat with us and listened. He was so interested in *The Bible Story* that when we finished the chapter he got the book and went to bed and read most of it that night. He said it was so interesting that he just couldn't

put it down. Someone in your Letter Answering Department wrote me a letter and told me it was best not to say anything about the way someone lives and so I have waited and prayed and now I can see the gradual change taking place in my own husband. I thank God for it."

Mrs. M., San Antonio, Texas

• *A fine example! Jesus said to let your light shine—let men see your good works—not hear your clever arguments.*

## "Doubting Thomases"

"I have been listening to your radio programs for years. I have been skeptical as to your assurance of 'No charges, no follow-ups.' I am a pensioner and my income is very limited. Time is what I have most of. I get great pleasure from reading. I am a regular subscriber to the *Reader's Digest* which is all I can afford. Now if you really have free literature you wish me to have I will receive it gratefully. I will read it. Be it understood that if there are any expenses attached to this offer, I cannot accept the offer and will not be responsible for the return of any literature. I will be thankful for anything I receive."

Man from Ooltewah, Tennessee

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Mrs. James B., Quarryville, Penn.

• *Thanks for asking—and here it is—no charge.*

## Iron Curtain No Barrier

"It always fills me with a great deal  
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# Personal from the Editor

DO YOU feel *deeply* about things or circumstances that are *moving* or important? Did you ever check your emotional responses to know whether you have attained emotional maturity and stability?

Millions were emotionally shaken by the assassination of President Kennedy. Not only in the United States, but around the world. Articles in the January number of *The PLAIN TRUTH* about that tragedy inspired a train of thought. I want to talk to our readers about it now.

Reporting from *The PLAIN TRUTH* offices around the world, our own correspondents revealed the emotional impact in many nations. In Germany a housewife broke down and cried—a policeman and a store clerk were seen with wet eyes. From our offices in Sydney, Australia—from Manila in the Philippines—from London, Geneva, Johannesburg, and Vancouver, B.C., our staff men reported shock, horror, genuine sorrow.

I was reminded, in reading Mr. Roderick C. Meredith's article, *Ambassador Mourns Death of President*, of how we, ourselves, reacted here at Pasadena headquarters. Of course none of us knew Mr. Kennedy personally. He was a politician, and we take no part in this world's politics—we were not partisan of his political party. Mr. Kennedy was a Roman Catholic, and none of us share his religious convictions. I am sure none of us had occasion to feel any special *personal* attachment to, affection for, or connection with him, as an individual.

Yet when news of the shooting first came, with the report he was still alive but in critical condition, I myself felt deep emotion, as did we all. I stopped the class I was teaching, asked the class to join me as I prayed for him. Garner Ted Armstrong, Mr. Meredith and others, in a council together, were shaken—and as news was flashed that the President was dead, Garner Ted

Armstrong shed spontaneous tears. This was moments before his daily broadcast. That broadcast was charged with *deep feeling*.

*WHY?* Why this deep, moving, emotional feeling for one we never knew personally, and had nothing in common with, personally?

It was not because of personal attachment to the man. It was because this man held the high office of President of the United States. We did not vote to put him there. But, by the grace of God, who rules the Universe, Mr. Kennedy did occupy that office. He was the leader of the free half of a divided world in chaos. He was leader of the nation of our birth—a nation we love, and to whose government we are loyally subject. All power is of GOD, and God allowed John Fitzgerald Kennedy to occupy that great office of power.

Whether we approved of the choice of the man or not, the very fact he occupied it gave us reason to feel not only great respect, but, whether we had previously realized it or not, real *concern* for the man who occupied that office.

And now, as I reflect in retrospect, I realize that our emotional responses of that moment, spontaneous though they were, still were guided by our minds.

Most people give little or no thought to this matter of their emotions. We humans start life as little babies. We have to grow up. But to fulfill life's real *PURPOSE* and mission, we must grow up not only physically, but mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. Did you ever stop to realize how many people think primarily only of attaining physical maturity? If it were not for compulsory public school education for children in our Western world, how many would take the initiative to develop their minds? How many, in each hundred, have done so in such nations as China and other heathen countries?

But what about *spiritual* development? The average person, the world

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### OUR COVER

Lyndon Baines Johnson, 36th President of the United States, was born in 1908, near Johnson City, Texas. He is 6 feet, 3 inches tall! His father and mother, of pioneer stock, descended from earliest settlers in Central Texas. The President worked his way through Southwest Texas State Teachers College, obtained a B.S. degree in 1930, at age 22. He taught public speaking, later studied at Georgetown Law School, served one year as Texas National Youth Administrator in 1937.

He was elected to Congress in 1937, and to the Senate in 1948. He became Democratic whip in 1951, Democratic Floor Leader in 1953.

He married in 1934, and has two daughters.

around, automatically accepts the established religion of his parents and his country. WHY are most Chinese Buddhists or Confucianists? Why do most people of India follow the Hindu religion? Why do most of the Japanese embrace Shintoism or Buddhism? Why do most Arab peoples follow the Moslem religion; most Jews follow Judaism; most Italians, Spaniards, and Frenchmen—as well as South Americans—embrace Roman Catholicism; a majority of northern Europeans, British and Americans call themselves Protestant Christians? How many give any real thought to *why* they believe the religious ideas they hold sacred?

Do these run-of-the-mill hundreds of millions of people ever give serious thought to *spiritual growth*? Yet no person attains true maturity unless he attains spiritual maturity, as well as physical growth.

But fewer still ever give so much as a passing thought to the need for *emotional* development.

Just what do we *mean*—EMOTIONAL MATURITY? Few know the meaning of the term. DO YOU? Yet it is one of the real secrets of human happiness.

But, if none is truly *grown up*—really mature—until he attains not only physical, mental, and spiritual adulthood, but *emotional* maturity as well, *where* will you find it taught?

Do you know any school or college which offers a course in "EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT"? It most certainly is something we *need* to be taught. Few will ever teach it to themselves.

No one is born with it. It must be learned—developed. We need, continually, to realize that we are born as helpless little babes, knowing NOTHING at birth. We do not come equipped with instinct, like the dumb animals.

Ever see a little calf born? The mother cow doesn't go to a hospital to have her young delivered by an obstetrical physician, attended by white-capped and gowned nurses. She has no delivery-table. No one helps her. The little calf comes into the world by an instinctive, natural process. Almost immediately it struggles to its feet. It finds its legs a little wobbly—but in a few minutes it stands on all four. No one teaches it to walk—and it doesn't have to wait a

year to learn. It starts walking at once. No one teaches it where to go—it knows! It has *instinct* built automatically into its brain. It goes after its dinner. No one tells it or teaches it *where* the dinner is located. The mother cow simply stands stupidly by, waiting for the calf to find its dinner.

No new-born human knows that much. Yet the human infant has something the dumb animals do not possess—human MIND. Humans, however, have to GROW UP. They have to LEARN—to be TAUGHT.

And one of the basic things every human *needs*, so vitally, to learn, is the right use of the human emotions. No dumb cow or calf could have been *moved* emotionally by the news of a presidential assassination. So you see, the human MIND has something vital to do with human emotions. Yet most people never give thought to *controlling* emotions with the mind!

But our emotions need to be *understood*, taught, trained, and controlled *by the mind!*

OUR MINDS WERE GIVEN US FOR A PURPOSE!

I know of no college which teaches a course of study in the field of emotional maturity. Writing these words inspires the idea that I need to give serious thought as to whether AMBASSADOR COLLEGES ought to pioneer by introducing such a course!

And yet the college or university is not the logical and proper place to begin such a course. It ought to be taught to one-, three-, and six-year-olds, and in the early primary grades in school. That means this teaching ought first to be taught by PARENTS in the home. But how can parents teach children when they themselves are still emotionally immature? How can elementary school-teachers disseminate what they have never learned, themselves?

Just WHAT IS emotional maturity? One author defines it this way: development from a state of *taking* to a state of *giving and sharing*. There's also a spiritual principle involved—development from natural impulses and responses of human nature to the principle of loving one's neighbor as himself. Few realize it's a recipe for happiness. It is something that must be learned

—by the MIND—and developed by self-discipline. As I said, it's something you were not born with. Human nature is totally contrary to it. A little baby knows only how to *take*. He will reach forth and *take* his rattle, his bottle, his toy. He will *take* such things even from another baby.

GOD'S LAW is based on the GIVING principle. Its basis is LOVE. Love is outgoing concern—for others. Humans know absolutely nothing of this at birth. They are devoid of instinct, in the main—but they do come well equipped with human nature! Human nature is a magnet—a PULL, in the direction of *self*. But the way of GOD'S LAW, which is the way to peace, happiness, and everything good—ah, that is a way humans must be *taught*. Giving, sharing, serving, helping have to be *learned*.

But humans *are* equipped with EMOTIONS. And, from babyhood, all humans are actuated more or less by their emotions. Emotions are *feelings*—disturbances—departures from a calm state of rational right thinking and acting. Emotion is an *impulse* toward action or expression of feeling, unapproved—unless taught and controlled otherwise—by the mind. Among the emotions are such feelings or expressions as fear, anger, resentment, jealousy, hatred, grief, sorrow, surprise, desire, elation, joy.

Emotions have a first-cousin—our moods. The emotionally immature usually are moody, and have not learned to control their moods.

More and more I am impressed with a most important TRUTH we humans are prone to overlook. While animals are guided by instinct into the course intended for them by the Creator, man is given powers and potentialities infinitely higher. The spirit in man imparts to the brain the powers of the human MIND—an intellectual and even spiritual quality. Dumb brutes cannot appreciate a Gainsborough, a Rembrandt, or a Goya painting; a Beethoven sonata or a Schumann concerto; or the literature of great authors. They cannot acquire scientific knowledge, weigh facts, make decisions, render judgments, exercise self-discipline, develop character. They cannot attain access to and union with Almighty God, become begotten

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# Pope Paul VI to Meet President Johnson?

*Plans for Church Unity have suddenly speeded up. Pope Paul meets Orthodox Patriarch, summons "separated brethren" to unity talks, receives personal letter from U.S. President requesting joint meeting!*

by Herman L. Hoeh

**I**N THREE short days—January 4 to 6—the entire future of Christianity suddenly changed. Three "firsts" were triggered.

1) The first visit in history of a Roman Catholic Pope to Palestine.

2) The first meeting in 500 years between the Roman Pontiff and the Greek Orthodox Patriarch to discuss unity.

3) The first request in history of a United States President for Papal blessing on U.S. peace efforts and a personal meeting between the Pope and the President (in an official capacity).

## How It Happened

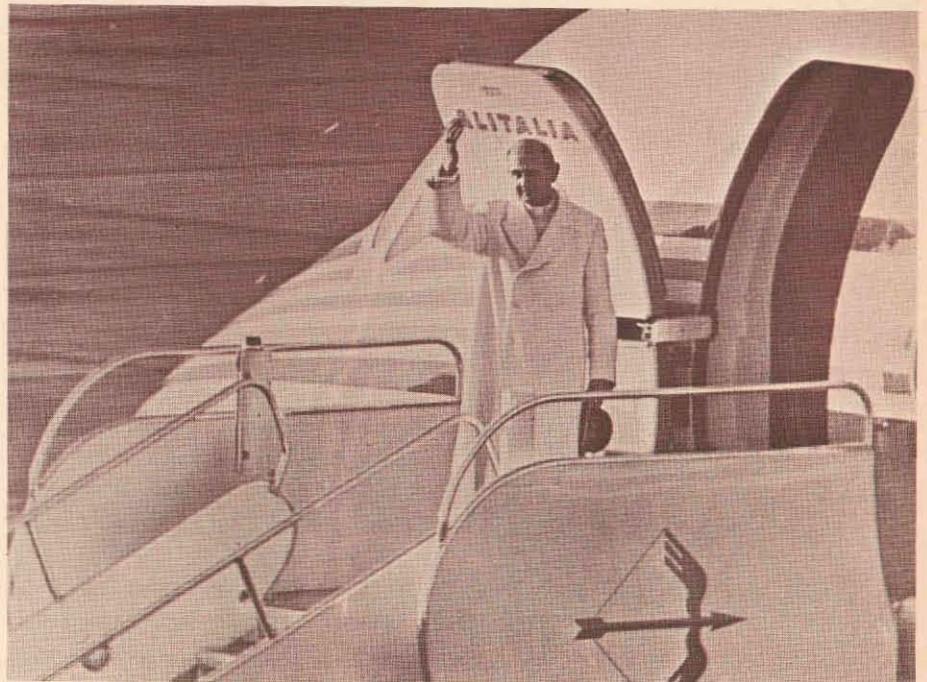
World events are racing on. The Pope's decision to make a personal pilgrimage to Palestine has already made 1964 a momentous year.

Even before the Pope could renew his appeal for unity on the third day of his visit, a historic letter was delivered to him from President Johnson. It was presented Sunday at Nazareth. The bearer: Sargent Shriver, brother-in-law of the late President John Kennedy. Mr. Shriver heads the U.S. Peace Corps.

In the letter the American President asked Papal blessings on U.S. peace efforts. But, in a handwritten postscript, the President expressed interest in a personal meeting between the Pope and himself.

The Papal smile broadened. But the Pope's spokesman intimated that, for political reasons, it perhaps ought to be held at the Vatican, not Washington, D.C.

On the same day the Pope received for half an hour Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras. Represented were 700,000,000 people embracing the Christian religion. It was the first meeting be-



Wide World Photo

Pope Paul VI waves to crowd at Rome's International airport January 4 before entering chartered jet airliner for his flight to the Holy Land. It was the first time a Roman Catholic Pontiff has traveled by airplane.

tween representatives of Roman Catholicism and Orthodoxy since 1439. The twenty-nine minute discussion took place in the Roman Catholic Apostolic Delegation.

At the conclusion of their first meeting, Patriarch Athenagoras declared: "The Pope and I have agreed to symbolic unity as of now and the formation of a common front for the good of all mankind." He then referred to the Pope as "a man destined to lead the way to the unity of our great faith."

It was Athenagoras who, last September, called a Pan-Orthodox meeting on the Isle of Rhodes. In that meeting it was agreed to hold dialogues with the Roman Catholic Church on behalf of Church Unity.

## Tried Before, and Failed

This is not the first time that Church Unity has been attempted. The history of organized Christianity is a series of unifying attempts, persecutions, then sudden and bloody splits.

The last time an attempt at unity was made between Greeks and Romans occurred in 1439. That year, at the Council of Florence, Pope Eugene II and Patriarch Joseph brought the question of unity to a head. The Council, called in the hope of unity and reform, failed to bring about either. The failure ended in schism and—in 1517—in the Protestant Movement.

But why should there be divisions—doctrinal controversies?



Wide World Photo

Jet airliner carrying Pope Paul VI on his trip to the Holy Land is airborne at Rome's International airport.

Isn't it time we looked into the history of Christianity to discover the real cause of disunity? Unless that cause is discovered, understood, and eradicated, THERE CAN NEVER BE GENUINE UNITY WITH CHRIST.

### There IS a Cause!

There has been a conspiracy to hide the facts of history—to suppress the truth!

If you knew what really occurred toward the close of Apostolic days, you would be dumbfounded! Almost no one, it seems, knows what really happened in church history.

Let us roll back the curtain of history, for a moment, to the end of the third century. The time is about A.D. 300. Have you ever wondered what the church was like *then*? Do you suppose it shone in its pristine lustre, in perfect unity? Probably you have assumed that disunity didn't occur until the late Middle Ages—in the days of Martin Luther?

Well, you are wrong!

The professing Christians who filled the Roman world in A.D. 300 were altogether *different* from the true Christians of the first century under the apostles! They were in confusion, divided, competing against one another. They were not, in fact, any part of Christ's Church! Shocking? But it is true!

### The Record of History

Here is the record of history—from an eyewitness. Bishop Eusebius lived at the turn of the century. He lived through the experiences of A.D. 300. He wrote those experiences in his *Church History* for posterity to read. But how many have

ever read what he wrote?

How many realize that the professing Christian world today was almost exactly like that in Eusebius' age?

Here is his description of the condition of Christianity over sixteen centuries ago. It's an astounding commentary on the professing Christianity of his day:

"... We fell into laxity and sloth, and envied and reviled each other, and were almost, as it were, taking up arms against one another... people forming parties against people, and monstrous hypocrisy and dissimulation rising to the greatest height of wickedness... But as if without sensibility, we were not eager to make the Deity favorable and propitious... and thus we added one wickedness to another. And those esteemed our shepherds, casting aside the bond of piety, were excited to conflicts with one another, and did nothing else than heap up strifes and threats and jealousy and enmity and hatred toward each other, like tyrants eagerly endeavoring to assert their power" (*The Church History of Eusebius*, book viii, ch. 1, §7-8).

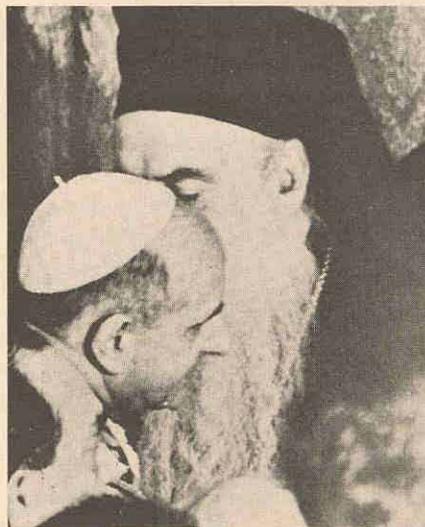
Notice it!

Strife, jealousy, envy, hatred, tyrants in religious offices!

This was the professing Christianity of that day! Certainly the love of Christ was not in that divided, quarrelling host!

Christ's Church was no part of this Babel of confusion!

But this is not the whole story. You've only begun to learn what happened! In



Roman Catholic Pope Paul VI and Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras of

order to increase their power within the Roman Empire, the leaders in the church, while posing as the ministers of Christ, secretly conspired to overthrow Roman Emperor Galerius. The Romans first discovered the plot in the army (§8).

Can you imagine Jesus plotting to overthrow Caesar?

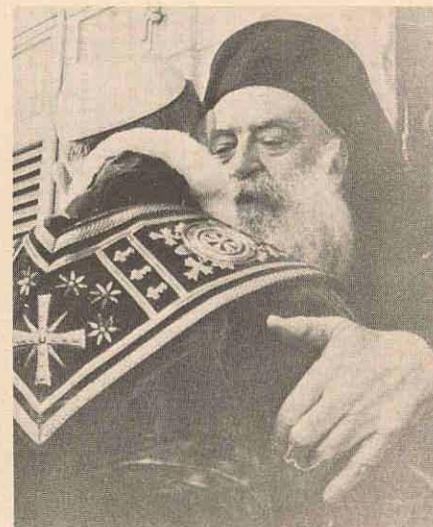
Continuing this remarkable account: "Galerius busied himself during the whole winter in investigating matters... While Galerius was seeking evidence of a plot, the plot itself was growing and taking a more serious shape in the minds at least of some of the more daring and worldly minded Christians" (p. 399 of *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Series Two, Vol. I).

For nearly a decade (303-313) the Roman government attempted to thwart the plotters. The government failed.

"Christianity" was, consequently, in 313, officially recognized as a Roman religion. But this "Christianity" was *not* Christ's Church! It was a counterfeit—a pagan superstition masquerading in the name of Christ.

But the story does not end here. When the Romans accepted the "Christian religion" as one of the official religions of the State, they assumed that its adherents constituted a unified church. They were suddenly surprised. The "Christianity" they had accepted was filled with division, strife, jealousy, governed by tyrants in religious offices.

Now what was the Roman government to do?



Wide World Photos  
Constantinople embrace. Their historic meeting was "symbolic of unity."

### Church Unity Enforced

The key to Roman success had always been the maintenance of unity. If all the people in the Roman Empire were to embrace Christianity, that religion, too, would have to be unified—or it could divide the Empire religiously and bring about its downfall from within.

This is exactly what modern Europe—and the West—fears today. This is one reason the U.S. President has appealed to the Vatican!

Emperor Constantine set about solving the problem. He would *force* unity on the churches! He ordered the religious leaders to assemble in 325 at Nicaea, in Asia Minor. The purpose: to achieve CHURCH UNITY. At the Council the Roman Emperor Constantine—still an unbaptized pagan—took the lead. He ordered the assembled prelates to reject any practices that might come from the Bible—he called them "Jewish." Truth was not the standard. Compromise was the order of the day. Whatever the majority of the prelates decided, under his persuasive speeches, became the official doctrine of the Church.

The Council enforced the celebration of Easter, for example, in place of the Biblical paschal service.

When the council was ended, Christianity was *universally* imposed throughout the Empire. It was now the religion of the State. That is how it acquired the name Catholic—a word which, from its Latin root, means "universal." It was later called "Roman Catholic" when it broke with the Greeks.

But what was the Emperor going to do about those who saw through the new religion he was imposing? The Emperor was quick to decide. He would stamp out all opposition by the sword!

Like it or not, you might as well realize that any plan to unify religion requires the ENFORCEMENT of unity. If unity is not maintained by force or threat of force, it will collapse!

### Constantine Begins Persecution

Immediately after the Council, Constantine issued a public edict "against heretics." This is the first edict ever issued to *enforce* Church Unity. It is preserved by Eusebius in his *Life of Constantine*, book III, chapters 64, 65. The edict reads, in part:



Wide World Photo  
Pope Paul VI has become symbol of Church Unity. Here you see him, with an unusual expression, as he receives the keys to St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome. This Basilica, which he has taken possession of, is the Pontiff's See as Bishop of Rome.

"VICTOR CONSTANTIUS, MAXIMUS AUGUSTUS, to the heretics. . . . We give warning by this present statute that none of you henceforth presume to assemble yourselves together. We have directed, accordingly, that you be deprived of all the houses in which you are accustomed to hold your assemblies: and our care in this respect extends so far as to forbid the holding of your superstitious and senseless meetings, not in public merely, but in any private house or place whatsoever. Let those of you, therefore, . . . take the far better course of entering the catholic Church. . . . And in order that this remedy may be applied with effectual power, we have commanded, as before said, that you be positively deprived of every gathering point of your superstitious meetings, I mean all the houses of prayer . . . and that these

be made over without delay to the catholic Church; that any other places be confiscated to the public service, and no facility whatever be left for any future gathering; in order that from this day forward none of your unlawful assemblies may presume to appear in any public or private place. Let this edict be made public."

And that is how Church Unity was imposed on the world! Not a very pretty picture, is it?

What few realize is that it is to be repeated in our day! The most terrible religious persecution ever perpetrated by man is prophesied for the very near future—perhaps not more than eight years from now!

So thorough, so ruthless, was the police system of Constantine that the

truth was stamped out. The only road of escape for those who were to be faithful to Christ was to flee the confines of the Roman Empire. The flight of the true Church—the Church of God which Jesus Christ built—is described in Revelation 12:6. "And the woman—a woman is a symbol of a church (II Cor. 11:2)—. . . the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God. . . ."

For 1260 years the true Church disappeared from secular history—to emerge once again, in our day, to finish Christ's commission to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God to all nations!

He who has ears, let him hear!

### A Counterfeit Christianity

There is a reason Christianity had become so divided by A.D. 300. It was not the religion of Christ! It was the religion of men! And men are always divided unless *forced* to agree. That is just human nature.

The truth of what happened to the true Church in those first three centuries has been in your Bible all these years. You probably have read right over it.

Turn to Paul's letter to the Galatians. See what happened with your own eyes! Here are Paul's words—"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:6-8).

There you have it! By A.D. 50, men were already preaching a counterfeit gospel. They were coming in the name of Christ, claiming that their message was Christ's message. But they were not preaching the message Christ preached. They were merely preaching *about* Christ!

What was the message Christ preached—the message the Father sent by Him to the world? "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel. . . ."—what gospel? ". . . the gospel of the kingdom of God!" (Mark 1:14.)

Men did not like the message of God's Kingdom, God's government ruling the world. They were willing to worship

Christ, all right. Even the pagan Magi, at Jesus' birth, came to do that. But men were not willing to obey Christ, to come under His authority. "Howbeit in vain do they worship me," said Jesus, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7).

These false ministers posed as the ministers of Christ. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ" (II Corinthians 11:13).

Notice it! Ministers claiming they were Christ's own apostles! Claiming to be Peter, and Thomas and Paul, etc. And what were these men preaching?

"For if he that cometh preacheth *another Jesus*, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive *another spirit*, which ye have not received, or *another gospel*, which ye have not accepted, ye . . . bear well with him," wrote Paul in II Corinthians 11:4.

The gullible Greek converts of Paul were being confused, as Jesus prophesied they would be, by these false ministers. Paul they had seen. He had been sent to the Gentiles. But the twelve apostles were not sent to the Greeks, but to the "lost sheep of the House of Israel." Jesus had said to them: "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel" (Matthew 10:5-6).

Most of the Greeks had not seen any of the twelve apostles. That made it easy for false ministers to claim to be the twelve apostles.

### The Twelve Magi

The apostasy began with the council of twelve "wise men," commonly called Magi. (The number of Magi is preserved in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, art. "Magi".) According to Greek records, they came to worship Jesus when He was a child. (See also Matthew 2:1-2.) Latin tradition declares that among the twelve were three leading Magi—just as, later, Jesus chose three leading apostles, Peter, James and John.

You probably assumed that these Magi were "holy men." Don't be deceived. They were pagans—magicians—who came to add the worship of Christ to their old pagan practices! Their worship was in vain! "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end

thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

The Magi were the great religious leaders of the Near East. They believed in "religious unity." They also knew, from the prophecies of Balaam (Numbers 24:17), where the Christ was to be born. Balaam, remember, was chief of the Magi in his day. It was their idea to incorporate the worship of Christ into their pagan philosophy. The purpose was to create a universal or catholic religion, by joining together the various religious concepts of the different nations.

In the next generation the leadership of the council of twelve Magi passed to Simon, a Magian from Samaria (Acts 8:9).

Samaria was famous for its religious syncretism—the *union* of conflicting religious beliefs. The Samaritans originally were brought to Palestine from Babylonia by the Assyrian kings after the overthrow of the House of Israel. The origin of their religious syncretism is preserved in II Kings 17:21-41. The Samaritans at first united the religion of ancient Babylon with the half-pagan religion of the defunct House of Israel. Later they added many customs from Judaism.

In the days of Herod, all Palestine was looking for the presence of the Messiah (the Christ). Even the Samaritans were awaiting his appearance. They had read of the coming of the Messiah from Numbers 24:17.

Suddenly, after the crucifixion of Jesus in A.D. 31, there rose to prominence among them a Magian, by the name of Simon. He was born in the Samaritan city of Gitto. He had recently arrived from Alexandria, Egypt.

Simon performed many deceptive miracles or signs through the secret art of magic. He claimed to be the Power of God.

When in A.D. 33, Simon saw the miracles God wrought through Philip, he was astounded. He wanted the same power. None of his magic had ever worked like *this power!* He noticed that those who listened to Philip and believed were baptized. He, too, believed that the power working through Philip had to be of God. He also saw that he had to get the *name* of Christ or lose his power and influence. He decided to

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# Don't ENJOY The Plain Truth ...too much!

Do you agree with *The WORLD TOMORROW* program—and articles you read in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine? Do you enjoy some of them, but not others? What do YOU do about them? Better check up—and BE SURE!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“ATTABOY, Mr. Armstrong!” say some listeners to *The WORLD TOMORROW*. “Give it to ‘em! Let ‘em *have* it!”

Hundreds of listeners have written, or told me personally, how much they ENJOY *The WORLD TOMORROW*! Hundreds of letters come each week, telling me how much they *appreciate* my delivery, or my voice, or the way I “tear into” some of these “false doctrines.”

I remember one man in particular.

He was elderly—missing most of his teeth. The few left were horribly stained with tobacco. From thin, watery eyes, he peered up at me out of a flushed, unshaven face, and told me with tobacco-laden breath how much he really ENJOYED *The WORLD TOMORROW* program.

Yes—HE ENJOYED it! But he enjoyed hearing me talking to OTHERS! He enjoyed LISTENING to it—as if he and I were partners—together in our condemnation of the practices of a sin-filled and deceived world!

He ENJOYED the program—but never got around to DOING anything about it!

## HOW ABOUT YOU?

Have YOU ever really, deeply, sincerely “WONDERED” about *The WORLD TOMORROW*? Have you *wondered* about the TRUTH you hear being preached? At the absolute, positive, dogmatic statements you hear? Have you ever WONDERED about *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine—about the apparent *wisdom*, the *knowledge*, the accuracy and TRUTH contained in its articles?

Perhaps you have. Perhaps you “agree with” *many* of the things you hear and read—but somehow “can’t go along with” OTHER things.

But have you ever bothered to PROVE whether these things are truth—or



Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong broadcasts to millions each day around the world, from our own recording studios at Ambassador College, Pasadena. Thousands of letters are received daily in response, telling how much they ENJOY the broadcast. But *big question* is how many are willing to do something about what they hear.

error? Or are you like so many who like to hear someone putting things the way THEY “look at it,” and who are happy to have found someone with whom they can “agree?”

Don’t misunderstand! I really *do appreciate* hearing from people who ENJOY the program, and enjoy reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine—but I sincerely hope they don’t *enjoy* ALL of it—ALL the time!

Let me tell you why!

## Correction Isn’t Fun!

God’s WORD is the reason for the success of *The WORLD TOMORROW*! It is the *message* going out over the air waves, not the personality or the voice of the

MAN, that stops dial twirlers, grabs interest, holds in suspense, creates excitement, makes people wonder.

It is because you are hearing a radio program, and reading a magazine that dare to shout the TRUTH to the world, letting the chips fall where they may—instead of *compromising* with God’s truth, in order to please people!

Paul said, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for *reproof*, for *correction*, for instruction in righteousness!” (II Tim. 3:16.)

The Word of God is profitable to CORRECT, to STRIKE OUT at us—to CUT DEEPLY, as a two-edged sword (Heb. 4:12) into our hearts and minds. And

WHEN it does—it *should not be very enjoyable!*

"CRY ALOUD," God says to His true servants, "SPARE NOT, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isa. 58:1).

God says He LOVES this darkened, deceived world! He loves the *human beings* who are lost in it. He LOVED them so much He sent His own Son to DIE for them (John 3:16), while they were still deeply enmeshed in SIN! (Rom. 5:8.)

But while God does love each human being, made in the image of God—He has a deeper, SPECIAL love toward any who will really REPENT, who will TURN from their own evil, selfish, vain way—and REPENT.

... but to THIS man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at MY WORD!" (Isa. 66:2.)

God showed He had a *special love* for David, and called him a man after God's own heart, because David had cried out, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a *right spirit* within me" (Ps. 51:10). He said, "Let the righteous SMITE me; it shall be a kindness; and let him *reprove* me; it shall be an excellent oil" (Ps. 141:5). David prayed, "SEARCH me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and *know my thoughts* . . ." (Ps. 139:23).

God loved David so much because David CRIED OUT for CORRECTION! He *wanted* to be REBUKED, to be REPROVED, to be ADMONISHED by God and His Holy Word!

Jeremiah, one of the greatest prophets who ever lived, prayed, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O Lord, CORRECT me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing" (Jer. 10:23-24).

Job REPENTED of his own vanity. He had been "on God's side." He had said, "MINE OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS I UPHOLD!"

Job had *exulted*—REJOICED—when he saw the inevitable fruits of sin come crashing down on the heads of others. He fancied himself a PARTNER of God's.

But God had to show Job he was guilty of SELF-righteousness. Finally,

when Job had been *beaten down*—when he'd been totally and completely HUMBLED, he cried out, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye *seeth* thee." He had LISTENED to things about God. He *thought* he was in agreement. He felt *secure*, comfortable, *confident* in his own righteousness, his own knowledge about God. But, as he admitted, he hadn't *really* GRASPED the overwhelming knowledge God had given him.

He had "heard," by the hearing of his ear—but NOW, for the FIRST TIME IN HIS LIFE—he really "GOT" it! Now he saw!

He said, "Wherefore I ABHOR myself, and REPENT in dust and ashes!" (Job 42:5-6.)

Now, for a change, Job wasn't ENJOYING himself! He felt absolutely MISERABLE! He felt *small, unworthy—rotten!* Now, at last, Job didn't fancy himself God's partner—exulting to behold the terrible UNrighteousness of those poor, ignorant dolts of the world—now HE realized how wretched, how miserable, how utterly useless and vain HE had been.

The experience wasn't a bit of fun. Job's lesson was meant for us—and you can have it explained in full detail in the free article "Why Must Man Suffer?" It's yours for the asking.

God says, ". . . ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, 'My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He *chasteneth*, and *scourgeth* every son whom He receiveth'" (Heb. 12:5-6).

If God *loves* us—He'll be busily CHASTENING, *rebuking*, PUNISHING us through His Word, through His ministers, through circumstances in our lives. And that correction is not MEANT TO BE ENJOYABLE—at least, not while we're receiving it!

"Now no CHASTENING for the *present* seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11).

We are BLESSED to be corrected. It's one of the *greatest blessings* to be shown where we're wrong—to be shown our

sins, so we can REPENT! But it's only enjoyable *later!*

### Selfish Religion?

The human mind is a maze of complex, intricate, almost incomprehensible defense mechanisms. It is basically filled with *vanity* (Ecc. 1:2) and is DESPERATELY seeking to have its own selfish, narrow-minded, bigoted, carnal way! "The heart is *deceitful* above ALL THINGS, and DESPERATELY wicked. Who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9.)

Yes, who but *God* can really understand the vagaries of the selfish human mind? "I the Eternal search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to HIS WAYS, and according to the fruit of HIS DOINGS!" (Jer. 17:10.)

Too many people tuck their Bibles under their arms as a *weapon* against OTHERS!

Too many people cling to a self-made religion which is their own private, personal, *selfish possession!*

How many people have you heard tell about the time they "GOT" saved? The time they expect to "GET" to heaven? How many of *you* talk about "YOUR" opinions, convictions, philosophies, doctrines, or "interpretations"?

Make no mistake! If *your* "ideas" on the Bible and about God's truth *are* truly "YOUR" ideas—then that *is* what they are—YOUR ideas, NOT GOD'S!

"Let the wicked forsake HIS WAY, and the unrighteous man HIS THOUGHTS, and let him return unto the Eternal, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, neither are YOUR ways MY ways, saith the Eternal!" (Isa. 55:7-8.)

### Have You PROVED It?

Hundreds of times each week, people write us, telling us how much they "agree" with "OUR INTERPRETATION" of the Bible. They *rejoice* to have found someone who believes "just like THEY do."

But wait! YOU HAVE NEVER YET HEARD "OUR" INTERPRETATION OF GOD'S WORD! YOU HAVE NEVER YET HEARD OUR OWN PRIVATE IDEAS!

The Word of God CANNOT and MUST  
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# Needed—a World SUPER-GOVERNMENT!

*Khrushchev has just issued a letter to world leaders. He proposes a pact in which all states renounce force in settling territorial disputes. Here's why it will not work—and what the Bible says will bring us peace at last!*

by Raymond F. McNair

WHY DOES the threat of world annihilation hover ominously over all the nations today? Why do millions fear that World War III might suddenly be unleashed upon an unsuspecting world?

Simply because there is no SUPREME AUTHORITY to stop it!

A holocaust could be triggered through a mechanical or electronic defect, through human *carelessness* or miscalculation, or through the *irrational acts of a madman* at the helm of any nation possessing nuclear weapons! No man-devised world government could prevent it.

## Why a Supreme Authority?

All men who are intimately concerned with the problem of world-survival admit that *something drastic must be done if cosmocide is to be prevented!*

Many of the world's foremost leaders and statesmen have publicly confessed that the nations urgently need a supreme world authority capable of holding aggressive nations in check.

If people are to survive at all, it can be only through the instrumentality of a **WORLD SUPER-GOVERNMENT!**

Said Edward Teller in the *Saturday Evening Post*, February 3, 1962, "*International law HARDLY EXISTS today. Yet it is one of our most vital needs. . . . We must work for the establishment of a world authority sustained by moral force and physical force—a WORLD GOVERNMENT capable of enforcing world-wide law.*"

Dr. Charles E. Osgood, of the University of Illinois, not long ago revealed his fear of the spread of nuclear armament. "*All this frightens the daylight out of me, but frightening people isn't enough,*" he said. "What we need, and that most urgently, *is an enlivened search*

for NEW ALTERNATIVES to war as a means of resolving human conflicts. A WORLD GOVERNMENT may be the ONLY PERMANENT SOLUTION," he said" (*Dallas Times Herald*, Dec. 28, 1960).

But what man or nation has the WISDOM, or the POWER to establish a workable system of world government?

## Bad Government the CAUSE of World Ills

There is a second important reason all the world needs the *right* kind of world government. Look around you, regardless of the nation you live in. Take a good look at the *ignorance and superstition*; the *sickness, disease and insanity*; the *lawlessness, greed and competition, strife and bloodshed*, the *graft, bribery and corruption* (yes, even in high places in government). Observe the *misery, the poverty and unhappiness, the hopelessness*. These are the symptoms of a sick and *dying society!*

What is the root cause of all these things?

These things don't just happen! They aren't just accidents—they are caused!

The root cause of all of the world's ills is HUMAN government!

There would be NO sickness or disease, poverty or misery, ignorance or superstition; neither would there be any unhappiness throughout the world—if man would accept and obey the laws and the government of *God!*

But *who* would be qualified to establish that World Government?

## Why U.N. Cannot Maintain Peace

Following the nightmarish bloodbath of World War I, the LEAGUE OF NATIONS came into being. It was born on January 10, 1920. But it utterly failed to preserve peace in the world.

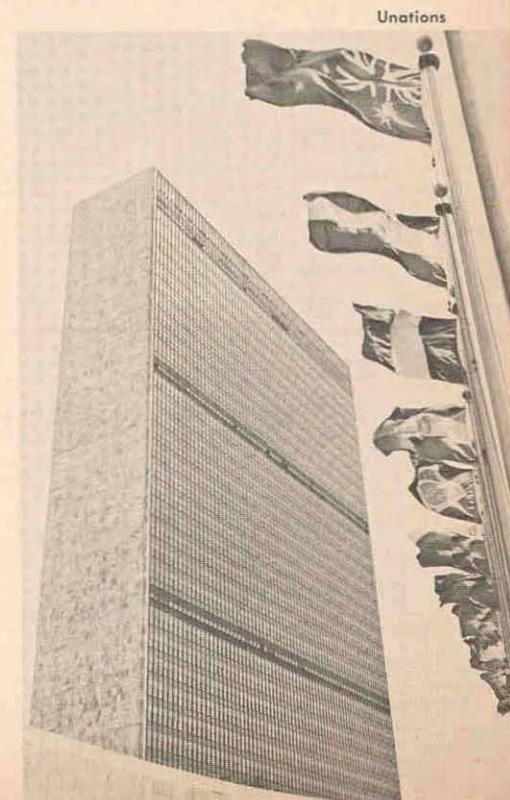
The League of Nations *was unable to prevent the bombardment of Corfu* (a Greek island) by Italy in 1923. It did not stop the Japanese *invasion of Manchuria* in 1931. Or the *conquest of helpless Ethiopia* by Mussolini in 1935. *Hitler's grab of the Sudetenland* and his *blitzkrieg against Poland* in 1939 went unimpeded. The League of Nations proved totally incapable of maintaining world peace and preventing World War II.

Then, on April 18, 1946 (at the youthful age of twenty-six) the League of Nations officially died an ignominious death!

Meanwhile, another attempt at World Government began.

On October 24, 1945, the United

A view of the Secretariat building of the United Nations Headquarters and some of the flags of Member Nations.



Nations Charter became effective.

"Like the covenant of the League of Nations, this charter set up an ASSOCIATION OF STATES rather than a world government. Though armed force was used under the United Nations to check aggression in Korea, beginning in 1950, there continued throughout the world a realization that *the preservation of world peace called for an organization STRONGER THAN THE UNITED NATIONS*" (*Ency. Amer.*, Vol. 13, art. "Government").

The *United Nations*, like its predecessor, the *League of Nations*, has proved incapable of either *preventing* or *forcibly stopping* the Cold War. It can put a check on brush-fire type wars and it can exert a limited amount of pressure on belligerent nations; but it has not forcibly stopped *any* war. *Any nation*, big and powerful or small and weak, *can defy the United Nations with impunity!* It has plenty of *growl* and *bark*; but *no teeth—no real bite* to check an aggressor!

Why have the League of Nations and the United Nations utterly failed in their attempts to establish and preserve world peace?

The answer is simply that *this "association of nations" was not designed or willing to seek peace God's way!*

"ASSOCIATE yourselves, O ye people, and YE SHALL BE BROKEN IN PIECES; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take COUNSEL TOGETHER, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand . . ." (Isa. 8:9,10).

Though the *DIS-United Nations* have associated themselves, and though *millions of words* have been uttered in the U.N. Council Chamber—yet there is no peace, because these nations have left God out of the picture!

"If we will not be governed by God, then we will be governed by tyrants," said William Penn, one of the early leaders of America. That was never truer than today! But today men believe God is a tyrant and that man's laws are better than God's laws.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psa. 127:1).

The nations of this world have RE-

JECTED GOD and HIS LAWS—*His way of government*. They grope helplessly and hopelessly in their attempt to find the solution to *world peace!* But there is no real peace!

World leaders, statesmen and scientists do not say, "If war comes." They talk of "WHEN nuclear war comes!"

God solemnly declares: "*The WAY of peace they [the nations] know not*" (Isa. 59:8).

#### "Government"—

#### What Does It Mean?

Have you ever stopped to analyze what the word "government" means?

The English word "govern" is derived from the Latin word "*gubere*" meaning "to *steer* a ship, *guide*, *rule*." But there are different kinds of rule or government. Not all governments are the same!

Some individuals even advocate *no government at all*, or ANARCHY. If a citizen has total unrestrained license, he is an *anarchist*. Such *lack of government* results in utter disregard for the rights, properties and lives of others. Nothing but total disintegration of society can follow anarchy. We *must* have government!

But *what kind* of government is the BIG QUESTION!

There are THREE BASIC TYPES of *human government* existing on this earth today—the same three types which have governed mankind since the dawn of history.

Every government which has existed since the beginning of history has been some form of MONARCHY (rule by *one*), or OLIGARCHY (rule by a *few*), or DEMOCRACY (rule by the *people*). These three types of government still rule this present world.

#### How Democracy Began

DEMOCRACY is *not* a modern invention. The ancient Greek city-states were democratic—ruled by the "people"—the *demos* in the Greek language.

Men have invented two types of democracy: (1) PURE democracy, and (2) REPRESENTATIVE democracy.

A PURE democracy is a government in which *all of the people* have a direct voice (vote) in *all issues* or matters of their government. A pure democracy is

admittedly cumbersome. It is far too costly, too *time-consuming*, too *complicated* and too *difficult*. It is just not practical!

The second type of democracy is called a REPRESENTATIVE democracy. Most modern *democratic* or *republican* governments (such as the *United States*, *Britain*, *Canada*, *Australia*, *South Africa*) are actually *representative democracies*. This means that the people elect *representatives* to vote in *their behalf*—and supposedly as they would vote.

Who were the first persons to try the democratic or republican form of government? Our first parents! Mother *Eve* was the first to *choose* a way which she thought was right—contrary to God's established law. *Adam* was the second person to cast his vote, following naively in the footsteps of his wife. Of course, *that way ended in DEATH!* (Gen. 2:17, 5:5; Prov. 14:12.)

When God was establishing Israel as a nation in the wilderness, Korah and 250 assemblymen tried to overthrow God's government and establish a democracy with themselves representing the people (Num. 16:1-3). They failed.

But how did the idea of *democracy* become rooted so deeply in modern times? "In 1762, Jean Jacques Rousseau, a French writer, published his *Social Contract* in which he took the position that ALL GOVERNMENT SHOULD GET ITS AUTHORITY FROM THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE GOVERNED" (*Ency. Amer.*, 1960 Ed., Vol. 13, art. "Government"). It began in France, a nation with a history of unstable government!

In a democracy the people are usually permitted to criticize their leaders and government policies. The result is often bitterness, rivalry, corruption and assassinations.

A second type of government by which man has governed himself IS OLIGARCHY, or ARISTOCRACY. This means that a *few* (usually the elite—the wealthy or influential) have complete control of the state. Communism has the form of an oligarchy—but it has usually ended as a dictatorship. *Military juntas*, *feudal systems*, *Councils* or *Tribunals* are various means by which an aristocracy or an oligarchy can rule. An oligarchy usually continues only long

enough for the strongest man among the ruling few to rise to the top and then some form of *monarchy or dictatorship is born.*

### Monarchy—Supreme Rule by One

A MONARCHIAL type of government is, in principle, rule by ONE. This form is known as an ABSOLUTE monarchy.

Another type of monarchy is known as a LIMITED (or CONSTITUTIONAL) monarchy—which may, in actual practice, be combined with democracy. This is the type of government which rules over Great Britain. The present monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, is more of a *symbol, a figurehead*, rather than the actual substance of British governing power! She is strictly limited by British constitution and laws.

Monarchs obtain their power in one of three ways. Some receive their power by *heredity*—are born to become a king or queen. Some are *elected*. Others *assume supreme power* by strong-arm methods of force!

The monarchies governing Great Britain and some other nations are *hereditary*. History shows there have been few stable monarchies—few ruled over by wise and benevolent kings.

Most authoritarian monarchies sooner or later have become degenerate dictatorships. Such totalitarian states are then ruled by tyrants, dictators or despots. Examples of tyranny or despotism can be found in *Fascism* and *Communism*. Fascism has also been considered as a form of aristocracy, since the elite were in control in the Fascist countries. However, the Fascist leaders *Hitler and Mussolini were dictators*—in complete control! So, too, former Premier *Joseph Stalin*, and now Khrushchev of Russia and Mao of China.

In a TOTALITARIAN state or nation, the STATE or government is considered ABOVE the individual and can regulate any and all facets of private life. In a DEMOCRATIC country, however, the INDIVIDUAL is considered ABOVE the state—his rights and liberties are generally guarded by various laws and institutions.

In Western nations the prevailing view today is that "the PEOPLE constitute the source of governmental authority" (*Encyc. Brit.*, Vol. 13, art. "Gov-



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In probably less than 15 years this city will become the capital of the world. From it Christ will rule the nations and enforce peace on the whole world. This air view of Older Jerusalem, from southwest, shows Temple area and hill of Ophel (site of city of David) in lower right.

ernment"). But is this God's way?

### DIVINE Government— Rule From Top Down

Most people would be dumbfounded to learn that neither the *democratic* nor the *republican* system of government is God's government! They are human forms of government.

God's system of government may be compared to a PYRAMID.—It is Government *from the top down*. Your Bible says: "There is ONE LAWGIVER, who is able to *save* and to *destroy*" (James 4:12). God is the Supreme Authority. People do not know enough to rightly govern themselves. Neither do they know enough to wisely select the *right* man to govern them. God compares the masses of humanity to dumb sheep, and, as *sheep always need a shepherd* to watch over and govern them, so do people!

All true law and all governing power and *authority* comes from God Almighty. It is God the FATHER in heaven who is the Chief Executive over the whole universe. Jesus said, "My Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). Christ also affirmed, "My FATHER . . . IS GREATER THAN ALL" (John 10:29).

*Jesus Christ* is SECOND-in-command in God's pyramidal chain of governmental authority. Attending directly under Christ are innumerable heavenly beings—angels and other spirit creatures.

In the KINGDOM OF GOD, which Jesus Christ alone can—and soon will—establish on this earth, God the Father rules directly through Christ. Christ in turn rules through those whom He will choose or appoint to be directly under Him. Then those directly under Christ rule over others, who in turn rule over others—all the way down to the bottom of the pyramid of God's system of perfect government!

In Old Testament times, God appointed Moses to be the leader of His people. But the people of Israel did not want Moses to be their ruler (Ex. 2:14; Acts 7:27,35). The people of Israel decided to take things into their own hands and *elect their own leader* who would take them back into Egypt. "And they said one to another, *Let us make a CAPTAIN* (or leader), and let us return into Egypt" (Num. 14:4). God stopped that insurrection by sending a

plague (verses 36-37). It was very soon afterward that Korah tried to set up a democracy, saying all the congregation ought to have a voice in government (Num. 16:1-3).

Finally, after God had directly ruled over the people of Israel through prophets and judges for hundreds of years, He permitted the rebellious people a human king like the rest of the nations. Yet He forewarned them that a human monarch would oppress them with heavy taxes, military draft, forced labor, landgrabbing and favoritism (I Sam. 8).

The Bible is very clear in showing that it is always God who chooses His servants, whether prophets or kings. The people of Israel were *never* given so much as a single vote in the government, either in matters of STATE or RELIGION—as long as God ruled—shocking as that may seem!

### Why God Must Rule

Christ said: "You (the Twelve Apostles) have not chosen me, but I have chosen YOU, and *ordained* YOU . . ." (John 15:16).

Nearly two thousand long years ago, Jesus Christ came into Galilee preaching the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD," the *good news* of the GOVERNMENT of God (Mark 1:14). Christ continually spoke of the *Kingdom of God* which He revealed would literally be set up on this earth.

In a few short years the nations of this earth are going to see first-hand what *the wonderful government of God Almighty* is like. They will be utterly amazed. There will be no more Communism, no more Fascism. His government will not be left in the hands of the ignorant masses of people (see Dan. 2:44, 7:27). God's government will be the Supreme Authority, ruled by Christ from Jerusalem, Palestine (Jer. 3:17; Joel 2:32; Zech. 2:12, 8:20-23, 14:16-19).

As an example: King David will rule over the nation of Israel (Ezek. 34:23, 37:24,25; Jer. 30:9; Hos. 3:5). UNDER DAVID will be the TWELVE APOSTLES *who will rule over the Twelve Tribes of Israel* (Matt. 19:28). Under them will be the lesser rulers, the then-made-immortal Christians ruling in lesser

offices of authority (see Luke 19:12-19). "And *be that* OVERCOMETH, and keepeth my works unto the end, *to him will I give* POWER *over the nations:* and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received [authority to rule] of my Father" (Rev. 2:26,27. See also Rev. 5:10; Isa. 30:19-21; Psa. 149:4-9).

In the soon-coming Millennial age (the World Tomorrow) the nations will at last learn God's government! They will then learn that God Almighty rules the whole universe through His "holy," "perfect" and "royal law of liberty" (Psa. 19:7-9; Prov. 6:23; Rom. 6:12,14; Jas. 1:25, 2:8). The Ten Commandments comprise the heart and core of God's royal law!

### Result of God's Government?

—Utopia!

It is only when mankind has learned to voluntarily submit to the wise government (or rule) of the Supreme Creator-Ruler of the universe, that man will at last be blessed with real *peace, happiness, health, joy* and *overflowing goodness and abundance*—beyond description! Also, this is the only way by which mankind can ever receive eternal life.

In the very near future, the righteous, all-wise, all-powerful government of Almighty God will be established on this earth. *Jesus Christ* will rule all nations with a rod of iron (Rev. 19:15). Then the whole earth will be at peace and will bask in indescribable prosperity (see Isa. 2,9,11; Zech. 14).

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that *the mountain of the Lord's house* (God's Kingdom) shall be established in the top of the mountains (kingdoms), and shall be exalted above the hills; and *all nations* shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of HIS WAYS, and we will walk in HIS PATHS: for out of Zion shall go forth the LAW, and the WORD OF THE LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword

against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:2-4).

Jesus Christ, the Supreme King, will rule over the Kingdom of God—over the *territory* of the whole earth. All the *people* of the world will be His subjects and the LAW of God will be His government!

"Of the increase of *His* [God's] *government* and *peace there shall be no end*, upon the throne of David, and upon HIS KINGDOM (a monarchy), to order it, and *to establish it* WITH JUDGMENT and WITH JUSTICE *from henceforth even FOR EVER*" (Isa. 9:7).

"The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters *cover the sea*" (Isa. 11:9).

Here, at last, we see a *true, soon-to-be-fulfilled* utopian picture of WORLD PEACE—God's way! True PEACE, PROSPERITY and HAPPINESS through the perfect, WORLD-RULING GOVERNMENT of the SUPREME, CREATOR-RULER GOD!

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# "LIVING FOSSILS"

The theory of evolution is based on the dogma that *life forms tend to change!* Yet evolutionists cannot explain why many animals and plants in the modern world are essentially the same as their

ancestors which supposedly existed *millions* of years ago! These "living fossils" refute the very *basis* of evolution—an *unproved* and unprovable theory which is the foundation of modern education!

by Robert E. Gentet

**T**HE TIME: late 1938. A commercial fisherman is surprised to find a strange-looking deep-sea fish in his day's catch. He has never before seen anything like it! Little does he realize that this one fish will shock the entire scientific world!

Within a short time scientists identified it as a Coelacanth (seal'-ah-canth)—supposedly extinct millions of years ago!

## Amazes the Experts

Since 1938, other specimens of this fish have been captured and kept alive briefly. They have been exhaustively studied by scientists.

One scientist, in shocked amazement, stated: "Throughout the hundreds of millions of years the Coelacanths have kept the *same form and structure*. Here is one of the GREAT MYSTERIES of evolution. . . ." ("The Coelacanth," by Jacques Millot; *Scientific American*; Dec., 1955; page 37; *emphasis ours throughout the article*.)

Indeed it is a "great mystery"—to the evolutionist! Why have the Coela-

canth and many other types of life *not* evolved? *Why*—if the widely held theory of evolution is true—hasn't the Coelacanth *changed*? The theories of evolutionary science allow them MILLIONS of years to change! Yet they defy all the time so generously given to them by the evolutionists. They refuse to conform to this "scientific" theory. And no wonder! It is just a theory—an idea—of men to explain a creation without the Creator!

## Other Unchanged Life Forms

The Coelacanth is only one among *many* life forms which have shown little or no change from their ancestors which evolutionists claim lived millions of years ago. Notice some *other* animals which defy the evolutionary concept.

Have you ever noticed how difficult it is to destroy cockroaches? Well, you need to understand that cockroaches, according to evolutionists, have been around for a very long time. Cockroaches, say the evolutionary scientists, "still exist in much the same form" as

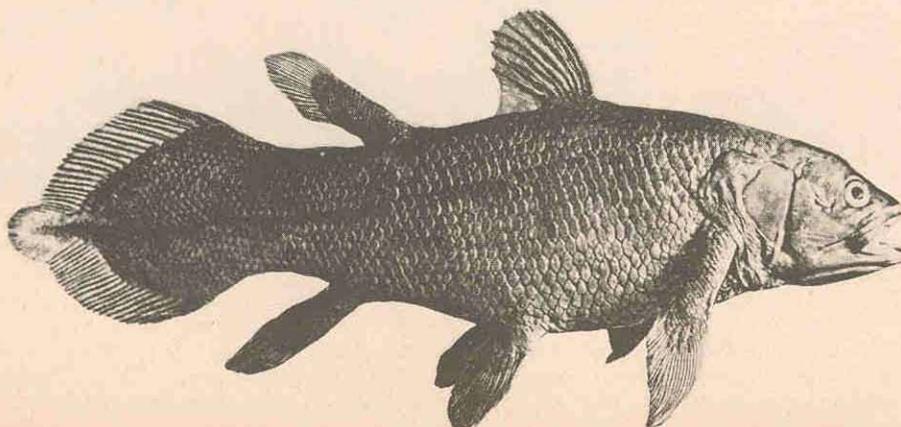
they did 250,000,000 years ago! ("Insects in Amber"; *Scientific American*; Nov., 1951; page 57.)

But wait! If cockroaches have been on the earth for 250,000,000 years, why haven't they *changed*? Could it be, asks many a scientist secretly, that evolution is *not* true?

Emphatically YES! Evolution cannot account for these facts. The great lengths of time assigned to these creatures are *pure fiction*—invented by men who have refused to keep God in their knowledge.

Notice the witness of the common black ant. Her *exact* kind would have invaded your picnic basket and spoiled your fun even millions of years ago, according to evolutionary ideas. Fossils of the common black ant (*Formica fusca*) have been found in remains scientists assume are 70,000,000 years old! (*Scientific American*; Nov., 1951; page 58.)

In fact, as this same article admits: ". . . by and large the insect population of today remains *remarkably similar* to that of the earlier age [the 'Oligocene' which supposedly began about 70,000,-



A reproduction of the first specimen caught of the "living fossil" called Coelacanth. Evolutionists were shocked when they discovered this fish—even more surprised that it has not evolved as their theory requires! The Coelacanth is one of the many *living proofs* that the theory of evolution exists only in the wild imagination of men who have not liked to retain God's Word in their knowledge (Rom. 1:18-23).

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000 years ago]. *All the major orders of insects now living were represented in the ancient Oligocene forest.* Some of the specific types have persisted throughout the 70 million years since then with little or no change . . ." (pages 60-61).

Fact after fact disproves the idea that life is evolving. Scientists are being forced to admit their findings do *not* agree with their theories. But they try their best to suppress these facts so their basic theory of evolution won't look *unscientific!*

Now notice this. Fossils of the dragonfly *almost exactly resembling* the modern-day dragonfly appear in rocks the scientists have called "Jurassic." These rocks, according to evolutionary theories, were laid down about 170,000,000 years ago! ("The Dragonfly: Fossil on Wings"; *Science Digest*; May,

1961; page 6.) *Why no change?*

### Trilobite Partner Found Unchanged!

Another amazing discovery that was to jolt the scientific world came in the 1950's. A deep-sea mollusk (*Neopilina galathea*) was recovered off the coast of Central America at a depth of about two miles! "Its fossil relatives have been discovered in rocks estimated to be some 350 million years old, where they are . . . with the trilobites" (*Essentials of Earth History*, page 431).

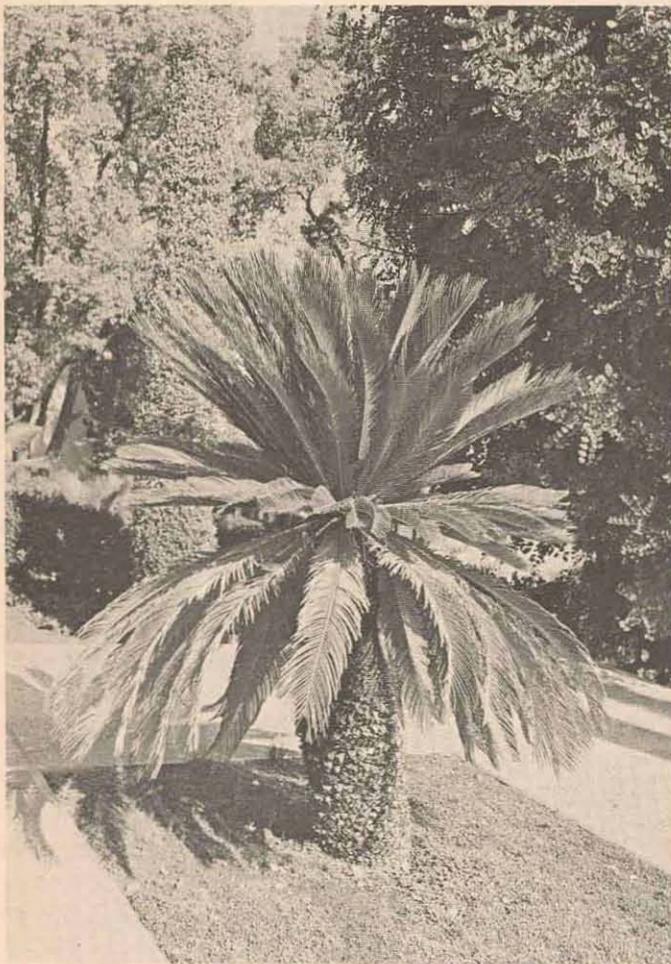
The trilobites are recognized by scientists as among the earliest inhabitants on the earth! But, if they are so ancient, why haven't these mollusks found associated with the trilobites *evolved?* This is only one of the questions that cannot be answered by the popular evolutionary theory.

These mollusks were supposed to have become *extinct* about 280,000,000 years ago! ("New Missing Link Discovered," by Bentley Glass; *Science*; July 26, 1957: page 158.) Yet, we find their kind *still* living—and in essentially the same form as their first representatives on the earth!

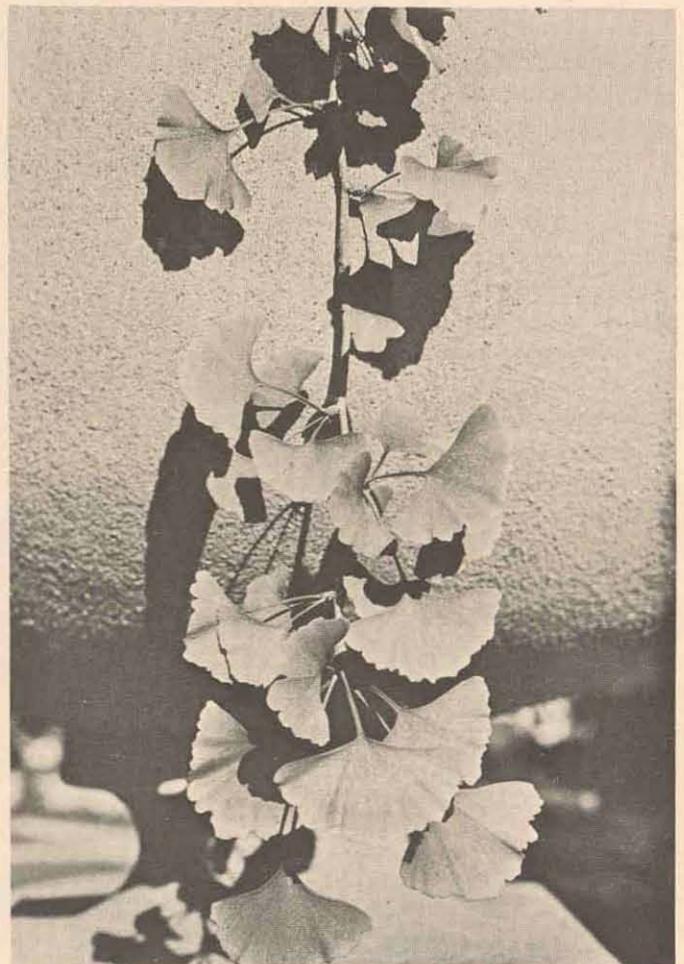
These long ages were *invented* to support the theory of evolution. But even these vast ages cannot account for "living fossils"! Instead, these "living fossils" only show the total fruitlessness of the imaginary long ages! These so-called "millions" of years actually *disprove* evolution.

How?

The evolutionist *needs* millions of years to allow for evolutionary changes. The more time the evolutionist assigns to these so-called "long ages," the *more*



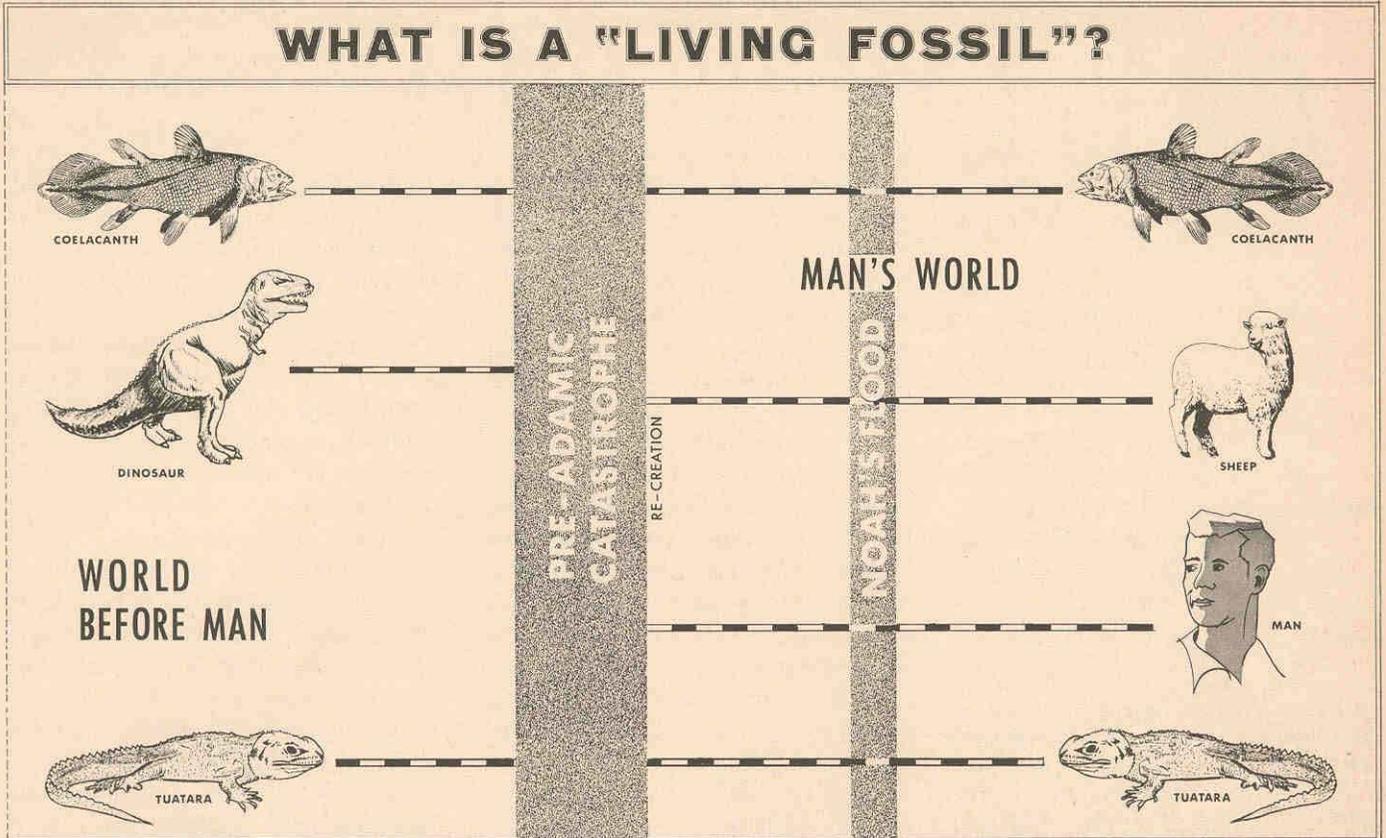
The Cycad, photographed on the Pasadena Ambassador College grounds, is another "living fossil." The world before man was so universally filled with various forms of this plant that evolutionists call one whole geological era the "Age of Cycads." God did not provide the present world, which He made for man, with an abundance of Cycads. The Cycads, which are only for beauty, are limited today to the tropics.



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Botanists confess that the Ginkgo tree is another "living fossil." (Leaves of this tree are pictured above.) The present-day Ginkgo trees reveal no evolution has taken place, even though the theory of evolution assumes they have had *millions* of years to evolve! Several forms of the Ginkgo tree living today are *exactly the same* as most of the pre-Adamic forms! (*Plant Classification*, Lyman Benson, p. 519.)

# WHAT IS A "LIVING FOSSIL"?



Webster's Dictionary says that a "living fossil" is "an animal or plant that has remained essentially unchanged from earlier geological times and whose near relatives are usually extinct." It is evident from God's Word and from the study of geology that, in general, "living fossils" are forms of life which have lived in the world before man was created and are still represented on the earth today. The Coelacanth and the Tuatara, above, are examples of such "living fossils." Evolutionary ideas would have us believe the ancestors of "living fossils" existed millions of years ago. Anyone who

believes such an idea must confess that evolution is NOT true! For, if the ancestors of "living fossils" existed millions of years ago, then why have the living representatives on the earth today shown little or no change all of these supposed MILLIONS of years?

Dinosaurs, in the above chart, would not be considered "living fossils" as no living representatives have been found on the earth today. Also, Man would not qualify as a "living fossil" because evolutionary ideas limit Man's existence on the earth to a recent period of geologic history.

time he gives "living fossils" to fail to evolve! The evolutionist is actually disproving his own theory by devising these long ages!

## Reptile Defies Change

On some small offshore islands near New Zealand another true "living fossil" is found. It is the tuatara or *Sphenodon*. Scientists admit: "The skeleton of a reptile found in the Jurassic deposits of Europe is so nearly identical with that of the living tuatara that very little change in the bony structure must have taken place during a period of 150,000,000 years" ("The Tuatara: Why is it a Lone Survivor?" by Charles M. Bogert; *Scientific Monthly*; March, 1953; page 167).

Notice the great problem this presents to the evolutionists who would have us believe their dogma. One fact after another has clearly shown—though

evolutionists have refused to realize their vital significance—that life forms definitely have not evolved, but have remained persistently and strikingly THE SAME!

In 1910 Charles B. Walcott discovered on the slope of Mount Wapta near the town of Field, British Columbia, a bed of rock which scientists have dubbed "Middle Cambrian." This rock would be, according to the evolutionary theory, nearly 500,000,000 years old! From this thin bed of rock 130 well-preserved species of sea creatures were found. To their utter amazement, scientists discovered that some of the fossil remains of these sea creatures match present-day sea life! (*Historical Geology*, Dunbar, pages 122-124.)

Why haven't these creatures of the sea evolved? If evolution is true, why have they remained confined to the oceans? The postulated figure of one-

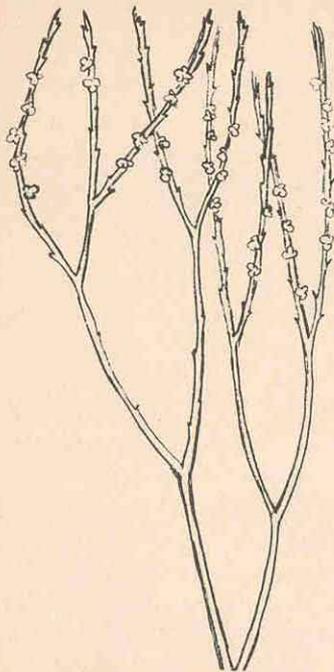
half billion years is indeed a long time for them to remain unchanged!

Paleontologists and geologists have discovered literally hundreds of life forms which have remained virtually unchanged from their fossil ancestors. Many more specific examples could be given, such as the Ginkgo tree, the Cycads, the Sequoias, and other plant life. (Notice the pictures and drawings accompanying this article.)

Something is drastically wrong with the evolutionary theory! If these fossils which match modern-day life forms are millions of years old, we find the theory of evolution straining to account for their continued unchanged existence.

Evolutionary science has great difficulty explaining how such animals as the crocodiles, sea lizards, and water monitors could exist for millions of years without significant change!

It is no wonder that evolutionists



The above drawing of a Psilotale illustrates a plant which scientists confess are "primitive plants, which have apparently persisted for millions of years in more or less their present simple state . . ." (College Botany, Fuller & Tippo, p. 748). If evolution is true, why haven't these "primitive" (what's primitive about them?) and "simple" (what's simple about them?) plants developed into more complex forms of life? Why do we have these so-called "simple" forms of life on the earth today if life is evolving into more and more "complex" forms? Plants such as the Psilotales illustrate how illogical and ridiculous the theory of evolution really is.

must say: "We marvel at these veterans of the struggle for existence and seek to understand why they have survived while their contemporaries have long ago vanished. The secrets of their success may be difficult to uncover or to understand, for there seems to be no common characteristic that accounts for their survival" (Essentials of Earth History, page 431).

What were their "secrets of success"? Why have "their contemporaries . . . long ago vanished" while these "living fossils" have survived? The Bible—God's revelation to mankind—reveals the startling answer!

#### God's Word Answers

When God created man about 6000 years ago, He created a complete environment suited for the needs of man. He created a vast array of plants and animals which provide the vegetables,

fruits, grains, and meat man needs in order to survive and to conduct a productive life.

The concurrent article in this issue "GEOLOGY Reveals: TWO CREATIONS—TWO World-Wide FLOODS" will demonstrate—in detail—how the earth HAS witnessed two world-wide destructions. After reading and studying this article, it will be apparent why the "long ages" geologists use are, in reality, only imaginary. The rock layers were laid down *quickly* and each reveals certain forms of life only because life was destroyed and buried in a *relative order*—varying types of sea life first, then types of land life. The vast "long ages" assigned to these rocks become meaningless. *The rocks reveal only the order in which life died in each of these two world-wide catastrophes.*

Realizing these facts, we can easily understand the meaning of "living fossils." Some animals, such as the dinosaurs, lived fundamentally before the creation of man. Their world was brought to an end by a violent destruction.

Then, about 6000 years ago, God brought the earth out of the shambles it had been thrown into by this destruction. In six *literal* days, God filled the earth with a suitable and pleasing environment for man. (Write for our *free* article entitled "How Long Were the Days of Creation?" if you do not understand that Genesis 1 is speaking of literal 24-hour days.)

Some plants and animals were created for BOTH worlds—both the world *before* man and the world of man. (Psalm 104:29-30.) Some life has lived only in the world before man. Other forms of life are characteristic only of man's 6000 years of existence on the earth. *Many of the "living fossils" are merely plants and animals which have lived in BOTH worlds!*

Scientists who discover the fossil relatives of these plants and animals with dinosaur and other extinct forms *assume* the fossils must be millions of years old because they have *already assumed* dinosaurs existed and became extinct millions of years ago!

The life forms which have lived in BOTH worlds—the world before man and the world of man—SHOW LITTLE

OR NO CHANGE IN THEIR STRUCTURE! A slight change within a "kind" is not evolution. Let us understand why.

#### "Missing Links"

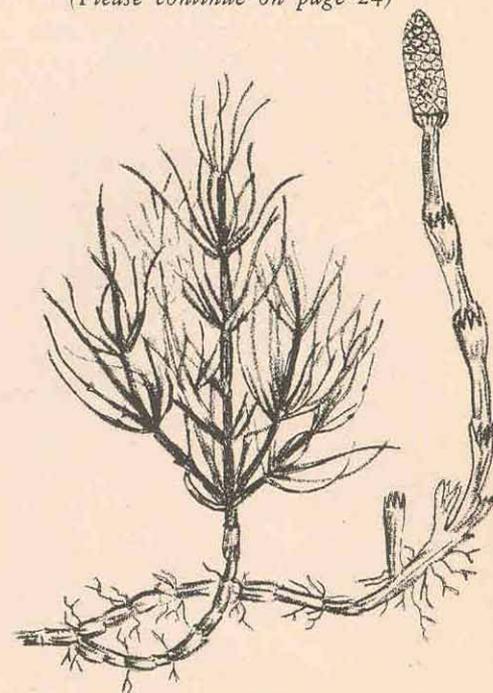
Many become confused thinking the Genesis "kind" is always synonymous with a "species." Just what is a "species"?—a "kind"? Actually, "species" is synonymous with "breed" or "variety."

Roses are a *kind*. *American Beauty* is a *variety* of rose. All varieties of roses come from an original "kind" of rose. The original kind has varied but its descendants are still roses. A member of the rose *kind* can never produce a tulip or an oak.

The Bible shows us we must distinguish the man *kind* from the ape *kind* the oak *kind* from the rose *kind* and other Genesis kinds. God created animals and plants with a limited range of variation for good reason. Variation adds beauty to the world, allows life to adapt to wide ranges of climates, food supplies, modes of living, etc. God is *not* the author of monotony!

There are definite *bounds* which the Genesis "kinds" cannot cross. We *can expect some variation* within the dif-

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The *Equisetum* (horsehair) plant found practically all around the world is another "living fossil." Its kind has supposedly existed for hundreds of millions of years—*yet without evolving!* (See pages 774-775 of *College Botany* by Fuller & Tippo.)

# Two CREATIONS—Two World-Wide FLOODS

*Here is startling proof—from the Bible and geology—demonstrating not only two widely separated creations, but two world-wide destructions! Few have understood this astonishing truth! Now, it stands revealed for all to see!*

by L. E. Torrance

**N**OW for the first time, one of history's most fascinating stories can be told. The KEY to understanding the amazing history of the earth has been discovered.

Contrary to what millions have been led to believe—the true facts of science and the truth of your Bible agree!

Theologians have long kept hidden this surprising truth. It conflicts with their theology. Atheistic professors have suppressed it. Science has refused to believe it.

Only a few understand where the key which unlocks the amazing geologic history of the earth is. It has been in the *first two verses of your Bible* all these years—and you probably never noticed it.

## The FOUNDATION of Knowledge

The very first truth revealed in your Bible is: "*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth*" (Gen. 1:1). This earth was created so perfect, so beautiful, that "the morning stars [the angels—Rev. 1:20] sang for joy" (Job 38:7).

Yet the very next inspired verse of your Bible reveals that this perfect earth was destroyed by a terrible catastrophe! Genesis 1:2 reveals, "And the earth was without form, and void."

The original Hebrew word, which the King James translators translated "was" in verse two, ought to be translated "became." It is so translated in Genesis 19:26, in Genesis 2:7, and in many other verses of the Bible. Turn to the example in Genesis 19:26. In this verse the same Hebrew word which is *incorrectly* translated "was" in Genesis 1:2 is here *correctly* translated "became."

Notice, God warned Lot and his wife not to look behind as they escaped from the burning city of Sodom. Lot's wife disobeyed this command and looked back longingly at the wicked city of Sodom, "She *became* a pillar of salt" (v. 26).

Obviously, Lot's wife had not always been a pillar of salt! But when she sinned, she became a pillar of salt.

In like manner, the earth wasn't originally created a waste and in confusion! The correct translation of Genesis 1:2 from the original inspired Hebrew makes clear: "The earth *BECAME* without form, and void."

This truth is further brought out when we note in Genesis 1:2 that the English "without form" was translated from the original Hebrew word "tohu," which means "desolation" or "confusion." Is God the author of confusion?

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "God is not the author of confusion" (I Cor. 14:33).

Isaiah said, "He [God] created it [the earth] *not in vain* ["tohu" in Hebrew—that is, not in chaos and confusion]" (Isa. 45:18). It *became* that way!

"The Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). The All-wise Creator, then, did not first create the earth as a waste and in confusion. The only logical conclusion is that God's perfect creation *later became* a desolate ruin!

This truth is again made clear when we note that the English word "void" was translated from the original Hebrew word "bohu," which means an "indistinguishable ruin."

The correct translation of the first two verses of Genesis should read, "In

the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

"And the earth *BECAME* *without form* (desolation, in confusion), and *void* (an indistinguishable ruin), and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

"And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the *waters*" (Gen. 1:1-2).

## Why Pre-Adamic Earth Created

It is a surprise to many to learn that before this earth was ever created (Job 38:4-7), God created millions of angels to carry out His rule (Heb. 1:7-14).

God placed the great cherub Lucifer in charge of the angels on earth. God revealed to him His great purpose to add new members to the God Family.

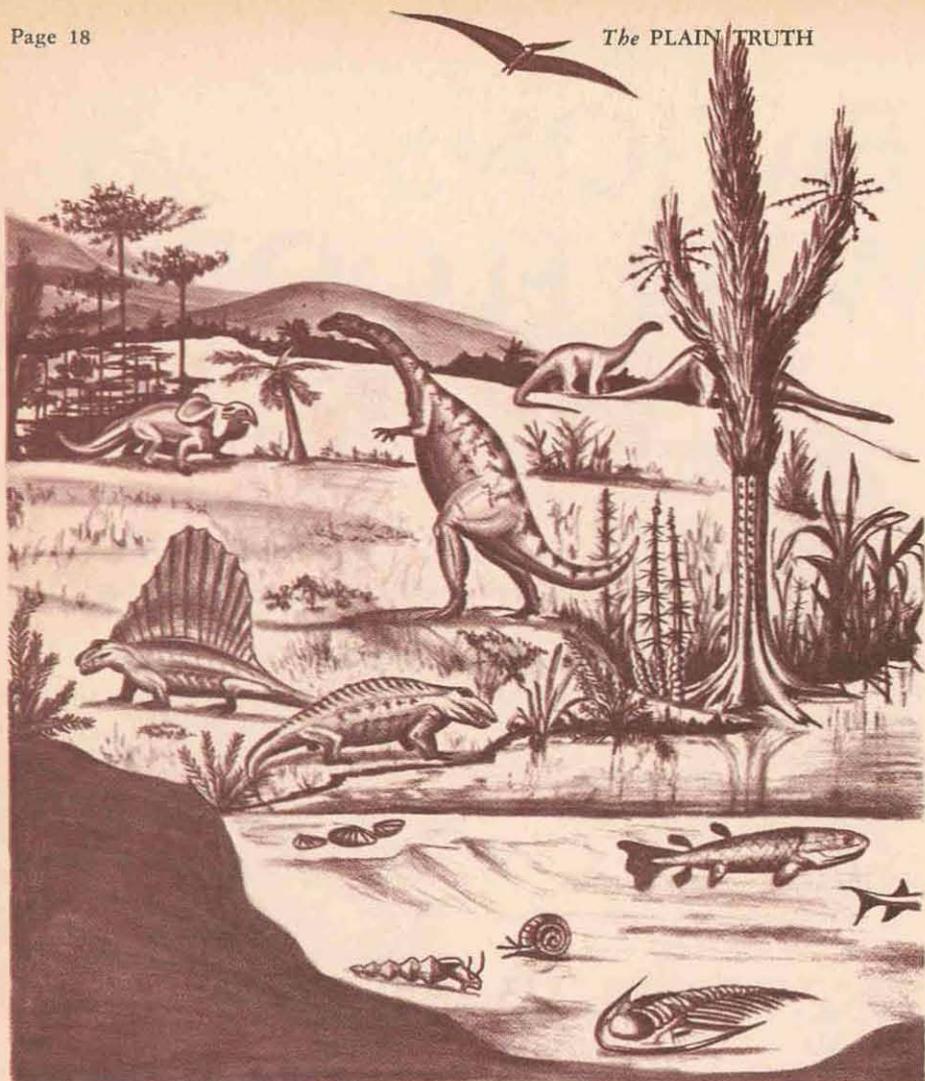
God told Lucifer about His purpose to place MAN on the earth and to create in him holy, righteous character by teaching MAN to obey His holy, righteous laws. (If you do not fully understand God's Plan, send for the fascinating free booklet, *Why Were You Born?*)

But Lucifer decided God was all wrong. Lucifer rebelled. Lucifer was not content to remain a servant of the God Family (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:13-18). He did not want mere flesh-and-blood man to eventually rise over him in authority and power as a member of the God Family.

Lucifer allowed his mind to become filled with bitterness and hate.

He persuaded one third of the angels to join him in an open attempt to seize God's throne. Lucifer attacked the Kingdom of God and attempted to take God's place as Supreme Ruler of the whole universe (Isa. 14:13-14).

Lucifer and his army of demons were



An illustration of what the earth was like in the age before Man. That world was different! It was under the authority of angels who were ordained to preserve and prepare it for Man. The angels, under Lucifer, rebelled. The world ended in chaos as a consequence. In seven days it was re-created for Man.

totally defeated. Christ said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

The All-wise Creator cast the devil Lucifer and his rebellious angels down to earth. Lucifer became Satan, the Devil. His angels became demented spirit beings, called demons.

Notice carefully! During that great battle between God's army and Satan and his demons, the beautiful earth BECAME a *cosmic wreck!* A perfect creation became a desolation. (To help you further understand, send for the free articles, "Did God Create a DEVIL?" and "Who—What—Was Jesus Before His Human Birth?")

#### Why Geologists Don't Understand Geology

Geologists can never understand the facts of geology. They refuse to acknowl-

edge that during the rebellion of Satan and his demons against God, the pre-Adamic earth was destroyed! This knowledge makes clear why the strange world of dinosaurs, flying reptiles, and all the other strange plants and animals of that age were first suddenly buried in sedimentary rocks and in the older coal seams.

Neither can geologists understand the facts of geology until they realize that Noah's Flood buried the remains of man, warm-blooded mammals and many other creatures as fossils in overlying sedimentary rocks. These post-Adamic deposits, in most cases, were laid down on top of the sedimentary rocks formed by the pre-Adamic catastrophe! Sometimes the deposits from Noah's Flood were laid down on the original rock surface of the earth and earlier deposits were later washed in by the flood and covered them

in an inverted order.

Once we know what the Bible reveals—that a pre-Adamic creation was destroyed by a world-wide catastrophe because of the sin of Satan and his angelic followers—we can understand the geologic history of the earth.

#### Proof of Pre-Adamic Flood

Notice the true facts of geology. The pre-Adamic catastrophe involved water. Laid down first by the swirling waters were the smaller sea creatures. They appear in the deepest sedimentary layers. The larger creatures of the land, by comparison, were able to flee to the higher hills. They were not drowned until the rising floodwaters spread over, then covered, the entire earth.

Evolutionary geologists have discerned proof of this pre-Adamic flood. They know that rising floodwaters first swept up the ocean-bottom dwellers, the trilobites and the brachiopods, and other shell creatures of the sea. These ocean-bottom dwellers were scattered over wide areas. Later other sedimentary rocks with land life were laid down on top of them.

That is exactly why fossils of sea creatures, such as the trilobite, *suddenly appear* as fossils in the *deepest* sedimentary rocks.

Not knowing the Bible reveals a pre-Adamic catastrophe destroyed all life, an amazed evolutionary geologist exclaimed, ". . . the *sudden appearance* of ABUNDANT FOSSILS in the Cambrian [lowest rocks in which life is found] is remarkable" (Dunbar, *Historical Geology*, p. 125). [Emphasis ours in entire article.]

Why were these evolutionary geologists astounded to discover that complex fossils appear suddenly in the deepest sedimentary rocks?

The theory of evolution has led the geologists to assume the older and deeper rocks were laid down over many millions of years. They assumed that in the deepest rocks they would find very simple fossil remains of evolving forms.

Obviously, because of the theory of evolution they expected to find simple fossil forms that clearly showed the steps of evolution taking place. Because evolution has never taken place, they failed to find simple pre-trilobite forms!

As the well-known evolutionary geologist Stokes said, ". . . we do not understand why fossils of marine invertebrates (without backbones) suddenly became plentiful . . ." (Stokes, *Essentials of Earth History*, p. 186).

Why can't they understand?

These geologists have been taught to believe fossils were laid down gradually over incomprehensibly long periods of time. They have also been taught to believe these fossils evolved from some other simpler fossil forms. They are astounded that these simple forms can't be found. Yet they will not give up their cherished theory though proven wrong!

We proved in a previous article why fossils on a world-wide scale can only be laid down by a world-wide flood. It is obvious therefore that the fossil forms *appear suddenly* in the lower and deeper rocks because a pre-Adamic destruction buried them first!

There is no possible way to explain this SUDDEN death of many complex creatures in the bottom layer of the earth's sedimentary rocks other than by the obvious fact that a pre-Adamic destruction by water suddenly buried these fossil forms.

### Proof of Rising Floodwaters

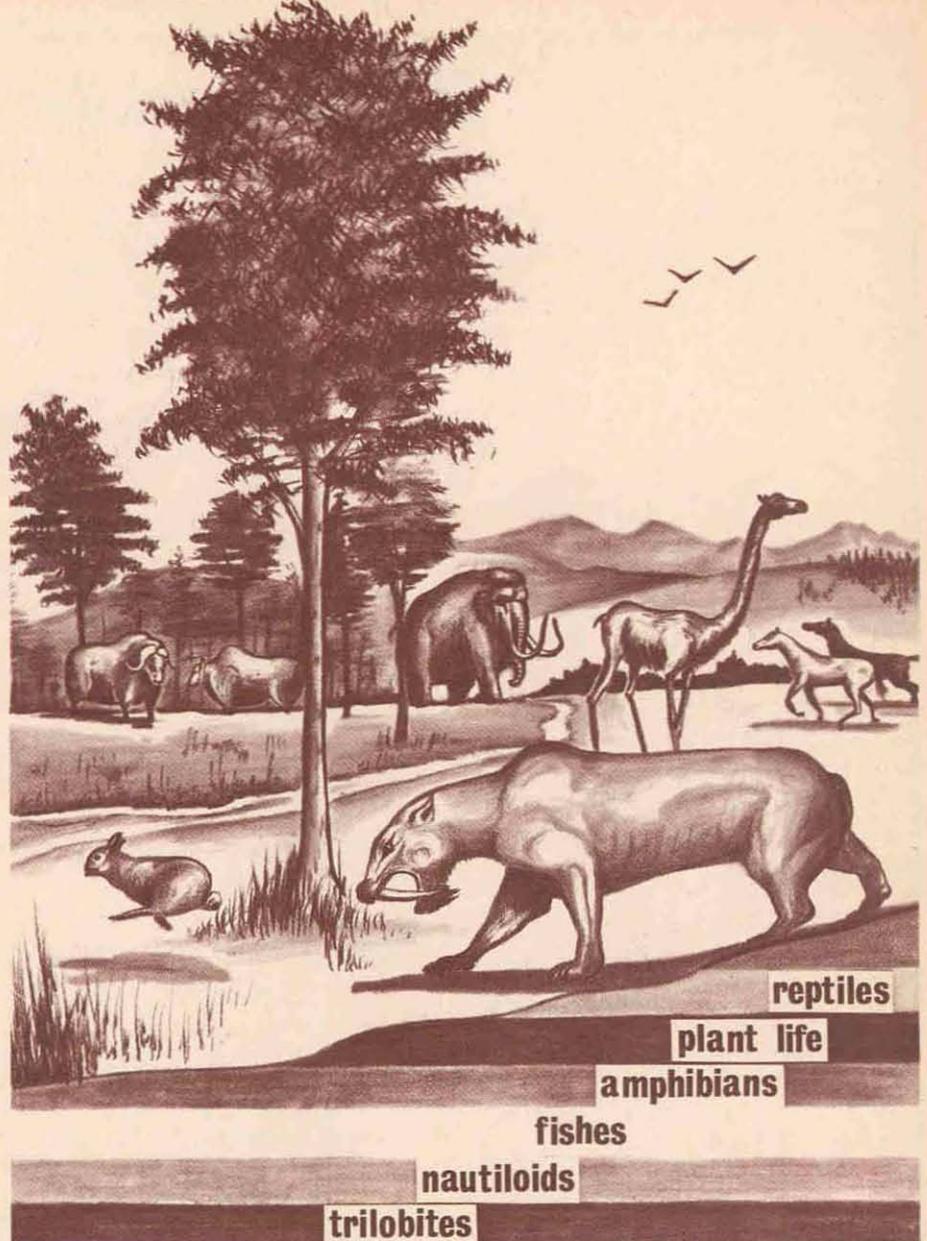
The first sedimentary deposits geologists have found are composed of fine particles with few signs of buried life. This is the natural accumulation of erosion in the pre-Adamic world before the terrible catastrophe occurred.

Suddenly the deposits become coarser and contain many fossils. The bottom-dwellers of the ocean were usually buried first in the deepest layers of sediment. Then the rising floodwaters of that first destruction buried the plants along the shore line.

Dunbar reports that geologists have found in the next higher sedimentary layer, "fragments of land plants" and also fossil forms of "scorpions and millipeds" (*Historical Geology*, p. 171).

Did these land plants and scorpions and millipeds evolve over long eons of time from the trilobites? No! All the fossil record proves is that they suddenly died!

If life evolved, why did feathered wings (and many other features) appear



The world God created for Man. Notice the strata of the pre-Adamic world buried beneath. This world was later overwhelmed by the Flood in Noah's day—which deposited many species now extinct in another layer of fossils. From the limited number of creatures in the ark, the world of today has been repopulated.

in fossil life FULLY DEVELOPED? Why haven't we found fossil remains of transition stages between leather wings of the flying reptiles and the feathered wings of birds?

Why have evolutionists and geologists failed to discover the fossil remains of one single intermediate species, yet they have discovered multiple millions of fossils which are strictly classified under well-defined kinds?

If life did evolve slowly from the simple to the complex, then there would have been a far greater number of intermediate states or varieties than of the fixed species!

As the rising floodwaters began to sweep upward, small shore-line plants and animals were next buried and became fossils. The geologic record demonstrates that as the pre-Adamic floodwaters continued to rise, vast numbers of scaleless fishes were soon buried in the mud and silt which settled down to make the next higher sedimentary layers.

So many fossilized fish are found in the rocks laid down by this stage of the pre-Adamic destruction that geologists claim these so-called Devonian rocks were laid down in "the Age of Fishes" (Stokes, p. 227). There was no "Age of

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# Two CREATIONS—Two FLOODS

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Fishes"—only a time when fish died in vast numbers in the sea.

## Rising Flood Devastates Jungles

The raging floodwaters which were but a part of this pre-Adamic destruction rose higher and higher, engulfing the jungles and lowlands. This catastrophe engulfed and uprooted whole forests. Plant remains often were washed into huge piles, covering them with deep layers of mud and silt. These masses of vegetable remains later were crushed by the weight of the mud and silt.

Today we know them as the coal beds of the so-called Paleozoic rocks.

## Coal Formed by Pre-Adamic Flood!

Do geologists know that coal was formed by this pre-Adamic flood?

The evolutionary geologist, Stokes, makes this surprising statement, "Even though all the biological, geographic, and climatic factors were favorable, coal still could not form unless plant debris was submerged and buried by sediments" (*Essentials of Earth History*, p. 216).

In other words, this evolutionary geologist admitted coal can be formed only when huge masses of trees and plants have been swept up by onrushing floodwaters and covered up with layers of mud and silt.

Stokes explained why coal beds COULD NOT have been formed by the swamp forests and jungles alternately rising above and sinking below the seas over a long period of time. This fiction, however, is still taught in school.

He said, "Nor could the land have alternately risen and sunk, because a bed of coal to be preserved must remain *permanently* buried and, of course, could not survive exposure to erosion" (*Essentials of Earth History*, p. 216).

Stokes also admitted, "Obviously more than a heavy growth of vegetation is required for coal-formation. The plant debris must be buried, compressed, and protected from erosion and from intensive metamorphism" (*Essentials of Earth History*, p. 215).

In other words, the only possible way coal beds can be formed is for great quantities of plant matter to be washed together, deposited in one spot and then quickly covered over with heavy layers of mud and sand, which compress the huge piles of plant remains into coal.

World travelers know that coal is *not* being formed in the jungles of the earth today. Plant life dies, decays and rots into humus. It is obvious that coal is not now being formed!

Before coal can be formed, plant remains must not only be covered quickly to prevent decay, but must be covered *deep* enough so that the massive weight of millions of tons of sediment will transform the carbon of these plants into coal.

That pre-Adamic destruction is the only possible means by which the hard coals found on earth today could have been formed.

What greater proof of a world-wide pre-Adamic flood do evolutionary geologists need before they will admit that the true facts of science agree with the simple, plain truth of God's Word?

## Rising Floodwaters Wash Away the Plains

What would you naturally expect to find preserved as fossils as the waters rose over the hills and plains? The fastest-running animals would flee to the tops of the highest hills before being drowned. Note also that larger animals would float longer than small but comparatively heavier animals, such as trilobites.

Wouldn't you expect flying reptiles to be able to escape the rising floodwaters longer than the hard-shelled sea forms?

That is just what happened!

Stokes states that in the so-called Jurassic—a later stage of that destruction—"... leathery-winged reptiles called 'pterodactyls' took to the air" (*Essentials of Earth History*, p. 278). Realize these flying reptiles were not evolving into birds, as evolutionists

assume—but were beginning to *fall into the floodwaters* and be buried to become fossils!

## Dinosaurs Exterminated

Dunbar also said, "Dinosaurs were now in their heyday . . ." (*Historical Geology*, p. 306). What he should have said was that in the later stages of the pre-Adamic flood—as the floodwaters reached the higher hills—the dinosaurs were rapidly exterminated and buried and became fossils.

Dunbar unwittingly referred to this pre-Adamic destruction when he said, "Throughout the long Mesozoic Era . . . reptiles completely dominated life on the earth; but at its close their dynasty SUDDENLY COLLAPSED" (*Historical Geology*, p. 404).

Another geologist voiced his amazement. Walther called this sudden destruction of the dinosaurs "the time of the great dying" (Dunbar, *Historical Geology*, p. 348).

The evolutionary geologist G. G. Simpson made clear that geologists don't understand what happened. He said, ". . . the most puzzling event in the history of life on the earth . . . is the change from the Mesozoic, Age of Reptiles, to the . . . Age of Mammals" (from "Mammals and Land Bridges," *Washington Acad. Sci. Jour.*, Vol. 30, pp. 137-163).

Geologists recognize that something drastic occurred during the time the upper rocks of the pre-Adamic age (the so-called Mesozoic Era) were laid down. They fail to realize that these rocks were LAID DOWN SUDDENLY instead of over an assumed 500 millions of years. Not having the FOUNDATION of all knowledge, the truth of the Bible, they utterly fail to grasp the fact that a world-wide pre-Adamic flood SUDDENLY exterminated all plants and animals. They guessed wrong by nearly 500 million years!

## Puzzled Geologists

When Dunbar said, ". . . the reptilian hordes gave way to a spectacular rise of warm-blooded vertebrates" (*Historical Geology*, p. 336), he failed to realize that he had discovered evidence that a world-wide catastrophe had exterminated these reptilian hordes and that

God *later* re-created the world of MAN and the MAMMALS.

All evolutionary geologists recognize that *something drastic* occurred during the time the upper rocks of the pre-Adamic age were being laid down. But because they won't look in their Bibles they can't understand WHAT HAPPENED!

Properly understood, both the Bible and geology clearly prove a world-wide catastrophe destroyed the pre-Adamic creation. Evolutionary geologists today find fossil remains of that age in the deeper and older sedimentary rocks. The fossil record makes clear that the smaller animals were buried before the larger, faster-running animals which fled the onrushing water to higher ground.

### Age of Pre-Adamic World NOT Revealed

Because the Bible doesn't tell us, we do not know how long the earth remained a paradise—or how long the water-covered ruin lasted. The world is certainly old, but God would not have allowed the desolation to long remain.

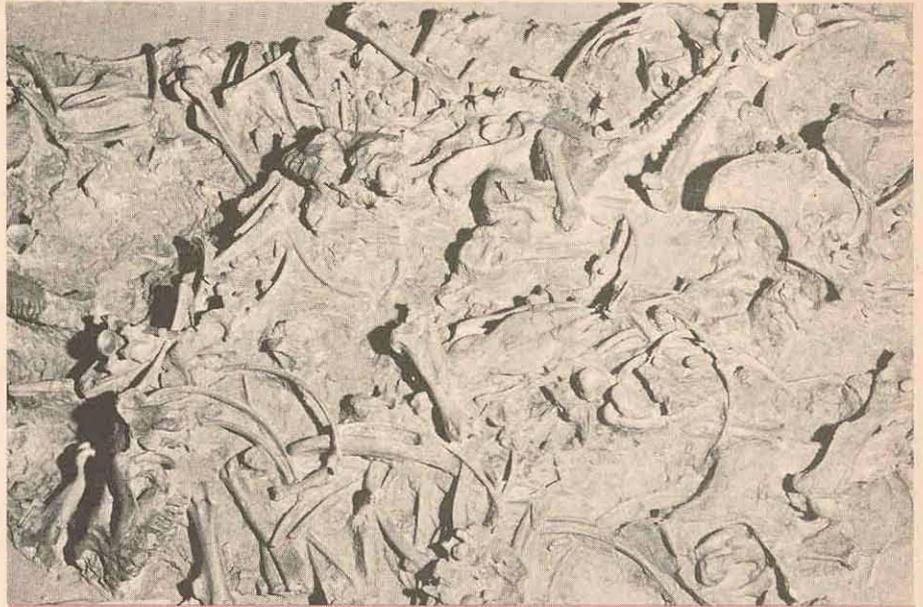
But the Bible does reveal that almost 6,000 years ago God *re-created* and *re-fashioned* the earth in a literal week of 7 days. He placed Adam and Eve and the plants and animals of today on this earth and commanded them to "be fruitful, and multiply, and REPLENISH the earth" (Gen. 1:28).

Only 1656 years after Adam and Eve were created, their descendants became so wicked that God again destroyed the world with the Flood of Noah's day.

All living breathing creatures of this second creation, of the time of Adam and Eve, were destroyed, except Noah and his family and the animals that were protected in the Ark.

Noah's Flood, which occurred in 2370-2369 B.C., left an entirely different set of sedimentary layers and fossils than did the destruction that is described in verse two of the first chapter of Genesis. These two different and distinct sets of sedimentary layers and their fossils came from two entirely different periods of time in the earth's history.

You can readily tell the difference between rocks of the pre-Adamic world and the sedimentary rocks laid down by Noah's Flood. The pre-Adamic rocks are usually so hard they can be dug



A bed of fossil bones from the early post-Flood period. Geologists designate it as "Quaternary." Fossil slab is on loan to the University of Nebraska.

into only with cutting tools and dynamite. But the sedimentary rocks laid down by Noah's Flood can in general still be dug into with a pick and shovel.

Geologists have found fossils of cold-blooded reptiles in the older and deeper rocks, but in the newer rocks geologists find fossils primarily of warm-blooded mammals associated with man's world. Of course, certain cold-blooded reptiles were re-created. Even a few dinosaur-like reptiles may have reappeared in the second creation (see *The Genesis Flood*, by Whitcomb and Morris).

Just as in the pre-Adamic flood, Noah's Flood also buried the heavy-shelled sea life first, then the smaller animals that could not flee fast enough to escape the rising floodwaters. Finally, just as in the pre-Adamic catastrophe, the raging floodwaters in Noah's day engulfed the very biggest and fastest animals that had fled to the top of the highest hills.

### Noah's Flood Buries Shell Creatures First

The evolutionary geologists again unwittingly tell the story. Stirton said, "In sheltered areas on the fine silty bottom of the oceans, where wave action was greatly reduced, species of the gastropod *Turritella* (small sea-shell forms) occurred in abundance" (*Time, Life and Man*, p. 307).

The truth is not that they were evol-

ving in abundance, but rather they were being buried by the millions—SUDDENLY—by Noah's Flood.

As the waters of Noah's Flood rose, slightly larger types of animals were caught up in the swirling waters and deposited in the next highest sedimentary layers. Dunbar said that among the animals "were DIMINUTIVE horses, SMALL hornless rhinoceroses, equally SMALL titanotheres, TINY cameloids, the first oreodons, SQUIRREL-LIKE rodents, bats, and SMALL primates. None of these attained a considerable size, and the largest would hardly have stood waist-high to a man" (*Historical Geology*, p. 428).

Evolutionists misinterpret this evidence and claim the fossil remains of these small mammals are proof these mammals were evolving from the smaller to the larger.

These slightly larger animals were still too small to flee the rapidly rising waters of Noah's Flood for long. They, too, were caught up in the rising floodwaters and covered with mud and silt, at most a few days after the heavy-shelled forms were buried. Yet geologists theorize that millions of years elapsed between the two deeper layers laid down by Noah's Flood.

Rather than prove evolution took place, the fossils prove evolution did not take place!

As the waters of Noah's Flood continued to rise over higher and higher

ground, larger and larger mammals were caught up in the swirling waters and buried in the mud and silt.

In the rocks laid down in the middle of the sediments deposited by Noah's Flood, geologists have found, "The true carnivores (flesh eaters), among which were dogs, small foxlike animals, true cats, saber-toothed cats . . . wild turkeys and . . . 'peccaries'" (Stirton, *Time, Life and Man*, p. 324).

### Mistaken Ages

Geologists falsely assume that the larger mammals evolved slowly over eons of time from the smaller mammals. What the fossil record really proves is that the larger mammals *died later!*

In the upper sedimentary layers of Noah's Flood (so-called Miocene rocks), Dunbar states that "cattle, sheep and goats [which] belong to the family Bovidae, [and] which also includes the bison, the musk ox, and the antelopes . . ." are found (*Historical Geology*, p. 415).

The cattle, sheep and goats were buried in the upper sedimentary rocks laid down by Noah's Flood, because they grazed on the high plains and in the mountain valleys. They were therefore buried in the mud and silt in the later stages of Noah's Flood. They were not evolving, as geologists assume—they were *fleeing!*

One final puzzle can easily be understood in the light of Bible truth. Geologists do not realize why the fossil record in the highest rock layers laid down by Noah's Flood is often difficult, if not impossible to interpret. Your Bible again makes clear the answer. "The waters returned from off the earth continually . . ." (Gen. 8:3). In other words, for 150 days great tides rolled back and forth—mixing and remixing the mud of the sedimentary layers as the floodwaters receded.

Yes, *the Bible stands proved!* The key to understanding the geology of the ancient rocks is at last revealed! The KNOWLEDGE has been in the Bible all these years.

### The Bible Also Reveals the Future

Not only does the Bible reveal the past, but the Bible also reveals the future.

The inspired Word of God clearly

reveals a final destruction—this time by fire (Rev. 20:15).

But the third and final destruction of the earth by fire is *not* the end of this earth!

No! Jesus Christ showed the apostle John in a vision a New Heaven and a New Earth. It will appear after the third and final world-wide destruction.

John reveals what he saw in a vision, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth . . ." (Rev. 21:1).

Your Bible makes clear that all men who ever lived will either be in the Family of God in this creation or they will have been cast into the lake of fire in the third and final destruction of the earth!

The choice is ours to make—The Kingdom of God, or the lake of fire!

Jesus Christ had the apostle John write, "Blessed are they that DO HIS

COMMANDMENTS, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

With God's help, if we choose now to repent, to believe, to OVERCOME, and to grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, we shall soon sit WITH Christ and rule the nations for a 1000 years! After the 1000 years is over there will be a final resurrection of those who lived and died in ignorance. God will then use us to teach every man who has ever lived the way to peace and to happiness. That's when Darwin will learn how wrong he was! That's when all the theologians will learn the Bible is right after all! Those who refuse to believe and practice the truth will then perish by fire—the SECOND DEATH. All who obey will live and reign in a new creation.

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## "LIVING FOSSILS"

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ferent kinds of plants and animals. But these kinds are all separated by great gaps. No evolving fossil has ever been found! That is WHY "bridgeless gaps" exist in nature and why there are "missing links" in the fossil record between one *kind* and another kind! No *kind* has ever evolved into another *kind!*

Could anything be plainer?

No life forms have ever changed beyond the bounds which God has set for them. "Living fossils" constitute *irrefutable* proof that animals and plants do not bridge the gap from one kind to another—even though the evolutionary theory allows them countless ages in which to evolve!

The proof given by "living fossils" stares the evolutionist in the face. The facts of the world around us show *no real evolution taking place*—only variation within the "kind." The evolutionist has *no answer* for these problems and can only "marvel" that for some unknown reason these plants and animals have not evolved!

The FACTS of science—which are often at total variance with the theories of science—show *two* great destructions, and the evidence of variation of

life within the limits God has set. Scientists *must* admit that two exact (or nearly exact) variations of life that have lived on both sides of the pre-Adamic destruction are "living fossils." The evolutionary theory says these two creatures have lived millions of years apart—yet *without* much change! The proof is before their eyes!

Actually scientists would be forced to admit the existence of *many more* "living fossils" if they realized the variations possible within the bounds God has set. More forms of life are actually related to each other and have *not* been called "living fossils." They look different enough from other varieties of their "kind" that scientists place them in another group and say they have "evolved." *This is not evolution!* This is a cover-up of the facts!

Their own theories have deluded them even further from the truth (II Tim. 3:13). The truth is so *simple*, yet so difficult for one doped by this world's erroneous education to understand! (I Cor. 3:18-20.) A return to the Scriptures, to a correct classification of life forms, to a correct timetable *solves* "the great mysteries" of evolutionary science.

# Tithing PAYS OFF— here's the PROOF!

Multiple thousands are being BLESSED through obedience to God's financial LAW—a law as REAL as the law of gravity!

by Roderick C. Meredith

A READER from Columbus, Ohio, writes: "We want to shout that God definitely will *keep* His promises to the person who dutifully pays to God the tithes which belong to Him anyhow. Since we began tithing about six months ago, God has greatly helped us to get out of hundreds of dollars of debt. We know that we by ourselves could never have gotten out."

## Make It Your Experience

Do you realize that there is an *invisible* financial LAW which actually, literally causes you to be PAID for *GIVING* to God's Work?

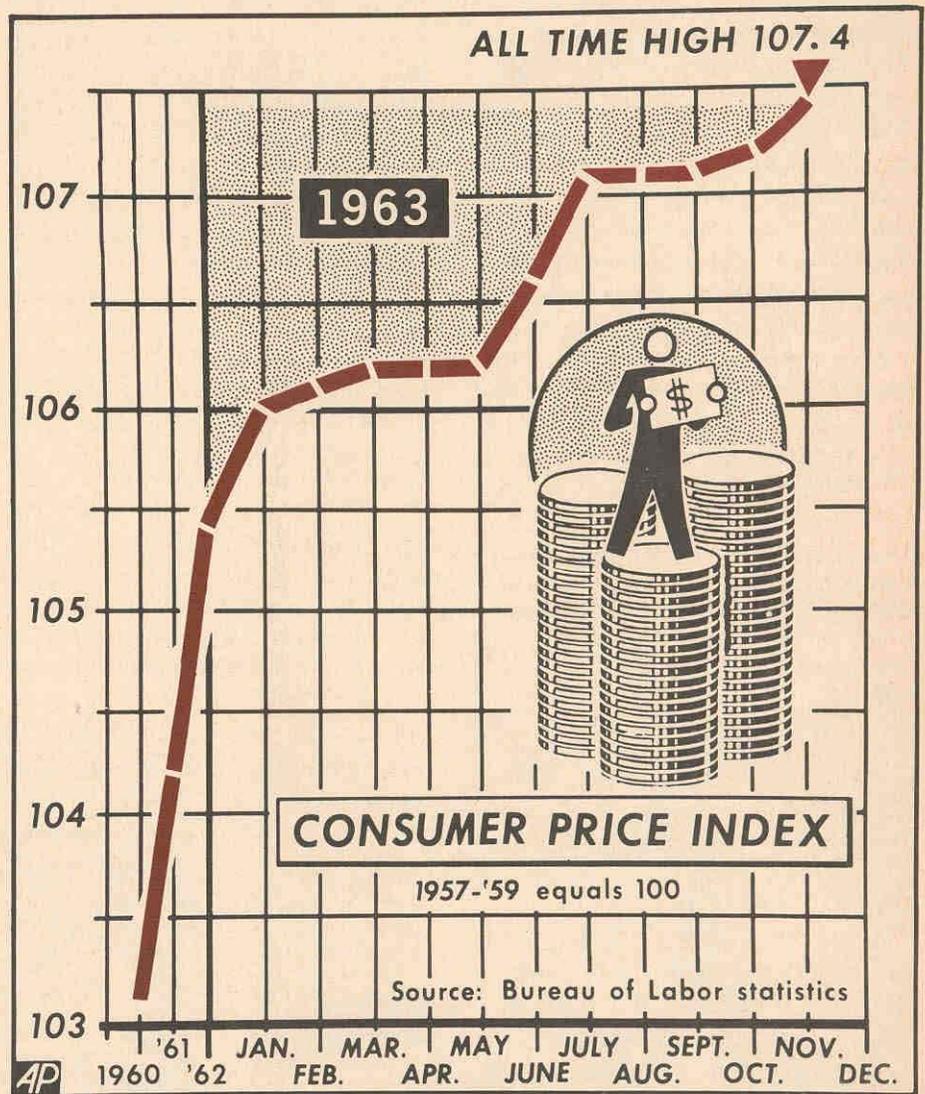
From throughout the United States and from overseas, we are receiving *hundreds* of letters which testify to *that fact!* For the LIVING God is becoming *increasingly active* in working out His PURPOSE here below. And He is directly BLESSING those human instruments who gladly *yield themselves* as His servants in preparing for His Kingdom.

Down through the ages, God has used *human instruments* to do His Work. Sometimes He has employed their *labor*, their *skills* or their *preaching*. Other times He has asked them to give of their physical substance in special *offerings*—as the above—to aid in His Work, or to relieve some special distress or need of His people.

But ALWAYS—even from ancient antiquity—God has revealed to the servants He was using, a financial LAW called the law of TITHING. Actually, the old English word "tithe" simply means a TENTH.

## What "Tithing" MEANS

The *law of tithing* simply means that the great GOD who made us—who gave us our life, our talents, our minds, the



Living cost reaches new high in U.S. at year's end. Based on the 1957-59 average it has climbed over 7.4%. In other words, a dollar then is only worth 93c now! But there is a way to s-t-r-e-t-c-h your money. Those who tithe discover how it's possible to have more left even after paying God His 10%.

strength with which we work, and the very land and materials which we employ in our work—requires us to *pay* Him the *first tenth* of our increase or income.

As far as the direct matter of *tithing* is concerned, God does not consider

that we are "giving" anything—but are PAYING our Creator a very nominal amount which He requires as our Maker, our Sustainer, our Landlord, our Protector and our GOD!

Long before the "law of Moses" was ever codified, Abraham—the father of

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the faithful—was faithfully paying TITHES to God! We read in Genesis 14:17-20 how Abraham honored God's High Priest Melchizedek after God had delivered his enemies into his hand, "And he gave him TITHES of all."

Later, as he began to serve God, Jacob promised to serve the God of Abraham and stated: "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the TENTH [or *tithe*] unto thee" (Gen. 28:22).

Still later, when God temporarily instituted the Levitical Priesthood, He directed that the tithe be paid to *them* during that time as *His human representatives*: "And all the TITHE of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. . . . And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the TENTH shall be holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30-32).

Now notice Numbers 18:21: "And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the TENTH in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve,

even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation."

Since God's ministry during this time was a *physical* ministry—of offering sacrifices and oblations—and since the Levites were *fulfilling* this ministry as *their work*, God's TITHE went to them as *His representatives* and *servants*.

#### New Testament Instructions on Tithing

In the New Testament, God inspired the Apostle Paul to show that the law of tithing is now *altered* or *changed* so that the tithes are *once again* to be paid to God's *spiritual* priesthood—as that of Melchizedek to whom Abraham paid tithes. This account is found in the seventh chapter of Hebrews.

Paul describes how Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedec (verse 2). He then describes how GREAT Melchizedec's priesthood must have been, therefore (verses 3-4). Then Paul shows that the Levites *themselves*—through their ancestor Abraham—paid tithes to Melchizedec, obviously a

GREATER Priest in view of this fact.

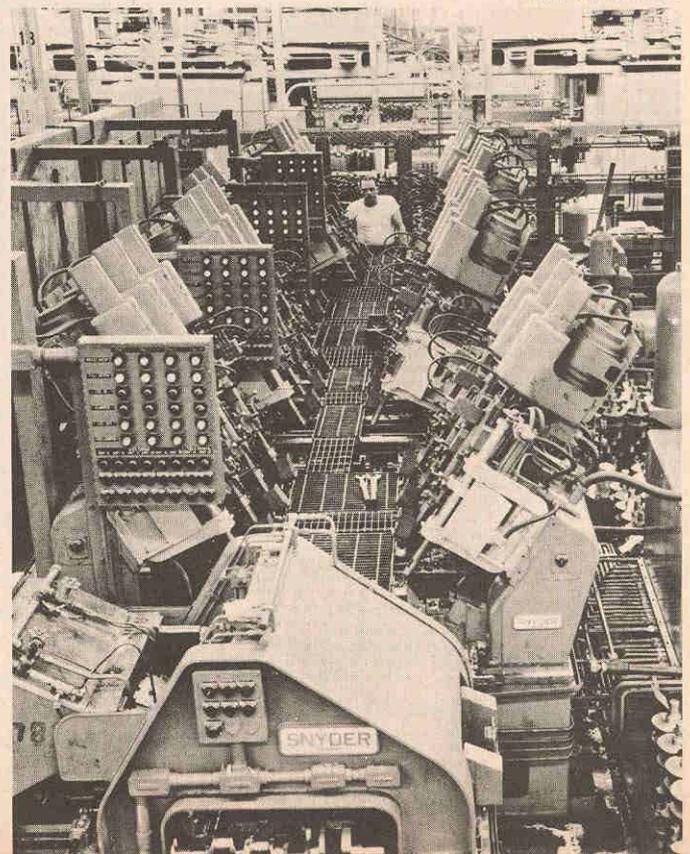
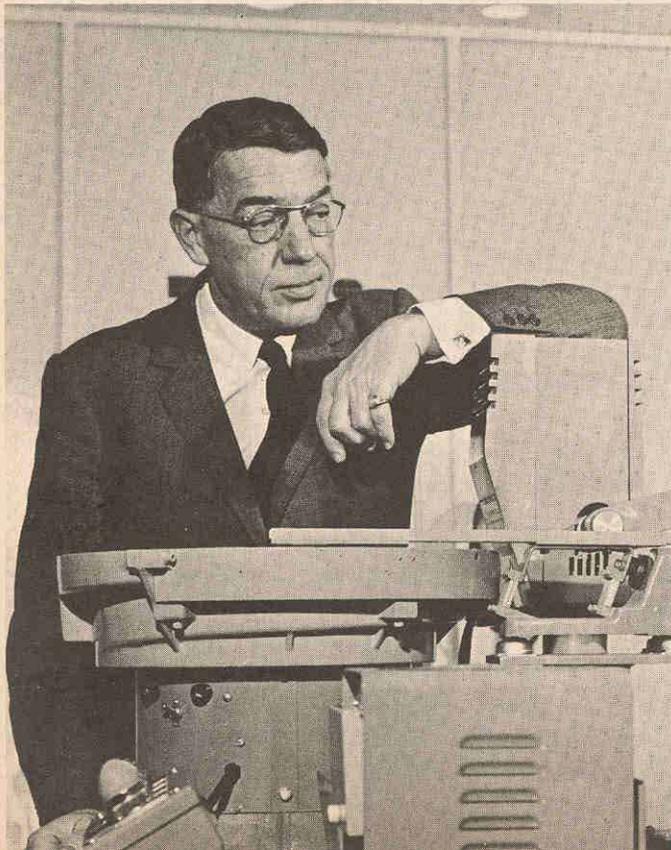
In verses 11-12, Paul shows that the Levitical Priesthood was only temporary and *never brought perfection*. Therefore, ONCE AGAIN the *spiritual* priesthood of Melchizedec has been *reinstated* through Christ and the tithing law is again CHANGED so that God's tithes revert as before to the *spiritual* priests—*the true ministers of Jesus Christ!*

While the Apostle Paul was writing to Jewish Christians who understood at least the letter of God's law and had no "argument" about the FACT of the tithing law, and while his main emphasis is the *greatness* of Christ's spiritual ministry, nevertheless it is important to realize that throughout this *New Testament* passage Paul *definitely speaks of tithing as a LAW!* And he shows that it is a LAW which has existed since dim antiquity, during the days of Melchizedec—and STILL EXISTS although now *changed* so that the tithes revert once again to God's *spiritual ministers* who are doing HIS Work today! For a more detailed explanation of this and other important

Employment crisis is attested by these two photos. Automation is displacing men at the rate of 40,000 jobs a week, warns John I. Snyder, Jr., left, president of U.S. Industries, which produces a large share of automation machinery. Snyder has formed a foundation to seek answers to the effect of automation on human beings. At right, automation

at work. A giant machine is presided over by one man at Chrysler's Mound Road Engine Plant in Detroit. The machine drills oil passage holes in crank pins and main bearings. Man, it seems, does not know the real solution to job security during automation.

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points on the subject of Tithing, write for our free booklet, "Ending Your Financial Worries."

So anyone who *fails to tithe* is breaking an important LAW of the Creator God! This is one reason for so many *personal* and *financial* CURSES on our land today!

For God prophesied in Malachi: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In TITHES and OFFERINGS. Ye are CURSED with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation" (Mal. 3:8-9).

In plain language, if you fail to pay your Maker what is His due, you are a THIEF and you are going to be CURSED, God says, because *you have robbed God Himself!* So many times people think that they must rush out and buy T.V. sets, radios, automatic toasters, hair dryers, new cars, equipment, gadgets, luxuries and then claim they are "UNABLE" to pay God's tithes! They foolishly get head-over-heels in debt to *men* for things they many times *don't need* and *cannot afford*. Then they ROB GOD of His tithes and wonder why they SUFFER and why so many things *keep going wrong* in their personal and financial life!

When will we WAKE UP?

In this same passage, however, God shows we will be BLESSED beyond our expectations if we faithfully pay God HIS tithe. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and *pour you out a BLESSING, that there shall not be room enough to receive it*" (verse 10).

#### The Eternal God BLESSES Those Who Serve Him

From all over the world, our listeners and Co-Workers write that God has KEPT this promise!

Notice some of the following *direct quotes* from the letters of those who have been BLESSED for obeying God's law of tithing:

"We are in our fifth year of tithing and each year it gets to be more of a BLESSING. Five years ago we moved from the city to a dilapidated, run-down farm.



A small part of the growing army of unemployed workers line up to apply for jobless insurance at a New York State Unemployment Board office in New York City. Automation is bringing to a crisis point the old problem of displacement of men by machines. There is only one sure way to safeguard your future. Few know what it is. It's explained in this article.

The purchase price was fourteen thousand dollars. This year we sold seventy-three acres, keeping the house and ten acres. The selling price was eighteen thousand dollars. In other words, God gave us our ten-acre estate and four thousand dollars extra to beautify our home. God certainly did not forget us, giving us a ten-acre farm and completely remodeled home for *nothing*." [From a listener in Illinois.]

Another listener writes: "Since I have been sending my tithes and offerings to God's true Church, I have had very little unemployment even in our severe winter weather (I am a bricklayer). Every winter before these two, I had to borrow money at the bank to pay taxes and winter bills. Not so now. For which I thank God with all my heart." [Man from Weyauwege, Wisconsin.]

A Co-Worker from Austin, Texas, writes: "When I first started paying God's tithe, about six months ago, I was making ten dollars a week. But now, thanks to the Lord, I am making sixty dollars a week."

The PROOF of tithing is that God *definitely* commands it—God is REAL—and literal BLESSINGS are poured out on those who obey this command to honor the Living God with tithes *and offer-*

*ings* with a "willing" and GENEROUS heart!

#### Jesus Taught Tithing

A Christian, of course, is one who follows the *example* and *teaching* of Jesus Christ. It is sadly consistent with our greedy and selfish human nature that so few *professing* Christians recognize and obey the obvious teaching of Jesus regarding tithing.

In dealing with the *self-righteous* Pharisees who were spiritually vain and proud of their strict, literal obedience to all of the minor points of God's law, Jesus stated: "But woe unto you, Pharisees! For ye TITHE mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over *judgment* and the *love of God*: these ought ye to have done [the weightier matters of *judgment* and *love*], and NOT to leave the other undone [being careful in TITHING!]" (Luke 11:42).

This same statement of Jesus, incidentally, is also given in Matthew 23:23.

Certainly many today are trying to leave the matter of tithing "undone"—as they are in like manner trying to do away with ALL of God's laws and, it seems, all constituted authority of *any kind!* But the Divine Son of God, Jesus

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## What our READERS SAY

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of joy when I receive mail from the 'Welt von Morgen.' For a long time I have recognized that your way of explaining God's truth is the right way. Before that I had not even the remotest inkling of how wonderfully alive and downright practical the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is!"

Woman from East Germany

- *The World Tomorrow is beamed twice each week in the German language into Eastern Europe.*

"While I was in St. Louis this fall I found a copy of your *Bible Story* in a used book store. It was volume two, and I paid 35¢ for it. Now I know I could have had it just for the asking."

Mr. Vernon L., Sparta, Illinois

### "God Is Not for Sissies"

"I am 15 years old, play varsity football, live in MacClenny, Florida. I would like you to know that I think that God is not for sissies and it takes a strong person to follow Him."

Bill H.

- *Bill, you've uttered some wisdom millions have not been privileged to know.*

### Panorama of the Bible

"I am thoroughly enjoying Mr. Armstrong's new series—'A Panorama of the Bible.' According to the evolution concept, it took 'Mother Nature' thousands of years to make a man out of a monkey—it takes Mr. Ted Armstrong only one thirty-minute broadcast to make absolute 'monkeys' out of evolutionists."

N. S., Blanchard, Oklahoma

### It Pays to Train Children

"We have had a revolution in our house since receiving your copy of *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*. It's wonderful. Our nerves are no longer frayed to the breaking point, and the children are visibly happier. They are no longer tense over trying us to see

how far they can go before we lower the boom. They know exactly what to expect."

Mrs. Francis O. H., Spokane, Washington

- *What a real blessing it is—to see homes made happier—lives straightened out! And your children are receiving the greatest blessing of all.*

### A Critic

"I have grown weary of your repeated senselessness. . . . God . . . has nothing to do with gold bullion, Konrad Adenauer, or the problems of Malaysia. Here are some new ones for you to tackle: Can you connect God and zip code? or corn-flakes?"

Scott A., Mill Valley, California

- *This world, with its own man-devised systems, customs, habits and diets—is utterly DIS-connected from God. But God is concerned with what happens here below—and, Scott, He's even concerned about YOU, and about your attitude toward Him.*

### Autobiography

"A few days ago, when *The PLAIN TRUTH* arrived, I was hungry as a bear, but I read every word of your *Autobiography* before I ate my next meal."

Miss Deana M. C., Pittsburgh, Penn.

### Love Your Neighbor

"We are neighbors to the Ambassador College and it is always thrilling to see the young people on our Pasadena streets. . . . You are doing a wonderful work and to us it is a miracle!"

Miss M. J., Pasadena, California

### Psychiatrist Has His Problem

"I would like to add that what your broadcast says is certainly true about the people in this present day. . . . Anxiety rules the day. Most every day is filled up with psychiatric problems. I have practiced 33 years and this nervous problem gets worse every year. I have always listened to people's stories and let them get it off their chest. But this continual crying around all the time is not my special training and it sure gets old. Many I have . . . told to listen to your programs, but they . . . want a 'pill' and pills are not the treatment."

Dr. W. B. P., Mesa, Arizona

### Plain Truth Makes Truth Plain

"I have read the Bible all my life and never began to understand it until I began receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. You make it very clear."

Mr. Josiah C., Paris, Tennessee

"I have just finished reading my *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine for November. That article 'Millions Do Not Know What Christ Really Was!' really put me wise. . . . I'm deeply grateful. . . ."

Mr. W. M., Rockford, Illinois

"I started out trying to prove your teaching wrong, but I have found so much truth in it I am making a complete study of it. As you know it's hard to unlearn what you've always been taught. Thanks for your help."

Mr. W. G., Bankston, Alabama

### The Bible Story

"I should appreciate a copy of your new *BIBLE STORY* book. I did not know of your other two *BIBLE STORY* books so do not have them. I teach second grade and how they do love the Bible stories I mix in with others when I feel I can. My past students still come to me to talk about the stories I read them and to borrow my *BIBLE STORY* book which they enjoyed so much. Seems they are not getting much of that teaching in most classrooms. I also have six grandchildren that love them."

Mrs. R., Dexter, New Mexico

### Student Makes An "A"

"I obtained a lot of information from *The PLAIN TRUTH* for my last American History term paper which was on the Common Market. Fortunately, I had been reading my *PLAIN TRUTH* magazines and had a good understanding of what was actually happening in Europe. It helped me tremendously. My grade was 'A.'"

Edna M.

Fort Worth, Texas

### Autobiography Wonderful

"Your *Autobiography* is the most wonderful true story I have ever had the pleasure of reading. I thank you for it."

Mrs. R.

Youngstown, Ohio

# Personal from the Editor

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of Him as His very child, enjoy actual communion with the Eternal Creator, have minds opened and enlightened by His Spirit, come to comprehend spiritual truths and, finally, become BORN as a son of God in His very divine family!

Man was put on earth to develop and attain to something infinitely higher than animal destiny. Man was intended to develop spiritual CHARACTER—to become like the Supreme GOD. This all comes through the marvelous human MIND. One comes to knowledge of God through the mind. One realizes sin and repents of it *in the mind!* God's Spirit entering, is the Spirit of a *sound mind!*

Not only spiritual development, but also emotional maturity is developed through the MIND. It comes by right knowledge, creative thinking, right decisions, the use of will, self-discipline. To rightly direct his actions is man's purpose in life.

Yet most people seem to assume humans to be merely the highest of the dumb brutes! They fail utterly to comprehend the magnitude of human potentiality! They allow themselves to act thoughtlessly, on impulse, with feelings, moods, emotions being swayed and buffeted into troubles, tragedies, and sufferings, through irrational actions.

I once knew a tragic example. It was a man highly educated, a teacher, who readily assumed the responsibility of teaching youths when he, himself, had never learned this central truth of life.

His mind was stored with knowledge about *things*—geology, astronomy, mathematics, literature; but he had acquired little knowledge about himself—his moods, feelings, drives, impulses, desires. As a child he had been pampered, petted and spoiled, permitted to have his own way. He had not been taught self-restraint, self-control, or how intelligently to divert his moods and desires, and guide them according to wisdom.

He was married to a beautiful and intelligent wife, had a fine family, an honored position. But, allowing feelings, impulses, moods, to lead his actions in-

stead of sound judgment and wisdom of mind, his home was broken by divorce, and in the grip of his moods and tendency to run from his problems, instead of facing and solving them, he fled in blind fear from his high position and brilliant future. He wrecked not only his own happiness, but his marriage, his home, and forced great sorrow, suffering and unhappiness on many others.

He had allowed his emotions and moods, instead of his mind, to lead his actions. He had come to see circumstances through the eyes of his feelings, and his understanding had become warped and distorted. He had grown up physically. He had developed mentally. But emotionally he was still a very young child—and, as a sad accompaniment, his spiritual age was no older.

One is not really mature, until emotionally and spiritually grown up, as well as physically and mentally. Parents should realize it is their responsibility to STUDY their own children—teach them right direction and control over tempers, impulses, feelings, angers, moods. Teach restraint of selfishness and vanity. Teach love and outgoing concern for others. Teach *giving*, instead of *taking*.

But emotional maturity does *not* mean emotion-less maturity. The truly emotionally mature *control* the emotions. THEY DO NOT ANESTHETIZE THEM! They *do* express, at the right time, and in proper degree, enthusiasm, happiness, joy. They *do* feel deep gratitude for blessings, and also they deeply *feel* reverence, adoration, in the worship of God. They sincerely feel compassion toward others—a feeling of true outgoing concern. They express sympathy and have mercy.

Emotional maturity does not crucify emotions—it controls and guides them with right knowledge and true wisdom. Emotional maturity develops hand-in-hand with physical, mental and spiritual growth—the four blending, finally, into the perfect spiritual character which is the true human destiny and the very purpose of life. It can bring very great and rewarding and lasting happiness.

Now, finally, let me describe the three categories into which people generally, and thoughtlessly, fall. And then let us see a few examples of the

*correct* use of the emotions.

First, many, especially those of lesser education, let themselves go to an emotional extreme. They are mere babes, emotionally. It never occurs to them to put any check or control on their emotions. They become highly emotional over non-consequential things, like a little child. If these people drove their automobiles as they guide—or fail to guide—their emotions, their cars would run wild and create disaster.

Their *feelings* are worn on their shirt cuffs. They are upset over trifles. Their tempers fly, uncontrolled. They flatter, they gush, they exaggerate their compliments and their praise of others. They gossip, they slander, they speak evil of others behind their backs. They continually *feel* jealousy, resentment, or excessive jubilation.

Some religious sects attract deliberately the overly-emotional. In religious meetings their preachers work on the emotions of their congregations, encouraging uncontrolled outbursts of emotional response. They "work it up"—they generate increasingly energetic and noisy displays of out-of-control emotion. But Jesus Christ set no such example. Nor did any of Christ's own original apostles.

Then there are those who go to the opposite extreme. Often these are the intellectuals, and the highly educated—though usually MIS-educated. They have controlled emotions with their minds to the extent that their emotions have been stifled and put to death. They no longer feel deeply about anything. They are utterly devoid of real sincerity, any depth of gratitude, any feeling of compassion or real sympathy. Their emotions never grew up to maturity—their emotions DIED in infancy.

Then there is the middle-ground, equally unprofitable and tragic. These are those who neither choke off their emotions with mental control, nor exert energy generating them. They are just listless—indifferent. They feel no purpose in life. They have no ambition. They have no spark. They do not radiate—they are like dead fish. In an introduction to another, they extend a cold, clammy, sweaty hand with no grip whatever. They merely let *you* grip *their* hand—and it's like taking hold of

a damp dead fish. They have no personality. They are nonentities. There isn't enough life in them to generate any noticeable emotional response.

WHICH of these three are *YOU*? If you are any one of them, you are wrong.

Now look at some *RIGHT* examples!

WHERE will you go to find the right teaching on emotional response? You'll find it where you find the true *WAYS OF LIFE*—in *GOD'S WORD TO MAN*!

These articles in the January *PLAIN TRUTH* set me to thinking about this. We here at world headquarters of God's Work accept the Bible as *GOD'S INSTRUCTION BOOK* in life—how to live. We try to follow its teachings and its right examples. When news was flashed of the President's assassination, none of us stopped mechanically to think and ask: "Now let me search the Scriptures to see whether I should express emotional feeling, and in what manner." To those who train themselves to *LIVE* by God's Word, such responses come automatically. We did not choke and restrain all emotion and feeling by a cold mental process. We *felt deeply* about it. But this feeling, unashamedly expressed, *was* guided by our minds, according to the teaching and training we had absorbed from God's Word.

The Bible teaches us that our relationship with God must completely dominate our lives—until it simply *IS* our life! It teaches us to feel *deeply*, though always intelligently, about it.

Look at God's instruction through Joel. A tremendous world-wide time of trouble is now generating—such as the world never experienced before. Joel prophesied the coming famine and disease epidemic. He foretells the *PLAGUES* of the "Day of the *LORD*." He foretells the next, and nuclear all-out *WORLD WAR*—the most frightful trouble ever experienced by man.

Then God inspires Joel to instruct us how to escape and find protection. Does He say we should go through some routine motions, repeat by rote some prayer already written for us, which we recite without feeling or emotion? *NO, NEVER!* Here is what He says:

"Therefore also now, saith the *ETERNAL*, turn ye even to me with *all your heart, and with fasting, AND WITH WEEPING, and with mourning: AND*

*REND YOUR HEART*, and not your garments, and turn unto the *ETERNAL* your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness. . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the *ETERNAL*, weep . . . and let them say, Spare thy people, O *ETERNAL*, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: . . . Yea, the *ETERNAL* will answer" (Joel 2:12-19). (Emphasis added.)

God says we should turn to Him *IN DEAD EARNEST*—fasting, rending our hearts—in deepest real feeling. This is no thoughtless giving away to uncontrolled emotion. This is full mental realization of *PURPOSE*—of *NEED*—and, with deepest intense *FEELING*, seeking God with all our strength and might.

In correcting Israel for their manner of indifferent prayers, God says of Israel: "They never put their heart into their prayers" (Hos. 7:14—Moffatt translation).

Look at some of the sample *PRAYERS* quoted for us, as examples, in the Bible. Notice David's prayer of repentance, when he "came to himself" after his sin of adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband. It is in the 51st Psalm. Notice how David, in dead earnest, put his whole heart into this prayer—with *DEEP FEELING* of remorse and repentance:

"Have mercy upon me, O God," David cried out. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight. . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation. . . . O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. . . . The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

Notice Daniel's prayers. He was in *intense, dead earnest*. His was no light,

casual, routine prayer. He put his whole *HEART* into it. Of it Daniel says: "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the *ETERNAL* my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreaded God, . . . We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments. . . . O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day . . ." and this deeply earnest prayer continued on, beseeching God with his whole heart (Dan. 9:3-19).

Can you imagine these men of God praying in this manner dry-eyed? I can't. Surely tears were streaming down their faces. These were *intense* prayers—prayers of surrendered, yielded men to the *GREAT GOD*!

God has graciously granted, by astonishing miracles, many answers to my prayers. But never have I received an answer from God except when I prayed earnestly, from the heart. I have never known of a real answer coming from God of a casual routine prayer. Yet do not most people pray casually, perhaps as a matter of duty, and without feeling or emotion? Perhaps this makes plain the reason most people have never received an answer to their prayers.

Jesus gave us an example of two men praying. The one a respected Pharisee, the other a hated publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed, without emotion or feeling, in his own self-esteem and vanity: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all I possess." The other, pounding his breast in his earnest, heart-rending, deep-feeling remorse and repentance, choked with emotion, could only say, amid his tears, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" Of this latter, Jesus said, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other"—the self-exalting Pharisee (Luke 18:9-14).

Jesus Christ is our example. Can you comprehend what extreme deep feeling Jesus experienced, when He looked out over the city of Jerusalem, whose de-

ceived, erring, wrong-doing people He loved, and cried out: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how oft would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Mat. 23:37). Here was emotion expressed. But it was *intelligent* expression of feeling—not unthinking, unguided sensual impulse. It was filled with deep MEANING!

Of course Jesus had the divine power, He could have gathered the people of Jerusalem to Him BY FORCE! But, had He brought them to Him by FORCE, His whole purpose of character-building by free choice and free moral agency would have been defeated—so He *willed* that they, themselves, should make their own decisions. And He was grieved through His whole being that they rejected TRUTH and HAPPINESS, and SALVATION, and ETERNAL LIFE, and chose curses and suffering and death.

Should we ever feel deeply about things? About things which *should* be

felt deeply about, we certainly should. JESUS DID! Just before the Judas-led murdering mob came to lead Him to trial and death, Jesus went apart from His disciples and prayed. "And being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44).

If we do learn to live by "every Word of God"—by GOD'S INSTRUCTION BOOK—we will learn to guide emotions intelligently—but we shall not suppress them, neither let them run rampant and uncontrolled where they ought not.

Jesus Christ, at age 33½, was the most perfectly developed man, physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally, who ever lived. He was fully MATURE, these four blending harmoniously into the one PERFECT WHOLE MAN.

Let us study His life, follow His example, live as HE lived. And let us begin, NOW, to train our children, from their very first year of life on up—at whatever age they are—in the art of emotional growing up!

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

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

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

But who was the original "St. Valentine"?

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

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

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

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

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

# Short Questions

## FROM OUR READERS

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

Where did St. Valentine's Day come from? Should Christians allow their children to participate in Valentine's Day activities? What should I tell our children about these customs?

SCHOOLS are supposed to educate our children. Yet how many were ever taught in school where the custom of Valentine's Day originated!

Do you think Christ celebrated it? Or the apostles?

It is time we learned why children

have been encouraged to celebrate this day—when no such practice is ever so much as mentioned in the Bible!

Did you know that centuries before Christ, the pagan Romans celebrated February 15 and the evening of February 14 as an idolatrous festival in honor of Lupercus, the "hunter of wolves"? The Romans called the festival the "Lupercalia." The custom of exchanging valentines and all the other traditions in honor of Lupercus—the deified

the grandson of Ham? Indeed! We read in the Bible that Nimrod was the "MIGHTY hunter" (Gen. 10:9). It was a common proverb of ancient time that Nimrod was "the MIGHTY hunter before the Lord." *Nimrod was their hero—their strong man—their VALENTINE!*

One translation of Genesis 10:11 implies the same fact: "Out of that land he [Nimrod] went forth *being strong* and built Nineveh. . . ." The Hebrew word "Asshur," usually found in this verse, means "to be strong," to be—as the Romans would say—a Valentinus, a Valentine!

How plain that the original Valentine was Nimrod, the mighty hunter of wolves. Yet another of Nimrod's names was "Santa," meaning "Saint"—which we mentioned in the December *Plain Truth*. No wonder that the Roman Lupercalia is called "St. Valentine's Day"!

But why do we associate HEARTS with a day in honor of Nimrod—the *Baal* of the Phoenicians and Semites?

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

Nimrod—the original *St. Valentine*—fled to Rome, according to ancient tradition, and was killed there for his crimes. Later the half-pagan Church in Constantine's day made Nimrod—the *St. Valentine* of the heathen—a *Saint* of the Church and continued to honor him by calling him *falsely* a Christian martyr.

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

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

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

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

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

Then how did "Cupid" come to be associated with this day?

Another name for the child Nimrod was "Cupid"—meaning "desire" (*Encyclopedia Britannica*, art., "Cupid"). It is said that when Nimrod's mother saw him, she *lusted* after him—she *desired* him. Nimrod became her Cupid—her desired one—and later her Valentine! So evil was Nimrod's mother that *it is said she married her own son!*

Inscribed on Egyptian monuments of antiquity are pictures of Nimrod (the Egyptians called him Osiris), who was said to have been "the husband of his mother."

As Nimrod grew up, he became the child-hero of *many* women who *desired* him. He was their Cupid! In the Book of Daniel he is called the "desire of women" (Dan. 11:37). He provoked so many women to *jealousy* that an idol of him was often called the "image of jealousy" (Ezekiel 8:5). Nimrod, the hunter, was also their Valentine—their strong or mighty hero! No wonder the pagans commemorated their hero-hunter Nimrod, or *Baal*, by sending heart-shaped love tokens to one another on the evening of February 14 as a symbol of him.

It is about time we examined these foolish customs of the pagans now falsely labeled Christian. It is time we quit this Roman and Babylonian foolishness—this *idolatry*—and get back to the faith of Christ delivered once for

all time. Let's quit teaching our children these pagan customs in memory of *Baal* the sun-god—the original *St. Valentine*—and teach them instead what the Bible really says!

"How could life have existed on the earth before Adam if the sun were created on the fourth day? (Gen. 1:14-18.)"

Many have misunderstood Genesis 1. And for that reason, their preconceived ideas contradict what the Bible plainly says.

The sun, moon, and stars had been created at the beginning (Gen. 1:1)—long before the fourth day of re-creation.

The concurrent article "Geology Reveals: Two Creations—Two Worldwide Floods" will show, in detail, how the earth *became* "without form and void" (Gen. 1:2). The rebellion of the cherub named Lucifer threw the earth into vast chaos (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17; Jude 6; II Pet. 2:4, and other scriptures).

"Darkness was upon the face of the *deep*" (the surface of the earth which was completely covered by water because of the rebellion of Lucifer—Gen. 1:9-10).

Why? Because of smoke and gases that encircled the earth! The light of the already existing sun and moon (Gen. 1:1) was unable to shine through this blanket until God began to clear away the atmosphere (Gen. 1:3-5). Enough of the atmosphere was cleared away on the first day that sufficient sunlight was filtered through to distinguish day from night.

Genesis 1:14-18 says nothing to indicate that God was at that time creating these heavenly bodies. Rather, God was clearing away the remainder of the clouds and gases, thus allowing the sun, moon, and stars *to shine through* in their full brilliance upon the earth!

In Genesis 1:16 the word translated "made" would be better rendered "appoint." God appointed "two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light TO RULE the night: he made (or appointed) the stars also." On that fourth day the heavenly bodies were arranged in their present orbits and positions in the heavens. They had been *created* long before.

# The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

## CHAPTER SIXTY-FOUR

### GOD'S FANTASTIC ARMY!

**W**HEN Gideon saw fire spitting up out of the rock on which he had placed food for his strange guest, the young Israelite was quite startled. He stared in awe as the food was swiftly burned to cinders after his guest had merely touched the rock with his staff.

When he looked up he was even more startled to find that the stranger had miraculously faded from view! (Judges 6:20-21.)

#### Idolatry Must Go!

Gideon realized then that God, and not some man, had commanded him to lead Israel to freedom from the Midianites. (Judges 6:11-16.) He fell face down by the flaming rock, fearful that he might be struck dead because he had come so close to God.

"Do not be afraid," he heard the voice of God say. "You shall not die because of this close contact with your Creator. Go about your business, and tonight I shall speak to you again."

Gideon was so thankful and impressed that he built an altar there and dedicated it to God. (Verses 22-24.) That night Gideon slept by that spot to protect his wheat from the Midianites and to await God. Before dawn God spoke to him.

"Gideon, you know now that it is indeed your Creator who has chosen you to lead Israel," God said. "Do as I instruct you. The people must cease their worshipping of idols before I free them. Go out tomorrow night and tear down the altar near your father's home dedicated to the sun-god called Baal. Close by it, as you know, is a grove of trees in which is a wooden image of the sun-goddess known as Easter. Cut down

the grove, break the image and hack them to pieces for firewood. Then build an altar to your Creator on the flat top of this rock. Take your father's good young bull—the second one, which is seven years old—and use it for a burnt offering on the altar. For fuel, use the firewood you will make from the grove of trees and the image of the goddess Easter.”

Before the Midianites had forced the Israelites into the mountains, Gideon had been a fairly wealthy young man who had hired several men to work for him. When he had fled from the valley, most of these men had come with him to remain loyal and live close to his makeshift home in the mountains. Next day Gideon called ten of the most valiant and trustworthy of these men together—men who were not idolaters—and told them of his recent experience.

“God has commanded me to do this thing,” he told them, “but I can't do it alone as quickly as it should be done. I'm asking you to believe me and help me.”

All ten men were quite willing to help. Late that night they quietly went with Gideon to the altar of Baal and noiselessly as possible tore it apart. Just as noiselessly they hastily erected a new altar. They chopped down the grove of trees in which was the wooden image of Easter, split up the wood and placed the pieces on the altar.



Late that night Gideon and his ten men tore apart the altar on which the Israelites had sacrificed to the pagan god Baal. They also cut down the wooden image of Astarte, or Easter, the sun-goddess who was believed to have emerged from a huge egg dropped from the sky.

Gideon had already taken from his father's corral the second young bull, as God commanded. Slain and dressed, it was put on the wood that was arranged on the new altar to God. It was seared in flames from the wood of the grove and the broken image of the goddess Easter. (Judges 6:25-27.)

By this time it was nearly dawn. Gideon and his ten men stole away to their various makeshift homes. But the light from the fire attracted the attention of some early risers. They hurried to the altar to find out the reason for the big blaze so early in the morning.

When they found that the altar to Baal had been torn down and a new one erected, on which the remains of the bull and the pagan image was burning, there was great excitement and anger in the growing crowd of Israelites who had become idol-worshippers.

In spite of all precautions by Gideon, someone had seen him coming from the direction of the altar before dawn. When the angry crowd heard of this, it moved to surround the home of his father, Joash.

"Bring out your son or tell us where he is!" the people shouted. "He is guilty of tearing down our altar and destroying the image of Easter! We must kill Gideon to avenge the sun goddess!"

Joash scowled at the crowd. He was irked at what Gideon presumably had done, but he didn't want to see his son fall into the hands of these wrathful people.

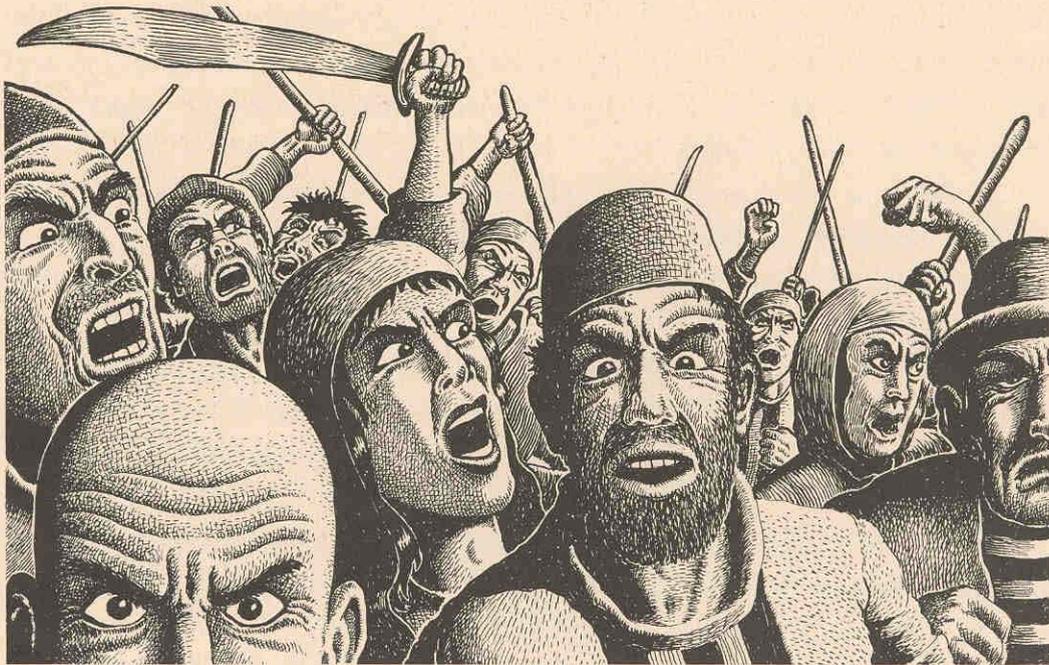
"Why must you demand anything for avenging Baal and Easter?" Joash asked the crowd. "If Baal is a strong god, surely he will avenge himself before another day has passed. If my son is the guilty one, Baal will not let him live!" That is why Gideon was renamed "Zerubbaal"—which means "let Baal do his own pleading." (Judges 6:28-32.)

This advice quieted the mob. None of the worshippers of Baal wanted to say that their pagan god lacked the ability to deal with his enemies by himself. Gradually the crowd dispersed.

### Heathen in Fear

Gideon went into hiding. Meanwhile word had leaked out to the enemy that a champion was about to lead Israel to battle against Midian. The Midianites perceived that some strong underground movement was being organized, and they asked the Amalekites and other Arab tribes to come and stand with them against Israel.

Soon thousands upon thousands of soldiers mounted on camels moved into the valley of Jezreel, the place where king Jabin's forces had met miserable defeat several years previously.



An angry mob of Israelites who worshipped Baal and Easter set out to kill Gideon because of what had happened to their idols.

Gideon blew a trumpet to assemble the people of Abiezer and sent messengers to the tribes of Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali to ask for men to come and fight against the Midianites. By night thousands of men from these tribes quietly moved into the mountain strongholds close to where Gideon was hiding. (Judges 6:33-35.)

When Gideon realized how many men were subject to his command, he began to wonder if he could successfully fulfill the tremendous task he had been given. Troubled and uncertain, he went to a private place to pray to God.

"I need assurance from you," Gideon prayed. "Please show me again that I am the one you have chosen to lead Israel against Midian. Tonight I shall spread a fleece of wool on the ground at the threshing floor. Tomorrow morning, if the wool is wet with dew and the ground and grass all around are dry, then I shall know for certain that you have picked me to help save Israel."

Early next morning Gideon hurried out to examine the fleece. It was heavy with dew. In fact, Gideon took it up and squeezed out enough water to fill a good-sized bowl. At the same time he could find no sign of moisture on the ground or grass nearby.

He was encouraged by this sign. But the more he thought about it, the more he reasoned that it was possible that the wool had naturally attracted more moisture than the grass would, and he decided to ask God for one more sign. Probably he didn't realize how much he was testing God's patience by this continuing doubt. That he was

aware that he was carrying matters a bit too far, however, was evidenced in the manner in which he made his next request.

"I trust you won't be angry if I ask for one more sign," Gideon said to God. "Tonight I shall place the fleece on the ground again. If in the morning only the fleece is dry and the ground and grass around it are wet with dew, then I shall know without a doubt that you have chosen me to lead the Israelite soldiers against our enemies."

Next morning Gideon found that there was an exceptionally heavy dew on the grass and shrubs all around. Even the ground was soft with moisture. But when he picked the fleece up off the wet ground he discovered that it was completely dry! (Judges 6:36-40.)

Gideon no longer had any room for doubt. His confidence lifted. Next morning he ordered all the Israelite soldiers to proceed into the valley of Jezreel. They were poorly armed, and many of them feared to enter the valley in the daytime, what with all the Midianites and their allies camped at the north side of the valley! They went nevertheless, and camped that night on the south side of the valley at the slopes of Mt. Gilboa. When they were numbered and organized into military units, it was found that there were thirty-two thousand of them.

It was now God's turn to teach Gideon a lesson in faith.

### Too Many Israelite Soldiers!

That many men would seem to have constituted a fair fighting force for those days. But when a report came by spies that the Midianite soldiers and their allies numbered over a hundred thousand, a great part of the Israelites feared it would be suicide to pit themselves against such overwhelming numbers.

God had a quite different opinion. He pointed out to Gideon that there were *too many* Israelite soldiers! He could better show His deliverance with fewer men in His way!

"If Israel should conquer the enemy with all the men who are gathered here now," God explained to Gideon, "then the people will brag of winning by greater strength, though with lesser numbers. If a much smaller number of Israelites is involved in a victory, then the people will have to admit, as will their enemies, that Israel's God alone made victory possible. Therefore reduce the number of your men by proclaiming to them that any who fear to battle the Midianites are free to leave this place. Thus you will also get rid of men who are fearful of failure."

Gideon sent officers to all his men to tell them that they could leave if they wished. To his great surprise and disappointment twenty-two thousand of them withdrew from the army. This left Gideon with only ten thousand men. That meant one

under-trained Israelite soldier for at least thirteen battle-trained enemy soldiers. (Judges 7:1-3.)

At the very time Gideon was feeling dismayed because his army had been so reduced, God told him that it was still too large!

"You must trim your men down to the very best soldiers," God said to him. "Take them all to the nearest stream to drink. The manner in which they drink will determine how many men you shall take to overcome the Midianites and their confederates. I will tell you later which to choose."

Gideon led his ten thousand men to the spring and pool at the foot of Mt. Gilboa. When they reached the stream flowing from the pool, he gave orders for them to stop and drink. Although the men believed that they were going to meet the enemy, most of them dropped their weapons, got down on their hands and knees and put their lips to the water.

Those who tried to be alert in the event of a surprise attack by the enemy from a nearby ridge retained their weapons, quickly stooped down to scoop up the water with their free hands and to lap it up from their cupped palms. Then God told Gideon to place those who kneeled down on one side and those who drank from their hands on the other. The result was surprising!

Most of his ten thousand men had fallen down on their hands and knees to drink. Only three hundred scooped up water with their hands! (Judges 7:4-6.)

### God's Shocking Promise

After all had returned to camp, God informed Gideon that by those three hundred men He would deliver the enemy to Israel! All the other soldiers—nearly ten



When Gideon got up at dawn, he found that the grass, shrubs and ground were exceptionally dry, but that the fleece was heavily weighed with dew.

thousand—should be dismissed! God knew that it was difficult for Gideon to understand how a mere three hundred men could overcome such a great multitude. It was a matter of one Israelite soldier against at least 450 enemy soldiers. But God wanted Israel to re-learn the valuable lesson that mere numbers do not bring victory. (Judges 7:7-8; Zechariah 4:6.)

"I want you to know that the Midianites, in spite of their numbers, are afraid of Me," God told Gideon. "Go over to their camp after dark and hear for yourself what the average Midianite soldier thinks. I will protect you, but if you are too big a coward to go alone, take your right-hand man, Phurah. When you learn of the state of mind of the enemy, you will be encouraged." So that night Gideon went with Phurah, his servant, across the plain of Jezreel to the camp of the Midianites. (Judges 7:9-11.)

It was so late that most of the guards were within their tents on the borders of the camp, and in the moonless darkness it wasn't difficult for the two Israelites to silently creep past the outer tents. Once within the camp, they appeared in the faint light of the low fires like any other pair of Arabs. No one challenged them.

In passing one of the tents, their attention was attracted to a conversation within by two Midianite soldiers.

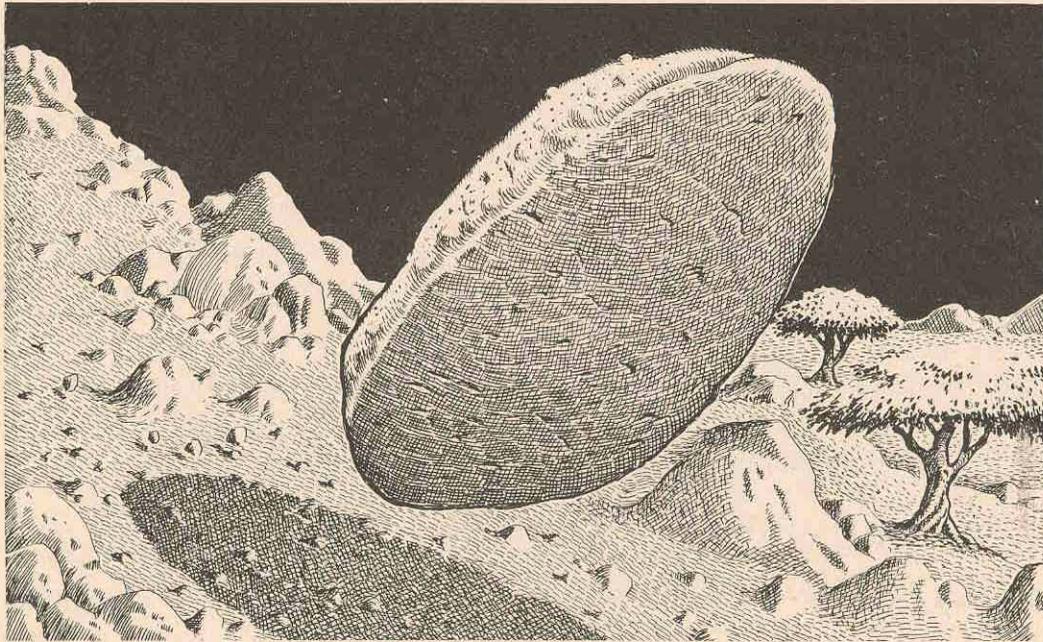
"I had a strange dream last night," they overheard one of the men remark. "I dreamed that a huge loaf of barley bread came tumbling down off that mountain across the valley. It rolled all the way over the plain and crashed into one of our tents with such force that it tore the tent to shreds and scattered it in all directions! Could such a dream have any meaning for us?"

### God Speaks Through Pagan Fear

"Your dream was an evil omen!" the other soldier exclaimed fearfully. "It meant that Gideon, the Israelite who is rumored to be a magically strong leader through the power of the God of Israel, will attack us with his men and wipe us out. If you ask me, we would be wise to get out of here right away, and I know most of our men feel the same way about it." (Judges 7:12-14.)

Gideon didn't stay to hear more. Now he was thoroughly convinced that God would keep His promise to destroy the invaders. He returned with his servant to Mt. Gilboa, very ashamed of having doubted, and thanked God for the assurance he had received. Now that Gideon had repented of his weak faith, God could use him. God told him what he should do next.

The men rested next day. Well after dark the tiny band set out with Gideon to cross the valley to where the Midianites were camped. They arrived in the early



Gideon overheard the tale of the great loaf of barley bread that came rolling down Mt. Gilboa.

hours of the morning, long before dawn. According to God's instructions, Gideon divided the men into three groups. They silently spread out around the camp, but instead of carrying weapons in their hands, each man carried a trumpet and a long pitcher! (Verses 15-16.)

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## Tithing Pays Off

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Christ, commanded us NOT to leave the matter of tithing "undone" even though the Pharisees had become self-righteous about their observance, as they had about many other points of God's law as well.

Jesus commanded His followers to both DO and TEACH even the *smaller points* of God's law: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these *least commandments*, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall DO and TEACH them [even the commandments men might consider "least"], the same shall be called GREAT in the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. 5:19).

So Jesus *definitely taught tithing* and showed that we can become spiritually GREAT only by living by EVERY word of God!

### Who Is Doing God's Work Today?

In these last chaotic years before the end of *man's* government and way of life on this earth, you can certainly find where the Eternal GOD is working if you sincerely want to. The evidence and proof is *everywhere*—for those with *open minds!*

For God has said: "Surely the Lord God will do NOTHING but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:7-8.)

Yes, in every age God has promised

to *directly* WARN His people of impending trouble and destruction through His servants and His ministers! The *definite* and *specific* warning of what WILL SOON HAPPEN to the British Commonwealth and American peoples is NOW going around the world with increasing power. This message is going out to more and more multiple MILLIONS. Those who have eyes to see and ears to hear are beginning to understand the ONLY way of escape and the true way of OBEDIENCE to the Living God.

Jesus' entire message and Gospel was about the coming Kingdom, or GOVERNMENT, of God (Mark 1:14-15). For our time, today, just before the end of this age and God's intervention in human affairs, Jesus prophesied: "And this gospel of the KINGDOM shall be preached

in all the world for a WITNESS unto all nations; and *then shall the end come*" (Matt. 24:14).

That specific *message* of God's coming world GOVERNMENT, His *laws*, His *way of life*, the definite EVENTS to affect the major nations just before Jesus' second coming, and the *tremendous* and *specific* BLESSINGS which will come on all nations and people during Christ's soon-coming rule *on this earth*—that message is now going out in POWER to all nations as a last WITNESS! In reading this very article about one of God's LAWS and principles of life, you are receiving part of that "witness."

Jesus taught: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . for where your treasure is, there will your HEART be also" (Matt. 6:19-21).

Frankly, *just as Jesus said*, we have found that those who put their human treasure into the *very Work of God* preparing the way for Christ's soon-coming Kingdom also have their HEARTS in what GOD is doing today!

Someday there may be a large addition to the book of Acts—the true history of God's *true Church*. It will tell of the powerful work CHRIST is doing through His human instruments in these closing years of this age—preparing for His return. As the present book of Acts mentions such dedicated believers who *helped in the Work of God* as Aquila, Priscilla, Justus and Crispus (Acts 18:2, 7-8)—so God may well have recorded the names of those who really GIVE and SERVE in His Work today. *These* will be the names *read* and *studied* by our grandchildren and great-grandchildren during the thousand-year reign of Christ upon earth. For these will be the people who *zealously assisted* in the tremendous CRUSADE preparing this earth for the return of its Saviour!

In Daniel 12:1-3, God describes the tremendous "time of trouble" or TRIBULATION to come upon modern Israel in our day. He shows that this time will be *just before the resurrection* from the dead (verse 2).

Then He describes those who are *preparing the way* for His intervention! "And they that be wise shall SHINE as

the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (verse 3).

Those whose HEARTS—whose *prayers*, whose *tithes* and GENEROUS OFFERINGS, and whose SERVICE is wholly in the Work of God in turning MANY to righteousness—they shall SHINE in their *glorified, resurrected bodies* as BRILLIANT STARS, forever and ever!

You need to realize the fantastic TIMES in which you are living and the tremendous PURPOSE which Almighty God is now working out here below! You need to really *prove to yourself* where HE is working—where HIS MESSAGE is being proclaimed to the world!

So not as a "gimmick" or an "argument" to GET something from you, but as a divine LAW which brings with it actual, literal BLESSINGS now and FOREVER—God instructs you to set aside the *first tenth* of your income for HIM and for His Work. If you, personally, come to *understand, appreciate* and OBEY, the BLESSINGS ahead for you through having your HEART and your LIFE in the *very Work of God* are beyond our limited human comprehension!

*Take God at His Word!* He WILL back it up—both *now* and *forever*.

## Do You ENJOY—

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not be privately "interpreted"! "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit!" (II Pet. 1:20-21.)

Think! Is what YOU believe really GROUNDED in the Word of God? Do you really KNOW you have truly GIVEN UP your own thoughts—your own "ideas," convictions, opinions and beliefs—and that you have SURRENDERED these former opinions to God, and asked Him for HIS knowledge?

If you have—then you do NOT *always* "ENJOY" each broadcast, and each article in *The PLAIN TRUTH!* SOME of them, perhaps you do—but others, you do not! Why?

Simply because you have GIVEN UP your own cherished ideas, and sur-

rendered to God. You are, IF you have repented, God's own CHILD. You're HIS SON! And, since He LOVES you—He will PUNISH you from time to time through His Word—through His servants.

*When* you're being punished—it is NOT very enjoyable.

Don't be too shocked at this—but I SPANK my children when they're disobedient. They don't enjoy it a bit! I don't INTEND for them to. (If only millions of parents could come to see this simple principle of God's Word.)

In fact, it HURTS! They *cry* about it—they sit around afterward, THINKING about it.

Then, later on—their whole attitude and disposition has changed. When they *had* been getting into a WRONG attitude—becoming careless, forgetful, or disobedient—NOW they begin to be more *loving*, considerate, careful, more obedient! NOW they begin to ENJOY life more than ever!

Yes—AFTERWARD it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who are EXERCISED thereby!

What about you? Do you really REMEMBER having had the experience of looking into God's Word, and having it really HURT YOU—BADLY?

Do you ever *remember* hearing a particular broadcast, or reading a particular article, that actually CUT to the QUICK—that made you feel MISERABLE—CONDEMNED—GUILTY???

*Unless* you have—you may be in *mortal danger*, without realizing it!

### BELIEF Is NOT ENOUGH!

Not long ago, a woman wrote to us and said, "Mr. Armstrong, I was just thrilled to hear your broadcast—and the more I listen, the more I think you must believe JUST LIKE I DO!"

I'm sure this woman is *sincere*. But, what do we *mean*, "sincere"? Millions, while *absolutely* "sincere" and in real "earnest" about their ideas and convictions, are *sincerely* WRONG!

Jesus said, "REPENT ye, and believe the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). He said to REPENT *and* believe—to do *two* separate things! Notice, "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, 'REPENT: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" (Matt. 4:17.) He sternly warned,

... except ye REPENT, ye shall all likewise PERISH" (Luke 13:3-5).

Perhaps you've heard the old song, "If you believe?" There is not ONE WORD in this old, and rather jazzy and saucy-type song, about REPENTANCE!

WHY?

Yes, WHY is it a Christian-PROFESSING world, and literally *dozens* of religions will take a PART of Christ's words about *belief*, or they will talk of Christ's PERSON, of what He DID—but *not* really BELIEVE WHAT HE SAID—or REPENT OF THEIR SINS?

Jesus said to *repent AND believe!* The world says NO! *Only* believe—and "YOU SHALL RECEIVE," go the words. Yes GET, *take, appropriate, grasp, seize, cling to*, and be unwilling to "settle" for anything else!

The Devil's way is the way of GETTING—the way of Christ is GIVING!

REPENT means to GIVE UP YOUR WHOLE SELF! It means to completely *change*. To allow the two-edged sword of God's Word to cut deeply into YOU!

Remember! The Devil is a great fundamentalist! He BELIEVES Jesus is the Christ. He KNOWS Jesus died for the sins of the world, that He was resurrected, ascended to the right hand of God in heaven, and that He will return to this earth! He KNOWS the real TRUTH about the purpose and plan of God.

Yes, he BELIEVES these things are TRUE—but HE WILL NOT OBEY! HE WILL NOT SERVE GOD! "Thou *believest* that God is one [margin]? Thou doest well: the demons *also believe*, and TREMBLE!" (Jas. 2:19.)

Yes, they also BELIEVE. And, according to the "old-fashioned" song, they should then "RECEIVE." But they will *not* receive anything from God, because even though *believing, they will not obey!*

Perhaps, when *The WORLD TOMORROW* is on the air, you find yourself *agreeing* with certain truths you hear. But WILL YOU OBEY THEM?

The elderly gentleman who congratulated me on my broadcast wouldn't.

He had *undoubtedly* heard me make *many* references to the smoking habit. Yet he *reeked* with tobacco. He had undoubtedly learned many far more important truths than the evils of smoking—but there were no real CHANGES evidenced in his life.

Jesus said it is *not* just the "believers" who will be saved, but "To him that *overcometh* [who CHANGES, who REPENTS, who OVERCOMES sin by the power of God's Spirit] will I grant to sit with me in my throne" (Rev. 3:21).

Do you believe many things you hear on *The WORLD TOMORROW*? I sincerely HOPE you do—but do you DO anything about it? Do you CHANGE, when you read corrective articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine?

### God's WATCHMEN

Ezekiel, a young captive slave in Babylon, was inspired by God to be a *watchman* for Israel. He shouted a WARNING to them—telling them of their national crimes and sins. He WROTE his warnings for OUR day, NOW!

God has commissioned His true servants to be WATCHMEN for His own people! Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and *teach all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit—teaching them to OBSERVE *all things* whatsoever I have commanded you!" (Matt. 28:19-20.)

He said, "And this Gospel of the KINGDOM *shall be preached* in all the world for a witness *unto all nations*, and *then shall the end come!*" (Matt. 24:14.)

He meant the END OF THE AGE, the end of the "WORLD," the end of

man's WAY on this earth, and the dawn of a *new* age—The WORLD TOMORROW (Matt. 24:3).

Almighty God has commissioned His own work to shout the warning from HIM to the world! He says, of those who are serving Him in His work, "If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and WARN the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh NOT warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. . . . But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow NOT the trumpet, and the people be NOT warned, if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, *but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand!*" (Ezek. 33:3-6.)

In this same stern chapter, God said to Ezekiel, "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people" [Give it to 'em, Mr. Armstrong! I sure enjoy hearing you tell *them* their sins!"] and they hear thy words, but THEY WILL NOT DO THEM! For with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

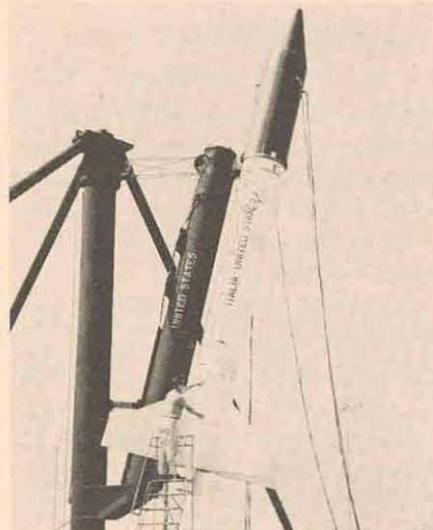
"And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for THEY HEAR thy words, but THEY DO THEM NOT!" (Ezek. 33:31-32.)

What about it? What about YOU? Have YOU ever *really* decided to find out where YOU stand?

Have YOU ever thought of these vitally important times, these frightening events of this sin-sick world, in personal relationship to YOU, and to YOUR future?

Have you ever let the Word of God, *The WORLD TOMORROW*, *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine really CORRECT YOU? Think about it.

Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter into the Kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). If you want to know exactly what YOU should really DO about it—then write for the free article, "What IS REAL Repentance?"



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Not until the mid-twentieth century has it been possible to exterminate all mankind. This very time was foretold 1900 years ago by Jesus. He warned no flesh would be saved alive unless God intervened to stop man's scientific advances and to establish His Kingdom on earth.

# The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

*The WORLD TOMORROW becomes an International Broadcast. Radio studio pays for purchase of campus*

## INSTALLMENT 62

**W**E NEED, now, to go back a few years, to the opening of Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Even before the vision of founding the college came to mind, I was planning to move our expanding office to Pasadena. I have recorded, earlier, how we were outgrowing facilities in Eugene, Oregon, in 1946. *The PLAIN TRUTH* circulation was expanding to 75,000 copies, zooming beyond local printing facilities. I was finding it necessary to be accessible to Hollywood in order to record the *WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast.

### Outgrew Eugene

I have previously explained that, with daily broadcasting, I was being forced to spend three days each week in Portland, away from my office. There were no adequate recording facilities in Eugene. This situation was, temporarily, partially alleviated by installation of a special broadcast line, connecting my office in Eugene with the recording studio in Portland.

But as the broadcasting operation expanded, it was becoming more and more necessary to have the program recorded on facilities available only in Hollywood or New York. This was, remember, B.T.—before television. Radio was at its zenith, so far as big-time programming was concerned. Most of the major network evening programs employed top motion-picture stars for talent. They all lived in the Hollywood area—Beverly Hills, Bel Air, and similar glamorous suburban communities.

More and more I was finding it necessary to take trips to Hollywood and remain there for periods of two to four weeks, recording the program. This also was before tape recording. All recording was done on large 15-inch acetate discs

called electrical transcriptions. They were oversized phonograph records, recording 15 minutes on each side. These discs were softer than the hard-pressed phonograph records, and were cut on costly lathes. The best lathes were the Scully lathes, which cost \$4,000 each. No such equipment was available in Eugene or Portland.

Recording studios made a fairly heavy charge for recording each half-hour program. It had to be recorded on several lathes at once, or else "dubbed" (which means copied) from the original master transcription on others—one for each radio station.

### 50c Luncheon "Extravagance"

The reader will remember that about half of the church members at Eugene opposed the founding of the college. When I signed the lease-and-option contract to purchase the first 2¼-acre block of our college campus, they screamed "Armstrong extravagance!"

Actually two or three leading families in that group felt that this entire growing work ought to be operated on an expenditure about equal to their own frugal individual family expenses. These people were farmers. They spent pennies like most people would spend dollars.

An example of this was an experience that happened one Sunday noon, back about 1938. From August, 1933 until April, 1934, I had lived in the home of this woman and her husband. She was Swedish, and a very good cook of simple and plain dishes. All during the original evangelistic meetings in the little country schoolhouse, eight miles west of Eugene, which actually *started* this entire work, and while the broadcast was being started at the beginning of 1934, I had been the guest of these people. They charged no rent or board—it was their contribution toward getting the local church started.

By 1938 I was having to drive to Portland every Sunday to broadcast the program over station KWJJ. The broadcast over KORE, Eugene, was from 10 to 10:30 Sunday mornings. Immediately I started driving to Portland, for the 4:00 P.M. broadcast. Usually I would be driving through Salem between 12 and 1, and would stop off there for lunch.

On this particular Sunday this Swedish lady had asked if she might ride with me to Portland to visit her sister. I parked the car in front of the Marion Hotel, escorting the lady into the hotel dining room. The thought came to me that this was my first opportunity to have her as my guest at a meal, after having been a guest in her home for some eight or nine months.

But this lady spent the entire time criticising and berating me for more of my "Armstrong extravagance" as she and her husband always termed it, in spending fifty cents for that Sunday dinner!

Yes, that's right—just fifty cents! That was the price of the meal. And I'm sure she didn't enjoy it. It hurt her too deeply to have to participate in such wild extravagance!

Well, these people really screamed "EXTRAVAGANCE!" when they learned I had contracted to pay \$1,000 per month toward the purchase of a college campus!

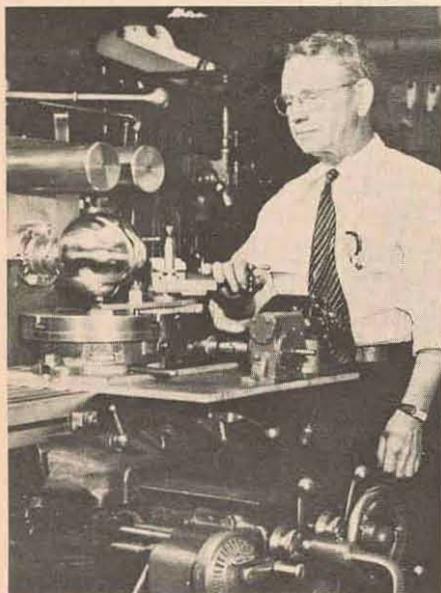
### SAVING by "Extravagance"

And yet, actually, it did not cost the growing Work of God \$1,000 per month. It didn't cost us even one single dollar per month! We were, actually, *being paid* \$100 per month for the privilege of becoming owner of this \$100,000 estate!

Here is how it actually worked out. Our office staff had finally enlarged at Eugene to a payroll of 15 people. The office space had expanded until we were

paying something like \$250 or \$350 per month rent—I do not now remember the exact figure. Also I was having to spend money for the broadcast line between my office and Portland—and also for the frequent trips then necessary to Hollywood. But, most of all, the fees for recording were running up to several hundred dollars per month.

When the new college was opened I went, for a few months at first, from Pasadena to Hollywood to record the program. But within a very short time we had remodeled the northwest corner of the second floor of our Library-classroom building into our own radio studio. We had purchased two second-hand recording lathes—and, even new,



To perfect two second-hand recording lathes, Mr. Joseph Peterson, an engineer, devoted many off-hours. Here he is shown by a sonar invention of his own development.

they had been far less costly than the \$4,000 Scullys. My son Dick became our first radio studio operator. We began making our own recordings. The only cost, now, was the slight amount of electric power, and the cost of the blank acetate discs.

The savings—actual reductions in necessary expenditures for the operation of the broadcast work—amounted to \$1,100 per month! That figure I do remember—definitely!

Out of that saving we paid the \$1,000 per month payments on the property, and came out \$100 per month to the good!

Frankly, I did receive a measure of

grateful satisfaction in knowing how false, unfounded, unfair and unjust were those prejudicial accusations of "Armstrong extravagance."

It was certainly providential, the way all things seemed to work out for the founding of the college, and our moving to Pasadena. I have recorded earlier how a very nice 14-room home came to us, with no down payment, no interest, at half its appraised value—and in a manner which added not one cent to our personal living costs! Actually we paid NOTHING for the home!

### Printing The PLAIN TRUTH

Another very important reason for moving to Pasadena was the printing of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Arrangements were made for having it printed in the largest publishing and printing establishment west of Chicago. This plant was the predecessor of Pacific Press, which shortly after 1947 acquired this property. They also print the West Coast editions of *TIME*, *LIFE*, and *Newsweek*.

This huge plant has printed *The PLAIN TRUTH* ever since. But, as I write, we have just recently placed an

order for a huge new magazine printing press, and we have acquired a large property—formerly a lumber mill, adjacent to, and now a part of the Ambassador College campus, into which all our present printing equipment will be moved. This will give us one of the four or five largest printing plants in Southern California. In addition to the new large Webb magazine press—similar to large newspaper presses you may have seen in metropolitan cities—there will be a new special multi-color cover press, on which the covers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* will be printed. Add to these our present two large rotary offset presses, our big Miehle press, and our smaller offset presses, plus large electric cutters, folding machines, assembling machines, an enlarged composing room with three big Intertype machines for setting the type for text matter—and large space for paper storage, and the Ambassador College Press will be a sizable million-dollar printing plant, right on our campus.

But, some critic may ask, is not *this* extravagance? ABSOLUTELY NO! Even while paying for the new big press, our printing bills will be reduced several



The broadcasting studio as it appeared in the early years of the College. Acetate disks were still used. Tapes, far left, were just beginning to come into use. In the recording studio, at the controls, is Richard D. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong is broadcasting, with Mrs. Armstrong at his side.

thousand dollars a month! *It will reduce expenditures!*

In other words, at this writing in the year 1964 this world-wide Work of God has grown to such volume that it is now costing *too much* to have *The PLAIN TRUTH* printed by commercial printers. During the past years we have made **BIG SAVINGS** by printing our own booklets. And now we are in position to make the biggest saving of all, by printing *The PLAIN TRUTH*—United States and Canada edition—in our own plant.

Of course the London and Melbourne editions will continue to be printed in those cities by outside commercial printing establishments.

### Enter Tape Recording

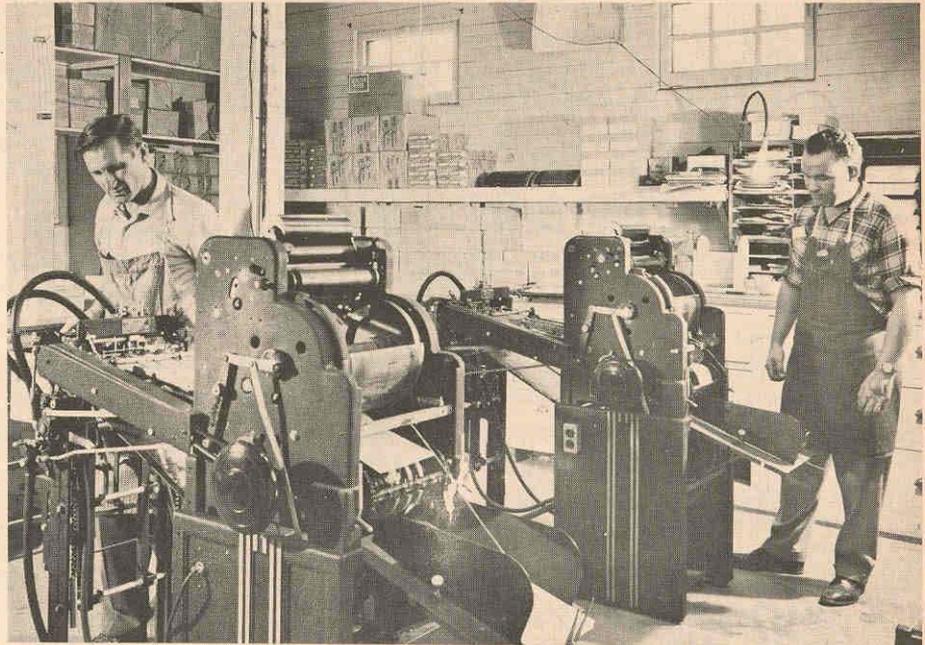
It was one or two years after we began doing our own broadcast recording in our own studio that tape recording came along. The more cumbersome electrical transcription method was made obsolete. We purchased two good quality tape recorders at the start. Later we installed the large top-quality Ampex recorders—the same equipment used in large network headquarters. Gradually, as the number of stations has increased, more and more of these had to be added. Today we use a battery of 14 of these big Ampex machines. A staff of several trained operators work, in staggered shifts, from 7:00 A.M. until 12 midnight to produce the number of tapes required for the scores of radio stations broadcasting *The WORLD TOMORROW* around the world.

Today our own recording studios are a large-scale activity. There is also, now, a superbly equipped studio on the campus in England. But the beginnings of this operation of producing our own recordings were, like every other phase of the great Work of God, small and crude.

The radio studio served also as a classroom for students.

Early in 1948 I had planned to introduce three new courses for students as a result of our new radio studio. We had tentatively engaged, as instructors on the faculty, three outstanding radio personalities from Hollywood.

They were: Arthur W. (Art) Gilmore, as instructor of Radio Announcing. Mr. Gilmore was—and still is today



The small Printing Shop of Ambassador College as it appeared in 1952. Mr. Herman Olson (left) and Mr. Jim Gott, department Manager, operate two Davidson duplicators. Today, the Ambassador College Press has grown to such proportions that *The PLAIN TRUTH* is scheduled to be printed in our own plant by this autumn!

—one of the very few *top* nationally known announcers. He was, then (before television), network announcer for such famous shows as "Doctor Christian," "Amos & Andy," "Stars Over Hollywood," "Point Sublime," and others. Mr. Gilmore's resonant voice still announces *The WORLD TOMORROW* to this day.

As instructor in Radio Drama I had engaged Lurene Tuttle, who was known as "America's First Lady of Radio Drama." She had played leads in numerous top-ranking network shows—had been co-starred with every motion-picture star in Hollywood who had appeared in radio.

As Instructor of Radio Production I had tentatively engaged Glenn Y. (Doc) Middleton. He was producer of several top-rated network programs, including "Doctor Christian," "Screen Guild Theatre," "The Jack Kirkwood Show," and currently was producer of the "Amos & Andy" show.

All three of these were members of the faculty of the University of Southern California—all had university degrees.

But the financial crisis of that year, forcing us to operate on a half-time schedule through the 1948-49 school year, made it necessary to cancel out these courses.

### PLAIN TRUTH Resumed Monthly

Now back again to the main thread of our story.

During 1952, you will remember, for the first time in the history of this Work, we had been able to publish a 16-page magazine every month. Ten of those were *The GOOD NEWS*, which had been introduced as a temporary stop-gap, written and edited by students as well as myself. Prior to this time no one but myself had ever written articles for *The PLAIN TRUTH*. *The GOOD NEWS* was sent only to Co-Workers. There were two issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH* during 1952. The second of these, the August number, was the first ever to publish an article written by others than myself. It contained two articles, written in London, one by my son Dick, and one by Herman Hoeh.

The radio log published in the January, 1953, issue shows that we were by then on eleven radio stations. We had gone back on two more of the super-power border stations—XELO and XERB, beside XEG. The number of stations was growing gradually. Every phase of the work was growing.

During the year 1953 we were able to publish a 16-page magazine every month except December. The first five

issues were all of *The GOOD NEWS*. However, by this time Herman L. Hoeh, my son Dick, Roderick C. Meredith and others had graduated, and had sufficient experience writing articles that I felt there was no need to continue *The GOOD NEWS* as a college magazine for Co-Workers, substituting for *The PLAIN TRUTH*, any longer.

Beginning the June number, 1953, I began once again to offer *The PLAIN TRUTH*, over the air, to all listeners. I now had the editorial help of a handful of college graduates and advanced students. So, it might be said that the present subscription list of *The PLAIN TRUTH* actually began with the issue of June, 1953.

### Broadcast to Europe

But some very tremendous leaps of progress were taken with the broadcasting program during 1953.

Beginning the first Thursday in that year, which was January 1st, *The WORLD TOMORROW* leaped to EUROPE. The door of the most powerful radio station on earth swung open. The *same* Gospel Jesus Christ taught His disciples went to Europe for the first time in 18½ centuries!

That Gospel was first preached by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D. Precisely 19 years later, the day of Pentecost, 50 A.D., "A DOOR" was opened to the Apostle Paul to preach that Gospel in Europe for the first time.

Just as a DOOR was opened for the Gospel to go to Europe, in the first century, after 19 years, so a DOOR was opened for the same Gospel to go to Europe in our time, after 19 years!

For the past few years, as I now write in January, 1964, I have been assuming we started on Radio Luxembourg on the first MONDAY in 1953. Looking into the radio log of *The GOOD NEWS* for February, 1953, I am reminded that we did not get to start on the medium wave band, known as 208, on Radio Luxembourg at that time. That came later. We started on a long wave band, and the time was 4:15 to 4:45 P.M. Thursdays.

The lead front-page article in that February number was captioned "NOW ON THE AIR—OVER ALL EUROPE!" Here are the first few paragraphs of that article:

"On the nineteenth anniversary of *The WORLD TOMORROW* program, the broadcast goes out to *all Europe*, on the most powerful radio station on earth.

"Think of it! This *most important work on earth* now takes its GREATEST LEAP AHEAD!

"Do you realize the *significance* of this tremendous event, on our *nineteenth anniversary*? Do you know the MEANING of nineteen years? It marks a complete cycle of time—as God set time in nature. God placed the earth, moon and sun in a certain conjunction of motion to mark time—to set off days, and months, and years!

"Only once in nineteen years do the days, months and years come together in exact conjunction. A day is one revolution of the earth on its axis, in relation to the sun. A month, as God ordained time, is one revolution of the

moon around the earth. Men have tried to alter that. A year is one revolution of the earth around the sun. These movements of the earth, moon and sun come into exact conjunction once in nineteen years.

"Nineteen years ago, the first week in January, 1934, this program went on the air. It started as small as a radio program could start, on a little 100-watt station, in a small local community, in Eugene, Oregon. The first week in January, 1953—after one of God's time-cycles in nature—it starts as an INTERNATIONAL and WORLD-WIDE program, now going out on the tremendous combined total of 3,140,000 watts of radio power per week! [Now, 1964, it is more than 22 million watts.]

"Yes, think of it! In one cycle of time, the proclaiming of the original



Radio Studio on Ambassador campus was also used for Radio Production classes under direction of Theodore Walker (seated, in control room). Standing, second from left, at one of the microphones, is Norman A. Smith, who is now Director of Broadcasting for *The World Tomorrow*.

true Message of Jesus Christ to the world has increased from 100 watts to 3,140,000 watts of power per week! Its actual broadcasting power has MULTIPLIED 31,400 times in one 19-year cycle! Not twice—not ten—not one hundred times the power—not merely a *thousand* times more powerful—but more than THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND TIMES more powerful than during that first year!" (End of quotation from February, 1953 number.)

### Seven Ministers Ordained!

On page 2 of this same number of *The GOOD NEWS*, the above three words appeared as a headline.

This reported the ordination of the first ministers to assist me—the FIRST-FRUITS, as it were, of Ambassador College.

The article reported that on the preceding December 20th, (1952), five young ministers had been fully ordained. They were Richard David Armstrong, Raymond Clifford Cole, Herman Louie Hoch, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, and Rodrick Carl Meredith.

Then it was reported in the next paragraph, that two more of our young ministers, Marion Joel McNair, and Raymond Franklin McNair, "will be fully ordained following their graduation from the college January 30, 1953."

This article in *The GOOD NEWS* was seized on by one malcontent student as a means of attempting to start a mutiny among students. He wrote me a letter saying he was forthwith leaving college. The letter was in such bad spirit I felt it advisable to let the college be rid of this mixed-up, angry, embittered young man. I let him leave without reply. But I learned that he had used this article to attempt to deceive other students and arouse them to hostility and leaving college.

At the time, however, I knew of only two students he had influenced. They, too, wrote letters saying they were leaving. But there was a vital difference in their letters. Their letters revealed that they had been merely misled and deceived by this self-appointed revolutionary, but their spirit was sincere and honest—the hostile instigator of this little insurrection was not. I called each of these two to my office.

The leader of this revolt had claimed that I had misrepresented and lied in the headline of that article. When it was written only five had been ordained. But, before the magazine was printed and reached its readers, the other two also had been ordained.

I explained to these two that the article carefully and specifically STATED, PLAINLY, that five of the seven were ordained on the preceding December 20th—that the other two were being ordained January 30th. The FACTS were that I had written the article prior to January 30th, therefore I wrote, in the article, that these two "will be fully ordained" on January 30th—but the magazine did not come off the press and into the hands of its readers until AFTER January 30th.

The headline did NOT say "Seven Ministers HAVE BEEN Ordained." This was an article HEADLINE, and such headlines generally are written in brief style with certain words understood but not set in type. The context of the article made PLAIN that the MEANING of that headline was: "Seven Ministers BEING Ordained"—or "TO BE" Ordained. The article did not misrepresent. It most assuredly did not lie. It told the precise, exact truth in detail. Five men were named, and the date on which they had been, at the time of writing, ordained. Two others were named, and the date given on which they were to be ordained. THAT MADE SEVEN. They were, in fact, ordained BEFORE the magazine was in the hands of its readers.

But this little incident gives an example of how destruction-bent vilifiers can TWIST and DISTORT either words or actions to accuse and place those they hate in a wrong light, imputing evil motives.

This unprincipled lad, I learned later, had influenced a third other student. I did not know of this until he had left college, so embittered that his mind and spirit appeared unbalanced. However the two who were brought to see the truth of this situation remained as loyal students, and later, in turn, each became a president of the student body—and later still each became an ordained minister, and has continued loyal and productively successful through the years.

Next month we will continue, with

the account of *The WORLD TOMORROW* going on the ABC Radio Network, Coast to Coast—and later on television, as well as the further growth of the College.

## Pope to Meet President?

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profess Christianity. So he had himself baptized.

Later, the apostles from Jerusalem came down to Samaria to pray for the converts, that they might be filled with the Holy Spirit of God. Simon observed that the apostles laid their hands on those who had believed and repented. They received the Holy Spirit. Christ had, in effect, come to dwell in them, *in their flesh* by means of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit of God, wrote John, Christ "is come in the flesh" (II John 7) to live in us the kind of life He lived when He was in the flesh. It is a life of faith and obedience to the will and law of God.

Simon wanted that same power. But he was not willing to obey God. He also wanted the apostolic office that Simon Peter had in order that he could profit by the power of God's Spirit. So Simon the Magus offered Simon Peter money to buy the office of apostle. Simon Peter thrust him out and pronounced an awful curse upon him. (See Acts 8:20-22.)

Simon the Magus was determined to have his way. If he couldn't receive the power of God and the apostolic office from Jesus' own apostles, he decided to give it to himself!

Simon now falsely claimed that, in him, Christ dwelt "in the flesh"! The one in him was, in reality, Satan, who craves to be in the place of Christ.

Here is what history records of this diabolically clever man:

"This man, then, was glorified by many as if he were a god; and he taught that it was himself who appeared among the Jews as the Son, but descended into Samaria as the Father, while he came to other nations in the character of the Holy Spirit." (*Irenaeus Against Heresies*, xxiii, 1.)

Simon transformed himself into "another Jesus"—a false one. You read of him in II Cor. 11:4. His message was "another gospel"—a false one—in which

he claimed to be God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. He seduced the Samaritans, and later the whole Roman world, by the power of the devil and the demons, into believing he was a divine Trinity. It is he whose worship was universally imposed on the professing Christian world at the Council of Nicaea when the doctrine of the Trinity was decreed!

### Impersonates the Apostle Peter

The next step in Simon's conspiracy was to claim the office of Jesus Christ's chief apostle—Peter.

In the Hebrew and Chaldean language the word *peter* means "opener"—hence one who opens or interprets. Simon Magus was, as chief of the Magi, a great Peter or interpreter.

Through his magical arts Simon, as the chief spokesman and interpreter—"Peter" in Chaldean—now appointed apostles and sent them forth to preach! They are the ones to whom Paul referred when he said that some were going forth, masquerading as the apostles of Christ, preaching their counterfeit gospel. Their Jesus was "another Jesus," not the true one. Their counterfeit Jesus was, in reality, Simon Magus!

A few Samaritans, who originally followed Simon before he adopted the name of "Christian," did not go along with him. But they soon died out. Those who accepted his religious syncretism—the practice of labeling pagan customs by the name of "Christian"—multiplied. The world gave heed to them (I John 4:5).

There were now two religions called Christianity in the world. One was the truth of God. The other was a clever pagan counterfeit masquerading under the name "Christian." Its chief apostle was Simon Magus, who claimed the office not only of Peter, but of Christ!

Simon went to Rome in A.D. 42, in the days of Emperor Claudius Caesar. There he performed numerous miracles. He claimed even to be able to bury himself and rise the third day. By his clever arts, it is said, he had himself buried on Friday and, when sought for Sunday morning, had vanished! And that is the origin of the "Good Friday-Easter Sunday" tradition. If you want to know when the real Jesus was buried

and rose again, write for the free booklets on the "Resurrection" and the "Crucifixion." You will be astounded!

Later, while masquerading as the chief apostle, and as Christ in the flesh, Simon confessed to Clement, who became his successor at Rome around A.D. 90, these remarkable words:

"For if he"—that is Simon Magus—"were known, he would not be believed; but now, not being known, he is improperly believed; and though his deeds are those of a hater, he is loved; and though an enemy, he is received as a friend; and though he be death, he is desired as a saviour; . . . and though a deceiver, he is believed as a speaker of truth" (*Clementine Homilies*, II, xviii).

Could any words be plainer? Simon knew what he was doing! He was without excuse!

### The Apostasy Grows

But what happened to the followers of Simon Magus, the Interpreter or Peter of this counterfeit religion, after he died in Rome in A.D. 67 at the hands of Nero? (The real apostle Peter did not preach in Gentile Rome—he was sent to the lost sheep of the "House of Israel"—in the British Isles!)

Here is what Eusebius reveals about the apostasy Simon set afoot.

Eusebius, the church historian, wrote in the days of Constantine: "We have understood that Simon was the author of all heresy. From his time down to the present, *those who have followed his heresy have feigned the sober philosophy of the Christians*. . . . But they nevertheless have embraced again the superstitions of idols, which they seemed to have renounced; and they fall down before the pictures and images of Simon himself . . ."—the counterfeit Christ (*The Church History of Eusebius*, book II, ch. 13, § 6).

Notice! They feigned or **PRETENDED TO BE** Christians.

When Emperor Constantine brought the Christians together, he found the churches in the Greek and Roman world almost evenly divided. Throughout the Greek regions there was still opposition to the doctrines of Simon Magus. But Emperor Constantine was able, by his persuasive power, and threats of retaliation, to impose the will of the West-

ern majority who followed Simon Magus. The decision at the Council of Nicaea, in A.D. 325, was to acknowledge the Christ in the person of Simon Magus. They defined God as a Trinity—God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit—exactly as Simon Magus had claimed to be!

Step by step those Greeks who had not gone along with the teachings of the Christian Magians were worn down in the Council. They were compelled to agree to the celebration of Easter on Sunday. (If you haven't known the truth about Easter, write for the free booklet *Easter Is Pagan!*)

At the end of the council apparent unity was established. But it broke up almost as soon as the dominant personality of Constantine vanished in death. For centuries a struggle for power continued between East and West. Reconciliation ended in 1054, when representatives of Orthodox and Catholics mutually read each other out of the Church as heretics. A later attempt to reunite ended in failure in 1439. Today the attempt is being made again. But this time the problems are manifold. Hundreds of bickering Protestant sects are now involved!

### A Final Warning!

Isn't it time we turned to the Bible to see what it has to say about Church Unity?

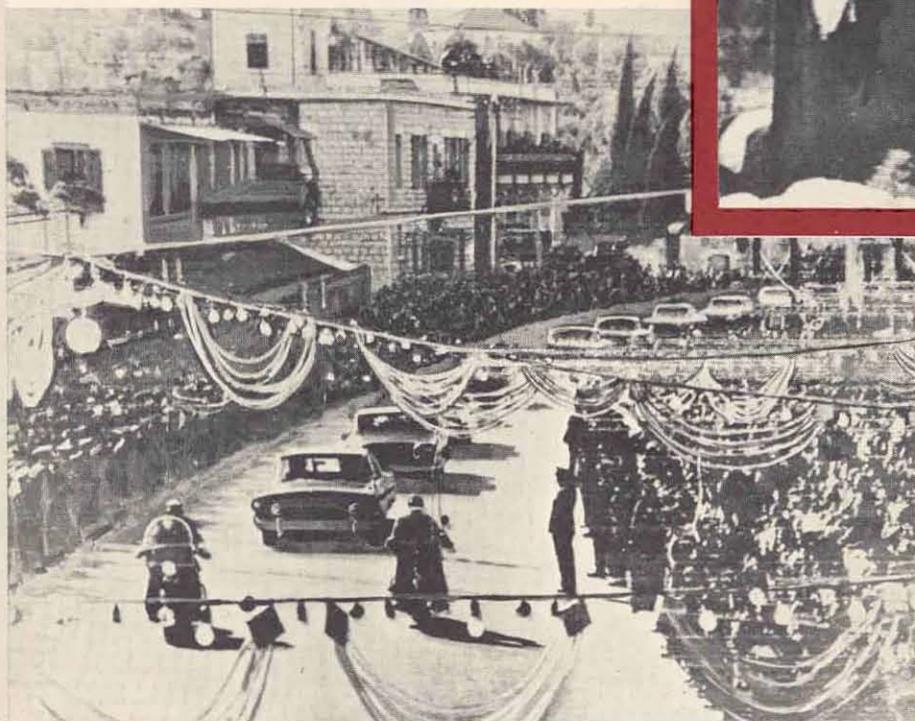
Notice Jude 3-4: ". . . it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men (followers of Simon Magus) crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness"—saying that you can break God's law with impunity and still be forgiven—"and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ"—by putting Simon Magus in the place of God and calling him God and Christ!

Could anything be more astounding?

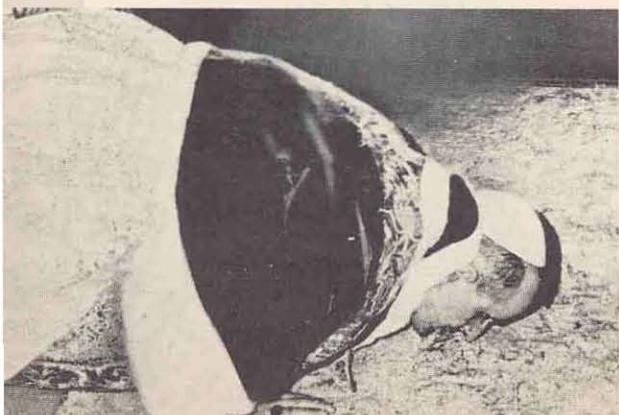
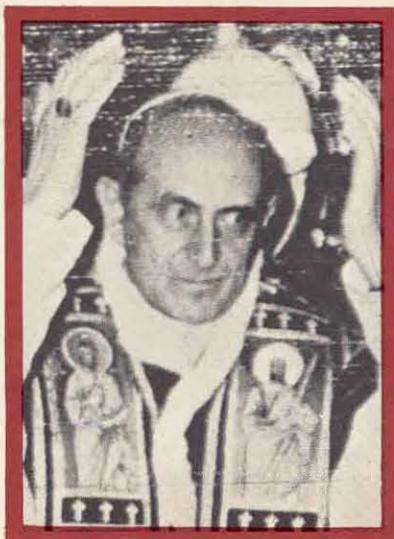
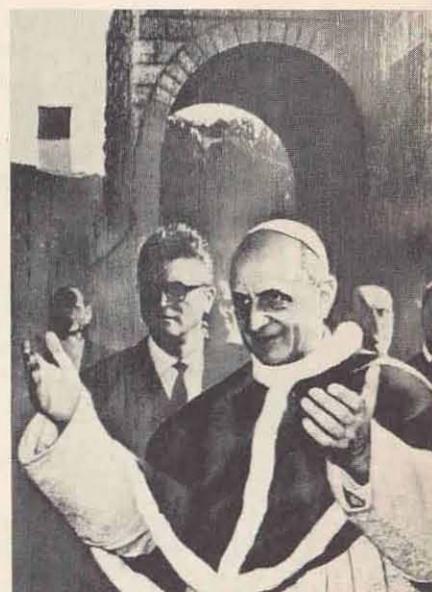
It is time we opened our eyes to the facts of history, and the truth of God! It is time we repented of our sins and asked God for mercy and forgiveness and let Him live His life in us through His Holy Spirit.

# Pope Paul VI Visits Palestine

Crowds cheer as motorcade of Pope Paul VI enters Nazareth, below. Right, Pope stands on rock in front of "The Sanctuary of the Primacy of Peter" Church, January 5. At right center, the Pontiff emerges from a Sanctuary at Tabgha, Israel.



Below, Pope kneels to kiss a rock, traditionally designated the "rock of agony" at the Garden of Gethsemane in Old Jerusalem. Center, Pope raises hands before multitudes along traditional Via Dolorosa. Lower right, Pope Paul VI and Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople are about to embrace as symbol of "Church Unity."



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