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CHARLES DE GAULLE, President of France, calls for United Europe independent of U.S.-British influence!

What our READERS SAY

Truth About Christmas

"Please send me the booklet on Christmas. I have read this month's article about putting Christ back in Christmas and agree with you wholeheartedly. Thanks for your magazine each month. I pass mine to a home for elderly ladies and I hope they enjoy it as much as I do."

Ethel K., Indiana

• *Everyone ought to read the booklet The Plain Truth about Christmas! It's an eye-opener—and it's free!*

The "New Morality"

"Some time ago I misplaced the card that entitled me to send for a copy of your book *God Speaks Out on the 'New Morality.'* As a psychiatrist, I am most anxious to use this book in advising veterans and their wives or prospective brides on this timely subject. I enjoy *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and am anxious to use your book as my guide."

Psychiatrist, Texas

New Translation

"The 'Personal from the Editor' in the November issue was of much interest to me. Of course I read each and every article of your publication. I can't say the same of any other magazine. The article . . . 'A Catholic-Protestant Bible?' was well written and it is my hope that all your readers noticed and took note of its contents."

Lt. Col. R.H.L., USAF (Ret.),
Minnesota

Evolution?

"Yesterday, in a conversation with my son over a lemonade, he turned the discussion to the subject of evolution. He claimed man is descended from a monkey and that, by evolution also, we may return to being dogs. I choked over my lemonade. All the madmen are not locked up! I prefer to belong to the 'little flock,' you speak of. Please

send me 'What is the true Gospel?'"

A father from Thizy, France

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Man from Coburg, Victoria,
Australia

Smoking

"You will be very pleased to hear, that after I have received your *PLAIN TRUTH* with the article about smoking in it, I have immediately stopped smoking. Your article shocked me to the core of my heart. So I said to my husband: 'That is the last cigarette I am smoking,' and it was. I only hope that in the future I will not take this habit up again. As you said in your article, we will have to be very alert."

Woman from Wellington,
New Zealand

"Smokers have their 'thinking man's cigarette,' I have my Thinking Man's Magazine. One tears down physical health, the other builds spiritual, mental and physical health. One costs 20 cents a pack, the other costs the energy to pick it up, read it, lay it down and digest it. Keep up the good work."

H.N.C., Washington

• *Never heard it expressed that way before!*

What Germans Are Thinking

"Those are real interesting things you are talking about. I sure would like to know from where you are getting it all. As far as I can see you have gathered your knowledge from the

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Personal from the Editor

WHY ARE the different branches of "Christianity" talking about UNION? *WHY* is it possible for them to make overtures toward compromise?

And anyway, is it not *right* that they should all GET TOGETHER? *WHY* should Christianity be divided?

The Vatican Second Ecumenical Council is making many overtures toward both Protestants and the Eastern Orthodox church. They are even taking a conciliatory attitude toward Jews. Recently Pope Paul VI assured the non-Catholic Christian world of his purpose to clear away every obstacle blocking "Christian unity." The pope said, "We wish to assure you once more of our purpose and hope to be able one day to remove every obstacle, every misunderstanding, every hesitancy that still prevents us from feeling fully 'of one heart and one soul' in Christ, in His Church (Acts 4:32)."

An example of the changing religious atmosphere was Cardinal Cushing's reported approving of Catholic young people in Boston going to hear Protestant Evangelist Billy Graham. And in reply, Dr. Graham was reported saying he felt closer to some Catholic traditions than "with some of the most liberal Protestants."

Not only are many Protestant leaders beginning to make friendly gestures toward the Roman Catholic Church, but fundamentalist Billy Graham, in Boston, was recently quoted as saying: "The new program of common prayer and public meetings voted by the Vatican Ecumenical Council... is an historical event of tremendous importance to Christians everywhere. Nothing like this has happened in the last 500 years... This could be the dawn of a new day in religious understanding."

Some will wonder, *HOW* could Billy Graham make a statement like that?

At the same time a prominent Jewish rabbi called for greater cooperation

and understanding between conservative Protestants and the Jewish community.

The *BIG* question is *WHY* is such compromise possible?

Can you imagine Jesus Christ beginning to compromise and get together with the Pharisees?

The answer leads directly to the question: *WHAT IS THE SOURCE* of these religious beliefs? What is the religious *AUTHORITY*?

I suppose most people would answer that *GOD* is their authority—the source of their beliefs. But is *HE*? Does *GOD* tell the Roman Catholics to believe one thing, the Protestants to believe something different, and the Jews something different from the other two? Did all the hundreds of differing and disagreeing sects and denominations calling themselves "Christian" receive their varying faiths from the *SAME SOURCE*? Quite obviously not!

The Roman Catholic Church claims it has authority to bring Jesus Christ down out of heaven, and put Him in a little wafer. That is to say, they teach that the *bread* used at communion during mass is, literally, the actual *BODY* of Christ—not merely a symbol, but Jesus' body, literally changed into that bread.

Now it was reported that while a priest was passing out the little round wafers in a very old church in Europe, one wafer fell off the plate, and rolled through a crack in the floor. Under the church floor it was eaten by a rat. One might ask, "Can *Christ* be eaten by a rat? What *kind* of a Christ do you have?" Perhaps the answer is in II Corinthians 11:3-4: "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth *another Jesus*, whom we have not preached..."

A man I know met a staunch be-
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OUR COVER

President De Gaulle has declared war on the U.S.-sponsored MLF (Multilateral Force), has demanded the New Europe be "independent" of Anglo-Saxon influence. He warned Germany that acceptance of the MLF nuclear force would mean becoming an "auxiliary" of the United States, and darken hope for a United Europe. Though he carefully avoided publicly mentioning it, De Gaulle is most concerned about West Germany having access to U.S. nuclear weapons and delivery system, with France on the outside! By keeping the U.S. and Germans apart, De Gaulle feels assured France would dominate Europe, restrain German military resurgence.

liever in the Moslem religion. A discussion followed regarding the relative merits of the Bible and the Koran—of Jesus and of Mohammed. Suddenly the Moslem asked, "Do you believe in your God enough to *fight for Him?*"

"No, my God doesn't need me to fight for Him," replied my friend.

"WHAT? You don't *fight* for your God," exclaimed the Moslem in shocked disbelief. "Why, what kind of a God do you have, that you don't fight for Him? Every Moslem believes in his god so much that he will go out and *fight for him!*"

"Yes, I know," replied my friend. "You have to fight to *protect* your god, because he can't protect himself or do anything for *you*. But my God is a *living God*—the all-powerful, Supreme, Eternally *Living* God. My God fights my battles for me. My God is Supreme, and therefore I *obey Him*. He *RULES* me, and guides me in the way I ought to go for my own welfare and happiness. But He also *does things for me*. He tells me to love my enemies—and HE will fight my battles for me. He heals me when I am sick. He is a *living God*—not a dead god. He makes even my enemies to be at peace with me. He guides me in the way I ought to go, He rules me, and then He *does things for me*—things I could not do for myself.

"You see," my friend continued, "there is only one *living* God. But nearly all the people in the world worship and serve dead gods. The Buddhist carries his little wooden god around in his pocket. Other people make up their own gods. Their gods are the work of their own hands—the invention of their own minds. But I am the creation of *my* God! I didn't make Him—He made *me*."

Now we ought to begin to see the answer to the question, HOW can these differing religious groups compromise and get together? Their beliefs, their customs, are the inventions of HUMANS. In actual fact, they did not receive their beliefs from the true and *living* GOD—or from His Word, the Bible. Their religions are of HUMAN ORIGIN. Therefore humans feel at liberty to alter or change their own beliefs and ways.

De Gaulle Demands United Europe —independent of U.S., Britain

Strasbourg, France

NATO is breaking up! In the wake of U.S.-West German arms deal, De Gaulle has struck back. In a surprise speech at Strasbourg, in French- and German-speaking Alsace, the French President made an uncharacteristic emotional appeal to the Germans. He demanded they stop dealing with U.S. over nuclear arms, put European unity first.

De Gaulle was outraged by recent pact in which U.S. and West Germany signed arms deal involving missile-firing destroyers, exchange of military and scientific know-how. "Crushed" by U.S. attempt to make Germany the dominant military power in Europe, De Gaulle spoke in no uncertain terms for Franco-German unity, free from U.S. interference!

What the French President fears is not the U.S.A. It is

German dominance of Europe. In a united, independent Europe, De Gaulle assumes France will dominate.

Germans think otherwise. With careful forethought, West Germany is secretly becoming a nuclear power with American and British support. Germans are being invited to share with U.S. and Britain, the manning of nuclear-armed submarines, aircraft, surface vessels, guided missiles. German plan also calls for a United Europe, but only *after* they first honeycomb U.S., British defenses. Bible prophecy reveals it will succeed, unless our people repent of their sins!

To reveal to our readers what is going on behind the scenes in Europe and Britain, we asked our British *Plain Truth* correspondent, Robin Jones, to write the lead article this issue, on next page. Read it!

But, one asks, didn't they all receive their beliefs out of the BIBLE? The answer is an emphatic NO!

Didn't you ever wonder WHY people talk about their various INTERPRETATIONS of the Bible? Take, for instance, Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is *death*; but the *gift* of God is *eternal life* through Jesus Christ our Lord." Most "Christian" religions INTERPRET THAT—which is to say, they *change its meaning*, to make it say precisely the opposite. They claim that the MAN is an "immortal soul." Man, therefore, they believe, already *has* eternal life—he CANNOT DIE! So, they INTERPRET this verse to MEAN the very opposite of what it SAYS, thus: "The wages of sin is ETERNAL LIFE (in hell); and eternal life is *NOT* the gift of God."

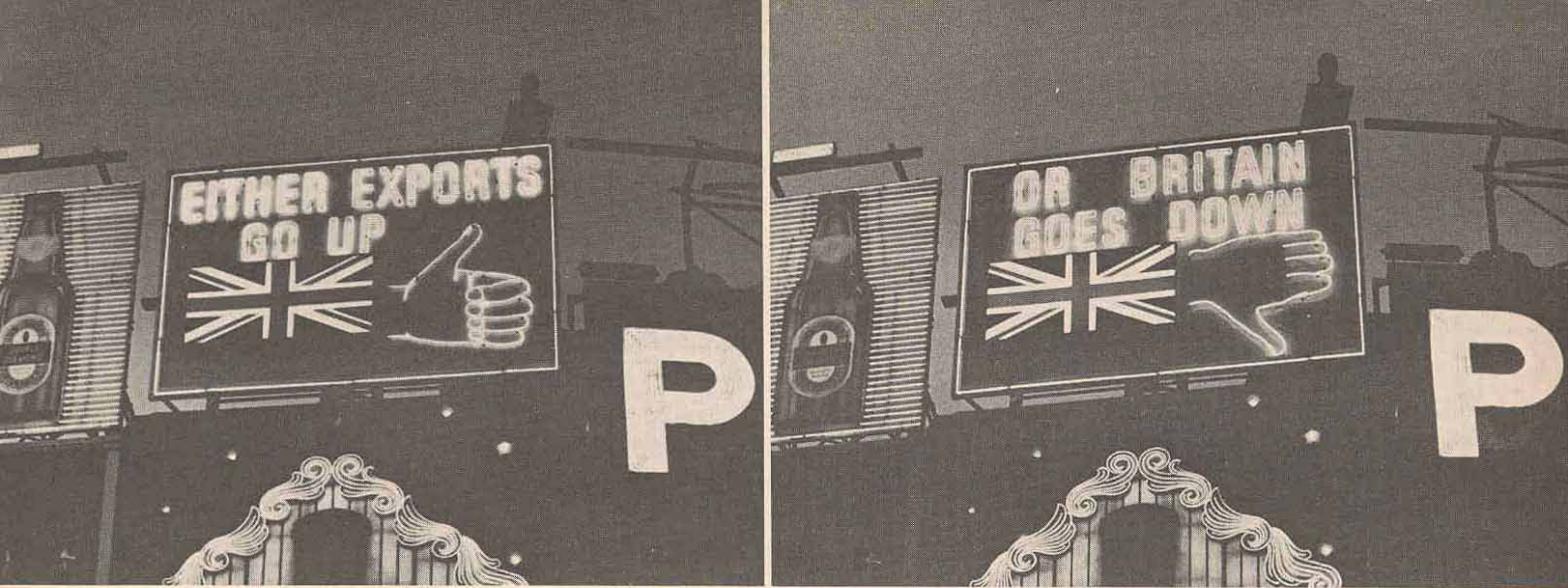
There are others who INTERPRET "death" to mean "separation from God," and "gift of eternal life" to mean "eternal life which is NOT a gift, but which you already possess, spent in

the geographical *presence* of Christ."

This is the dishonest process by which religious bodies make the Bible say whatever they want it to say. Peter speaks of this twisting, distorting, and wresting of the Scriptures, "which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, BEWARE lest ye also, being led away by the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness" (II Peter 3:16-17).

We ought to understand, therefore, how those who, like the Roman Catholic Church, reject the Bible as the supreme AUTHORITY—setting themselves, as a CHURCH, ahead of it as supreme authority (saying they have power to CHANGE the Bible—as they claim to have done by changing God's Sabbath to Sunday); or those who *change* the Bible to suit their own ideas and

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Sign in Piccadilly Circus, London, England, warns that Britain must export or perish!

Keystone Press Photo

BRITAIN on BRINK of ECONOMIC COLLAPSE!

Suddenly Britain is realizing she cannot pay her way in world markets. Why is Britain facing ECONOMIC RUIN? Why has she made a trading enemy of all Europe? Our British correspondent reveals the surprising answers!

London

BRITONS have suddenly been *shocked* into realizing they face the worst economic problems since the days immediately after the Second World War. For months, attention has been focused on the recent election.

But as the excitement fades, the new government is having to face crippling *economic facts*.

The gap between what Britain is able to export and what she has been importing is dangerously large. This year that gap may reach 800 million pounds—two and one-quarter billion dollars!

Drastic Measures

This vast trade deficit has resulted in the initiation of a *crash program*. Within days of the election, the new Labor government took the drastic step of adding a 15 per cent tax to all imports other than foodstuffs and raw materials.

by Robin G. Jones

This surcharge is aimed at reducing the quantity of goods British firms buy from abroad. A small tax rebate on exports is being given as an export incentive.

Other steps include big cuts in spending in many directions. Heavy outlays on the Concorde supersonic airliner (being jointly developed with France) will cease. The whole aviation industry, new military aircraft and the nuclear deterrent are to be cut back.

The government feels such tough measures are essential if the trade gap is to be closed. But it is now far from certain whether even these drastic steps can stave off Britain's collapse!

Fickle Britain!

France is reacting bitterly to the prospect of being double-crossed over the Concorde project. A note to the British government demanded that the Concorde agreement be respected. (*France*

Soir, November 12.) Growing "Anglophobia" (fear of Britain) is evident by the revival of the old insult "perfidious Albion."

Repercussions to the surcharge measure have rebounded throughout Europe. Both the six-nation Common Market and the rival seven-nation European Free Trade Association (EFTA) are angry.

From West Germany, a storm of protest has gone up from firms throughout the country. The Federal Association of West German Industry in Cologne reported on October 26, "We have had complaints, protests and telegrams from many branches of industry."

A major complaint was that the moves were against the spirit of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) and the forthcoming Kennedy Round tariff reductions.

In Brussels, on October 28, the

Executive Commission of the Common Market asked for withdrawal of these economic measures.

Member nations of EFTA, which Britain leads, are just as furious!

From Geneva, on October 29, their spokesman demanded that Britain "rectify" the trade situation resulting from the surcharge. Norway "regretted the decision" in a note delivered to the British Government the same day. And on November 2, Britain was accused of "a great crime in international life" by the EFTA Parliamentarians in Strasbourg.

Belgium, Eire and other European countries added their voices to the protests against Britain, and even in far-off Singapore, cotton firms are agitating for their government to retaliate with countermeasures.

END of EFTA?

Why are the EFTA countries, normally Britain's close friends, especially angry? Their program calls for tariff cuts of at least 10 per cent on January 1, 1965.

But in order to ease her own economic plight—to her partners' detriment—Britain requested large credits from the International Monetary Fund. These were granted in Paris on November 7, but only when Britain gave in to a French condition that she would *not permit* any tariff reductions to her EFTA associates. France is a member of the rival Common Market group and stands to benefit from the ensuing dilemma this new move foists off upon the "outer seven."

Bitter attacks from EFTA countries immediately followed on November 9. The director of the Danish Federation of Industries accused that British action meant EFTA had "ceased to exist as a free trade area," since Britain's tariffs were *higher now than at the outset in 1960.*

Mr. H. Homburger of the Swiss Union of Commerce and Industry said Swiss traders felt the international treaty had been flagrantly violated.

Britain's action is "clearly illegal" challenged Mr. Sven Dahlman, director of the Swedish Federation of Industries.

Rapidly, Britain is learning *she cannot solve her balance-of-payments crisis by pushing it onto other countries!*

The reaction to these measures is defeating their whole object. Trade disputes are developing over existing contracts. Legal and moral undertakings including GATT and EFTA are breached. At home the cost of living spirals. Exports containing imported component parts are increased in price. The over-all result: *Britain's contribution to world trade is REDUCED.*

This predicament is the exact opposite of the *real* solution to the problem: *Britain needs to INCREASE her share in world trade.* Yet the measures taken will shield inefficiency among domestic producers, by removing foreign competition. The result can only be a weakening of her position in world markets.

Why Great Decline

Since 1951, the United Kingdom's share of world trade has declined from 22 per cent to 13.8 per cent. By contrast, the Common Market countries as a whole have moved steadily forward. West Germany's share has *more than doubled!*

Why this startling British decline? What is the real cause of Britain's inability to export?

If quality goods are produced well and at a competitive price, exports can be maintained. But since World War II, British industry has had increasing difficulty in selling abroad. Strikes at home, wage demands, industrial disputes, have hampered production. *Costs* have soared. *Quality* has suffered. Industry itself has lacked the vision and finance to stay ahead in the face of world competition.

British Collapse Prophesied!

These very trends and their consequences are foretold in the pages of your Bible. The state of the British people in this 20th-century age is laid bare by the Eternal God. Speaking of the British nation *today*, Hosea was inspired to write, "Strangers [foreign nations] have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, grey hairs are here and there upon him, yet he

knoweth it not!" (Hos. 7:9.) Yes, the once-great British nation is old and grey, no longer able to dominate the battle for world markets—but completely unaware of the *peril* into which this situation is leading it. (If you have not yet read our free literature identifying the people of Britain in Bible prophecy as the tribe of Ephraim, send immediately for the booklet *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy.*)

Again through the same prophet God says, "Ephraim [Great Britain today] is smitten, their root is dried up, *they shall bear no fruit!*" (Hos. 9:16).

These chapters cry out that the day is coming when Britain will no longer have the ability and the resources to *produce.* That day is *almost here!*

These prophecies mean far more than a mere drop in the standard of living, or less power in the world.

For centuries, Britain has been a trading nation. After the industrial revolution at the end of the 18th century, the population increased rapidly. By exporting industrial goods, Britain was more than able to pay for the large quantities of food she needed to import.

This situation has mushroomed until today Britain *has to export to stay alive.* Without constantly increasing exports, the British people will *starve to death!*

This is the stark future your Bible says awaits the 55 millions in the British Isles!

In a prophecy to modern-day Israel (Ezek. 3:4, 17), Ezekiel foretold: "*I will break the staff of bread... and they shall drink water by measure... that they may want bread and water... and consume away for their iniquities!*" (Ezek. 4:16-17). Yes, many of *our peoples* are going to die in this coming famine and the basic cause is iniquity—*SIN—on a NATIONAL scale!*

More details follow quickly, "A third part of thee [*one full third*] shall die with pestilence, and *with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee!*" (Ezek. 5:12).

Never have such events taken place
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Don't Let Life HAPPEN!

Too many people stumble PURPOSELESSLY through life. Without realizing it, you may have been the victim of circumstances! Read, in this article, how to LIVE life, not just let it "happen."

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“WHAT a pity youth has to be wasted on *children*,” say the middle-aged.

“If I had only known at age twenty what I know at *fifty*,” laments the portly businessman. Complains the humorous placard: “Ve ist too soon alt, und too late schmart.”

But *why* these nostalgic complaints? *Why* are so many dissatisfied with the way their lives have gone? WHY are so many filled with feelings of bitterness, hopelessness, frustration?

How Many Happy?

How many HAPPY people do you know?

Probably not very many. Take the bank president in Nebraska. He had what appeared to be a good job—a fine living—plenty of security. Yet he embezzled over one and one-half million dollars from his own bank. His life was not happy, in spite of his apparent “success.”

Today our people are SICK! Our jokes are sick—our “music” is sick; we’re victimized by sick art, sick literature, sick entertainment.

And *no wonder*—when you consider the millions of *sick minds* and *sick bodies* in our societies.

Think about it. You can probably count the number of people *you think* are “happy” on the fingers of your hands—but it would take a lot of hands and feet to count the number you know are not.

Centuries ago, Paul told Timothy, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures

more than lovers of God; having a *form of godliness*, but denying the POWER thereof. From such turn away” (II Tim. 3:1-5).

What a prophecy!

Read it again. It describes the *precise conditions* within our nations right now!

Divorce continues to fill the courts—countless homes being wrecked and smashed—lives filled with hate, jealousy, fear, disappointment, restlessness, anxiety and frustration.

Juvenile lawlessness stalks the land as *never* before—and, as so clearly proved by so many authoritative sources, out of all proportion to the population increase.

Are our frustrated youths happy? Are the millions of divorcees happy? Are our over-age, “successful” businessmen, executives, officials, HAPPY?

Are YOU happy?

What IS Your Life?

How is it that life becomes such a BURDEN, such an empty, hollow, useless, frustrating thing that literally THOUSANDS attempt to KILL THEMSELVES each year?

What *is* your life?

Let GOD answer. He is the one who CREATED life, who PUT mankind on this earth, and who reveals the REASON He gives you every breath of air you breathe.

“For what *is* your life? It is even a *vapour*, that appears for a *little* time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14).

God shows the TEMPORARY span of existence we have, in His word. He reveals of what materials we *are made*. What kind of a NATURE we have within us. What kind of LIVES we ought to live—and WHY!

The Bible is the handbook about life. It tells *what man is*. WHERE he

is headed. WHY he is. It reveals God’s great PURPOSE in the creation of human life, and tells us how to get in harmony with that purpose!

The Bible reveals the *laws* that GOVERN and PRODUCE the *real* thrills, pleasures, satisfactions, successes, triumphs, joys and fulfillments we seek.

You are exactly like Adam was. Made out of the same materials. You have the same nature—and you have the same possibilities. Further, YOU HAVE THE SAME GOD WHO IS YOUR RULER! And that God places before *you, right now*, during *your* short span on this earth, the SAME SERIOUS CHOICE!

What Was Adam?

Adam was no myth! He was a HUMAN BEING—a MAN! His Maker was God.

God said, “Let *us* [there was MORE than One Great Being involved in the creation] make man in OUR *image*, after OUR LIKENESS” (Gen. 1:26). But to Adam He said: “DUST thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” (Gen. 3:19).

God made man in the physical form and *shape* of God (Gen. 2:7), to *look* like God. But He made man out of *totally different material*!

“God IS A SPIRIT,” said Christ (John 4:24). But man IS FLESH! He has *no* eternal life abiding *in* him.

God revealed to Adam, speaking to the *conscious man*, NOT just to his “body,” “DUST THOU art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” So Adam was made of RED MUD (original Hebrew)—of the elements of this earth. He was EARTHY (I Cor. 15:47). God *revealed* to Adam what he was. He *told* Adam that he was a temporal, physical, fleshly, earth-bound, temporary, transitory, HUMAN *being*—WITHOUT ETERNAL LIFE ABIDING IN him. He was not an

immortal soul imprisoned in a body!

If you have not yet seen the real PROOF about the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, then write for an article on the subject immediately.

What Are You?

You are, unless you have repented and received of the Spirit of God, just EXACTLY like Adam was. You're composed of the same elements—you're just as *earthy*, just as *temporary*—and just as CARNAL.

But there was a PURPOSE God had in mind for making man carnal. The whole story of the Bible tells you WHAT YOU ARE—WHY YOU EXIST—and WHERE YOU OUGHT TO BE HEADED!

God COMMANDED Adam to live happily! Adam wouldn't do it. He wanted to conduct the first "scientific" experiment.

When Eve, right in Adam's presence, began to *postulate* or *speculate* concerning the lies of the Devil—she wanted more and more to *experiment*. She wanted to learn from EXPERIENCE, rather than from the *revealed* knowledge that came from God. The Devil had appealed to her vanity.

He had said, "Yea, hath God said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

He *knew* better. He was *lying* (John 8:44) and he *knew* it. But naive Eve, like most housewives of today, felt she ought to *explain*. "Oh, it's not as bad as all that," she might have reasoned—"God hasn't told us not to eat ANY of the fruit—it's just that *one* tree He won't let us have." About this time, she probably began to reason, "Well, after *all*, He *did* give the garden to us—and it is *ours*, isn't it? Then WHY should God be so UNFAIR," she reasoned, "to withhold the very BEST one, and the MOST desired one for HIMSELF!"

Whatever her thoughts, her *actions* are clear. "And when the woman *saw* (lust of the *eyes*!) that the tree was good for food (lust of the *appetite*!) and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desired to make one wise (lust of the *intellect*—intellectual vanity and conceit!) she *took* (STOLE!) of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband WITH her

(Adam was standing docily by, while his *wife* made the single most important decision of their entire lives—and a most disastrous one. But like a "clod" who allowed his wife to *wear the trousers*, to RULE OVER HIM, he meekly *followed* her in her rebellion); and he did eat" (Gen. 3:6).

What were her motives?

They reveal a lot about YOU!

Her motives were *lust*, *covetousness*, *vanity*, *greed*, *selfishness*. Further, she evidenced a hard core of *rebellion* in her human heart. And the man? Why, he *shared* all these emotions—but, unlike the woman, HE KNEW BETTER! (I Tim. 2:14.)

Eve was *deceived*. Satan appeared to her basic NATURE, which perfectly embodies all these motives. Adam's *mind* was not deceived—but HIS BODILY DRIVES were just as strong as Eve's—and so he allowed his lusts to rule over his mind.

It was an impulsive, *emotional* decision they made that day. And it set the pattern for all of humanity!

God Says Choose

You have the same human NATURE Adam and Eve did. It's a nature that is NATURALLY and AUTOMATICALLY against God, and His perfect laws! "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately *sick* (margin); and who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9.) "Because the carnal mind is *enmity* against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

God is the RULER. He is the boss. He gives you ORDERS you are to obey! But He does *not* force you to obey! He merely points out the terrible *penalties* for disobedience, and allows you to make *your own choice*!

Too many people have confused ideas about free moral agency! To a person I know very well, the very fact God COMMANDS us through His laws meant, to her, that God was trying to take away her FREE CHOICE!

She labored under the delusion that God had left mankind free to choose WHAT is the *right way* to live (when nearly 6,000 years of human history have proved irrevocably man is *unable*

to do so), instead of WHETHER one will live the only right way.

God allows you a CHOICE! But few are *making* any choices—few *think problems through*—weighing all the facts. Instead, like Adam and Eve, most leap into situations IMPULSIVELY, emotionally—allowing circumstances to RULE OVER them!

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil... I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you *life* and *death*, *blessing* and *cursing*: therefore CHOOSE LIFE, that both you and your seed may LIVE" (Deut. 30:15-19).

God URGES us to CHOOSE LIFE!

God is our Heavenly FATHER. He loves His frail children on this earth with a full, swelling, boundless, all-encompassing, limitless love that transcends *any* human comprehension!

Let's understand. Suppose *you* have a little, sweet, precious young son. He is only two years of age, and you love him with all your heart!

Suppose you see him perched precariously on a window ledge, high above a street. He sees you enter the room, and stands up—grinning at you with a mischievous look on his little face. You are horrified. You know a slight misstep could mean his instant death. You try your *best* to GET HIS ATTENTION. To keep his eyes FOCUSED ON YOU—and to plead, to urge, to gently lead, to somehow *convince* your precious little son that he should come *forward*, back into the room.

How would you feel? Wouldn't your very BEING be crying out for him to OBEY what *you* know is the sudden difference between HORRIBLE DEATH—and continued *life*? Wouldn't your very heart be in your eyes, in your voice—in your deepest emotional *concern* for the precious young life hanging between life and death?

But what if, just before you reached out to save your son—he *rebelled*?

What if, in his infantile mind, he decided to find out what one step BACKWARD would be like? What if he decided to make up his OWN mind about which way he would go—and, being naturally rebellious (as the HU-

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Do You Compromise with Truth?

Your ETERNITY depends on what you do with revealed TRUTH.
Study this—and HEED.

by Roderick C. Meredith

SOME two million people around the world read *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. People from every walk of life—from every corner of the earth tell us how much they appreciate the magazine. They all say it is "different." They acknowledge that it contains a unique MESSAGE. For the first time many now understand God's Plan as never before.

BUT—how many ACT on what they read? How many have the intellectual and spiritual honesty to PROVE—beyond any shadow of doubt—whether this is THE WORK OF GOD in our age?

This Is YOUR LIFE!

It is high time for you to face up to the fact of GOD—and God's PURPOSE in human affairs! Many of you have read *The PLAIN TRUTH* for months or years. You have "watched" world events as Jesus commanded. You know that God is REAL. You know that God is directly intervening in the affairs of the major nations of this earth—just as we have warned for thirty years. The time is about up!

Listen to what God warns: "Shall a trumpet be blown in the city and the people be not afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it? Surely the Lord God will do NOTHING but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:6-7).

In every age, God has had His true ministers, His servants, His prophets.

This age is NO EXCEPTION!

Are you, personally, willing to face that fact? Are you willing to act on it?

Or do you reject revealed knowledge?

"My people are DESTROYED," God says, "for lack of knowledge." Why? "Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee. . . seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" (Hosea 4:6).

The Eternal God—whose character does not change—REJECTS those who

refuse to heed, to accept, to ACT ON the knowledge He makes available! For with this knowledge comes a very serious responsibility!

If God is showing you—through this magazine and *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast—the real MEANING of world events, God holds you responsible to HEED the message from His servants doing His Work on earth today!

This Work of God is sending God's warning around the world. We have warned, in graphic detail, of the prophecies of a great religious system which is beginning to fasten its tentacles upon the prophesied United States of Europe.

We have continually pointed out the USSR as one of our major enemies—even during World War II. We have warned of danger of internal Communist subversion and godlessness. But God has used no other group on earth to make clear His prophecies—that Communism is NOT the power which will punish the British and American peoples! Like a beacon light in the darkness of night, we have stood alone in proclaiming that the coming United Europe will bring our downfall unless we repent. That Union is being born in hard labor right now!

A WAY of Life

For over thirty years, this free knowledge has been available to you who read *The PLAIN TRUTH*! But this precious knowledge carries a responsibility to ACT! It is DANGEROUS KNOWLEDGE!

As God's servants, we are now telling you that there are not many years left to act on this knowledge! You need to be really studying the articles in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. You need to compare them with your Bible—and look up the scriptures, verse by verse, in your Bible. You need to write in for and study all our free booklets in the same way.

You should write in immediately, if

you have not already done so, for the free *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*. Then you should study it as outlined, PROVE the way and truth of God and LIVE by it while there is yet opportunity!

Do You Want "Lightning from Heaven"?

You may be like Naaman the Syrian. He wanted deliverance from his leprosy. You may want the deliverance only God can give from the coming prophesied world war and Great Tribulation. You know these things are real—and that they are going to happen!

But perhaps you want God to send "lightning from heaven" or tell you to do some GREAT thing in order to be spared.

That is what Naaman thought.

He came to God's servant, Elisha, to be healed of his leprosy. He expected Elisha would tell him something important or difficult to do. But Elisha told him to do what seemed unimportant, humiliating.

He was told to go and wash seven times in the river Jordan. This seemed an abomination to Naaman.

So it is with many readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. They see God teaches a message of literal obedience. They see that it involves unspectacular and unpopular activities—like telling the TRUTH in all business and personal dealings, actually coming OUT of this vain, confused world and its mixed-up society, ceasing to live in adultery, keeping holy the days God made holy.

Their human nature REBELS! They don't want to REPENT of their real sins! How much easier it would be to shake the preacher's hand and "give their heart to the Lord." How much easier to join a worldly "social club" that masquerades under the name of a "church."

But listen!

Naaman's servants realized how much he needed deliverance from his trial. They came near and spoke to

him quietly: "My father, if the prophet had bid thee to do some GREAT thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?" (II Kings 5:7.)

Finally Naaman got the point. There was *no other way* to have deliverance. So he OBEYED—he literally acted on what God's servant had instructed!

And he was DELIVERED!

You who have read *The PLAIN TRUTH* and heard *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast for years and know

that this Work is the voice of God's servants speaking to you today—where do YOU stand? Are you afraid to dip your foot in the Jordan? Are you afraid to act on what you know? Do you have the spiritual "guts" and courage to really PROVE—one way or the other—the spiritual truth and way of life which Jesus Christ is proclaiming through this Work of God today?

DON'T try to "compromise" with God! As He says in Hosea, He REJECTS those who *reject* the precious knowledge which He alone can reveal.

Don't Let Life HAPPEN!

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MAN HEART IS), and since you had already so urgently told him what you EARNESTLY, LOVINGLY, PLEADINGLY wanted him to do,—what if he decided to step backwards?

Can we get the point?

God *knows* WHAT IS BEST FOR US!

But headstrong, self-willed man just CAN'T BELIEVE it! We have *refused* God's LOVING concern for us—and decided to go the way of our carnal, vanity-filled, lustful human nature.

Some decide to choose evil. That is, choose the way of *society*, the way of their friends, neighbors, their relatives, their own environment. Others simply decide NOT to choose God's WAY—not realizing they *have* made a choice—and the wrong one.

God says, "Because I have called, and ye *refused*; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof . . ." (Prov. 1:24-31).

Are YOU one of the mixed-up, miserable, frustrated, empty people that make up the majority?

NATURALLY, you are! But it's UNNATURAL to be happy. It's UNUSUAL to be joyful. It's RARE to have *real* peace of mind, security, a sense of purpose and direction.

Let's understand why.

We've seen *what human nature is*. It is vanity, lust and greed. It is SELF. It is *total*, ingrown, introverted, inward, self-centered, egoistic SELF!

And that's the very REASON *human nature is unhappy!*

What are the "fruits" produced in the lives of all the people you know who are living in the way that just comes "naturally" to them? "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [lawlessness], idolatry [covetousness, lust], witchcraft, hatred, variance [instability], emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like . . ." (Gal. 5:19-21). Sound like anyone you know?

These are the *natural* outcome of a way of living that is MOST appealing to carnal human nature. They're the things that will just seem to automatically "HAPPEN" to you. You may not always INTEND it that way—but somehow, all those horrible "works of the flesh" just seem to HAPPEN to most people.

Why?

Because they DON'T HAVE THE ONE MISSING INGREDIENT THAT WOULD CHANGE THEIR WHOLE LIVES!

You are NOT "all there"! You're NOT COMPLETE—unless you have received of the MISSING INGREDIENT that changes your very nature.

God MADE man—and He made man to *need*, and *need desperately*, God's Holy Spirit!

Without it, it is utterly IMPOSSIBLE for any human to live a happy life!

With it, life can become full of *meaning, bountiful, beautiful, harmonious, joyful, happy, successful, purposeful!* But this is not all!

God says, "Now if any man have

not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Rom. 8:9).

You were BORN to be BEGOTTEN! That may sound a little strange to some of you who are *new* subscribers to *The PLAIN TRUTH*! But it's true! You are only PART THERE until you have REPENTED, been baptized, and, by the laying on of hands by God's chosen servants, received the Spirit of God. In the book written from *man's* point of view, Ecclesiastes, Solomon views life. He surveys *all aspects* of life—every gamut of human emotion, each experiment, every pleasure, every lust and vanity.

Finally, disgusted with the sum total of it all, he says, "Therefore I *hated life*, because the work (the way of life) that is wrought under the sun is grievous to me, for *all* is vanity and striving after wind" (margin) (Eccl. 2:17).

Yes, even Solomon became a potential suicide!

But at the conclusion of this important book, he was inspired to write, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: FEAR GOD, and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, for *this is the whole man*" (Eccl. 12:13). Translators *added* the word, "duty," which appears in *italics*, indicating it was not in the original.

But the intended meaning is clear. It is the knowledge of God, the Fear of God, the *obedience* to HIS COMMANDS (which is only possible by the receiving of His Holy Spirit) that makes you COMPLETE!

It changes your whole perspective. It changes your outlook, your point of view, your opinions, your very thought processes, your reasoning. It changes your *attitude*, it *lifts* your spirit, it *enlivens, energizes, vivifies*. It's the most precious, priceless, bountiful blessing a loving Father could EVER give you—a part of His own LIFE!

You need to *thoroughly understand* WHY YOU WERE BORN, and what you ought to be *doing* about it. Send for the booklets, *Why Were You Born?* *Just What Do You Mean, Salvation?* and *All About Water Baptism!*

You NEED God's Holy Spirit. Without it, life will just "happen" to you.

With it, *you* will happen to life!

Trustworthy Ally — or Secret Foe?

De Gaulle threatens NATO. Socialists win in Britain. Only West Germany supports U.S. plans for Multilateral NATO Atomic Force! Why? Where is it all leading?

by Eugene M. Walter

"GERMANY is ready to make its full contribution to render war forever impossible." So claimed West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard in a recent speech.

These words SOUND *good*. But are they *really* valid? Does Erhard express the true feelings and convictions of the German populace?

Genuine German Feeling?

"The Germans—of this I am certain —," Erhard continued, "have learned from horrible experience, and their whole longing is to achieve a true peace. We have, with a firm will, renounced

any policy that could endanger peace. We are honorably striving to harmonize our forces in a European and Atlantic total."

Have the Germans really learned their lesson? Are they at long last completely democratized? Can the U. S. now feel perfectly safe were atomic weapons to fall into German hands?

Is the New Germany willing to renounce any and all policies that endanger peace? Is there really nothing that could arouse them to again blindly follow a rabble-rousing despot of the Hitler ilk?

Perhaps you are unaware of it. But

there are few subjects that interest the German people *less* than politics. Most Germans are totally *disinterested* in politics. They couldn't care less. Politics is for the politicians!

The subject of *peace*, however, is a different matter. Travel in Germany from east to west, from north to south, from congested industrial cities to remote alpine farms and villages and ask the German people for their views on war and peace. Most will show an immediate interest and quickly volunteer their opinions. Different words and phrases will be used, but the *meaning* and *feeling* of those words will be the same—a resolute and unanimous re-echoing of Chancellor Erhard's statement. *Above all else*, the Germans insist, they *want peace!* What has happened twice before must not happen again!

Make no mistake about it! The Germans *do not now want* a repetition of the misery and suffering, the deprivation and hardship, of another war. But just because the average German sincerely and earnestly does not *want* another war, does this *guarantee* that there will never BE such a war? What will he want *later*?

Is it possible that there are *other factors*—perhaps not generally known or recognized—that can override the peaceful aspirations of the German people? Could they be led to *want* war again in the future as they have in the past?

The overwhelming majority of statesmen, politicians, reporters and religious leaders think they could not. Refusing to learn from the record of history and



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Under Kennedy Administration, U.S. foreign policy called for integrating NATO. Here you see sailors from the U.S., Great Britain, Turkey, Italy, Holland and West Germany on board the "Biddle," armed with anti-missile missiles.



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The "Biddle" on the high seas, carrying sailors of seven NATO partners. This is an initial experiment in U.S.-German supported Multilateral Atomic Force.

blinding themselves to conditions as they really are, these people scoff and ridicule those who warn about the dangers of the New Germany. In their superficial, skin-deep analysis of world conditions, they foolishly point to the fact that the German people *say* they *do not want war* as *proof* that there cannot be a repetition of the events of just twenty-five short years ago.

But is this reasoning *sound*? Is this "proof" valid?

Is there any factor which is capable of drawing the German people *away* from their peaceful intentions—*away* from their resolution to renounce *any* policy that could endanger peace? Is there any potential condition which could spawn a return to Hitler-like political methods?

Yes, there is!

That condition is the *same* as the one on which Hitler originally rode to power! Flamboyant, rabble-rousing, insanely nationalistic Adolf Hitler made his successful bid for power amidst the shambles of a huge world-wide *depression*.

How did he make his bid for power?

By promising Germans prosperity, a car in every garage, a job for every worker, food, shelter, clothing!

Today Germany is far more prosperous than ever before in her entire

history. She is producing at a rate above that of Hitler's wildest dreams! Her people are actually, in the aftermath of a devastating war, living far *better* than Hitler ever promised!

What do you think would happen to Germany's peaceful intentions if her people were about to *lose* today's new-found prosperity?

A Personal Experience

I have recently spent two months living and studying among the German

people. What I saw was revealing. The English-speaking world does not understand the German attitude toward material things.

Americans have the reputation of being very materialistically minded, but the German attitude towards material goods and possessions is truly *shocking*—even to an American. Because of the devastation of two wars, only in the past few years has prosperity really blossomed forth for the people as a whole. But unfortunately, with each new plateau in the living standard, a corresponding rise has come in the German *lust* for material things.

The *aggressiveness* with which I saw Germans pursue the acquisition of material goods, and the *fervency* with which they attempted to satiate their physical senses was not only *appalling*, but **FRIGHTENING** when one understands what it portends.

I have never seen a people so dedicated to the philosophy of "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we may die!" Everyone is out to "get while the getting's good"—to squeeze the most material and sensual pleasures possible into the shortest period of time.

It's as if the Germans feel that their prosperity is *too good to be true*—and *certainly* too good to last.

It's rather pathetic to watch mature adults guard their cars, their transistor radios, their cameras, their jewelry,



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Once before in this century Germans thought prosperity would be theirs. Suddenly inflation, then depression hit. To banish their frustrations, Germans turned to a wild-eyed Leader—Führer Hitler. Here Adolf Hitler, little noticed by outside world, sits with henchmen in beer hall, 1926. Within seven years he was absolute dictator. In another six, he led Germans into world war.



Wide World Photo

West Berliners—like most Germans—have a goal. That goal is material wealth. It has become an obsession. What

would Germans do if it were suddenly snatched from them? No one seems to know, not even the Germans!

etc. with the jealousy and selfishness of a spoiled child with a new toy.

The most outstanding example of the value the Germans place on their prosperity and "the good life" I witnessed not in Germany, but in an Austrian resort area just a few miles from the German border, where I spent several weeks. This area in lower-priced, German-speaking Austria was a natural spot for Germans to vacation, and ninety per cent of the vacationers there were Germans.

What I saw here was *disgusting* and *revolting*. Educated and well-dressed Germans were conducting themselves in a manner you would only expect of *savage barbarians!* In their mad quest to extract the last iota of sensual pleasure from their two weeks' vacation they were *unbelievably selfish* and *inconsiderate of others*.

Traffic laws were broken with impunity, and anything that happened to cross the path of the big Mercedes with a big "D" on the license ("D" for Deutschland)—whether another car, a bicycle, pedestrians, children or animals—had to be *extremely careful* not to get run down by its impetuous, arrogant driver.

In the restaurants Germans were griping and complaining bitterly about the smallest inconveniences that were causing *them* not to enjoy *their vaca-*

tions in the way *they* chose. When the sun came out there was such a pushing, shoving, frenzied dash for a spot on the beach that it was literally *dangerous* to be in the vicinity. Everyone was so worried that *they* were going to come out on the short end somewhere, that the "vacation" for most turned out to be just a two-week hassle.

I have seen Americans momentarily push and shove and become impatient and discourteous many times. But this was *different*. These Germans were doing their pushing and shoving and griping with an air of *URGENCY!* It was as if they feared it was *now or never* for them. Get it *today*—tomorrow might be forever too late!

Do these same pushing and shoving Germans want *peace*?

Sure they do! War would destroy their possessions, their "good life," their fun!

But what do you think would happen if these material goods and pleasures were suddenly snatched from them?

German Materialism Dangerous

The German attitude toward prosperity is not only dangerous for the Germans. Whether you realize it or not, it is also destined to play an important part in altering the course of *your* life as well!

The boom in Germany and West

Europe can't go on forever. Already symptoms of inflation are lapping at the Italian and French economies. The temporary solution is to develop trade with the nations of the Soviet Bloc.

A leading international news magazine recently reported: "A slowdown in West Europe's boom—most noticeable in France and Italy—is adding to the pressures to trade with the Communists. West European businessmen are beating the bushes for new market outlets to replace sagging orders at home. . . . Many German businessmen feel that East-West trade is a form of insurance against overproduction and lagging sales in times of recession at home."

But when these Eastern markets become saturated or are cut off for political reasons, and a recession occurs in West Europe at the same time, *what will happen then?*

If the Germans see their prosperity and "the good life," with which they are obsessed, about to go down the drain, what will their attitude toward peace be *then?*

And if a Führer or leader who has the backing of the fantastically wealthy Ruhr industrialists comes along about this time and promises to lead them out of their dilemma—to *save* their prosperity—and if this occurs at the same time that the reunification issue

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WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 104.1 FM, 10 a.m. Sun.

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

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

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

KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 11:30 a.m. daily.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*CJIB—Vernon, B.C.—940 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 p.m. Sat.

CFBV—Smithers, B.C.—7:30 p.m. daily.

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KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.

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

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

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KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KNGS—Hanford, Calif.—620 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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

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

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

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

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

On the page to the right, French and German sentries (top, left) share view of Coblenz, West Germany, during joint military exercises.

At top right is a close-up of naval officers from five countries on board U.S. warship in NATO fleet. This is part of initial experiment in sharing with Europeans the control of atomic missiles. Politics in Europe is highly sensitive.

At right, center, just a very few months ago, West German Chancellor Erhard and French President De Gaulle were on very friendly terms. Then relations cooled. Month of December threatens complete rift, possible foundering of Common Market.

West German armored units, lower left, on maneuver. West German striking force ranks third in world, is backed by U.S. atomic weapons in any military crisis.

German politics, lower right, breathes spirit of Imperial Germany and neo-Nazism. In both West Germany, and throughout the heart of Continental Europe, a new vision of Europe's greatness is emerging. The vision of a United Europe, restoring the Holy Roman Empire—under German-French leadership—is now being put forth by members of the Common Market. It already has strong Papal support.

ject the leadership of such a Führer because they have *learned their lesson*. They kid themselves into believing that the Germans want peace *more* than they want prosperity!

Those who are familiar with the aggressive, nationalistic, follow-the-leader nature of the German people, however, *know better!*

In fact, the *Germans themselves*—at least those who stop to *honestly think about it*—have their misgivings about what a recession could bring. In a remarkable statement released September 3, 1964, *The Los Angeles Times* reported: "How the Germans would react in the event of a business recession is questionable, and there are many Germans who do not feel at all easy on this point. Some of them have said... 'You know, we have had it too good—we have not yet had a real test of our character'" (Emphasis mine).

Don't be deceived!

German nature has not changed!
And when a test of character comes—

Trustworthy Ally — or Secret Foe?

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comes to a head, *what do you think the German people would do?* (Remember that many of today's industrialists are the *very same men* who supported Hitler.)

Would they turn their backs on such a leader? Or would it be only natural

for them to follow him?—even though he would lead them down the path to World War III?

The political idealists and the "Do-Gooders" delude themselves into thinking that if such a series of events were to occur, the German people would re-



Wide World Photo



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German ingenuity knows few bounds. Here you see West Germans' newest effort to enjoy material prosperity—a "Schwimmauto"—rolling across Lake Ammer.

as it inevitably will—the German people will react in exactly the same way as they always have.

It is simply a *living law* that apart from God's Spirit man lacks the power to change and control the downward pull of human nature, *nationally* as well as *individually*.

What Will Happen

Few know that the German people are descendants of ancient Assyria and are referred to in Bible prophecy as "Assyrians." Throughout the Bible God shows that in this end-time He is going to use the modern Assyrians—the Germans—to dominate a United Europe.

They will plunge the nations into one final round of World War, a war directed at punishing the sinning nations of *modern Israel*—chiefly the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations. These facts are all explained in careful detail in our free literature, *Who Is the Beast?*, 1975 in *Prophecy*, and *United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.

Speaking of the part Germany is going to play in this end-time, God says in Isaiah 10:7: "Howbeit he *meaneth* not so, neither doth his heart [mind] *think so*; but it is in his heart [the German *nature*] to destroy and cut off nations not a few."

Yes, astounding as it may seem, God Almighty reveals that while the German nature *seems* to be *peace-loving*—"he *meaneth* not so [to make war], neither doth his heart *think so* [desire

to make war],” yet, in reality, the *Germans do have a war-making nature*—"But it is in his heart [his nature] to *destroy and cut off nations not a few*"!

Twice the German nation has plunged mankind into World War. And as this work has been proclaiming over *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast and in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine for years, *Germany will do it again!*

Where Will YOU Stand?

If you have not yet *proved* this fact from your Bible, but are open-minded and searching for the truth, write today for the free literature mentioned in this article. Study it—looking up



Wide World Photo

French President Charles de Gaulle holds key to Europe's future. His delusions of French grandeur are dividing Europe. He has already threatened to torpedo NATO. Now he demands German farmers submit to his ultimatum, or he will pull out of the Common Market, and possibly recognize East Germany. Faced with economic catastrophe, Germany and Europe would be forced to call upon Pope to force De Gaulle into political union.

every Scripture in your Bible—and you can easily understand the God-revealed order of prophetic events from today until the return of Jesus Christ. You can also come to understand what you need to do to escape the terrifying holocaust just ahead.

On the other hand, if you choose *not* to act on this knowledge, God allows you to *reject it*.

Scoff at it and *ridicule* it—if you will. Go ahead and regard the cold facts as just another "interesting" intellectual or philosophical argument—if you desire. Cling to your "interpretation" of Bible prophecy instead of God's—if you wish. *Believe* that Germany has learned her lesson and that the nature of the German people has changed—if that gives you security and satisfaction.

Or you can neglect it. *Assume*—if you like—that it will all blow over without affecting you—that is your privilege.

Do what you will with this knowledge—you are a *free moral agent*.

But this much *know*: Whether you *believe* it or not, and whether or not you *do* something about it, that will *not* prevent it from happening! In just a few short years these events are going to be *stark reality*—and *you have been warned!*

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for *The PLAIN TRUTH* has already *been paid*? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) *at this time*, just before the end of this age. A PRICE *must be paid* for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to *sell* it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is *more blessed*," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of *giving*. God expects every child of His to *give free-will offerings* and to *tithe*, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to *others*. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of *others*. Yet it must go *only* to those who *ask for it for themselves!* Each must, for himself, *subscribe*—and his subscription has thus already *been paid*.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

Are You Committing Slow Suicide?

Without realizing it, countless millions are shortening their lives, forfeiting happiness, committing slow suicide! How? By failing to control their emotions! Read how emotional control influences health, happiness, long life—and eternal salvation!

by Raymond F. McNair

A LITTLE-PUBLICIZED, but highly important, conference was held in 1923 at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago. Nine of the world's most successful financiers attended that meeting.

Among those present were Presidents of the largest steel, gas and utility companies in the world; the greatest wheat speculator; president of the New York Stock Exchange; a member of the President's cabinet; the greatest "Bear" on Wall Street; head of the world's largest monopoly and the president of the Bank of International Settlements.

Here were gathered nine of the world's most "successful" men—men who had at least found the secret of *making money*. What had become of these great men—a quarter of a century later?

Reports "Food for Thought":

"The president of the largest independent steel company—Samuel Insull—*died a fugitive from justice and penniless* in a foreign land.

"The president of the largest gas company—Howard Hopson—became insane.

"The greatest wheat speculator—Arthur Cutten—*died abroad—insolvent*.

"The president of the New York Stock Exchange—Richard Whitney—was recently released from *Sing-Sing*.

"The member of the President's cabinet—Albert Fall—was *pardoned from prison* so he could die at home.

"The greatest 'Bear' in Wall Street—Jesse Livermore—*died a suicide*.

"The head of the greatest monopoly—Ivar Kruegar—*died a suicide*.

"The president of the Bank of International Settlements—Leon Fraser—*died a suicide*.

"All of these men learned well the art of making money, but not

one of them learned how to live."

This sad account of the lives of "successful" men points up something drastically wrong in our society. *These men never learned proper emotional control!*

The great depression of 1929-39 may have been a contributing cause to the financial ruination, felonies, insanity and suicides of these men. Yet not one of them need have died in shame—had they really learned *how to live!* We might well be shocked to learn that three of these nine world "greats" committed suicide. Yet millions of ordinary people—maybe you—are committing slow suicide—without realizing it.

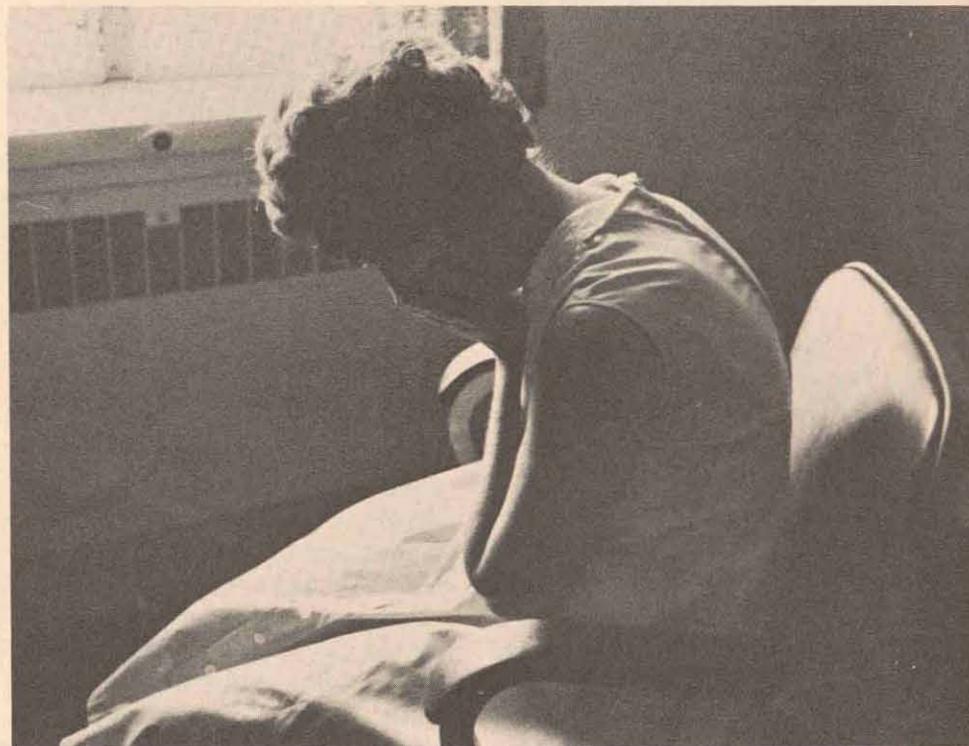
Myriads who would never consider

deliberately taking their own lives are in reality committing slow SUICIDE by giving free and uncontrolled rein to their emotions! It is time we understand how to control our emotions. Why do so many of us siphon away our energy, health, happiness—and our very life—through lack of emotional control?

Happiness Not Synonymous With Riches

Let's take an example of real emotional control.

Nearly 2000 years ago, Jesus Christ was born into a humble, and certainly less than wealthy, family. He grew to manhood as a hard-working carpenter in the city of Nazareth. He possessed



Wide World

Withdrawn and depressed, a patient sits in an attitude all too common in mental hospitals. Under proper supervision, and with a willingness on the part of the patient to control his or her emotions, peace of mind can be regained.

little in the way of material possessions (Mark 6:3; Luke 9:58). He was, however, a man who knew how to make others supremely happy. He knew well the vital principle: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15).

"I am come," He said, "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

He inspired one of His very own apostles to write, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health . . ." (III John 2).

Not only does Jesus Christ wish us to have health, wealth, pleasure and true happiness here and now. He wants us to enjoy these throughout all eternity! "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are PLEASURES for evermore" (Ps. 16:11). Also, see I Timothy 6:17.

But how? What are the rules of life that lead to this satisfying goal?

Mankind has never discovered the way which would produce this radiant health, happiness and the ultimate—eternal life (Prov. 14:12, Isa. 55:6-9). Only God, through His written revelation to man, the Holy Bible, reveals it to man.

See how it can work for you!

Why Emotional Control?

Why is every other hospital bed in the United States occupied by a mentally disturbed patient? Why does the average American have about fifty headaches per year—nearly one a week?

Yes, why? Let's go back to the beginning of our troubles.

Almighty God revealed the way of happiness to our first parents. He told Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden that if they transgressed His command, sorrow, emotional upsets, agony and finally death would ensue (Gen. 2:15-17).

Understand how disobedience to the ways and laws of God actually brings about, in this life, physical illness, mental problems, and eventual death.

Arrogant, blinded human beings often think they can flout the physical and spiritual laws of Almighty God

with impunity. But a penalty is always exacted—sooner or later! Disobedience to—transgression of—God's laws is SIN. The result of physical sin? Physical and mental suffering, and finally death here and now. Not to mention the penalty of knowingly SINNING spiritually—the second death—a death for all eternity, from which there is no resurrection.

The laws of God cannot be broken with impunity! Man's sins always boomerang!

How Not To Commit Suicide

Uncontrolled, runaway emotions such as anger, malice, fear, depression and guilt erode the health of every human being. So do drunkenness, gluttony, the use of drugs, tobacco, excessive amounts of stimulants, too many sweets and processed starchy foods, sexual excesses or any other form of dissipation.

This is an age of increased knowledge. Yet how little understanding there is. In recent years a veritable avalanche of material has been published showing a very close connection between our health and the way we think. The mind (Greek: *psyche*) definitely affects the body (Greek: *soma*) and its proper functioning. That's why we call so many malfunctions of the human body *psychosomatic*—mind-body relationships.

Notice how anger and worry adversely affect the body.

"Many things," said *Reader's Digest*, British edition, December, 1962, "can upset the chain of normal digestive activity. Nervous tension and anger are prime offenders. . . . When a person is angry or worried the normally pink [colon] becomes beet-red and goes into a spasm. This slows or halts normal bowel activity and allows the lower intestine to absorb too much fluid from wastes passing through it. CONSTIPATION MAY RESULT. Today, doctors tend to believe that WORRY is the chief cause of constipation. Further they believe that excessive worry about elimination itself can be the principal culprit. Observes one doctor: 'It is not the colon which needs treatment but the man who surrounds it.'"

Undoubtedly true in part. Uncon-

trolled emotions—such as anger, fear, guilt and worry—do affect body functioning, the heart, lungs, liver, intestines, stomach—including the endocrine glands. That's why it is vitally important to control one's *thinking* and *emotions*.

Countless millions have aged prematurely because of living under a cloud of fear, worry, doubt or guilt. There are numerous instances in which a person has been frightened so badly that his hair turned completely white almost overnight.

Emotional Shock Can Cause Death

Excessive or prolonged fear, worry, hatred or guilt always have a destructive effect upon the human body. The mind and nervous system suffer also.

Have you ever wondered what happens in the brain, as recorded on an electro-encephalograph, when a person flies into a rage or becomes petrified with fear? You would be shocked to see the results!

No normal mind or nervous system can stand up under an indefinite number of rages, or other severe emotional outbursts! The famous American surgeon, Dr. George W. Crile, said: "We fear not only in our minds but in our HEARTS, BRAINS and VISCERA, that whatever the cause of fear and worry, the effect can always be noted in the cells, tissues and organs of the body" (*The Power of Positive Thinking*, Peale, p. 144).

And according to Dr. Stanley Cobb, neurologist, worry is closely connected



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Utter lack of emotional control, a real-life scene taken from the technical film *Mondo Cane*.

with the symptoms of *rheumatoid arthritis*. "A doctor recently stated that there is an epidemic of fear and worry in this country. 'All doctors,' he declared, 'are having cases of illness which are brought on directly by fear, and aggravated by worry and a feeling of insecurity'" (*ibid.* p. 144).

A New York physician wrote, "Sixty per cent of the people in this town are sick because they are *mal-adjusted in their minds* and in their souls. It is hard to realize that the modern soul is sick to such an extent that *the physical organs pain*" (*ibid.*, p. 176).

These doctors aren't joking!

During the prophesied, soon-coming Great Tribulation, men will be so petrified with fear that their very bowels will pain them. Speaking of this Tribulation period, God asks, "Wherefore do I see *every man with his hands on his loins*, as a woman in travail, and *all faces are turned into paleness?*" (Jer. 30:6.)

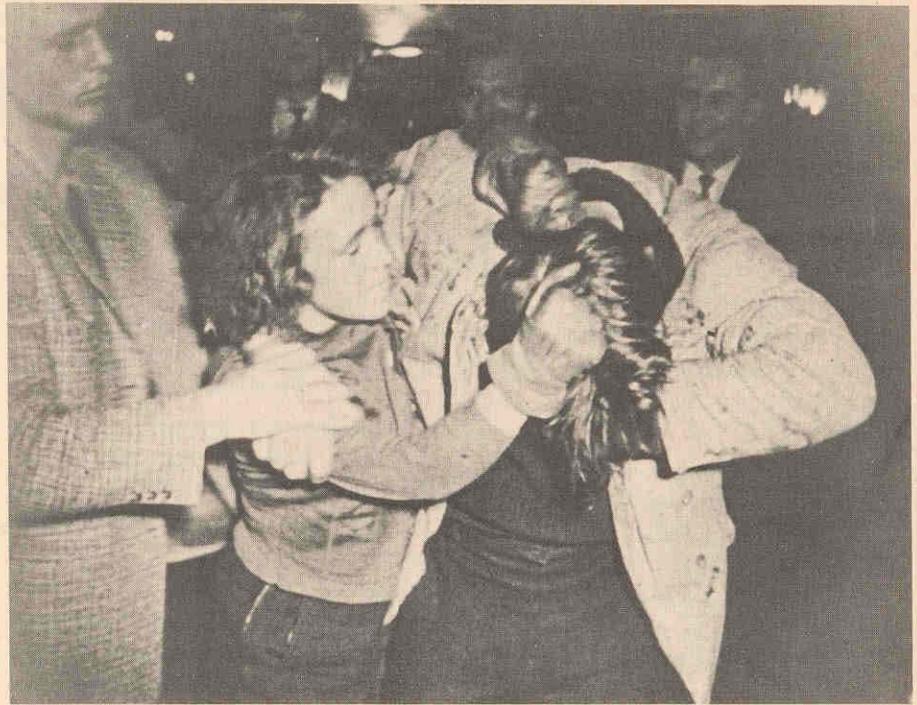
Luke also mentions a soon-coming terrible time of fear, so great that it causes fainting and heart attacks. "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25, 26).

God means what He says. He made the human mind and body!

According to Dr. Franklin Ebaugh (of the University of Colorado Medical School) *one third* of all cases of illness in our general hospitals are purely *organic* in nature and onset. Another third are caused by a *combination of emotional and organic factors* and *one third* are definitely *emotional* in origin.

Yet with all this knowledge, why are so few living the way of joy, peace, happiness? Simply because they are unwilling to pay the price—to take the effort to rule their emotions and control their minds!

"We have discovered the psychosomatic cause [physical illness induced by misguided emotions] of *high blood*



Filmersa Prod.

Anger, malice, brawling—no wonder today's youth aren't happy! When will we learn this is not the way to peace of mind? This ugly real-life scene was witnessed by millions who saw the film *Mondo Cane*.

pressure as some form of subtle, repressed fear—a fear of things that might happen, not of things that are,' says Dr. Rebecca Beard. . . . 'In the case of diabetes, it is grief or disappointment which we found uses up more energy than any other emotion, thereby exhausting the insulin which is manufactured by the pancreas cells until they are worn out' " (*The Power of Positive Thinking*, pp. 177, 178).

Anger and Blood Pressure

A San Francisco physician, Dr. Charles Miner Cooper, in an article, "Heart to Heart Advice About Heart Trouble," says, "You must curb your emotional reactions. When I tell you that I have known a patient's blood pressure to jump sixty points almost instantaneously in response to an outburst of anger, you can understand what strain such reactions can throw upon the heart."

Anyone who is "quick on the trigger," wrote Dr. Cooper, is apt to blame someone else, impulsively, for a mistake or fault. It would be much wiser simply to avoid being upset by what is already done.

The eminent Scottish surgeon, Dr. John Hunter, once had a serious heart

condition himself. He also had a thorough understanding of the adverse effect of strong emotion on his heart condition. His life, he said, was literally at the mercy of anyone who could annoy him. *His death*, in fact, *followed a heart attack caused by a fit of anger* when he forgot to discipline his emotions!

Many suffer poor health because of poor diet! Countless others suffer—not because of what they eat—but from what eats away at them—their emotions!

Physical Diseases Caused by Uncontrolled Emotions

Remember, when you are angry, adrenalin shoots through the body. You're then ready for action. A person cannot continue to live under strong emotional strains for long without suffering dire physical, emotional or mental consequences from these body chemicals. In some respects, the human body is like a machine. A machine may be "revved up" to its full speed at times with little or no damage. But if this is done frequently or continued very long, undue wear and ultimate engine failure inevitably result!

Listen to this testimony:

"In my own practice," says Dr. Kurt

S. Wachtel, "I have found that many organic symptoms and disease entities are also often caused by the mind" (*Your Mind Can Make You Sick or Well*, Dr. Wachtel, p. 11). He then lists, among others, the following: ulcers, jaundice, gall-bladder disease and liver damage, diarrhea, constipation, vomiting and colic, thyroid disease, obesity, leanness, palpitation, hypertension, coronary disease, cerebral hemorrhage, stroke, arthritis, rheumatism, gout, asthma, bronchitis, sinusitis and frequent colds.

Notice how many diseases are now believed to be either partially or wholly caused by the uncontrolled emotions of an undisciplined mind. *This does not mean that all such diseases are always caused by wrong emotions.* Many diseases can have a variety of causes.

In her book, *Mind and Body*, Dr. H. Flanders Dunbar mentions such diseases as allergies, tuberculosis, hysterical blindness, high blood pressure, migraine, colitis, diabetes, hay fever, and numerous others. She feels all of these ailments are either of psychosomatic origin or are closely associated with "mental and emotional disturbances."

Add to this list goitre, constipation, epilepsy, painful menstruation, impotence, frigidity, hives and false pregnancy.

Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and cancer are also believed by Dr. Winter to be, in part, of psychosomatic origin (*Are Your Troubles Psychosomatic?* Winter, p. 17).

Nobody knows for sure the full extent to which the mind affects the body. There can be no question, however, that runaway emotions can and do drastically affect the functioning of the human body. They certainly impair its normal functions, bringing on physical deterioration, disease, suffering and all too often premature death!

Man has only recently come to realize the true significance of this psychosomatic (mind-body) relationship. Though it has been revealed in the Bible all these centuries.

If man had believed God, he could have known this truth thousands of years sooner.

For the past three thousand years, God's written Word has faithfully and consistently proclaimed to man that the way of sin, of disobedience, of rebellion against God's laws, will always produce suffering and untimely death. Man has been reluctant—if not totally unwilling—to heed God's warning! And he has reaped a mountain of sin, woe, disease, mental anguish and death!

Solomon Understood Psychosomatics

King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, definitely knew of this psychosomatic (mind-body) relationship. He was inspired by the Holy Spirit to mention psychosomatic relationships throughout the Book of Proverbs. Notice a few of these examples often overlooked even by doctors:

A hardened, merciless man does detriment to his own health, his own flesh, when he maintains his hard-hearted, cruel attitude toward his fellow human beings. "The merciful man does good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubles his own flesh" (Prov. 11:17; see also Prov. 12:10).

It is better to have very few material possessions where there is peace, love and harmony, than to have a mansion, limousines, a huge bank account—with strife, bickering and hatred in the family! "All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast. Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith. Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith" (Prov. 15:15-17).

"Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife" (Prov. 17:1).

Notice Proverbs 14:30: "A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy is one of those human emotions which has a bad effect on the body.

"Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Prov. 16:24).

"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly" (Prov. 18:8). Have we not all experienced some gossipy, cutting remark which a

careless tongue had uttered in regard to ourselves? Don't such verbal wounds make your stomach churn and knot up?

Notice how the fifth commandment contains a promise of longevity. "Honor thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Deut. 5:16, Eph. 6:1).

"He that is slow to anger [controls his temper] is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that takes a city" (Prov. 16:32).

Many (if not all) of the great conquerors of history were men who, though they conquered nations and ruled vast empires, yet were unable to govern their emotions. Alexander the Great was given over to temper tantrums, had fits, thrust his best friend through with a spear. He died in a drunken debauch at the age of 33 after a period of prolonged dissipation at Babylon. He had conquered the whole civilized world, but could not conquer himself!

And remember that emotions of themselves are not evil! God created them. He does not want us to squelch them, but rather learn to control them!

God Himself has emotions! He hates sin, but He loves every sinner (John 3:16).

The right kind of anger, fear and other emotions play a vital part in our lives when properly controlled! As an example, when your house catches fire, fear motivates you to save yourself, others or your physical property by fleeing or by putting out the fire.

How to Control Emotions

How, then, can man ever learn to control or master his emotions instead of letting them master him? He can't do this of himself! Man can never learn to control his emotions without help from God. "O, Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). Man can learn to control his emotions only when he learns to obey God and let His love be "shed abroad" in his heart by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5).

But before one can receive God's
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FACTS PROVE—

Natural Catastrophes Are Intensifying!

Why are natural calamities striking this world with ever-increasing intensity? Read the astonishing facts!

by Gerhard O. Marx

DROUGHT, floods, typhoons, hurricanes are devastating every inhabited continent.

The unexpected, sudden earthquake and accompanying tidal wave, the violent flood, the unpredictable path of a devastating tornado—and the strange behavior of a massive hurricane—spasmodically wreak havoc. Each year these abnormal, erratic upheavals of nature claim an *ever-increasing* number of

lives. Against these "killers," man is helpless.

But Why Get Alarmed?

Haven't there *always* been earthquakes? Hasn't the world *always* experienced adverse weather? Haven't we *always* been plagued by these catastrophes?

True enough. But not like they are today! The earth has never experienced

these natural catastrophes with such *ever-increasing intensity*. Today we are having *more* earthquakes than ever before! Today we are witnessing *worse* weather than in any past generation. Today we are threatened by *more* floods, *more* tidal waves, *more* hurricanes than in any preceding time.

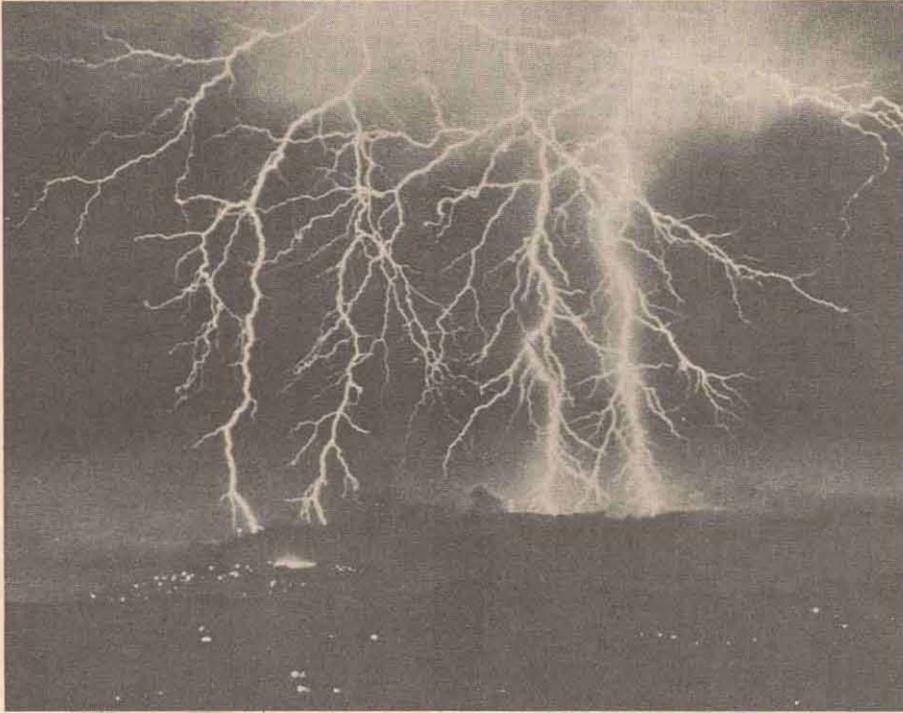
Take a look at the major earthquakes of the last few decades! Notice these *staggering* facts, compiled from a va-

Here's a camera's-eye view of a hurricane as taken from a U.S. Navy jet plane. Navy fliers entered the eye of the

hurricane to transmit information about these tremendous storms.

Wide World Photo





Wide World

Lightning strikes San Francisco Bay area. Electrical storms, so common in other areas, are a rarity along this portion of the Pacific Coast. All around the world weather patterns are suddenly changing.

riety of reliable sources.

Since the start of this century, accurate records have been kept of all the *major* and *important* earthquakes. These recordings show that an ever-increasing number of upheavals are devastating wide areas of the world.

The 1960 edition of the *Encyclopedia Americana* lists *eleven* important earthquakes from 1900 to 1950. That is about one for each five years. *Since* 1950, however, the number of massive earth upheavals has *risen sharply*. The *Encyclopedia Americana* and its *Annals* 1961-1964 record *ten* of these major catastrophes during the last 13 years. That is almost one per year—an *increase of over 400 per cent*.

This same source also mentions that in the 18th Century—200 years ago—only one noticeable earthquake took place. The next century recorded three. But only since 1900 has the increase in these forces of destruction been so staggering—and particularly during the last decade.

Yes, the undeniable fact is that the earth has shown its anger more often during the last decade than it has during the preceding 50 years prior to 1951. (For a more thorough coverage

on earthquakes, write for our booklet: *The Plain Truth About Earthquakes*.)

Tornadoes

But earthquakes are only one of many natural calamities befalling our peoples, bringing death and destruction to untold thousands. The United States is constantly plagued with a vicious series of tornadoes. They have been known to strike in any month of the year and in any area, although the summer is their most likely striking time and the central part of the United States their most likely target. The thought of a vicious tornado developing during a heavy thunderstorm, resulting in possible death and widespread destruction, is ever with us. These vicious "killers" are also on the *increase*. Note carefully the following facts, compiled from page 159 of the 1964 edition of *The World Almanac*. These figures show the number of tornadoes that struck the United States during the past four decades.

1921-1930	1430 tornadoes
1931-1940	1617 tornadoes
1941-1950	1629 tornadoes
1951-1960	5255 tornadoes

As can clearly be seen from these figures, the last decade—from 1951 to

1960—has seen *three and a half times as many* tornadoes as any preceding decade since records were kept. The weather has literally gone wild! But that isn't all! Take a look at these other agents of destruction—hurricanes and typhoons. They, too, have increased in intensity and violence.

Hurricanes and Typhoons

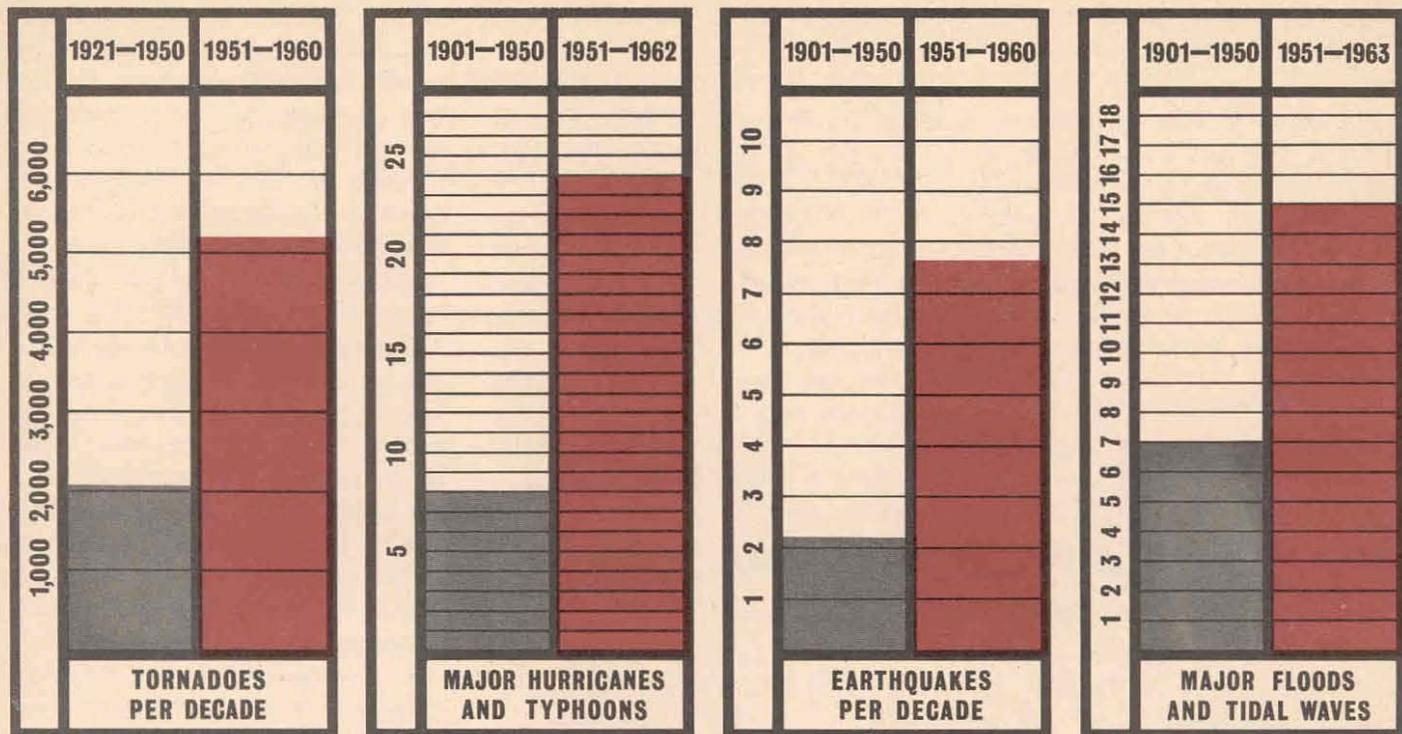
Although these storms can strike anywhere in the world, they usually deliver their devastating blows in the Americas and in the Far East. Hurricanes—called Typhoons in the Eastern Hemisphere—are massive storms which can last from a day to several weeks. Here, again, we notice an *alarming* increase in number and in intensity. Widespread flooding, sometimes accompanied by tidal waves, is often a by-product of a hurricane.

From the beginning to the middle of the 20th Century, only *eight* major hurricanes and typhoons are recorded. From 1951 to 1960, however, a period of only 10 years, *nineteen* major storms of this type struck this world. Or, if we want to go a little further into the record, that is through 1962, the total comes to *twenty-four*. A *staggering* number of 24 major hurricanes and typhoons brought havoc to different parts of the world in the brief span of twelve years—exactly two per year! Whereas, during the preceding 50 years,



Wide World Photo

Tornado funnel dips to earth, destroying everything in its path.



Drastic increase in natural catastrophes since mid-20th century. Bible prophecy reveals this is only the beginning!

only eight such storms are recorded.

Since the year 1951, natural cataclysms have literally increased at such a fantastic rate, that seismologists and meteorologists are *dumbfounded*. They know conditions aren't normal. To them, *some unseen force* seems to be at work, but they don't know what. All they know is that earthquakes are on the increase; tornadoes are occurring more often; and hurricanes strike the world more frequently.

Floods and Tidal Waves

With major floods and tidal waves it is the same story. They, too, are *rapidly* increasing. For example, during the first half of this century, *only seven* major catastrophes of this nature are recorded to have struck the earth. About one every seven years occurred. In the last twelve years, however, a total of *fifteen* major floods and tidal waves hit the earth. Again we see the same upward trend! More than twice as many floods and tidal waves were recorded during the last twelve years as during the preceding 50 years.

Can there be any doubt that nature has "gone on a rampage"? Can anyone deny the fact that something is drastically wrong with the weather? That earthquakes are increasing in number and intensity? That natural catastrophes are striking us more and more as each year passes?

What is the *reason* behind this revolution in the weather? Behind all this rapid intensifying of natural catastrophes? Is it just one of those things for which there is no explanation? Or is there a significance behind it all?

The Answer

To find the right answer to these perplexing questions we must go to the

source of all true and essential knowledge—the divinely inspired Word of Almighty God. In the Holy Bible the Eternal GOD foretells future events, almost all of which are finding their fulfillment right now.

One of the many important prophetic events now having their culminating fulfillment is this series of natural calamities now taking place.

Notice Luke 21:11, where natural catastrophes are prophesied as a definite sign of the end of this age: "And *great earthquakes* shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilence, and *fearful sights* and *great signs* shall be from heaven." Amidst these signs, Luke was further inspired to write in verse 25: "... and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the *sea* and the *waves* thereof *roaring*."

This ever-increasing intensity of major climatic disturbances is a further sign that God is angry with mankind. Notice God's wrath with today's society as recorded in Psalm 18:7. Here, David, under inspiration, describes the very time we are living in: "Then the *earth shook* and *trembled*—(earthquakes); the foundations also of the hills moved and were *shaken*, because He was wroth."

Yes, God is wroth with this world,



Wide World Photo

Devastation wrought by hurricane, flooding river, broken levees.

because man has turned everything upside down, even rejecting Him as his very Creator.

We are all familiar with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. As the Son of God was hanging on the stake, ridiculed, despised, rejected, a sudden darkness fell upon the entire land, followed by a *tremendous earthquake* (Matthew 27:54). When the Apostles Paul and Silas were imprisoned in a Roman prison in Philippi, God's intervention on their behalf was likewise accompanied by a great earthquake (Acts 16:26).

Yes, it is God who sends earthquakes. He controls the weather (Jer. 5:24; Job 5:10; I Sam. 13:17-18). It's God Almighty who has prophesied great cataclysmic events to strike this earth. And He is bringing them all to pass, in this very generation.

The prophet Isaiah portrays this age we are living in as a frightful time—a time when God "ariseth to *shake terribly the earth*" (Isa. 2:21).

God help you to heed His warning and come under His Divine protection, because already "the foundations of the earth are shaking" (Isa. 24:18).

He will not have hatred toward anyone, because he will obey Christ's command: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). He will not be weighed down with feelings of guilt. He knows he has repented and God has forgiven him of all his sins (I John 1:9).

One who is really filled with the true love of God will not hate anyone (I John 3:15). Will not fear anyone or anything (including even death), "For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). (Also note God's promises found in the 23rd Psalm.)

Such a person will not worry about the future. He will have serene faith in God's promise: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). (See also Matt. 6:33.) He will not be frustrated, or plagued with the emotional upsets which beset the average person, leading to sickness and early death. Only through the indwelling presence of God's love—His Spirit—can man ever learn to control such emotions as hate, worry and guilt.

Today, millions are slowly committing suicide by harboring wrong emotions! Countless millions are sick—mentally and physically! How can man ever acquire a sound mind and body?

"The end of the matter, all having been heard: "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole man" (Eccl. 12:13, Jewish trans.). If one will keep all of God's commands, he will become a balanced, whole, sound individual—both in mind and in body!

Yes, Jesus Christ knew what He was talking about, and He literally meant what He said when He solemnly declared, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Only through heeding the Word of God, keeping His commandments and living by His laws, can mankind ever attain to real health, happiness, peace of mind and eternal life! This is how mankind can stop committing suicide!!!

Are You Committing Slow Suicide?

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Spirit, he must (1) repent of breaking the laws of God, accept Christ as his personal Savior and (2) he must be baptized (Acts 2:38). God's laws must be written in man's mind and heart before he can keep them! (Heb. 8:10, Deut. 5:29.)

God's Word points out to man the only true way to real peace of mind, health and happiness! "Great peace have they that love thy law, and nothing shall offend them" (Psa. 119:165).

Learn to love and obey God's law. Then you can have "perfect peace" of mind. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee . . ." (Isa. 26:3). Once man begins to keep the laws and commandments of Almighty God, then and only then will he have peace of mind, health, happiness and the promise of eternal life.

"My son, forget not my law, but let your heart keep my commandments; For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee" (Prov. 3:1-2). Notice that if one keeps God's law, long life and peace will naturally ensue.

"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones" (vs. 7, 8). Truly, the keeping of God's commandments will produce radiant health!

When a man develops a wholesome, clean fear of the Lord and quits trans-

gressing God's laws (I John 3:4), then, and only then, will he have real health.

"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (Prov. 4:20-22).

Unfortunately, today, many professing Christians believe God is a harsh, stern taskmaster. His law is looked upon as being hostile to man and against man's best interests. Nothing could be farther from the truth! God's law is the way of love and good health.

God's Love Defined

Countless millions woefully misunderstand the true meaning of love. Love is often looked upon as a fluffy, sentimental feeling. But God's love is not an ethereal, nebulous nothingness. It is the most dynamic force in the whole Universe!

"God is love" (I John 4:8). "For THIS is the love of God, that we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS; and HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GRIEVOUS" (I John 5:3). Why can't people believe God's Word?

Emotional Control—Result of Divine Love

He who is filled with the love of God will not have fear, because "Perfect love casteth out fear" (I John 4:18).

The Truth About NEW YEAR'S!

How did the celebration of New Year's Eve begin? Why is the beginning of a year placed in the middle of a dead winter? And where did the many customs surrounding it originate?

by William H. Ellis

MOST people carelessly assume that celebrating New Year's Eve is a Christian custom.

But did the practice of "waiting the old year out" really come from the Bible?

Is January 1 the true beginning of a new year? Who has the *authority* to determine when a new year begins?

An Ancient Pagan Custom

New Year's is one of the oldest and most universal of all pagan *traditions!* The custom of celebrating it has remained essentially unchanged for 4,000 years!

"There is scarcely a people, ancient or modern, savage or civilized," writes Theodor H. Gaster, in his definitive book *New Year*, "which has not observed it... in one form or another. Yet no other festival has been celebrated on so many different dates or in so many seemingly different ways."

In ancient Babylon, New Year's festivals were closely bound to the pagan feast called "Christmas" today. The little-known connection of New Year's with Christmas is made clear in our free booklet, *The PLAIN TRUTH About CHRISTMAS!* If you haven't read it before, write for it immediately.

When and how did New Year's celebrations originate? Who began the custom?

Notice the proof of history.

"Mesopotamia," writes Earl W. Count, "is the very ancient Mother of Civilization. Christmas began there, *over four thousand years ago*, as the festival which renewed the world for another year. The 'twelve days' of Christmas; the bright fires and probably the Yule log; the giving of presents; the carnivals with their floats, their merrymakings and clownings, the mummers who sing and play from house to house; the feasting; the

church processions with their lights and song—all these and more began these centuries before Christ was born. And they celebrated *the arrival of a new year!*" (*4000 Years of Christmas*, pp. 20-21.)

That is how it began. The celebration of New Year's began in ancient Babylonia in Mesopotamia. It was a pagan custom of ancient sun-worship 2000 years before the birth of Jesus.

The celebration of New Year's is never once commanded in the Bible. Jesus and the apostles never observed it. Moses forbade it!

Don't say "it doesn't matter." It does matter to God whether we adopt

the customs of the heathen. Your Bible says, "Learn not the way of the heathen" (Jeremiah 10:2).

A Pagan Roman Feast

The New Year's festivities that had originated in Babylon found their way to Greece and finally to Rome. The Romans called it "Saturnalia"—in honor of Saturn. Among them it was extremely popular—a time of revelings, drinking bouts, orgies—finally ending in HUMAN SACRIFICE!

"The first day of the Saturnalia shifted during the lifetime of Rome . . . it began around the middle of December . . . and continued until January first. In its midst was December



Wide World Photo

New York's famed Times Square at midnight, December 31, as thousands gather to usher in the pagan Roman New Year. The undampened spirits of the crowd bring to mind the ancient Roman Saturnalia. One lone celebrant, center, holds sign reading: "Christ for a troubled world." Probably not one in the crowd really understands how Christ will solve the troubles brought on this world by its foolish pagan traditions!

twenty-fifth, the day, as the Romans calculated, when the sun was at its lowest ebb. . . ." (E. W. Count's *4000 Years of Christmas*, page 28.)

It was Julius Caesar, Emperor of pagan Rome, who instituted the New Year's festival on January first. In 46 B. C., Caesar adopted the Julian calendar. He transferred to the first of January ALL of the licentious customs surrounding the Roman Saturnalia!

Accepted by "Church Fathers"

But how did such a thoroughly pagan day ever insinuate itself into our modern "Christian" calendar?

Read the answer from church history—about 375 A. D. This is the period Emperor Constantine imposed "Christianity" on the Roman world.

"There were many immigrants into the ranks of the Christians by this time," writes Earl W. Count. "The Church Fathers discovered to their alarm that they were also facing an invasion of pagan customs. The habit of Saturnalia was too strong to be left behind. At first the Church forbade it, but in vain" (page 31).

Rather than resist the influence of pagan customs, the Catholic Church fathers compromised!

"The Church finally succeeded in taking the merriment, the greenery, the lights, and the gifts from Saturn and giving them to the Babe of Bethlehem. . . . The pagan Romans became Christians—but the Saturnalia remained!" (E. W. Count, page 31.)

Modern Christians have gone a *step further!*

Rather than present a gift to Jesus Christ on the day they falsely assume to be His birthday, the world is busily trading presents among themselves! Christ has been not only forgotten at Christmas time, but is not so much as toasted amidst the partying of New Year's Eve!

During the Middle Ages many of the ancient Roman customs were maintained and augmented by the incoming heathen rites of the Teutonic peoples. It was during this period that the customary yule log and mistletoe were added to the popular New Year's festivities. The yule log is a carry-over from the bonfires of sun-worship, and

mistletoe is a parasite used in Druid rites as a symbol of sex-worship!

As Teutonic customs were added, the date of New Year's celebrations was temporarily changed to March 25, to coincide with the Germanic spring rites of fertility.

Finally Pope Gregory re-instituted the ancient pagan Roman date of January first. He imposed it on the whole Western world in 1582 when his Gregorian calendar "reforms" were accepted. All Roman Catholic countries accepted this change *at once!* Sweden, Germany, Denmark and England, the strongholds of Druid customs, finally acquiesced to Rome in the 1700's!

The Modern Attitude of Compromise

Today, New Year's Eve has become a time for people to wallow in excesses of liquor! The modern attitude seems to be, "have a wild time on New Year's Eve, and turn over a new leaf on New Year's Day!"

New Year's resolutions are empty and meaningless, usually trifling matters of jest! Few people make a lasting change.

Most people seem to have convinced themselves that God is out of the picture for good. That God is not concerned with their modern revelings, drunken parties, promiscuous behavior!

What does God have to say about New Year's? Does He condone observing a pagan festival? practicing pagan customs in the name of Christ?

God Labels New Year's "PAGAN"!

God Almighty does not compromise!

Notice the Eternal's stern warning to Israel as they conquered the pagan nations of the promised land:

"Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou *inquire not after their gods*, saying 'How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.' *Thou shalt not do so unto the Eternal thy God: for every abomination to the Eternal, which He hateth, have they done to their gods. . . .*" (Deut. 12:30-31.)

What were the customs God hates and condemns in Deuteronomy? What

are those pagan rites that are an *abomination* to Him?

These very rites and customs practiced in ancient Canaan and Syria included the *New Year's festivals!* From the ancient Canaanites the Greeks learned the same rites.

Greek God of WINE!

Theodor H. Gaster writes concerning the familiar "New Year's babe":

"Actually the New Year babe is *far older* than he looks. In ancient Greece, it was customary at the great festival of Dionysus to parade a babe cradled in a winnowing basket. This was taken to symbolize the annual (or periodic) rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility!" (New Year.)

Who was this Dionysus?

None other than Bacchus—the god of wine! In his honor the Greeks held a festival called the "Festival of the Wine-Press" at the time which corresponds to our months of January-February!

Today more alcoholic beverages are consumed during the "holiday season" than at any other time of the year! New Year's Eve is noted for its licentious, wild, and wanton partying. People are deceived by riotous pagan holiday spirits—for the most part emanating from liquor bottles—all the while calling it "Christian"!

"Father Time"

Another symbol of New Year's celebrations is equally pagan! It is the familiar figure of a white-haired man carrying a scythe. What does he represent? The ancient Greek god Cronos. It is from the name "Cronos" we derive our "chronograph" which measures time.

Among the Greek gods, Cronos originally cut a swath of *human sacrifice* with his sharpened scythe! The "silent reaper" anciently "reaped" little children in horrible episodes of mythical *cannibalism!* This Greek rite of human sacrifice was adopted by ancient Rome, where human sacrifice was practiced at least until 300 A. D.

No wonder God Almighty warns the pagan New Year's celebration is an *abomination* to Him! See Deuteronomy 12:31.



Wide World Photo

Amid falling snow, London revelers welcome the New Year with a snowball battle at Piccadilly Circus early January 1. Other celebrants stand around the statue of the Greek god of sexual love, Eros, in the background (upper left), which is boarded up for the occasion. The pagan Romans also celebrated New Year's in the dead of winter. God ordained no such thing. The beginning of spring, when new life buds forth, is the true beginning of God's sacred year.

Strange as it seems, the professing Christian world praises and practices customs and days of pagan origin—thinly cloaking them in "Christian"-sounding names! You too, may have accepted these vain traditions of men, never realizing they are PAGAN TO THE CORE!

"In *vain* do they worship me," said Jesus Christ, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men!"

Jesus said it is possible to *worship God*—to venerate the *name* of Christ—and still do it *all in vain*!

"Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition," He continued, "... making the Word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered!" (Mark 7:7, 9, 13.)

Many people will confess, when forced to, the pagan origin of these

days. But they stubbornly *refuse* to stop observing them! God is their Judge!

Don't you make this mistake!

When Does God Begin the New Year?

Remember! It is God Almighty who created the Universe. He set the heavenly bodies in their courses at Creation. It is by His "master-clock" that time is determined.

The earth's rotation regulates the length of a day—the lunar phases indicate the length of a month. And the orbit of the earth around the sun dictates the length of a year!

But *only God* has the *authority* to set the date of the beginning of the new year!

God's sacred calendar year begins in the spring—not in the middle of a

dead winter! Notice Exodus 12:1-2, "And the Eternal spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the *first month of the year to you.*"

The first month of God's sacred calendar is called, in the Bible, *Abib*. It means the month of "green ears." Later, the Jews called it *Nisan*—a Babylonian word having the same meaning.

It was in the month of *Abib* or *Nisan* that Israel came out of Egyptian captivity under Moses (Ex. 34:18). The Hebrew month *Abib* overlaps the months of March-April on the pagan Roman calendar in use today.

God placed the beginning of the sacred year in the early spring to mark the beginning of the seasonal harvests. The two annual harvests in Palestine foreshadowed God's Plan for the two-fold *spiritual* harvest of souls to be born into His Kingdom.

Your Bible speaks of a great false religious system which will "think to change times and laws" (Dan. 7:25). This system has deliberately thought to change the beginning of God's calendar year in an attempt to hide God's Plan for the salvation of mankind! But man has no authority to change God's "master-clock."

Satan, however, has cleverly deceived the world into believing the new year begins on January first!

Why National Captivity?

The very same pagan practices God condemns in the Old Testament are being perpetuated in our modern world today!

The very same festivals of paganism adopted by ancient Israel have become an integral part of this modern society!

Read, in II Kings 17:15-18, the reason why God Almighty took ancient Israel into captivity: "And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them!"

What was the result of Israel fol-

lowing the customs of the heathen nations around them?

"Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight... and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight... So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day!" (II Kings 17:18, 20, and 23.)

Israel never returned as a nation to the land of Palestine!

Israel was lost! Its true identity was concealed until modern times! Now there is proof that the lost ten tribes of ancient Israel migrated to North-western Europe. The chief peoples among them have become the United States and British Commonwealth today! (If you don't already have your copy of our free booklet, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*, send for it immediately.)

Modern Paganism Will Be Punished!

Do you suppose God has changed His mind about compromising with paganism?

"For I am the LORD, *I change not!*" warns the Eternal in Malachi 3:6. This same reminder is repeated in Hebrews 13:8.

Speaking to the modern nations of Israel today, Almighty God says, "As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Eternal God; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols and thereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but *pollute ye my holy name no more* with your gifts and with your idols" (Ezek. 20:39).

In other words, God is saying, "Be pagan if you insist; but quit calling it Christian."

God continues to warn modern Israel against the holidays of paganism, in Hosea 2:11:

"I will also cause all her mirth to cease, *her feast days* [days the people chose], *her new moons* [marking the beginning of the pagan New Year], and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts." Notice that these were Israel's feast days—those Israel had acquired from the pagan nations around them—not those God had originally instituted through His Bible! "And I will

visit upon her the *days of Baalim*, wherein she burned incense to them..." (verse 13)!

The very same punishment awaits any nation today that forsakes God's law as revealed in His Holy Bible, and turns to the customs of pagan nations—observing pagan days of worship!

Does it make any difference if you continue observing pagan customs—like New Year's? *It certainly does!* God says so!

What You Should Do

God Almighty prophesies a final revival of Babylonian religion in great power just before He cuts short man's misrule of this earth. Read His warning in Revelation 18:

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the Great is fallen, is fallen.

... For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues!"

New Year's celebration began in Babylon 4,000 years ago. It is practiced today by almost every people on the face of the earth. Satan the Devil has indeed deceived the whole world! (Rev. 12:9.)

But God Almighty has sent His ministers to warn this world—to cry aloud, and spare not, and SHOW HIS PEOPLE THEIR SINS (Isa. 58:1). Punishment will not be forever withheld!

May God help you to HEED THIS WARNING, and forsake the pagan practices of this modern world!

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.

"Why didn't Jesus Christ ever marry?"

H. F., Vass, North Carolina

Jesus Christ did marry! Your Bible says so! It even names His wife. It tells us when and where and why He married.

Shocking? Yes! But it has been in your Bible all these years!

Jesus was a strong, virile, thoroughly masculine young Jew, with every natural attraction to the opposite sex. Yet during His 33½ years in human flesh, He never married. The reason?

Because He was ALREADY MARRIED!

Open your Bible. See this amazing truth with your eyes!

Jesus Christ is the Father's Spokesman—the Word of the God Family. Jesus is the LORD of the Old Testament—the One Who did the *speaking* at Creation. God the Father planned the Universe. Jesus *spoke* and it was done by the power of the Spirit of God.

Notice the proof: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and *without him was not any thing*

made that was made (John 1:1-3).

Jesus—the Word—created everything. He created Man male and female. He established the marriage relationship (Gen. 2:21-25).

Two of the Ten Commandments specifically govern the marriage union, and insure the proper family relationship. Jesus also performed the first marriage.

Many years later this same Jesus, who ordained marriage, was *Himself married*. Here is what happened.

Jesus, the LORD of the Old Testament, *spoke* the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai (Ex. 20:1). It was not the Father who spoke these words. No man had heard the voice of the Father or had seen His shape, said Jesus in John 5:37.

At Mt. Sinai, Jesus—the LORD—also made a covenant with the nation Israel. In the New Testament Scriptures, this covenant is referred to as the Old Covenant. It was based on the Ten Commandments and on God's statutes and judgments.

That covenant was a MARRIAGE AGREEMENT—a marriage covenant. But who did ancient Israel marry? With whom did the nation of Israel make this agreement? The LORD Jesus! In Jeremiah 3:14 the LORD of the Old Testament commands Israel, His wife: "Turn, O backsliding children . . . for I AM MARRIED UNTO YOU!"

There you have it. Jesus was married to the nation Israel!

Israel married the God of the Old Testament—Jesus Christ before His human birth!

Some ministers claim Israel was married to the Law! Not so. Individuals don't marry a code of laws—individuals marry other individuals! Every marriage is based on law—else it would not be legal. The Commandments, God's statutes and judgments, were only the terms and conditions—the basis—of that marriage contract.

As the Eternal (LORD) of the Old Testament, Christ—the Husband—promised to provide for and protect the nation or congregation of Israel. The nation Israel, in turn, agreed to remain faithful always to Him. He agreed to perform the duties of a husband, to provide for and bless her.

Israel, as a nation, accepted the role of a wife, to *obey* her Husband.

But ancient Israel was not faithful to her part of the marriage contract! They turned from worshipping God, and followed the customs of the heathen—serving other gods. They broke their part of the marriage covenant by committing spiritual "adultery."

God is holy. He does not "co-exist" with sin. Therefore He was forced to separate His "wife" from Himself (Isa. 50:1).

Notice what God says to Jeremiah, "Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree and there played the harlot. . . . And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce: yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also" (Jer. 3:6, 8).

It was Israel's sins that separated between her and God (Isa. 59:1-2).

Even though Israel had committed spiritual adultery, God was not free to marry again! Adultery is not a cause for divorce and remarriage! (See our free booklet *Divorce and Remarriage*.) That's why the Eternal said, "Turn, O backsliding children . . . for I AM MARRIED UNTO YOU!" (Jer. 3:14.)

The God of the Old Testament—the Jesus Christ of the New—was still bound to keep His part of the conditions in the marriage contract.

These conditions, however, are limited by DEATH. Only the death of one of the partners of a marriage contract can sever the marriage relationship. Marriage is binding until death!

The marriage covenant Jesus made with ancient Israel before His human birth was binding until the death of one of the contracting parties. As long as the LORD Jesus was living—whether as the Eternal of the Old Testament or as a human being—He was still married to Israel! As a human being He couldn't have married another during the 33½ years of His earthly life.

Jesus Christ's *death* on the stake at Golgotha freed Him from His first marriage contract to physical Israel. It also freed Israel. Now He is free to

marry a repentant, forgiven, sin-free "spiritual Israel"—the New Testament Church soon to be born again into the Kingdom of God!

When Jesus Christ returns, He WILL MARRY AGAIN!

Notice the words of the apostle John preserved in the book of Revelation:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB IS COME, and His WIFE hath made herself ready" (Rev. 19:7).

Jesus Christ is coming again. He is free to marry. Whom will He marry? His wife!—ancient Israel who was once married to Him, but did not keep the conditions of the covenant—God's law.

When Christ returns He promises to make a NEW covenant—a NEW MARRIAGE AGREEMENT. That new marriage contract will be made with "spiritual" Israel—God's New Testament Church—born again.

This time the wife will remain faithful. Why? Because she will have received God's HOLY SPIRIT and, at the resurrection, will have been born as a perfect spiritual nation—into the Kingdom of God. God's spirit enables one to keep God's laws—the terms and conditions of the New Covenant.

The time of this wedding is very soon indeed! John wrote, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9). Will YOU be among them?

Remember, also, that Jesus, as a human being, left an example for us to follow.

Most people don't know when and under what circumstances one ought to marry!

Had Jesus been free to marry during His short human lifetime, there were a great many good reasons why He would not have.

In Matthew 8:20, Jesus said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."

What kind of life could Jesus Christ have provided for a wife? He had to be constantly on the move, never able to settle down in one place and establish the proper home environment a wife needs. For three and one-half years Jesus dedicated every waking hour to

the vital ministry God had called Him to perform.

Too many young men give little heed to whether or not they can adequately provide for a wife and family if they marry. Today, hurried courtships and "quickie" marriages are the rule rather than the exception. People should remember the example of Jesus Christ!

At the end of His public ministry, Jesus knew he was to die a bloody death at the hands of brutal Roman soldiers. He told His disciples, "The son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and the chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised again the third day" (Luke 9:22).

Christ knew it was unwise to marry for just a short time and leave a young widow and possibly children to face the howling mobs of His tormentors after the crucifixion. Jesus was too kind, and loved too deeply to put any woman through such an ordeal.

In the same way, anyone who today marries while his life is in imminent danger—as in wartime marriages—is thinking only of himself!

"Is God fair? Why would a loving God send the whole English-speaking world into national captivity just for our sins? Sure, many have sinned and perhaps deserve to be punished. But aren't there many very fine people who go to church regularly each Sunday? They are sincerely doing what they think is right. Would God punish those who have not sinned along with those who have?"

J. D., California

God is fair. God is love.

God is also just. He hates sin. Sin is what brings us suffering, misery, heartache, woe and war and death. God loves us enough that He wants us to quit sinning! To learn, instead, the way to peace, happiness and eternal life.

Surely, the people are usually sincere in doing what *they think* is right. Chamberlain of England was sincere when he made the Munich agreement with Hitler. The result? World War II.

It is not a matter of sincerity alone. One can be sincere and still be wrong. God loved us enough that twice He in-

spired in Scripture: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12; 16:25). Sin is doing what we think is right, when God says it is wrong!

The allied English-speaking peoples have witnessed the rise of Germany in two World Wars. But we close our eyes to the facts. We stubbornly refuse to learn the lessons of history. What are we doing now? Doing what seems right—rebuilding Germany again!

Notice what God says of man's attempts to achieve world peace: "... and the way of peace they have not known" (Rom. 3:17).

Man has rejected the ways of God. He has brought the world to the brink of cosmocide.

For nearly 6,000 years God has let the world go its own way. Now God must step in to save it from itself. He is now warning the world with *words*. But the people aren't heeding. Notice the prophecy of Amos:

"Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and shall not the Lord DO SOMETHING? [see margin] Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He reveals His secret unto His servants the prophets" (Amos 3:6-7).

The warning God promised to send is TODAY being sounded through the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. Your eyes are reading it this moment! If you really and sincerely want to obey and serve God, then believe Him, repent, and you WILL BE DELIVERED!

"If the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, HE SHALL SURELY LIVE, he shall not die . . ." (Ezek. 18:21-25).

God is not unjust! He says, "Behold, all souls are mine . . . the soul that sinneth IT SHALL DIE. But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right. . . Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God" (Ezek. 18:4-9).

But the wicked—the many who hear

the warning and do not turn from their ways—WILL GO INTO NATIONAL CAPTIVITY! That is the only way sincerely stubborn people will learn the lesson!

Some people claim God is unfair—instead of being thankful for the warning and DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, saith the Lord God, Repent and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. . . . For I have NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF HIM THAT DIETH, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves and LIVE YE" (Ezek. 18:30-32).

God has provided a way of escape for you.

If you have not yet done so, write in immediately for our reprint article: "There Is a Way of Escape." And also ask for the booklet on the Ten Commandments. *Both are free!*

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

Bible. That the Bible is supposed to be right, I am not yet convinced since the proof of the Bible is very doubtful. It contradicts itself very often and does not agree with scientific discoveries. I cannot understand why God has let the Devil thwart His plan with mankind, if He has absolute power. From this I conclude that it is not true that God is supreme ruler and that *it would be very dangerous to break all diplomatic relations with the devil*, since he is too great an opponent of God.

"I would be very happy and would appreciate it very much if you could enlighten me in this matter."

Man from Hoisdorf, Schmiede, Germany

• *These Germans surely come up with the wildest conclusions! No wonder an entire nation followed Satan's demonic stooge—Adolf Hitler. God is in supreme authority. But this is not the time He is trying to save the world. This is the age of man's rule! It's all made plain in the astounding free booklet Predestination—and in the article "Is This the ONLY Day of Salva-*

tion?" *Write for them immediately. And our reader from Hoisdorf needs "The Proof of the Bible" too!*

"As an 18-year old college student at the Athenaeums in Stade, I am very much interested in religious subjects and problems. Of special interest to me was your booklet '*Does God Exist?*' It was discussed at my suggestion in the religious class. I had gotten it from my friends.

"I was very much overjoyed over the article 'Did Christ really die?' It has strengthened my faith anew that Christ is the Son of God."

Man from Drochtersen, Germany

• *Here's a young man with an honest, open mind!*

"Now another question: Is the Bible literally inspired of God?—It has a story in which an ass spoke. Is this to be taken literally?"

Man from Euskirchen, Germany

• *And how do you explain the miracle of creation? Of life? Balaam's ass is no problem once you answer these questions! Why not write for the article "Is the Day of Miracles Past?"*

New York World's Fair

"How can a person know which one is the correct Christian religion? A visit to the New York World's Fair religious pavilion can throw a person into a state of chaos. It seems to be a world war of religions, and these disputes can let a person almost lose faith."

J.V.R., Connecticut

Is Christmas Christian?

"Where did the fairy tales of Christmas and Easter actually originate? What have these things to do with Christianity?"

Man from Solingen, Germany

• *Nothing! They are not from the Bible! They originated 2000 years before Jesus' birth in ancient Babylon. Why not read our free booklets on Christmas and Easter. They make the truth plain.*

Drought

"The other evening I was sitting by the door reading while two of my little

kittens were playing. Suddenly I glanced down at the kittens and was startled to find them playing with a little possum. It was a cute little possum, and I guess around four or five months old. It showed no fear of me at all. For a second I thought maybe it was rabid, but it wasn't. I reached down and petted it. It just looked at me as if begging for food. I fixed a large pan of left-over bread and gravy and a bowl of water. The little possum almost climbed right up in the middle of the pan before I could even set it down.

"It ate as if it were starved to death. For such a little possum to brave all the dogs in this neighborhood was most unusual. Needless to say, it has been back nearly every night since. I mentioned this to others and they said that not only possums but raccoons, foxes squirrels, deer and even wolves have been driven out of the woods to people's homes in search of food and water."

Nancy E. B., Louisiana

• *Caution: more wild animals will be rabid in the future—train children not to pet any rodents or other strange animals!*

Crime and Violence

"The post office here was robbed of \$500 in registered letters by one of the employees. The grocery store where my son-in-law works was robbed. The grocery by my home has been robbed twice in less than a month. Another son-in-law had rocks thrown at his car at midnight when he was coming home from work. This has been a peaceful place for fifty years. Now it is following the 'trend' of lawlessness."

Mrs. R. P., Louisiana

Divorce and Remarriage

"Your sermon on divorce and remarriage caught my interest immediately. I want to congratulate you on the Christian zeal and warmth with which you preach the Gospel."

Man from Paris

It's All Free

"To all of those who have any doubt about the free literature, I say that I have received *The PLAIN TRUTH* continuously since 1947 and all of the

booklets that I have requested free except for the price of a few postage stamps. I have them all (several pounds). They are valuable to me. Please don't ask me to price them."

G.H.M., Georgia

"I have seen your publication *The PLAIN TRUTH* in a local barber shop. I understand that it is sent upon request without subscription fee. I would appreciate having copies sent for my waiting room. If possible, I would appreciate you sending the last two editions also."

W. K. H., Kentucky

"Printing 'What our Readers say' is mere business expediency—your own peculiar way of advertising happy customers in order to sell a product for money."

Man from Karlsruhe-Durlach, Germany

• *Reader from Karlsruhe will soon learn this product is without price!*

"Recently while at a nearby laundromat, I picked up an old issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I had only intended to 'browse' through it. I found I couldn't put it down. I even took it home for my husband to read. It had the same effect on him. Please add my name to your list of subscribers. I am returning the old issue to the laundromat so others may enjoy it, too. . . . Since my subscription has been paid for by others, I would like to help pay for someone else's."

Mrs. W.J.W., Illinois

"You would be interested to know that my husband, who wanted to throw out all my seven years of *PLAIN TRUTHS* and burn them, is now going to 'bind' them. He reads them avidly now and can't wait till they come. Also our home is a peaceful one. My husband gave up smoking and this time it 'stuck.' I will always be grateful for such a tremendous magazine."

Mrs. E. R., New Jersey

Behind Iron Curtain

"We here too are hearing the broadcast; it strengthens our faith. We are happy that there are scientists who have

come to know God exists through science."

Husband and wife, East Germany

"I enjoy your broadcasts. They are stimulating as a hot cup of coffee is to the body. Sometimes I wonder if they couldn't be a little longer. We appreciate your work. I am still in school, and I encourage all my classmates to listen. Also lots of other folks hear this broadcast and would like to write, but they are just like I was—too lazy to write."

S. J. B., St. John's, Isle of Antigua

"*The WORLD TOMORROW* has just reached me for the first time. My Sunday newspaper had me preoccupied for awhile and I gave your talk little attention at first. Gradually though, your words caused me to lay down my paper as many of your statements began to 'ring bells' with me. From listening to you tonight I have come to this conclusion: I shall 1) read the Bible more regularly, 2) endeavor to practice the Ten Commandments more diligently, 3) pray for guidance regularly. Thank you so much for your program this evening and the chance to bump into it."

Harold C., Massachusetts

"*The PLAIN TRUTH* was put in my mail box by mistake and before returning it to its rightful owner I read a few pages of the magazine and enjoyed it so much that I took the name and address and wish you to send me a subscription. *The PLAIN TRUTH* was the most enjoyable book I've read in a long time."

J. J. C., Virginia

Never Too Young to Learn

"I was listening to your program and I heard about the Bible Correspondence Course. My mother thinks I am too young. I am 11 years of age. I wish you could send me the course. I have four *PLAIN TRUTH* magazines and enjoy them very much. That booklet *1975 in Prophecy* helped loads. I have read it 3 times."

E. J. H, Missouri

"I am so happy to receive your wonderful Ambassador Bible Correspondence

Course. Instead of studying one-half hour, it's run into an hour and a half, maybe two hours. I get so interested in the study I know not where the time goes."

Man from Vancouver, British Columbia

"I have just completed the answers to my second test in the Bible Correspondence Course. I have found this course such an amazing 'spiritual eyepener and nightcap' that I just can't wait for the answers and the next lesson. . . . I am a student at college, and believe you me, I surely have a lot of studies to do at times. But from the amazing truth I have discovered from the Bible through the Correspondence Course, I will have to budget my time to continue my search for truth concerning prophecies of our times and spiritual guidance in my everyday Christian life."

Donald W. N., Bahamas

It Takes Courage

"I am of a timid disposition, and I do not dare state my opinions. Like many, I care more what my family and other people think of me, than I do about God's Word. At home, I easily get carried away with anger. How hard it is to change one's vain and egotistical nature! . . . If I wanted to have a 'quiet life' all I would have to do is stop listening to your broadcast, stop receiving your publications, and join one of today's great 'movements'. . . . However, thanks to you, I am beginning to understand the truth, and I want to continue."

Man from Savoie, France

Opinionated

"Some time ago, while listening to the radio, I happened to pick up one of your broadcasts on the existence of God. I asked for your booklet and your magazine. I must praise you for the work you are doing, on the excellent composition of your booklets, the fine printing, perfect accuracy, and the quality of the paper used. But while I congratulate you on your unselfish service and thank you for your booklets, which I have read with a certain interest, I must ask you not to send me

your magazine any more. . . . The only criticism that I can make of you is that you make too much of the Bible, and come to certain . . . conclusions which are not in agreement with my personal conceptions. . . . However, in spite of the early hour of your broadcast, I will listen to it—if I happen to wake up in time."

Man from Albi, France

• *Your "personal conceptions"! It is God's "opinion" that counts. God is the final authority. No man is an authority. Anyway, keep listening!*

Out with Idols

"I was born into a . . . home 17 years ago. I have grown up with this 'religion' and had never really had any doubts about its teachings and beliefs until now. (Although I should say that I could never completely understand how Jesus Christ had died on Friday and rose on Sunday.) I had heard about your religion before, but I guess it wasn't the *time* for me yet. I had 'heard' your programs before, but I had not 'listened' to them. I had 'looked through' *The PLAIN TRUTH* before, but I did not 'look into it.'

"The biggest change I had was my thinking with an 'open mind.' What actually has surprised me the most is that the Bible seems so easy to understand. Before I couldn't even *begin* to understand it. The other day I came across the Commandments. The part that impressed me was the second Commandment: 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven *image*, or any *likeness of anything*. . . . Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor *serve* them . . .' I've known the Commandments since I was quite young, but I had never in my life heard this part which plainly forbids us to have any images. . . . Two nights I stayed up very late till I threw out all my images, books, medals, crosses, etc. I felt very good this morning because I have not only tried to read and learn what God wants us to do, but I have also tried to do them. I would like your advice as to what I should do to learn more about the Word of God. I hope to better myself and to obey Him in every way."

E.B., Los Angeles, Calif.

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER SEVENTY-FOUR

A MINISTER FOR HIRE

THE wandering Levite who had come to the home of Micah, an Ephraimite, was warmly welcomed. Micah immediately learned from which tribe the stranger had come and that his name was Jonathan. (Judges 17:5-8.) He had heard that Levites were especially suited to be priests, though he didn't know exactly why.

Had he known God's laws, he would have realized that God had chosen them for a special purpose. In the days of Moses, God chose out of the tribe of Levi the family of Aaron to be His priests. (Exodus 28:1, 40-43.) The other Levites were to do the physical work of caring for the tabernacle. (Numbers 1:47-54.) They were all to be teachers.

A Grandson of Moses

"My son is now my priest here at our humble little shrine," Micah enthusiastically told the stranger. "If you, a Levite, would consent to replace him, I shall provide all your clothes, priestly vestments and objects, food and lodging! Besides, I shall give you ten shekels of silver a year!"

The Levite should have been terribly shocked to find such apostasy in Israel. But he wasn't. In fact, he was wandering about because he had been thrust from his office for his sins.

The stranger realized that this offer was more profitable and more to his liking than what he had been doing, even though ten shekels of silver amounted to only about seven dollars. Since most Israelites were failing to pay God His tithe, many Levites had no income. They had apparently failed to teach the people tithing.

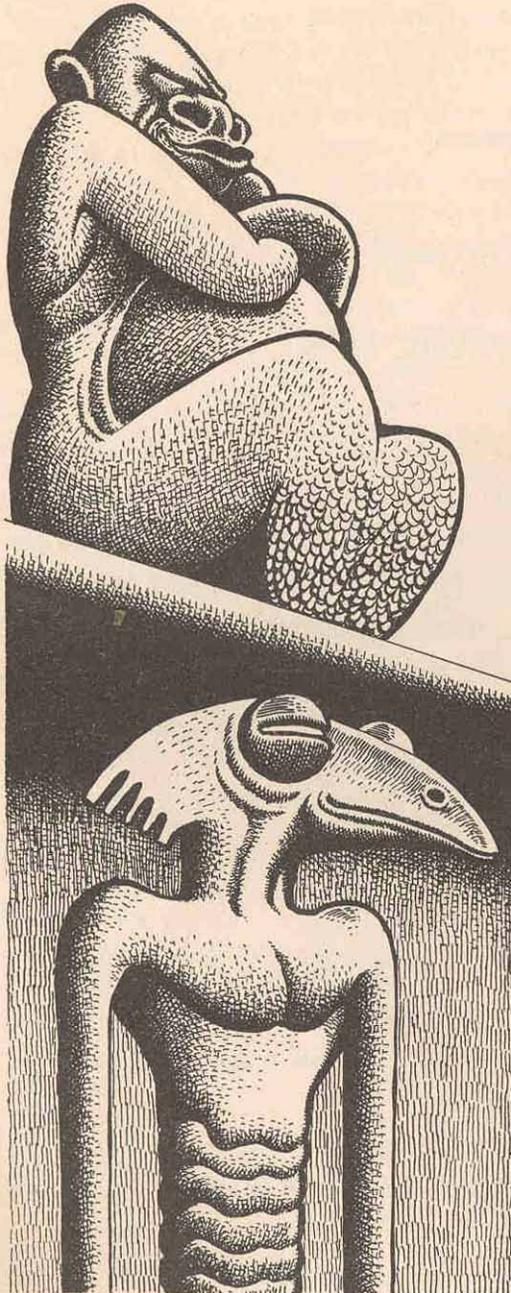
Being one who was inclined to make the most of a good thing, Micah's guest acted for a time as though he couldn't make up his mind. At last, realizing Micah wouldn't raise the offer, the Levite slowly nodded his head in silent agreement. (Judges 17:9-10.)

"Good!" Micah exclaimed happily. "Let us lose no time in consecrating you as my priest. From then on you will be the one who will conduct ceremonies and talk to God for me. Certainly your prayers will be honored more because you are a Levite, and therefore God will surely prosper me!" (Judges 17:11-13.)

This remark made it obvious why Micah was so anxious to be considered a very religious man. He superstitiously believed that the combination of images, priest and God would surely bring him material wealth. Many people today put the same superstitious confidence in using statues, beads and rituals in church services, thinking they are serving God.

As for the young stranger, whose name was Jonathan, his motives weren't any better than Micah's. He was stepping into a false office. He should have known better. The original inspired Hebrew manuscripts of the Old Testament tell us he was the grandson of Moses! At a much later date the Jews tried to hide the identity of Jonathan. They thought that by doing so they were honoring Moses. So they inserted above the line the letter "n," changing the original word from Moses to Manasseh! That change has crept into the King James Version. (Judges 18:30.)

At this time many of the families



Micah intended that his chapel be a sacred place where God could be worshipped, but at the same time he set up two images that anything but pleased God.

of the tribe of Dan were discouraged because most of their share of Canaan was still held by the powerful Amorites. (Judges 1:34-35; 18:1.) The mountainous area around Zorah and Eshtaol, which was all they had been able to conquer, did not give them enough land. They were unhappy because their small area was hemmed in so solidly by their enemies. In the broad valley below them, to the west, the many Amorite chariots had been able to hurl back every Danite attack.

The Danites didn't trust God to fight their battles as He had promised. (Deuteronomy 7:1-2.) Out of fear they decided to go somewhere else and take some weak people's land.

In an effort to learn more about territory in distant areas, Danite leaders sent five, strong, well-trained scouts from their towns of Zorah and Eshtaol. It was an expedition somewhat like the one sent many years before into Canaan by Moses. They were in search of land that would be easier to conquer.

On their way northward they came to the Mt. Ephraim region and by chance arrived at Micah's somewhat secluded home as night was coming on. When Micah saw they were Israelites, he invited them to stay until morning. (Judges 18:2.)

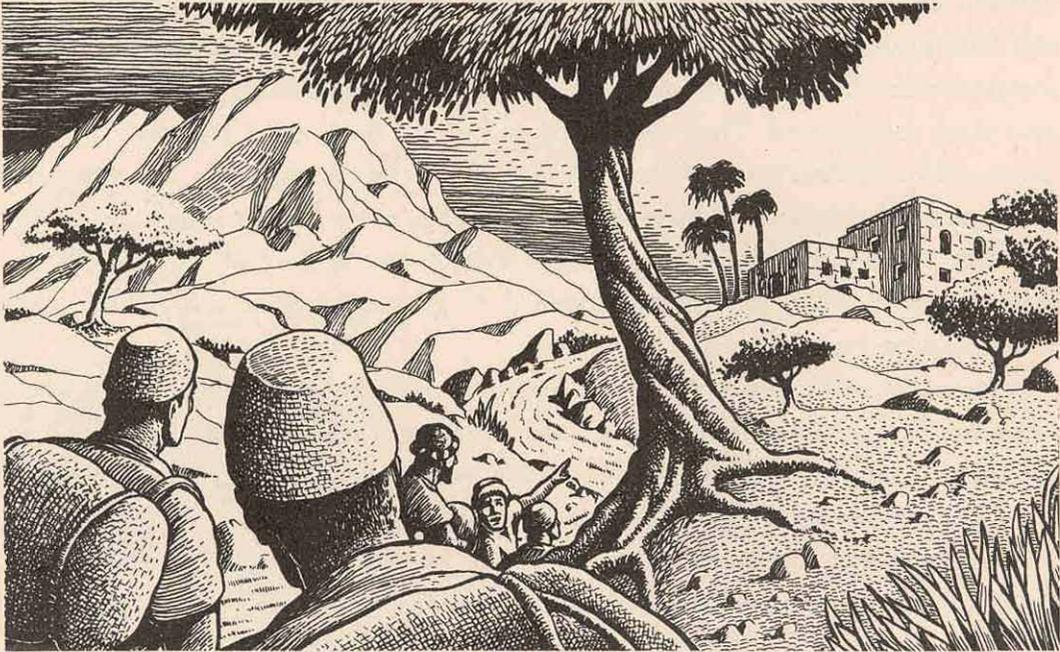
One Sin Leads to Another

Suddenly they heard the voice of Jonathan, whom they already knew. When they went in, they met Jonathan, who by then had become established as Micah's priest. Jonathan told them how he had come into such an office. These Danites and their whole tribe had strayed far from God. They probably didn't realize the seriousness of Jonathan's sins. When the Danites discovered that they were at a place where divination was used, they wanted Jonathan to get in touch with the god of this world.

"Find out for us if our expedition will be successful in the direction we plan to take," they eagerly asked. This is a sad example of how far the Israelites had strayed from God's law into fortunetelling. They should have remembered that God commanded them to go only to the High Priest to inquire as to whether or not they should go to battle. (Numbers 27:21.)

The Levite obligingly donned his priestly vestments and went alone into the room where the idols and other religious objects were. After a while he returned to announce to the Danites what he thought would please them. They would be safe in their journey, and God would lead them to a place such as they sought. (Judges 18:3-6.)

The five scouts were greatly pleased by this report—which of course



On their way through the Mt. Ephraim area, the five Danite scouts sought lodging at Micah's home.

was something Jonathan had made up to gratify Micah's guests in the same manner that an astrologer or palm reader would seek to please patrons. Jonathan felt sure his guess was a good one because the Israelites were successful in most of their efforts.

Assured of success, the Danites continued northward for several days. Eventually they arrived at a very fertile region near the southwest corner of Syria. It was north of Lake Huleh—which is also called the *Waters of Merom*—and southwest of Mt. Hermon. There they noted that the people were prosperous and seemingly were not fearful of raids or attacks by neighboring nations. The inhabitants had little contact with the outside world. They carelessly enjoyed their prosperity without maintaining an adequate defense system.

The city in this area was Laish. When the scouts saw how unprotected it was, they were doubly certain that Micah's priest was indeed a sound oracle of God. This part of the land, they reasoned, was surely meant for at least some of the Danites.

They hastily returned southward to their people in the Danite cities of Zorah and Eshtaol, about fifteen miles west of Jerusalem.

"We found a spot far to the north that is a paradise!" the scouts told their people. "The inhabitants are well off and are peaceful and at ease. A surprise at-

tack by a well-equipped force would mean quick victory. We feel sure that God intends us to take the area. Let us prepare at once to go there!" (Judges 18:7-10.)

Many Danite families decided quickly to go. Since they had not yet settled into permanent homes, because of the scarcity of land, they were able to pack quickly. When they moved out next morning, six hundred Danite men, armed as soldiers, marched northward with their families and livestock. At the end of the first day they camped by Kirjath-jearim, only a few miles to the northeast. On the second day they approached the home of Micah near Mt. Ephraim. The five scouts had deliberately guided them there.

"We are near the place where the priest lives who consulted God and told us that we would be successful in this venture," the scouts told the leaders of the journeying Danites. "In that house you see in the distance are valuable sacred objects that we should own to help insure our future success and protection. If our procession will stay by the gate, the five of us will make a hasty visit to the priest to make him an offer." (Judges 18:11-14.)

"You Shall Not Steal"

The leaders agreed, and the scouts went at once to Micah's home and greeted the Levite. They then took him out to the gate and introduced him to their leaders. While he chatted with the crowd at the gate, the scouts returned quickly to the chapel. No one was there. Without waiting for anyone to show up, the scouts seized all the objects and clothing they considered sacred. The Danites were very superstitious. They thought pillaging a chapel of these silly little idols would bring success. As Jonathan stood at the gate chatting with the leaders, he turned to see the scouts running toward him with the objects of his chapel in their hands.

"What does all this mean?" the Levite anxiously inquired. "Why have you returned to steal these things? Micah is away, but if I should call for help his neighbors will come after you!" (Judges 18:15-18.)

"Don't be foolish!" the scouts warned. "A shout for help could spoil your chance to better yourself!"

"What do you mean by that?" Jonathan demanded.

"We mean that we want you to come with us!" they explained. "All these people you see are our fellow Danites going to a better land north of here. Why be a priest to just one man when you can be a priest to all of us? Go with us this minute, and we'll make it worthwhile for you!"

Jonathan needed no more urging. With hardly a glance backward he gladly

picked up his belongings and joined the hundreds of Danites. They placed him in a position of safety in the middle of their lengthy column. Then the Danites moved on to the north. (Judges 18:19-20.)

Shortly after they left, Micah returned to his home. He was informed by a neighbor that during his absence many people had marched up to his gate, that Jonathan had joined them and that the people had moved on.

Micah was perplexed by this report. He rushed to Jonathan's quarters to find that the Levite's belongings were gone, which seemed to indicate that the priest didn't intend to return. And when Micah discovered objects missing in the chapel, he was quite upset.

"My sacred things have been stolen!" he excitedly announced to his family and servants. "Call all our neighboring men together! Tell them to come armed to help pursue a band of thieves!"

By this time the Danites were quite a distance away. But because most of them were moving afoot with their children and livestock, it didn't require long for the mounted Ephraimites to catch up to them. Micah shouted at them to halt. The Danite procession stopped, and some of the soldiers in the rear guard turned to confront the Ephraimites.

"What reason do you have to pursue us with so many armed men?" they grimly demanded. (Judges 18:22-23.)

"You have stolen my priest and my images!" Micah shouted as he rode toward them. "Why do you ask why we have been pursuing you while you are fully aware that we have come to rescue them from you?"

At a motion from their leader, all three hundred soldiers of the rear guard moved back to surround Micah and confront his men.

"Don't raise your voice against us!" the Danite leader snapped. "If you shout at us again, some of our men will probably be irritated to the point of attacking you. And after doing away with all of you, they might decide to turn back and wipe out all your homes and families. I trust this will end our conversation!" The Danites completely ignored God's command to "love your neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18.)

With this statement the Danites deliberately turned their backs on the Ephraimites and continued on their journey. Micah realized that his lesser number of men couldn't stand against them. There was nothing to do but return home without the priest and the images in which he had put so much confidence for a wealthy future. (Judges 18:24-26.)

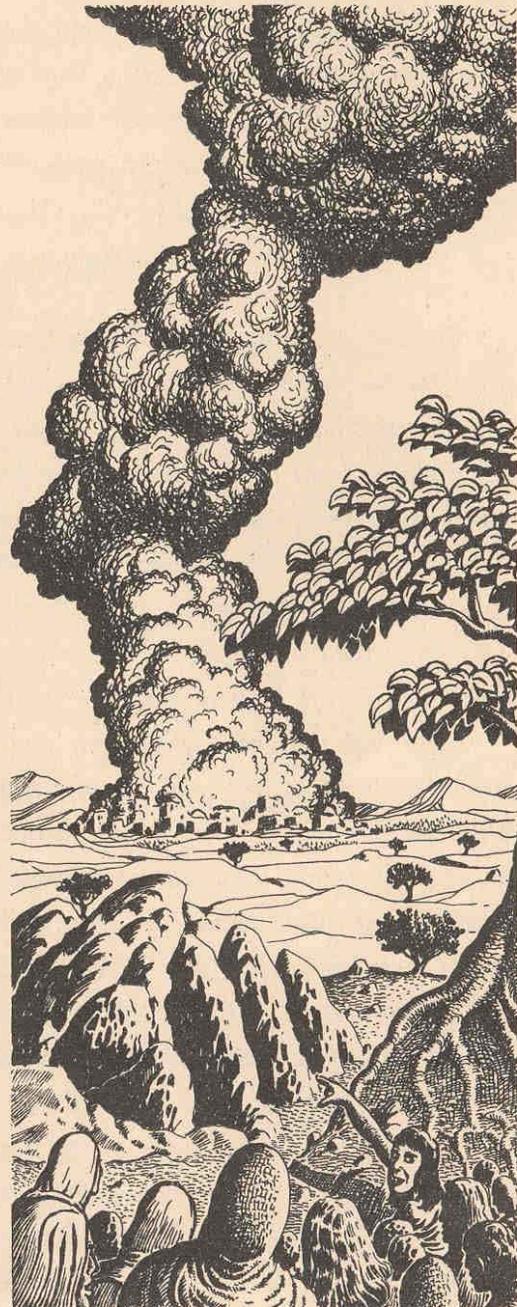
The Trail of Dan

When the Danites came within sight of the city of Laish, they stopped. That night they camped behind a rise so that their campfires couldn't be seen from the city. A little before dawn the six hundred soldiers crept up on Laish. While it was yet dark they made their surprise attack. The inhabitants perished while they were still in bed. Fire was set to everything that would burn—except valuables.

The Danites attributed their success to their priest and the little images. But their success in battle was not due to either. Success came to them because a well-trained army caught a defenseless small town sleeping.

In the months that followed, the Danites rebuilt the city and named it *Dan*, after the father of their tribe. (Joshua 19:47.) A chapel was built for Jonathan and his so-called sacred objects. The religion of the Danite conquerors continued permanently on this basis to the fall of the House of Israel. Jonathan, and the sons he had later, carried on as priests until many years afterward when God sent Assyria to take over all Israel because of idolatry. (Judges 18:27-31.)

One might think today that a half-pagan half-Christian religion is better than none at all. God doesn't look at it that way. A half-pagan religion is really *all* pagan. Understand why! These Israelites forgot God's commandments. Each did what *he* thought was right—or, did as he pleased (Judges 17:6)—instead of obey-



The families of the Danite soldiers watched at a distance while their men attacked and burned the city of Laish.

ing God. That is the way of pagans—the way of sin and death. God had commanded them for their own good to obey Him instead of doing what *they* thought was right. (Deuteronomy 12:8.) God allows people to go their own way now, but soon He will do away with all heathen religions and all the competing church denominations that observe pagan ways. (Daniel 2:44-45; Revelation 11:15; Zechariah 13:2; 14:9; Ezekiel 22:25-31.)

The “New Morality”

In that era when Israel was without a national leader, with everyone generally doing as he pleased as long as he could get away with it, another episode occurred that brought tragedy. Misery and death came to thousands because the people were living apart from their Creator. This event started near Mt. Ephraim, where another Levite lived with his common-law wife. They believed in the “New Morality” of that day. They, like so many couples throughout history, lived in sin. They didn’t obey God’s laws that would bring family happiness. The woman then began to live with other men. Later she left to return to the home of her parents in the town of Bethlehem in the land of the tribe of Judah. (Judges 19:1-2.)

After she had been gone four months, the man decided he couldn’t get along any longer without her—and hoped she would now be ready to come home. He and a servant set out on burros for Bethlehem, about twenty miles to the southwest. When they neared the home of the woman’s parents, the man was pleasantly surprised to see his common-law wife coming out of the house and happily rushing out to meet him.

“I am sorry I left you,” she told him, “and I am glad you came after me. I should be pleased to return with you to Mt. Ephraim!”

She led him into the home of her parents, who welcomed him cordially. In fact, because they were happy to see him and because they wanted their daughter to stay with them as long as possible, they kept the couple as guests for three days.

On the fourth day the Levite intended to leave for home, but the father-in-law prevailed on him to stay a few more hours. Time slipped by, and then it was too late to set out. (Judges 19:3-7.)

On the fifth day the couple prepared to leave early, but again the woman’s parents treated them so well with food, drink and pleasant conversation that they were delayed into the late afternoon.

“Why start out at this hour?” the Levite’s father-in-law asked. “You can’t get very far before dark. It would be wiser to stay here one more night and

plan to start out in the morning. Meanwhile, relax and enjoy yourselves.”

“No, we must start out this afternoon,” the Levite said, realizing that if he continued to give in, they would never get home.

The woman’s parents knew that they had kept their daughter as long as possible.

Tearfully they saw the couple off on their trip northward.

By the time the Levite, his common-law wife (called a “concubine” in the Bible), a servant and two burros reached Jerusalem, about four miles away, it was almost sundown. (Judges 19:8-10.)

“I suggest that we stop here for the night, sir,” the servant remarked. “If we travel after dark, we’ll risk being robbed.”

“I don’t prefer to stay here in Jerusalem,” the Levite said. “The people here are Canaanites, and I don’t trust them. It is better to spend the night among our own people. I would rather go on into Gibeah or Ramah where the people are Israelites.”

It was about two and one-half more miles to the Benjamite city of Gibeah. The sun went down just before they got there. (Judges 19:11-15.) They sat down in a prominent place to wait for someone to invite them into his home for the night, since small towns like Gibeah probably didn’t have an inn. Soon an elderly Ephraimite, returning home late from working in the fields, walked up to the little group.

“You look like strangers here,” the old man said to them. “Where have you come from and where are you going?”

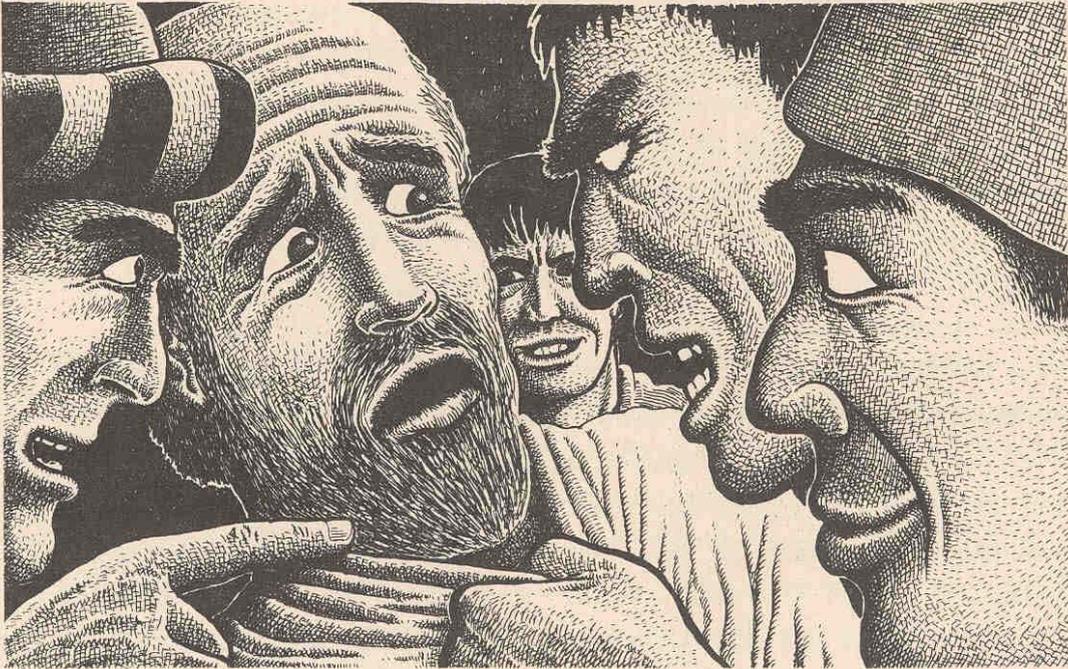
The Levite explained that he and his concubine and servant were travelling from Bethlehem to the Tabernacle at Shiloh. He mentioned that they had plenty of food and wine for themselves and feed for the animals, but no place to sleep. (Judges 19:16-19.)

Is Anyone Safe?

“Ah, but you’re welcome at my home!” the old man declared enthusiastically, motioning them to follow him. “And I have plenty of food for all and provender for your burros, so keep what you have. Otherwise you might run short. Come! Let’s get off the street. It isn’t safe here at night!”

Later, when all of them were comfortably eating and conversing in the old man’s house, there was a loud rapping on the door. The host opened it, only to be jerked outside by a group of mean-looking young men.

“We know that you have a stranger in your house!” one of them growled



The sinister group of depraved men demanded that the old man send out his Levite guest to them.

menacingly. "Send him out here at once to us, or you'll be in for plenty of trouble! And don't tell him anything! Just get him out here!"

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Personal from the Editor

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wishes by INTERPRETING it their own way—we ought now to understand how they can compromise and GET TOGETHER.

But do they even HAVE the one true *living* God?

Just what determines WHO, or WHAT is your GOD? Actually, most people do not realize the true answer. WHOever, or WHATEVER you worship, fasten your affection on, and *serve*, is your GOD.

One's country may—and often does—become one's god. Through a wrong kind of patriotism, many WORSHIP their country. Here is a Bible definition: "And they WORSHIPPED the drag-

on [Satan] which gave power unto the beast [Roman Empire]: and they WORSHIPPED the beast, saying, 'WHO IS LIKE UNTO THE BEAST? WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?'" (Rev. 13:4.)

Satan is the god of this world. People do not think of him as the Devil—but as their GOD. People serve Satan, obey Satan, accept his lies and believe them and call them truth.

And people worshipped *their country*, the Roman Empire, by saying, "WHO IS AS GREAT AS OUR COUNTRY? WHO IS ABLE TO FIGHT AGAINST OUR COUNTRY?" Your BIBLE says *that is WORSHIP!*

Whoever, or WHATEVER you serve and obey becomes your god. Your Bible says, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey,

whether of sin unto *death*, or of OBEDIENCE [to God's Law] unto righteousness?" (Rom. 6:16.)

The very name—or title—"LORD" means MASTER, or RULER, or the ONE YOU OBEY. Do you not understand what Jesus meant when He said, "And why call ye me 'LORD, LORD,' and *do not* the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46.) To call Jesus "LORD," or "MASTER," is to call Him *the One you OBEY*. To call Him that while you disobey Him is to LIE!

So let's come to a RIGHT UNDERSTANDING of just WHO the true GOD *really is!* Let's see WHY this world's churches are able to compromise, and GET TOGETHER, and talk about UNITING.

The one and only TRUE God is the EVERliving God who RULES by His spiritual Law of LOVE, summed up by the Ten Commandments—and who ac-

tually *does things* for those who OBEY Him and RELY ON Him!

No church has the TRUE God unless that church OBEYS God's Law—keeping *all* of His Commandments, living actually by EVERY WORD of the *entire* Bible (Luke 4:4), and unless it relies on Him, and Him alone for fighting its battles (against people or Satan), for healing, for guidance and direction, wisdom and understanding—for those things which are the prerogatives of GOD to do, and not man.

There can be but *one* such Church.

That Church must be the INSTRUMENT through which the one living God proclaims to the whole world—all continents—the *same Gospel* of the KINGDOM OF GOD which Jesus preached. That Church proclaims the Message of the *living God*—that He is universe-RULER as well as Creator—it proclaims the coming restoration of HIS GOVERNMENT over the earth—it serves the *living God* who rules with HIS LAW of love to God and love to neighbor, expressed in the Ten Commandments—the *living God* who leads and guides and rules our lives—who intervenes in our behalf—who *does things for us* which we are unable to do for ourselves—who works in and through us—who by His Spirit impregnates us, enters literally within us and lives His life *in us*.

There *is* one such Church and *only one*. Since it is ruled and guided by the *living God*, whose written Word *means* what it says, it cannot and will not compromise or unite with the churches of this world. It functions by the POWER of the *living God*!

This is the same *living God* who guided Noah in building the ark—who saved Noah and his family from the Flood. This is the *living God* whom Abraham obeyed, and in whom Abraham trusted—who gave the PROMISES! This is the *same God* who guided and prospered Joseph—protected, delivered, rewarded him—because Joseph *obeyed* Him. This is the same God who guided David, as a lad, when he went up against the ten-foot tall Goliath who dared to mock the *living God*.

This is the same *living God* who sent plagues on the Egyptians—*passed*

over Israelites, spared them from death—delivered them from slavery—parted the waters of the Red Sea.

This is the identical, same *living God* who fought the armies of Assyria for Judah's King Hezekiah, when the Assyrian Shalmanezar denied the *power* of the Everliving God.

This is the same *living God* who fought the battle for Judah when the Jews were attacked by the armies of three allied enemies—as a result of the *obedience and faith* of King Jehoshaphat—the God who said: "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of the great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's."

This is the same *living God* who intervened to save Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the burning fiery furnace, when they obeyed and trusted Him, saying to the King: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O King!"

Isn't it time we asked: Is *this* the God of AMERICA—of BRITISH nations—of EUROPE? Do *we* rely on HIM to fight our battles—or do we rely on our own military strength and on human allies who will turn against us?

Is *this* the God of Protestantism—of Roman Catholicism, and do they *serve* Him by keeping all His Commandments? Or do they disobey, twisting, perverting, and wresting His

Catholics in the Philippine Islands puncture backs with wood and broken glass. Then are whipped in a religious ritual.

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WORD by saying Jesus did away with God's Commandments? Do they trust HIM as their Great Physician, or rely on human doctors, who *practice* on them with drugs and medicines, when they are sick?

Jesus said: "*Think not* that I am come to destroy the law"—so they think He *did* destroy it! God said, "REMEMBER!" in one of His Commandments—so *that* is the Commandment they *forget*. Speaking of the Christmas tree, God said: "Learn not the way of the heathen" (Jer. 10:1-4)—so they learn and practice the way of the heathen and set up their trees.

The ETERNAL is the *living God* who is very soon going to RISE IN JUDGMENT against our nations—against these religions—which deny Him, disobey Him, trust in any and everything *except* Him, and in fact serve dead gods, in the form of interests, pursuits, sports, entertainments, love of money, pride, vanity, and selfishness.

To serve and obey God is to go *the way* that leads into peace, happiness, prosperity, and JOY. I know! I started on that way thirty-eight years ago, and it has led me into those rewards.

The DAY OF RECKONING is fast swooping down on this rebellious world. God says He will do nothing, except He reveal it to His servants and prophets (Amos 3:7). HE HAS REVEALED IT—I HAVE PROCLAIMED IT!

False "Christianity" and paganism often wed. Here the Vietnamese Cao Dai sect claims Christ, Buddha and Confucius as gods.

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And Now —

A New World Calendar?

Unreported on the front pages of daily newspapers is a startling new calendar revision—a change that would abolish the weekly cycle, and alter the day of worship! Vatican Council II has voted its willingness to consider it.

by Herman L. Hoeh

VATICAN COUNCIL II, in its third session, has spoken out on a proposed universal World Calendar.

Surprised, the United Press and Associated Press flashed this report:

"The cardinals, patriarchs, archbishops and bishops attending the assembly—by a vote of 2057 to 4... agreed the Council should declare it does not oppose a new perpetual calendar, provided other Christian churches accept it and provided it retains a seven-day week, including Sunday..."

Never before has the church spoken so plainly on calendar reform.

"The Church would not draw up the calendar reforms, but would leave it to civil authorities," concluded the report.

The Council also approved the idea of establishing a fixed date for Easter. Not since the Council of Nicaea, A.D. 325, has such a far-reaching change been proposed.

A Diabolical Plot

It is time we became aware of what is happening behind the scenes.

Few realize why the diabolical plot behind calendar reform. Or why the Catholic Church would leave it to civil authority.

Consider this. All proposed world calendars have one goal in common—to destroy the weekly cycle—to abolish the day of worship God instituted at creation! Yet each calendar cleverly attempts to hide this fact.

How? By introducing a *shifting* seven-day week that is made to appear as if it were the true, continuous, weekly cycle!

Before we explain how this is done, notice first Who is the Author of time

—and Who created the weekly cycle.

God created the universe. The movements of our solar system in that universe determine the length of the year, the month and the day. In other words, God created and controls TIME.

Man can only *measure* it—it is *beyond his reach* to control it. Yet in his haughtiness, man has *presumed* to control it—to alter it as he pleases.

Man has altered the divinely appointed YEAR—he wants to begin it in the dead of winter, in January. Man has altered the divinely appointed MONTH regulated by the new moons. He has also attempted to change the beginning of a DAY from sunset to midnight. Only the WEEK remains—and now *man* proposes to change it, too!

God's Oldest Memorial

But who ordained the week? It is the only portion of time *not* determined by the movements of heavenly bodies.

The answer is: GOD ordained it!—at re-creation.

God deemed it so important that He took two chapters of the Bible to explain it—in fact, the first two chapters—Genesis 1 and 2.

At re-creation, God took six days to re-form and re-shape the earth, and re-create life upon it. This is made plain in a free article "How Long Were the Days of Creation?" Then, to complete the week, God rested the seventh day, and instructed the man and woman whom He had created.

God set the seventh day—the Sabbath—as the oldest memorial of creation week. To alter the week, man must destroy the cycle of seven days ordained at re-creation—and that is

what the world calendar would do!

Reforming the Roman Calendar

The present calendar began with the Egyptians. It was reformed by Julius Caesar about 45 B.C. That is how it received the name "Julian."

By the time of Pope Gregory, in 1582, the Julian calendar was so far off that 10 days were lopped from October to bring the beginning of spring back to the traditional date of March 21. From Pope Gregory it received the name "Gregorian." But it is still the same old pagan Roman calendar.

Not one of these alterations changed the weekly cycle ordained at re-creation week. See Mr. Armstrong's free booklet *Has Time Been Lost?*

Now consider an important point: Who originated calendar reform?

It was Julius Caesar—the *pontifex maximus* of the Roman Empire. The Latin title *pontifex maximus* means supreme pontiff. According to ancient Roman tradition it is the supreme pontiff who "*had charge of the calendar, fixed dates of the public festivals, and announced each month what days were open and what were closed to PUBLIC BUSINESS.*"

It was in his capacity of supreme pontiff that Julius Caesar exercised the authority to initiate calendar reform. The title of *pontifex maximus* passed from the Caesars to the POPES in the fourth century—and as Supreme Pontiff, Pope Gregory decreed a reform of the calendar in 1582.

I ask you: "*Is not this fact significant?*"

During the French Revolution, just prior to Napoleon, and during the Communist Revolution in Russia, at-

tempts were made to alter the calendar and the weekly cycle. Both attempts met with dismal failure—the reforms did not come from the Supreme Pontiff! It is he who would “think to CHANGE the times and the law” (Daniel 7:25).

The world no longer needs to wait to learn what he *thinks* about altering the weekly cycle and reforming the calendar! The answer has been revealed in Vatican Council II.

Educating People for Calendar Change

Increasingly, articles are being published in leading magazines and periodicals extolling the merits of calendar reform. The latest has appeared in *LOOK* magazine.

The most common world calendar is, however, the one pictured at right. It has 12 months, and breaks the weekly cycle by extra day at year's end.

Over 40 years ago the agitation for a revision of the pagan Roman calendar developed to such proportions that the International Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution urging the League of Nations to give the matter comprehensive study. In 1922 the International Astronomical Union, presided over by Cardinal Mercier, a Catholic, decided that some plan of revision would be desirable. The result was that in 1923 the League of Nations appointed a special committee to study calendar reform. It brought in an elaborate report in 1926. Nearly 500 different systems for preserving time were proposed—but only *one* of them has survived to the present day—the World Calendar.

Through the years support for the world calendar has skyrocketed. In 1949 the United States and Great Britain were able to block a move by Panama to introduce the subject of calendar reform into the agenda of the United Nations. But in the autumn of 1953 India proposed that the UN adopt the world calendar. The Soviet Union gave her cautious support to the scheme.

The United Nations' Economic and Social Council, backed by the unanimous consent of 18 nations, requested governments to study calendar reform

The World Calendar

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*The Leap-Year World Holiday, W or June 31 (an extra day), follows June 30 in leap years only.
 †The Year-End World Holiday, W or December 31 (365th day), follows December 30 every year.

and to present the matter to the UN in May 1955. Since that date the question dragged on—because the Pontifex Maximus had not spoken!

Preparing the People's Minds

A highly significant article appeared in the Catholic paper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, on June 28, 1954. That article brought to light the fact that the first proposed world calendar was originally devised by a Catholic priest, Abate Marco Mastrofini. It was described in a book published in Rome in 1834.

In 1924 the Vatican informed the League of Nations that there were *no* dogmatic objections to the principle of calendar reform. The gradual trend over the years has been for the Church to encourage more and more the alteration of the calendar.

The *L'Osservatore Romano* continued with this significant comment:

“It is not quite correct, if we wish to be precise, to call the proposed re-

form ‘a reform of the Gregorian calendar.’ What would be altered are NOT the changes made by Pope Gregory but the length of the months which we have inherited from *pagan* Rome, and the sequence of the weeks, which will be altered by the introduction of intercalary days.”

Notice the two specific points in this report. The proposed changes would *not* alter the decrees of Gregory—the Catholic Church would never consent to such changes. The alterations would involve only the length of months inherited from *pagan* Rome. What would be better than to *appear* anti-pagan by changing the length of the months?

Next, notice that the sequence of the weeks would be altered—the Catholic Sunday would actually vary from one day of the week to another through the years. Most people have assumed that the Catholic Church would reject such an alteration. If the Church were opposed to it, the Vatican would long since have condemned it. But the

Church has never done so! WHY?

In 1953, Archbishop Amleto Cicognani, the apostolic delegate in Washington, D. C., issued the following statement:

"With reference to the *present* attitude of the Vatican on the subject of the world calendar, I have been asked to inform you that the Holy See *now has the question under study and WILL MAKE KNOWN ITS CONCLUSIONS IN THE MATTER AT THE PROPER MOMENT.*" (Quoted from the January 1955 "Catholic Digest.") That answer did come forth in Vatican Council II at the third session.

The article in the January 1955 issue of the "Catholic Digest" added this comment regarding the sacredness of Sunday: "How may the word *sacred* be applied to the calendar of any period? A calendar is a mundane and worldly thing, and my dictionary defines *sacred* as being something 'made holy, not profane or common.'"

In other words, there is no sanctity to the principle of Sunday as a "holy-day" except by some *authority*—the Church—to designate it "holy." Christ's supposed resurrection on Sunday did not hallow the first day of the week—for He was not resurrected on Sunday! (Write for the astounding free booklet *The Resurrection Was NOT on Sunday!* It will shock you if you haven't already read it!)

It was the Roman Church that "hallowed" Sunday. But the Church has NEVER defined what constituted Sunday! She has only accepted the custom of a seven-day week. She may, at her own discretion, designate that the week is *not* actually a seven-day unbroken cycle from re-creation. She claims to have the "authority" to re-define the week, making Sunday some other day in a new and different week!

No Divinely Appointed Week?

The Catholic Church specifically regards the days of Creation as different from twenty-four hour periods of time (though some individual Catholics think otherwise). Notice the evidence from the Knights of Columbus booklet entitled *Remember the Sabbath... Keep it Holy!* This booklet says: "The

six days stand for six successive creative acts of the Almighty, not periods of time." Abraham, it continues, derived the weekly cycle, not from God, but "from the wandering Arab tribes," who were moon worshippers!

No dogmatic reason, therefore, stands in the way of the Roman Church, should she think it politically expedient to approve the world calendar with its altered weekly cycle, making Sunday fall on some other day in the new altered week.

This final CHANGE in time would, if approved by civil authority, further substantiate the claim to change laws with respect to time, as Daniel prophesied.

The acceptance of the new calendar would also permit her to disclaim any connection with the heathen planetary week of seven days—which was a corruption of the true week. This planetary week gave us the pagan names of the days. The acceptance of a world calendar would make the Roman Catholic Church, for the first time, appear to be the complete MASTER of time—designating the year, the month and the week and the day!

Watch World Events

You can be sure that the Vatican Council will not approve the world calendar until it is safe so to do—that is, until the civil authority is first willing to enforce it!

But the time could be nearer than many think.

One method, brought to the attention of the Council, of introducing the world calendar would be to commence it in January 1968—when January 1 falls on a Monday by the present calendar. The suggestion was introduced by Walter F. Rothé. Rothé attended the 1963 session of the Vatican Council. He is also founder and president of Universal Calendar Society, Inc., Washington, D. C.

Rothé has proposed his idea under the subtle guise of a scientific, uniform, stable and perpetual world calendar. Neither his—nor any other universal world calendar—is any such thing. Not one is scientific, uniform, stable or perpetual!

Rothé suggests a year of 13 months,

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A view of Rothé's proposed calendar of 13 months. His week begins with Monday, ends with Sunday. Extra "world day" at end of year would break weekly cycle established at re-creation. This 13-month year is not likely to meet Vatican approval.

each with 28 days. Each 28-day month would be divided into four equal parts, called "weeks," of seven days each.

That would make his calendar contain 52 weeks per year (13x4). There is just one hitch! A year of 52 "weeks" is only 364 days long (52x7). But a true solar year is approximately 365 $\frac{1}{4}$ days long!

Diabolical World Day

So what do the calendar reformers propose? Adding an extra World Day—a kind of world holiday—*outside* the weekly cycle, *breaking* the weekly cycle. Most would place this 365th day at the end of December. And once in four years they would add another extra day, also *outside* the weekly cycle—*breaking* it again!

Here is how this clever, diabolical scheme would attempt to abolish God's week and the day He ordained for worship.

For example, suppose December 30 were to fall on a Saturday—as it will in 1967. There would then be inserted AN EXTRA DAY, presently labeled December 31. It would be labeled *December W*—for World Day—world holiday in the new calendar. This would be a special day *outside of the weekly cycle*.

Then the next holiday—January 1—would be called "the first day of the week," though it would *not* actually be the first day of the week! Catholics and Protestants would be celebrating Sunday on a day called "the first day of the week," but it would really be the second day of God's week—now called Monday. And Orthodox Jews would be celebrating the Sabbath on

what would be called, in the World Calendar, "the sixth day of the week."

AGAIN, in leap years—in 1968 for example—there would be another world holiday *outside of the weekly cycle*. It would replace the present February 29. Sundays would then fall on what is today called Tuesday, the third day of God's week—but it would be falsely labeled "the first day of the week."

At the end of December another World Day would intervene. January 1—in 1969—would then be labeled "the first day of the week," although it would actually be the fourth day on God's calendar—Wednesday! The "fourth day" of this diabolical calendar would actually be the seventh day of God's week.

Imagine what would happen to a conservative Protestant who insisted he could not work on the "fifth day" of the week because it was "his Sunday"? Or what about the devout Orthodox Jew who closed his shop on the middle of the week because it was "the seventh day"? Think what would happen to your job, to your family!

There can be no doubt about the satanic origin of this world calendar—a calendar to bind the nations together in a Babylon of confusion! Here, for the first time, we can plainly see how easy it would be for the civil power to *enforce* the prophesied "mark of the beast"!

A continuous stream of articles in magazines points out that the vast majority of PROTESTANTS WOULD ACCEPT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS. Several Protestant bodies already openly support it. Only "extremely orthodox Jews and Protestants," it is claimed, oppose it. Ridicule and contempt are slowly heaped on all opponents in a worldwide effort to gain support for this satanic master-stroke to obliterate God's week and the day He set aside on which we are to worship Him!

It is time we awakened ourselves to the danger that threatens—a danger which is carefully and subtly being injected into a God-rejecting world. These dangers call for renewed FAITH and trust in God.

But FAITH must be proved by *obedi-*

ence and absolute trust in the ALMIGHTY. You need to know what God requires of you. Write immediately for the free booklets *The Mark of the Beast, Which Day is the Christian Sabbath?* and *Which Day is the Sabbath of the New Testament?* They

make the truth plain, understandable!

These are times for sober, realistic thinking. You need to pray that, whatever happens to the calendar reform movement, you may be accounted worthy to escape all the troubles looming over the horizon!

BRITAIN on BRINK of ECONOMIC COLLAPSE!

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on so gigantic a scale. These prophecies have yet to be fulfilled. They are *still future*. Read more details in Ezekiel 5 and 6 of the terrifying times your Bible says are going to occur!

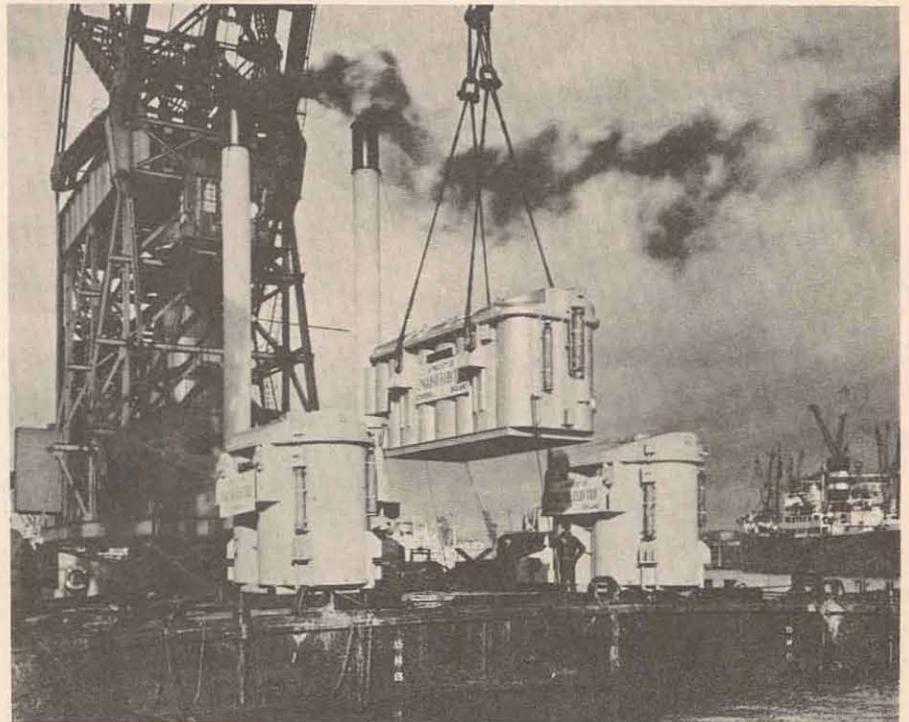
National Sins the Cause!

But what is the *iniquity* that is bringing this downfall? What are the *sins* (broken laws—I John 3:4) that have brought about this internal decay in a once-great nation? Why is British production failing?

In the past, as private trades and crafts developed into vast industrial complexes, there was ample opportunity for owners and management to ex-

tort long hours of labor for pitifully little reward. Nowhere was this more true than in Britain. Young children were forced to work twelve to sixteen hours a day. Conditions were squalid and even dangerous. Men and women labored in poor health because their wage was too meager to buy proper nourishment. The "dark, Satanic mills" of the British Isles became legend.

The apostle James, writing to the people of *Israel*, warns of inevitable calamity that must follow such corruption. "Ye rich men, *weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you* . . . behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields,



Wide World Photo

On their way from Britain to Africa are these three giant transformers—two for Kariba Dam and one for Kitwe in the heart of Africa's copper belt. But Britain's exports—her lifeblood—continue to dwindle while imports climb.

which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth . . ." (James 5:1, 4).

During the years since World War I, there has been a powerful and complete reaction to the extortion of the past. Working people have organized themselves to the extent that now THEY can dictate on matters of salary, hours and conditions. Demands now far outstrip production. Today the end result is hindered productivity, higher prices, lack of profits which are essential for modernization. The major British industries—shipbuilding, automobile manufacture, engineering—are constantly plagued with both official and unofficial strikes.

Britain has speedily gone from one extreme to the other. When the rich oppressed the poor, the masses were miserable but the Empire was great. Now that the poor oppress the rich, the masses are comfortable but the Empire is falling. Nobody is ruling in wisdom and concern for all!

The admonitions of the Creator God are totally disregarded. "Servants [employees], be obedient to them that are your masters with fear and trembling" (Eph. 6:5). On the contrary, today it is considered clever to disrespect your employer! The importance of a hard day's work is forgotten. No longer does a man strive to really produce for his firm and think of the good of all. Yet again the Bible warns, "If any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thes. 3:10).

There is a lack of diligence among millions. Sloth and idleness are popular. Rebellion against management is "normal"—a ruinous reaction to extortions and oppressions of the past.

God's laws of finance, both in personal and business life are completely ignored! The Eternal warns through the prophet Malachi, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even *this whole nation*" (Mal. 3:9). (Make sure you have our free booklet *How to Solve Your Financial Worries*.)

And as the laws of God are broken, there is an inevitable and unavoidable penalty. No longer can Britain pay her way in the world.

The British government's action in

putting up tariff walls is defensive. But it has not really resulted in shielding a shaky economy. It has produced a wave of hate and distrust throughout Europe.

By November 10, Common Market countries in unison DEMANDED early removal of the new tax. No longer is France alone in her wish to keep Britain out of the Common Market. Little support for Britain is felt in any of the "Six"!

Trade War Ahead!

Prophecy reveals that there will be NO "happy ending" to this situation. No conferences of human governments can possibly solve problems that are created by trampling the laws of God. Only repentance can effect a solution.

Relations between Britain and Europe will continue to deteriorate until "The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far . . . which shall not leave thee corn, wine or oil . . . he shall besiege thee in all thy gates . . ." (Deut. 28:49-52).

These prophecies reveal a soon-coming "siege"—a trading blockade—of modern-day Israel!

Of all the nations that compose modern-day Israel, none is more vulnerable to such a trade embargo than the United Kingdom. Under present conditions, the British Isles are entirely unable to feed their population without massive food imports. Even during the strenuous agricultural efforts of World War II, Britain was able to produce barely half her food requirements! Since then, population has increased, farming land diminished.

Yet the British public remains apathetic! Memories of the trials of World War II have grown dim. The new generation insists only on less work and more benefits. The welfare state, supported by each government in turn, encourages just such an attitude. No one, it seems, is prepared to work hard—to pay his way. The government is expected to provide for every eventuality from birth benefits to funeral grants!

If you ask, "who pays?" the public answers, "who cares?"

But as the cry grows louder for wage increases, unemployment pay, sick ben-

efits, pensions, allowances, national assistance, grants and payments—the entire economy STAGGERS, unable to stay afloat!

Even as this is written, new tax measures are being announced in an attempt to balance the budget! They, too, will fail to solve the problem!

Will Britain suffer these coming calamities alone? Inevitably the Commonwealth countries will find the balances weighed against them too. With the collapse of the pound, the dollar will also weaken!

The Bible prophecies are plain that all Israel, including both the United States and the British Commonwealth, are destined for collapse—for all have broken the same laws of God. Jesus Christ spoke of these terrifying calamities at the "time of the end" as the "great tribulation" (Matt. 24:21). This is the same time-period that your Bible calls "Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7). Scores of prophecies warn of this coming time of trial for the United States and the British Commonwealth. Our free booklet *1975 in Prophecy* reveals, in time-order, many of these events prophesied for the immediate future.

But need you suffer? Must each individual suffer the fate of his nation?

There IS A Way of Escape!

Jesus Christ promised that YOU can escape these impending events (Luke 21:36). If you have repented and started to obey God, and are a part of His True Church, you will be protected from these soon-coming calamities. Christ says, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience [obeyed God], I will also keep thee from the hour of trial [margin] which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell on the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

The Eternal God promises that if we are willing to change our ways and yield our lives TOTALLY to Him, we can be spared these horrifying coming events. We will live to see Jesus Christ return to this earth to establish His Kingdom. We will then see the end of suffering and poverty. We will be able to live in the happy, joyous, peaceful world tomorrow!



Commonwealth troubles plague Britain. Today the sun DOES SET on the British Empire—and the night is soon coming. Above, weary British Marines harassed by primitive Bedouin rebels in Federation of South Arabia. British control of Aden and Red Sea is threatened.

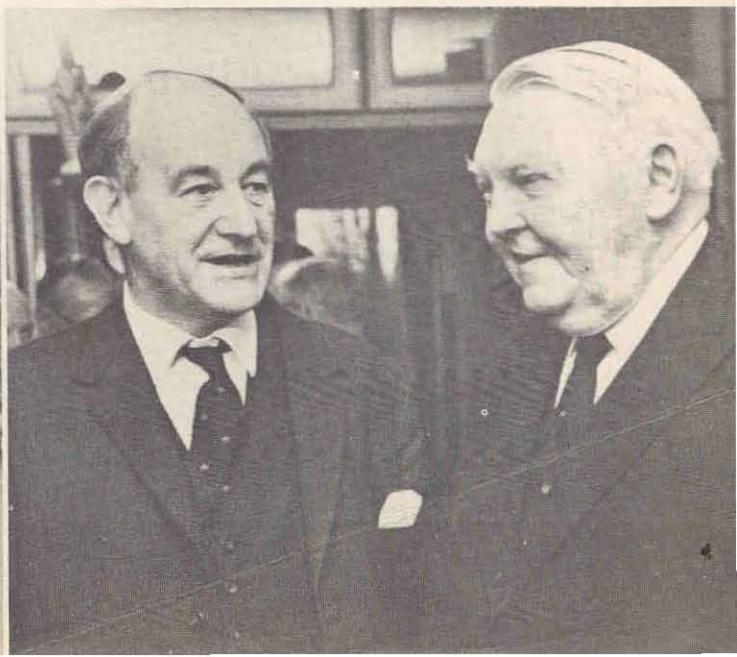
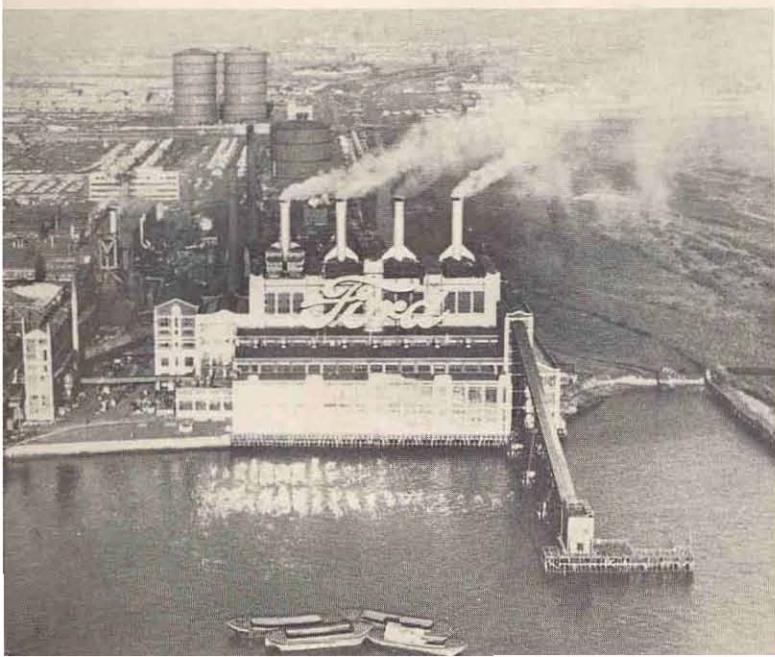
Britain Nears Economic Exhaustion

- COMMONWEALTH COLLAPSE CONTINUES
- IMPORTS SOARING PAST EXPORTS
- BLOCKADE OF BRITAIN TO COME

Although Britain has a large industrial capacity she is plagued by strikes, incompetency, inability to compete on world markets. Imports have soared. Exports lag. Britain's entire productive potential—much of it in the hands of foreign investors—is threatened with collapse. Photo shows huge Ford plant at Essex, England.

Wide World Photos

Britain desperately seeks cordial economic and military relations with the Common Market—and especially Germany. Little does she know that her present friends will later enclose her in a mortal trade blockade. Below, photo shows British Foreign Secretary Patrick Walker seeking a compromise on an integrated European nuclear force.



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