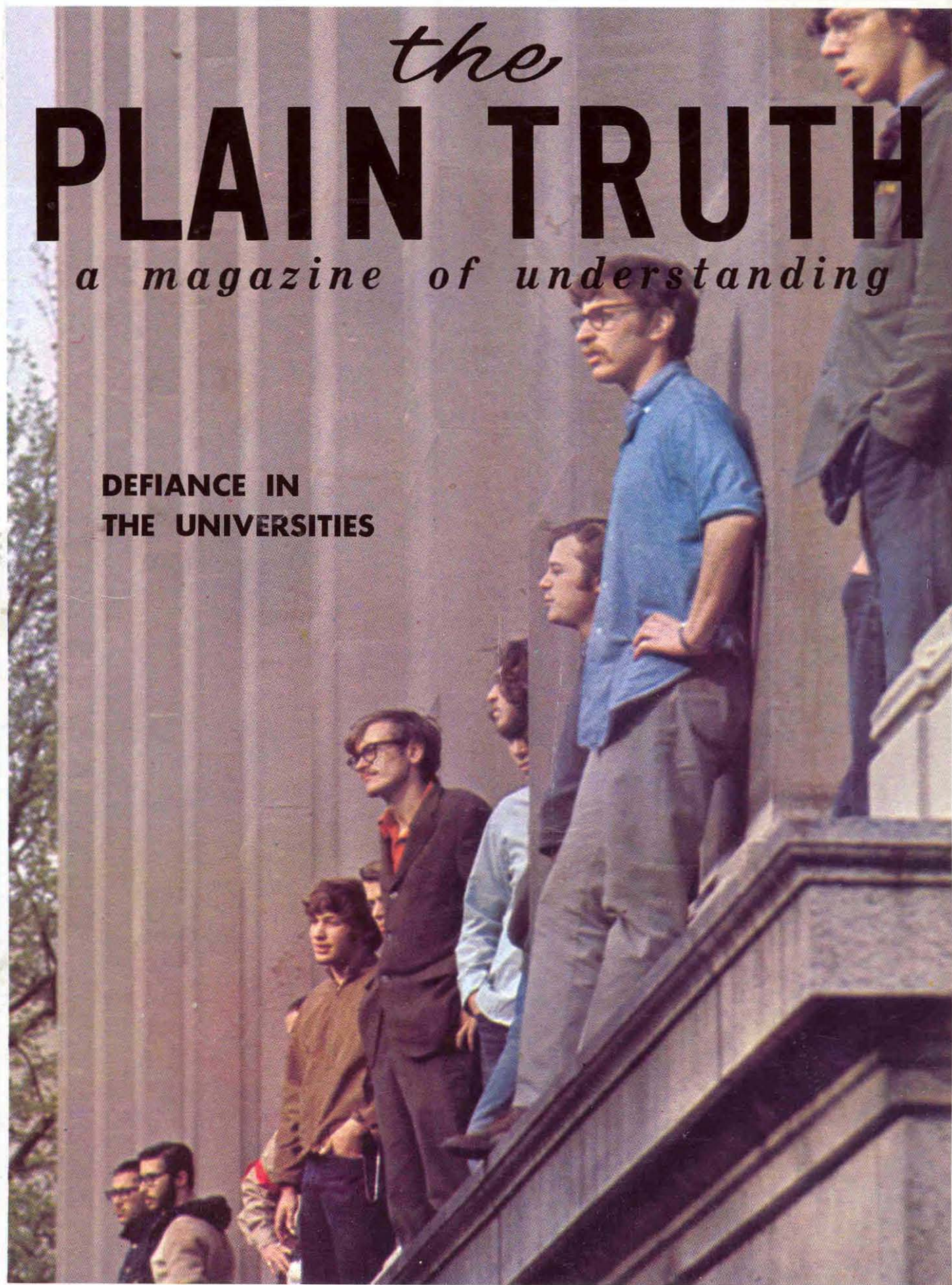


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"Since I'm a public school teacher, may I commend you on the fine article and basic truths set forth in 'America's Schools — Vacuum in Values.'"

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Mrs. Pauline L., San Jose,
California

"I just finished your booklet about *Hippies — Hypocrisy and Happiness*. It interested me so! After being a so-called hippie for two years, I found myself reading something that I felt was worth finishing. I thank you for your booklet, and honesty in it! Please send me your booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*."

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"I wanted to congratulate and thank Mr. Rod Beemer and Mr. Richard Gipe for writing the article, 'Young Men and Women' in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, March issue. It opened my eyes to know how my teen-age years can be filled with the right kind of fun — the kind you like to look back on and remember. I'm now 16 years old and I'm going to fill these years with true happiness, not sorrow!"

Girl, Anoka, Minnesota

"Until recently, I was a typical member of today's teen-age generation. I

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Personal from the Editor

I HAVE JUST VISITED twelve different countries. This is written at the English campus of Ambassador College. Farthest point east, on the present trip, was Jerusalem.

What I saw there made me think! I hope it will cause *you* to think!

The WORLD TOMORROW program is broadcast every night at 8 over the Jordan government station, Radio Amman, in that capital city of Jordan. For some two months there had been set a definite personal meeting between King Hussein and myself. But the most recent border clashes and disturbance of the peace made it impossible. The Jordanian King found it necessary to make hastily planned trips to Cairo, Baghdad, Kuwait, and Saudi-Arabia. Also Jordanian radio officials felt it unwise for any American to even be seen in Amman at the moment.

Prior to the outbreak of the "Six-day War," last June, we had leased and furnished an office and representative's residence in Jerusalem, Jordan. This, of course, was prior to the occupation of Jerusalem by Israeli forces. The United States Embassy at Jerusalem had taken steps to ensure protection of our property during the war. However, now, almost a year later, I felt I should visit our offices there, and at Nicosia, Cyprus, as well as at Düsseldorf and Bonn, Germany, and at Geneva.

I spent about three days in Jerusalem. And I was appalled by what I saw there. It was not my first, but my third visit to Jerusalem. But Jerusalem in many ways is different now. For the first time since 135 A.D., the Jews are in actual possession of the "Holy City." They have respected both Moslem and Christian places of worship — including the famed Moslem Mosque, *Dome of the Rock*, built either on, or immediately adjoining the site of Solomon's Temple.

But the Israelis have made some changes, and they have been excavating near the "Wailing Wall," which was part of the foundation of Herod's Temple.

These excavations are disclosing that the present "old city" of Jerusalem is built on the rubble of a previously destroyed city, and that in turn on the broken-up ruins of a previous city. So it is that after these 19 centuries, the walks and pavement over which Jesus walked are now buried deep down below present surfaces.

The city one sees now is *not* the city of Jesus' day, but one entirely Arab.

As the prophecies reported centuries in advance, Jerusalem has long been "trodden down of the Gentiles," — and is to be "UNTIL the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). We are *very* near that time.

You have heard of Jerusalem as "the Holy City." But there is nothing holy about its appearance today. It is a confused jumble of dirty old stone and brick, filthy, unkempt, dank and smelly.

The living Christ turned His back on it many centuries ago — although He will *yet* take this city for His own, sweep away the stench and debris, and build there a city of beauty — to be the CAPITAL of the peaceful, God-ruled WORLD TOMORROW!

Of course I have visited the old walled city before — only somehow I was more impressed this time with its dirty, filthy, confused appearance. But it is regarded as the "Holy City" of three religions — Jewish, Moslem, Christian. In some areas, such as the "Church of the Holy Sepulchre," members of the different religions frequently get into brawls.

To see such an unsightly city, with crooked narrow streets that are alleyways rather than streets or boulevards,

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OUR COVER

Student revolt at Columbia University, New York City, highlights the worldwide revolution sweeping college and university campuses. At Columbia's Low Memorial Library, student demonstrators sit in the library windows and stand on ledges demanding to be heard. Demonstrators totally disrupted the University's educational program, imprisoned several officials in their own offices.



OPEN LETTER TO A STUDENT DEMONSTRATOR

Here is the full text of a letter received from a young demonstrator — an admitted "defiant" of established authority. Read his candid letter, and the complete answers to his arguments FROM YOUR OWN BIBLE!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

FOR YEARS, I have heard the arguments of hippies, demonstrators, draft-card burners and dropouts, that they are mimicking such famous world personages as Mahatma Gandhi, Buddha, George Washington, or Jesus Christ.

Most adults in the "establishment" hear these arguments with pained amusement — and dismiss the antics of the youthful generation as something that will "go away" in time.

But today fully forty percent of the population of the United States is under 21 years of age.

The "Spock Marks"

This vast chunk of the nation has new ideas — new goals and purposes — new "standards" of conduct. In millions of them, the "Spock marks" are showing; the results of a permissive age of the baby doctors, child psychologists, and "new moralists" who have instilled an almost religious dedication to *rebellion* in the youth of the nation.

Today's youthful generation has been encouraged to "think for itself" to *question*, to *evaluate* established traditions, and to *find their own* new standards of conduct.

Gone are the college boys of yesteryear with their coon-skin coats and ukuleles, their Stutz Bear Cats, and goldfish swallowing. Enter the student draft-card burner. Enter the militantly anti-military; the peace-loving cop-hater; the enraged, demonstrating, sometimes vio-

lent advocate of non-violence. Enter stringy, long hair.

Never, in the history of mankind, has a whole society found itself oppressed to such extremes by its youth. Youthful pranks have given way before serious, and often brutal, crimes. Two recent police surveys have given, first, age 16, and then age 15, as the largest representative age group for serious crimes, including murder, rape, auto theft, burglary, armed robbery and the like.

Never before have we witnessed our major universities rocked by violence — the traditional tranquility of study and research shattered by enraged anarchists staging sit-ins, teach-ins, and literal occupation of administrative offices, defying the police, the university officials, and all of society in so doing.

Who *are* these loud, insistent, rebellious youths? WHY do they fly into enraged disorder and chaos to air their "grievances"? What are their standards? What do they want? What is their goal?

The "New Morality"

They are the products of an age. Products of permissive homes, and a permissive society. They're the *victims*, actually, of a satanic *deception* that has come to pervade the entirety of the educational system in the English-speaking world.

That great deception is the ASSUMED theory of evolution; that there IS NO GOD. That is, there is NO ULTIMATE AUTHORITY. There is no great Lawgiver, no great Creator and RULER in the heavens who MADE all force, law and energy, and who MADE mankind, and put him on this earth for a purpose.

This, they ASSUME. They do not *prove* evolution — it *can't* be proved — but they accept it on faith.

Once that false faith is *assumed*, it's an easy step to the second major false step. Today, much of education is based on the teaching by the "new moralists" of "situation ethics." No deed, action, or thought is good or bad in itself, they insist — but must be decided by the *individual*, based on individual circumstances whether it is "good" or "bad" for HIM!

But the justification for riot can take many bizarre forms.

Most use the "situation ethics" excuse; or the "new morality" learned from their atheistic professors.

But many others are heard to cite JESUS CHRIST as their example!

Many hippies claim Christ as the *first* "hippie" in history.

I received a letter, recently, from a young student demonstrator. His letter speaks for itself. Since it is very typical of similar arguments being heard on many campuses today — I decided the letter, and a thorough answer to it, would be interesting to readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Here is the full text of his letter — just as he wrote it:

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I have just listened to your lecture of April 20 at 7:00 p.m., on radio station WLAC. In that lecture you attacked college students who demonstrate and practice civil disobedience. You seemed particularly disturbed by students who disobey laws "made by the majority" and then hollar police brutality. You were referring, I think, to recent incidents on Hollywood Sunset Strip with which I am not familiar. But I am familiar with my personal

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"Protestors" and onlookers gathering during demonstration that flared into violence.

situation, and I wish to comment on that.

After accusing the students of disobeying laws and then hollaring police brutality, you said that the students learned this "garbage" from their college professors. Now, let's look at "the plain Truth." I am one of the students who sits in, demonstrates, defies the established authority, and disobeys the law. But I disobey only when the law does not deserve obedience or when the civil law is contrary to my moral principles.

Now here is the plain truth you may not be able to handle. I did not learn this behavior from my college professors. I LEARNED IT FROM JESUS CHRIST. Let me repeat it — from JESUS CHRIST himself. Jesus and his disciples ate corn on the Sabbath. Jesus healed several men on the Sabbath. Both illegal acts. Jesus insulted the High Priest. (John 18:21, 22). Jesus called the Pharisees (the equivalent of college professors, clergymen, and radio preachers?) — he called the Pharisees hypocrites, blind guides, fools, serpents and a generation of vipers. Blasphemy! Jesus refused to swear allegiance to the Roman government. Treason! He talked about the Kingdom of God, about the world tomorrow. The laws, the mores, the morals, the system, the vote of the majority of this world meant very little to Jesus because he belonged to a different, a better world, the Kingdom of God. And his life was dedicated to bringing this Kingdom to mankind. Even if it means defiance and disobedience of the existing laws and morals.

I am a Christian, and this is what I have learned from Jesus. I did not learn it from my college professors as you accuse. I have been a Christian most of my adult life. I learned my civil disobedience from Jesus.

I have learned a few other ideas from Jesus. Perhaps you haven't heard them yet:

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." This is why I march in demonstrations denouncing the war in Vietnam.

"Thou shalt not kill... But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." This is why I refuse to hate Negroes, Communists, North Vietnamese, or non-Christians just because they are Negroes, Communists, North Vietnamese or non-Christians.

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you." This is why I sympathize with the North Vietnamese, and support illegal shipments of medical supplies by the Friends to North Vietnam.

"When ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do." This is why I belong to no organized religion, and practice my Christianity by marching rather than by praying.

"Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on." This is why I think the hippies, the drop-outs, the anti-system students are right.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,

ye have done it unto me." This is why I push for open housing, equal employment, justice in the courts, fairness in voting eligibility.

Now these are only a few of the principles I have learned from Jesus. And I intend to implement these principles in the political, social, and economic life of this country. And if the civil laws interfere with these principles I have learned from Jesus, I will disobey the civil law and remain true to Jesus.

But I'm in good company if I do that, am I not? When Peter and John healed the lame man, and preached Jesus, they were arrested. The authorities warned them and released them. But Peter and John ignored the warning. They continued to heal and preach. They were again arrested and this time put in the common prison. When Peter and John were finally brought before the council and the High Priest, and were warned again, Peter and John said, "We ought to obey God rather than man." The "laws" were irrelevant to them; they obeyed God. I WILL CONTINUE TO OBEY THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS RATHER THAN THE LAWS OF MAN.

Notice, this student *admits* he sits in, demonstrates, *defies* the established authority, and "*disobeys the law.*"

But then he says he disobeys "only when the law does NOT DESERVE OBEDIENCE... or when contrary to MY moral principles" (emphasis mine, throughout, except in letter).

But what is a "sit-in"?

"Sitting in" is the occupation of public or private property by persons who openly flout the personal rights of others. It involves the virtual invasion and occupation of public restaurants, housing facilities, transportation facilities; of university classrooms, dormitories, administrative buildings, or any other such area.

As such, it constitutes an invasion of privacy to the owners and operators of any service; the defying of occupancy laws, closing times, curfews or any other regulations in college and university buildings.

"Sitting in" has become an almost casually taken-for-granted term in our lawless, defiant society. But rest assured, if this young student were to find some *opposing* group "sitting in" HIS dormitory, or a classroom HE wished to attend, his attitude toward "sitting in" may not prove to be quite so liberal.

Notice, too, this young man stated he "disobeys," but ONLY when the law is contrary to HIS OWN PERSONAL MORAL PRINCIPLES.

This is nothing short of personal anarchy!

It is the setting up of oneself as the judge, the legislator, and a "majority of one" to arbitrarily *decide* which law is "right" and which law is "wrong" and thus elevate oneself ABOVE the law. This is becoming a law unto YOURSELF! Still, it's the precise reasoning, whether based on fanciful notions about "Christianity" or the blind faith in evolution and the "no absolutes" and situation ethics of a modern, God-rejecting world.

To be just a little "far out" (after all, this student seems to approve of such a stand), let's imagine a weird example of such anarchial actions. Suppose this young student reasons, through some incredibly illogical process, that the law against MURDER is a law that is CONTRARY TO HIS OWN PERSONAL MORAL PRINCIPLES. Granted, a seemingly insane and illogical reasoning. But, what if?

What if shoplifting? What if cheating in class? Or, perhaps to take a seemingly SMALLER crime, what about "sitting in" and disobedience to OTHER civil laws?

This reminds me of an old story I heard, years ago, while in the Navy. It seems a well-heeled old lecher approached a pretty young girl with the proposal they spend a weekend together in Honolulu. He asked if she would accompany him, if it meant one million dollars!

"ONE MILLION DOLLARS!" She exclaimed, "YOU BET I WOULD!"

"Well," said the calculating old sinner, "what about for *ten thousand* dollars?" "Welllllll..." came the answer, hesitantly, "I suppose so."

"Well then," he continued, "would you accompany me there for the weekend for ONE thousand dollars?" At this she snapped out, "WELL! What do you TAKE me for, anyway?"

"Madam," came the cool response, "we have already established what you *are* — we're now haggling over the price!"

In exactly the same fashion, the young man who wrote the letter is an *admitted* lawbreaker, and defiant of civil authority — but it just "depends"

on which laws happen to conform to HIS personal moral principles.

Following Christ?

Next, as you read, the student said Jesus' plucking of the corn, and healing on the Sabbath were ILLEGAL acts!

Wrong again! There were LAWS which ENFORCED upon the *landowner* that he *leave* some produce on the stalk or the vine *for* the hungry sojourner (as Christ was) (see Lev. 19:9-10 and Lev. 23:22) — this was part of the constituted, *God-given* laws which were stringently *enforced*, even by the Pharisees.

But the Pharisees had ADDED to the original GOD-GIVEN laws, many petty, minor "do's" and don't's" which were NOT the will of the majority; which were *not* "constituted" by any civil government; but which were religious TRADITIONS — in the same domain as many such religious *traditions* (such as the wearing of hats and veils in churches, etc.,) in "modern" churches today!

"Healing" was not even REMOTELY "illegal"! This was a *twisted* and *perverted* reasoning of carnal-minded MINORITY religious leaders who sought to *accuse* Christ falsely; when Jesus Christ was the most law-abiding example to ever walk this earth! Healing was a divine miracle from God! By PERVERTING the truth about healing, and making it appear as if it involved some human "work" or *labor*, this narrow-minded religious MINORITY attempted to *accuse* Christ.

Notice an outstanding account, in Mark 3:1-6.

Jesus was in a local synagogue, confronted by a man with a horribly deformed hand. The Pharisees "watched Him, whether He would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse Him" (verse 2). Notice — they were not enforcing or interpreting duly constituted LAW; but were "watching," suspiciously, to see whether they could find an excuse to accuse!

After the healing, Jesus asked them, "Is it *lawful* to DO GOOD on the Sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?"

Jesus KNEW IT WAS LAWFUL. He

knew THEIR OWN LAWS, INCLUDING THEIR RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS, allowed it. On another occasion, He had *proved* this, by citing the *law* of scripture that even a helpless *animal* would be pulled out of a ditch! Nothing UNLAWFUL here!

They, too, knew it WAS LAWFUL!

That's why they "held their peace," and then went out and plotted His murder!

Again, the zealous student has mistakenly MISAPPLIED a scripture, or neglected to really read and *study* the true meaning!

Next, it was claimed Jesus "insulted" the High Priest! No such thing. The High Priest WAS A LIVING INSULT. He was an INSULT to God, an insult to Christ, and an insult to the very office he occupied!

Turn to, and READ, with your own eyes, the scripture this student quoted! Can you see, by the wildest stretch in your imagination, any INSULT in what Jesus did?

Jesus said, "Why ask *me*? Ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when He had thus spoken, one of the OFFICERS which stood by STRUCK Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?"

Jesus then said, "If I have spoken EVIL, bear witness of the evil: but IF WELL [which He *had* spoken], why smitest thou me?" (John 18:21-23.)

Notice! Not ONE WORD from the High Priest! He, himself DID NOT ANSWER Jesus' truthful statement. His very *question* was in itself *hypocritical*.

Jesus gave a straight, truthful answer. There was NO insult in it whatever. A pompous OFFICER then STRUCK Jesus. This *was* an insult. It was also ILLEGAL. Jesus' reaction? Calm, studious, patient *truth*. He merely said, "If I have told the *truth*, then why do you strike me?"

It seems our student demonstrator didn't really read or UNDERSTAND these passages.

Next, the writer of the letter attempts



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HIPPIE "LOVE" — Cross displayed as symbol of love during "love in" get-together in Los Angeles, California park.

to heap all college professors, clergymen, and radio preachers into one lump with the Pharisees. But generalizations in sarcasm are never very safe — and not very constructive.

He then said, "Blasphemy!" Referring to Matthew 23, where Jesus called the Publicans, Lawyers, and Pharisees hypocrites!

But what a twist of words!

Let's understand! Blasphemy is a sin AGAINST GOD! It is taking something of God, something HOLY, and something RIGHTEOUS, and attaching to it some sinful, mundane, earthly, *man*-polluted meaning. To BLASPHEME is to speak profanely, or lightly, or in useless repetition, the name of God. It is to attribute a work of GOD as if being the work of man, or the Devil.

But "calling a spade a spade" in sincerity and TRUTH — in fulfilling the very commission of "Cry aloud, SPARE NOT, shew my people their SINS" is CERTAINLY NOT BLASPHEMING!

And, for the young student's correction: the most immediately OBVIOUS error in his illogical reasoning is in claiming Christ as his example and his MODEL, and then ACCUSING HIM OF BLASPHEMY!

That COULD approach blasphemy, alright — but Jesus Christ assuredly never did!

Next, the student cites a supposed *treasonous* act of Jesus. He said, "Jesus refused to swear allegiance to the Roman government. Treason!"

But if the student had read his Bible, he would have known Jesus would have refused to SWEAR to ANYTHING! (Mat. 5:34.)

Next, he would have known Jesus was a CITIZEN OF ANOTHER KINGDOM (John 18:36), and therefore would not have "sworn" allegiance to ANY foreign government — lest He lose His citizenship!

If this student were a Christian, he would understand that the Christian is already a CITIZEN of, and OWES ALLEGIANCE to, the Kingdom of God! He would see that the Bible is just like a *passport*, which contains a section warning the bearer against taking an oath of allegiance to, or serving in the armed

forces of, any foreign government or kingdom.

He would have known, then, that Jesus DID preach SUBMISSION to the Roman kingdom, that He showed its officers and representatives every *respect*, and that He would have meekly and humbly accepted any penalty they may have wished to impose if His obedience to the higher Laws of GOD (*not* His own "personal" moral principles) was in direct conflict to the laws of the Roman empire.

He did *not* understand any of this, so *assumed* it was demanded of Jews of that day to "SWEAR ALLEGIANCE" to a foreign, occupying power. No such thing! This was *not* a requirement, of ANY Judaeans — although they had to acknowledge that the Caesar was their *ruler*.



No, Jesus was never guilty of any treason! He set the example of being an obedient *taxpayer* to the Roman government, Mat. 22:17-22; was courteous to the point of HEALING a Roman officer's servant, Mat. 8:5-10; and in no case ever committed ANY act which would have been construed as "treasonous!"

Next, the student accuses Christ of *defiance*.

But there wasn't an iota of *defiance* in Christ!

He never DEFIED existing laws and "morals." Name ONE "MORAL" Christ ever "defied"!

Were the rigorous ADDITIONS to the Law of Moses, which were MAN-MADE TRADITIONS "MORAL"? Hardly. And this is not decided by a carnal human who merely "reasons" it around one way or



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RALLY AT HYDE PARK — British Hippies and bystanders during gathering of "Flower People." Signs show uncertainty of youth, search for basics of happiness, and lack of moral character.

the other—but decided by the great God, who is the Supreme Authority, and by His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the coming RULER OF THIS UNIVERSE!

The attitude of Christ was always one of OBEDIENCE to law. To God! When and if His actions disturbed the rigorous, self-righteous MAN-made traditions of "the elders" Jesus gave a compassionate object lesson to those around Him. But He was NEVER DEFIANT about it!

He was always kind. Patient. Loving, forgiving and understanding. He sincerely regretted the violent reactions

these murder-plotting would-be criminals experienced at His examples. He PRAYED for them, and even as He was DYING on the stake, asked, "Father, FORGIVE them, for they know not what they do"!

Defiance?

Never in His entire lifetime was there any defiance in Jesus!

To take His marvelous example of HUMILITY, and of LOVE and OBEDIENCE, and try to twist it into an example of treason, blasphemy, defiance and disobedience is a complete PERVERSION of the life and meaning of Christ!

Next, the student claims to be a Christian.

But what is a Christian? It is one who has been CONVERTED (Acts 2:38, 3:19), and has received the Spirit of God (Rom. 8:9), and who is allowing Jesus Christ to LIVE in him (Gal. 2:20)

by following the perfect example of Christ (I Peter 2:21), and who will always OBEY MAN (Rom. 13:1, 2) except where such obedience may conflict with the higher Laws of GOD (Acts 5:29). A Christian is one who is TOTALLY DISCONNECTED with the movements, demonstrations, riots, and politics of *this world* (John 17:16; I John 2:15; Rom. 12:1, 2; Rev. 18:4; James 4:4).

First, foremost, and of prime importance, a Christian is one who is LED by the Spirit of God! The Spirit and Mind of God GUIDES the true Christian — *leads* and *directs* him. The Spirit of God is a LAW-ABIDING Spirit (Romans 5:5) of LOVE—which, in itself, is a spirit of *fulfilling* the LAW (I John 5:3). For a fuller, completely Biblical explanation of what is a Christian, write for our free article on the subject, "What is the BIBLE Definition of a True Christian?"

No, the student did *not* learn any "civil disobedience" from Jesus Christ—but "learned" it from others who SUPPOSED they had "learned" it from Christ!

The "BADattitudes"

Then came the student's reference to the famous "beatitudes" of Matthew the fifth chapter.

First, he cited the "peacemakers" verse, and said, "This is why I march in demonstrations denouncing the war in Vietnam."

But Jesus never marched in ANY "demonstration" of ANY kind.

Further, during His ministry, there were *many* areas of the world being constantly kept under the Roman heel by force of arms. Jesus was living in an *occupied* country — yet He never "demonstrated," never "sat-in," never said a WORD about the political and military concerns of the Roman Empire; was courteous to Roman officers — even enjoined upon His followers that, "... whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain..." All historians and Bible commentators agree this was prompted primarily because of the habit of Roman government mail carriers (soldiers, probably) to *require*

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH TODAY'S MUSIC?

Does music have a purpose? How can you recognize GOOD music? Here's the truth about "psychedelic," protest-rock, pop-rock and similar types of modern music.

by Eugene M. Walter

"I'M a goin' OUTTA MYYYYYYYY HEAD!" wails a voice from the radio to the beat of a nerve-wracking pandemonium that seems designed to drive the shocked listener insane, too.

A quick flick of the dial and a singing group is heard. But the raucous noise emitted by the "singers" is no match for the loud, odious din coming from the instruments. The words are completely lost—which may not be regrettable—and the whole tumult sounds more like bad static than music.

You turn the dial again. This time you can scarcely believe your ears.

A Real Shocker

A plaintive young voice is singing a simple ballad-like number about, believe it or not, *rape*!

In words clear and plain the listener is told about a girl who was walking down the street when a car suddenly pulled up beside her and several men jumped out and forced her to go with them. Then—in words unfit to print—the song relates how the girl is taken to a nearby park and cruelly raped!

Those who witness the crime consider "calling the cops," but decide against it because, they reason, by the time the police arrive there would be nothing they could do anyway. And besides, the song ends, no one will know about it anyway except the raped girl and "a small circle of friends."

As the last strains of this pitiful song die away, the announcer cheerfully and enthusiastically breaks in, "Yes, just a small circle of friends. That's the way it is down at your friendly...

Bank in . . . Their personalized, efficient service makes you feel like you're in a small circle of friends."

You'd like to tell the announcer that the whole thing makes *you* feel sick.

This is a sample of today's music! Something is terribly **WRONG** with it! Yet millions around the world—and especially young people—listen to it by the hour. **WHY?**

What is there about this music that is so gripping? How can it hold multiple millions under its spell? Why does it serve as a common denominator—as "the tie that binds"—for so many youths?

WHY It Appeals

As it blares forth from jukeboxes and loudspeakers, rock music has become the main evangelistic vehicle for proclaiming the restless message of today's youth. That message has two major themes, two basic doctrines.

One is "Come Swing with Me"—an invitation to come dance the dance of life, to "get with it," to be "where it's at"—**NOW**. The other theme is "Myself a Stranger in a World I Never Made"—a dislike for the world in which they find themselves and a disenchantment with the "Establishment" (see *It's Happening* by Simmons and Winograd, pp. 158-159).

Rock music is able to give expression to these two basic feelings of modern youth as perhaps no other means can. That is its basic appeal.

Being "Where It's At"

It's exciting to see a display of real **POWER** such as a big jet thundering

down the runway. It gives a feeling of being *where the action is*.

And so it is, too, with the sound of rock music. It conveys a feeling of power and excitement. It makes you feel that you are "where it's at"!

The electric instruments and amplifiers produce sounds with a *percussive suddenness* that is able to jolt and shock the senses much more than conventional instruments can. They produce a sound with an electrifying immediateness of "NOW" sensation. And they can make a sound so loud that it hurts!

But what effect does such music have on the human body, mind and emotions? We will see.

The POWER of Music

It is a scientific **FACT** that music directly affects the nervous system, the circulatory system, the digestive system, the muscles, the glands—virtually every part of the human body.

The book *Doctor Prescribes Music* by Podolsky states that because the roots of the auditory nerves—the nerves of the ear—are "*more widely distributed and have more extensive connections* than those of any other nerves in the body . . . there is **SCARCELY A FUNCTION OF THE HUMAN BODY WHICH MAY NOT BE AFFECTED BY MUSICAL TONES**" (p. 18).

Music can temporarily **CHANGE** the *pulse rate* and *blood pressure*. It can increase the secretions of the adrenals and other energy-producing and pain-

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Band plays during gathering of "flower children" in English countryside.



fighting glands. It can affect the outpouring of gastric juice, thereby having a bearing on digestion. It can *reduce* and *delay* muscle fatigue and *increase* muscular strength.

Emotions and moods have a *biological basis*. Music, by its tremendous effect on the body processes, becomes an important factor in determining these moods. If certain feelings and emotions are present — either good or bad — music can give them strength and direction. It can cause them to crystallize into a *mood*.

Dr. Schoen in *The Psychology of Music* makes this remarkable statement: "Music is made of a stuff which is in and of itself *the most powerful stimulant known among the perceptual processes* . . . Music operates on our emotional faculty with *greater intensiveness and rapidity than the product of any other act*" (p. 39).

Music is POWERFUL! And like all power, it can be put to a *good* and *right* use or to a *bad* and *wrong* use. Music can produce an uplifting, *wholesome* emotional impact, or a restless, *UN-wholesome* impact.

Now let's look at modern pop music and see what kind of an impact it leaves.

Hypnotic Effect of Pop-Rock

Have you ever had an irresistible urge to tap your foot or your fingers while listening to music? Sure you have! But have you ever wondered *why* you had this urge? Here is the reason:

"Sound vibrations acting upon and through the nervous system give shocks in rhythmical sequence to the muscles, which cause them to contract and set our arms and hands, legs and feet in motion. On account of this automatic muscular reaction, many people make some movement when hearing music; for them to remain motionless would require *conscious muscular restraint*" (*Music in Hospitals*, Van de Wall, p. 106).

In rock music this process is greatly intensified. The relentless "big beat" packs a tremendous emotional punch to those who allow themselves to be caught up in its sway.

Recently the author and several friends were staying at a hotel in a Southern American city. We heard a deafening sound coming from a room adjoining the lobby and learned that a high school dance was in progress in the main ballroom. We decided to see what was going on. When we reached the ballroom the sound was so great that it hurt our ears and caused physical pain. And not only that, but each "big beat" caused a very real and noticeable shock — very similar to an electric shock — in our fingers, toes and the pits of our stomachs. There was no physical way to avoid this response except for us to leave the room. We could only imagine what the results of an hours-long exposure to such an influence would be.

In a similar vein, *Time* magazine said: "The sound is often so loud that conversation is impossible. *The hypnotic beat works a strange kind of magic*. Many dancers become oblivious to the around. They drift away from their partners. *Inhibitions flake away, eyes glaze over*, until suddenly they are seemingly swimming alone in a sea of sound."

Add drugs and psychedelic lights to this sound and you can imagine the results!

One girl in *Time's* report, said: "I give *everything that is in me*. And when I get going, *I'm gone*."

What's wrong with this? Plenty!

The giving over of the mind and body to such an influence in a hypnotic trance can lead to catastrophe — mental and emotional. When control of the mind is weakened or lost, *evil influences* can freely take possession of the mind. Loss of self-control is DANGEROUS! It is SIN!

Sick Sex, Too

"Among the many characteristic effects of music, we find the promotion of a *free wandering of the mind*," states Dr. Weld in *An Experimental Study of Musical Enjoyment* (p. 586).

He then goes on to explain that whenever such imagination is induced by music, it always involves *movements and sensations located in various parts of the body*. If given free reign, these imaginations can *dominate the entire content of consciousness*.

Now what type of imaginations and bodily sensations do you think rock music inspires??

The *Time* article answers: "The *highly sexual implications* of big-beat dancing have some psychiatrists worried. Says one: 'It's *sick sex* turned into a spectator sport.'"

Many enthusiasts candidly admit that rock music's appeal for them personally is *sex* — an often perverted sex! The immoral conduct of many of the best-known performers is no secret.

Such a wrong use of sex — whether committed literally or only in the mind — is SIN. See Matthew 5:28. And any activity that leads to and promotes such sinful thoughts and actions — as rock music often definitely *does* — also become a sin.

The New Hero

Rock music has used the "Come Swing With Me" theme of modern youth — the desire to be with the "in" crowd — to produce a new breed of idol.

It used to be that the way to teenage popularity was to be a star on the football team. But today a boy can be more popular by playing guitar in a school band.

One recording company executive said, "We are in an era when any kid can pick up a guitar and soon sound like his heroes on records. He may sound untrained and very natural, but so do the professionals."

Today it's easier than ever to imitate your favorite musical idols. In many cases, little or no skill is needed!

In addition to buying records, many deepen their sense of identity with the stars by buying the cheap magazines which contain the words from their latest songs together with pertinent details about their lives.

The true hero-worshipper will eagerly devour every scrap of information about his idol. This idol's every utterance is important, his every action filled with great meaning.

Many a worshipper will write to the letters-to-the-editor section to praise his idol in glowing words of adoration. If he has had personal contact with his god, he will inevitably lavish praise

on his courtesy, politeness, kindness and gentleness. If someone else has not given his idol due credit, or has even gone so far as to speak an evil word against this god, venomous abuse is heaped on the head of the blasphemer!

Many times the writers will state their ages and it is dismaying to learn that most are 14 to 16 years old — some as young as 12!

This direct breaking of the first two Commandments is an abominable form of idolatry in the eyes of God Almighty. It will not go unpunished!

"Yeah, That's the Way I Feel"

Dissatisfaction with the "Establishment" is the second major theme of today's youth. And once again, rock music is a powerful means of expressing this theme.

Modern pop music "echoes all the other manifestations of youth's rebellion against the established order — the hippie movement, drug use, social protest, aggressive pacifism, ludicrously ragtag dress, widespread rejection of religion and moral convention, and chronic aversion to combs, barbers, and beauty shops" (*National Observer*, January 15, 1968).

One performer says: "The groups today are telling the truth — just how they feel. And the kids are listening and saying, 'yeah, that's right, that's the way I feel'" (*Ibid.*).

Judging from how and what they're saying and singing, they don't feel very good!

Today's youth feels confused and bewildered — or they wouldn't sing songs about finding lots of "questions but no answers." Or about not being able to tell right from wrong because everything is now in "Shades of Gray." Or "We have no need for a God, Each of us is his own." Or songs which purposely don't try to say or mean anything, or which try only to "embody an emotional state that makes its point indirectly."

They feel the wretchedness of broken



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Hippies put away their band "instruments" after gathering in a U. S. west coast city.



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and unhappy homes and promiscuous sex — or they wouldn't sing about a red-eyed father saying good-bye to his children as he separates from his wife and family. Or about a divorced man dropping in on his remarried wife for a clandestine visit while her new mate is at work. Or about fornication in a car on a rainy night to the rhythm of the windshield wipers.

Our young people feel *insecure* and *afraid* — or they wouldn't sing songs about fighting parents who cause their children to have nightmares, which end, after a biting satire on parental hypocrisy: "It's really not very funny what the children say."

And they also feel *base*, *destructive* and *REBELLIOUS* — or they wouldn't enjoy the "big beat" which originated with primitive, savage jungle societies. And they wouldn't create "music" which consists of beating, kicking, throwing, smashing, and blowing up instruments — or demolishing cars — on stage!

What's wrong with us that our music always seems to emphasize the unhappy, the morose, the sad, the depressing, the degenerate? Why aren't our young people singing happy, jubilant, uplifting, optimistic songs?

There is a reason!

Cause and Effect

It is a truism that MUSIC REFLECTS THE SOCIETY OR THAT PORTION OF SOCIETY WHICH HAS PRODUCED IT.

Music mirrors our emotions; it reflects our thoughts; it echoes our activities — it shows us the way we *really* ARE!

Music — and the other arts — are like a social barometer. A strong and healthy society produces dynamic and stimulating music; a diseased and decaying society produces sick and decadent music.

It's a simple matter of *cause and effect*!

Today's world is a SICK SOCIETY and therefore it produces SICK MUSIC. It's

just that simple! Both parents and the young people are to blame.

But the point is, you don't have to be a part of this sick society — or its sick music.

"Why Pick on Rock Music?"

"Why are you picking on modern rock music?" some may ask. Don't other kinds of music have things wrong with them, too?"

Yes, indeed! But at the present time rock music is influencing the most people and causing the most damage.

But just as the Beatles have "turned pop music into a vast laboratory for musical experimentation," (Ibid.) over the past several years, so traditional "long-hair" music has likewise been undergoing a revolution.

Insanity in the Concert Hall

Listen to this: "There was that recent New York concert," reports *The Reader's Digest*, "at which the chief instrument was, instead of a Steinway or a Stradivarius, a coiled-metal slinky toy that slithers downstairs. One end of it was attached to two phonograph cartridges wired to an amplifier, and into these cartridges went a feather, strands of wire, toothpicks, nails, pipe cleaners, a tiny Japanese parasol, and even a miniature American flag. The 'solo instrument' was then shaken, bounced and stroked, to create blasts, crackles, booms and shrieks, which were heralded, as 'a new world of sound' " ("You Call That Music?" Aug. 1965, pp. 143-144).

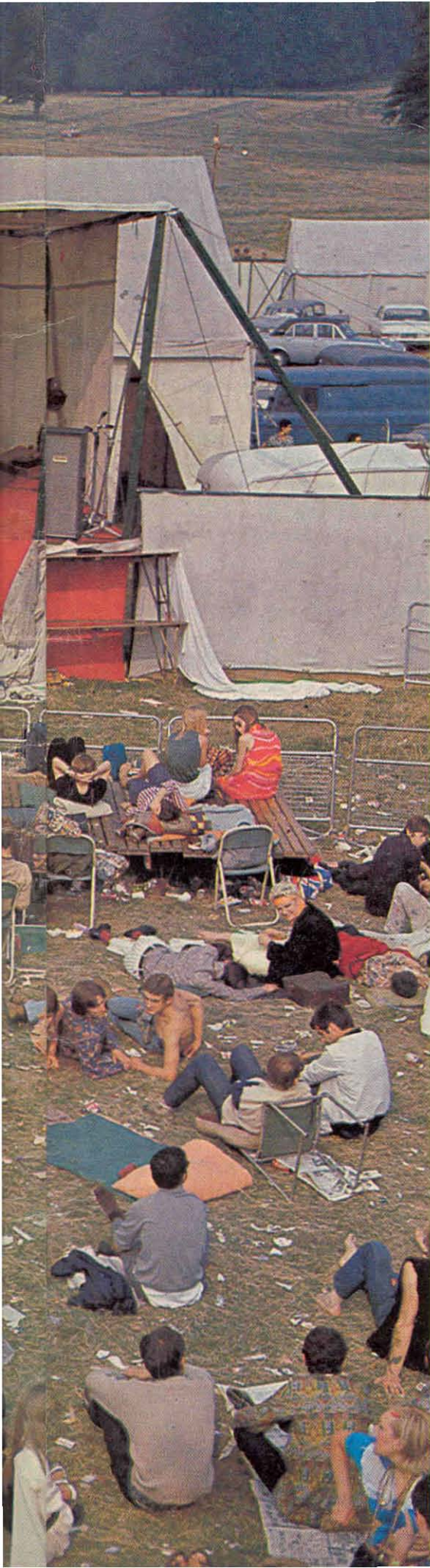
A new world of sound? — Rather, a new insanity!

In the concert hall today you can hear "music for nonmusicians." A typical "concert" of this kind might consist of several "performers" eating a meal on stage — their friendly, harmonious chitchat symbolizing the harmony and beauty in music!

Or you might wish to attend a concert in which one instrument electrically produces the same sound at the same pitch at the same level of volume for the two-hour duration of the concert!

Or you could attend a concert featuring "chance music." Numbers here

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EFFECT OF TODAY'S MUSIC —
Hippie "flower children" in England listening to a combo.



would consist of one or more "performers" playing or singing random notes or making sounds either together or separately.

Or you might wish to listen to a concert of electric music—a hodge-podge of idiotic noises played on a tape recorder.

Such "concerts" are taking place in many cities today and the numbers performed are being hailed as "great creative masterpieces." What utter perversion!

As these examples show, classical or "long-hair" music, too, has felt the degrading impact of our society. Unlike the noise of pop rock, however, "classical" noise has a pseudo air of "intellectuality" which makes it all the more *disgusting*.

The Purpose of Music

What is **WRONG** with us? Have we completely *lost* our sense of values regarding music? How do you *evaluate* music? What is "good" music?

And what is the *purpose* of music?

Is there any way you can know? Is there any authoritative source to which you can turn for the answers to these questions?

Yes, there is! That source is the Bible — the foundation of all true knowledge.

The Bible reveals the purpose of music. Music is for *enjoyment* and the expression of wholesome emotions.

The book of Psalms in the Bible is a collection of the words of inspired sacred songs. The music for these Psalms has been lost, making it impossible for us to know how they *sounded*. But by looking at the *words*, we can see what *emotions* they expressed. Joy, praise, adoration and happiness are perhaps the most frequent. Majesty, love, awe, respect and reverence toward God are also expressed.

Other parts of the Bible mention music in similar contexts. James says, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any *merry*? Let him *sing psalms*" (James 5:13).

When the prodigal son of Luke 15 returned home, his father said, "Let us eat and be merry." How was this

merriment expressed? *By good music and right dancing* (verse 25)!

God intends that **MOST** music express *positive, joyous* emotions.

But at times, *sadness, longing* and other *heavy-hearted* emotions can be wholesome, too. Some of the Psalms express *these* emotions. Even when music expresses sadness and sorrow, however, it gives a certain *satisfaction* — and in that sense *enjoyment* — in serving as an emotional outlet.

Music is to be **ENJOYED**! That is its very *purpose* for being! Just as knowledge is of no value except as it is put to use, so music is of no value except as it is *enjoyed*. Good music will be *pleasurable*.

Good music will also serve as a *wholesome expression of the emotions*. It will leave a *favorable* emotional impact.

But truly good music possesses yet another vital quality.

Good Music High in Quality

The true God *believes* in **QUALITY**. Look at the universe He has created! He also believes in human *improvement* and **GROWTH**. "Become ye therefore *perfect*" (Mat. 5:48) and "*Grow* in grace and knowledge" (II Pet. 3:18), He commands.

God wants His people to grow in the right kind of *culture* — the right kind of appreciation for the finer things in life. He says that mature Christians are "those who by reason of *use* have their *senses exercised* to **DISCERN** both good and evil" (Heb. 5:14).

God *wants* us to **EXERCISE** our five physical senses. He wants us to learn what the *true values* for the enjoyment of the senses are. One of these senses is *hearing*. And one of the ways we need to exercise our hearing sense is in the appreciation of *quality music*.

But just what is "quality" in music?

Quality in music involves, first of all, the way the music itself has been *composed* or *arranged*. Secondly, it involves *how the music was performed*. And thirdly, the *setting* — the place and occasion — in which the music was heard.

All three of these factors — individually and collectively — are important

in determining the overall **QUALITY** of a particular piece of music.

What Kind of Music Is Good Music?

We have now seen that three vital ingredients will always be present in good music. Truly good music will be 1) enjoyable, 2) it will give a favorable emotional impact, and 3) it will be of high quality.

But what **KIND** of music contains these three factors? Let's again look to the Bible for guidance.

The Bible speaks of many different kinds of music. The Psalms and other Old Testament songs are sacred music. Because of the high quality with which the professional temple musicians (I Chron. 15, 25) performed the Psalms and similar compositions, we might say that the Bible speaks of *truly classical* music. Some of the Psalms were composed by David while he was in the fields herding sheep. In that sense they are *ballads* or *folk music*. Then in Luke 15:25 Christ spoke of music for dancing — the equivalent of today's light or popular music.

From these examples we can see that there is enjoyable, emotionally uplifting, quality music available in **ALL** the major musical fields. But there is also considerable music in each of these fields which today *lacks* one or more of these vital ingredients of good music.

Sometimes these "lacks" are just a matter of degree or of personal taste and preference. Hence they are not important. At other times, however, the shortcomings are serious and all-important.

Here is a general guide to strong and weak points of each of the major types of music.

Evaluating Rock Music

Much of this article has been about rock music. The term "rock music (or "pop rock") has been used to include the entire gamut of rock sounds — folk rock, blue rock, jub rock, raga rock, acid rock, etc. It has also included many hybrid types involving varieties of jazz, country-western, folk, rhythm-and-blues and other sounds which don't belong in

any category and which give classification headaches to record store managers.

Of course, all these varieties have some differences. Nevertheless, the same principles apply to all of them.

Quality—in the composition, the performance and the setting—is one of rock music's greatest weaknesses. It is a rare rock number that meets the quality requirements of good music. To try to find good music of the rock type is about as fruitless as trying to find quality merchandise at the city dump.

One performer confessed: "Whenever I go out to play a rock engagement, I think: 'you have to *play ugly* tonight.' It's *decadent*. I can't even talk about it as music, only as noise."

Another member of a now-famous group candidly admitted of their debut: "I think people came to see us because they couldn't believe such incompetents would have the guts to stand up there and play" (*Newsweek*, Jan. 16, 1968).

Then there is also the matter of the unfavorable emotional impact—both in the words and the music—which rock music generates. Many may get a kick out of it, but it's a shallow, short-lived thrill at best. At worst it can lead to wasted and ruined lives. Drug trips, promiscuous sex and wild parties are *not* fun in the long run. Rock music may strike a common bond—but it's a bond of hopelessness, purposelessness and despair.

In spite of the evidence, many will still seek to defend it.

How to Justify Rock Music

One mother justifies her daughters' listening to an obscene song by saying, "If you listen to the words of that one, it's pretty rough. But it has a real good beat. And the girls say they don't pay any attention to the words anyway" (*National Observer* article).

Is the poor woman really *that* naïve?

Listen to another justification: "When a girl is 15 or 16, she is thinking about the theme of *Let's Spend the Night Together*. Listening to the song doesn't speed up her action in that direction. It just makes her aware that there's nothing wrong with her—others are thinking about the same thing," reasons

one person in the pop music business (*Ibid*).

What *erroneous* reasoning! Go along with the crowd—even if the crowd is on the way to suffering, misery, pain, extinction!

Don't think for a minute that such songs have no part in the tidal wave of promiscuity, venereal disease, illegitimate babies and untold suffering and heartache!

Some rock performers (and wouldn't you know it is those promoting some of the filthiest material) even go so far as to say: "We are doing what we can, in our small way, to help society"! (*Ibid*.)

If it weren't so pitiful it would be funny.

Others say that modern lyrics give much-needed expression to social evils. But just exposing a social evil—no matter how effectively it might be done—does no good without offering a solution. Protest songs without a solution serve only to perpetuate the misery they are expressing.

If you are one of those who like rock music, you ought to honestly and truthfully ask yourself *WHY*. To be sure, this music might give vent to your feelings of rebellion or protest against society. It might give you some perverted "fun" for the moment. It might make you feel a part of the crowd.

But do you have what it takes to see that this is not the way you ought to go? Do you have the courage to find out what life is all about—*really*? Do you want to find the answer to why you were born—and where you are going? You can! You don't have to mope around in ignorance—without answers and without hope!

If you want to *really* LIVE and learn the true values of life, write in for our free booklet *Why Were You Born?* as a starter.

Other Popular Music

Popular music is a very large field. It includes not only rock music, but also folk songs, country-western music, jazz, music from Broadway shows and musicals, etc. Naturally, in a field so broad there is a great variation in quality. There is, however, some music

which meets the requirements for good music in the field of popular music.

Remember that music must *fit the occasion*. A formal concert requires formal music. A semiformal occasion requires semiformal music. And an *informal* occasion requires *informal* music.

This means there is a time and place for quality folk songs, certain country-western music, or even certain jazz. Often one can express a certain wholeness spontaneity and naturalness in such music that is difficult to duplicate in more formal types. Such music can be very enjoyable and emotionally uplifting if it is of good quality.

Naturally, such types of music should by no means constitute the *entire* musical diet. There should be a balance with other more difficult and challenging music.

Remember that popular music is music which appeals to the "popular" or general public taste. That taste is generally low in quality and is too often misguided or perverted.

Some popular songs use very bad grammar. Others have *highly suggestive* words and should be absolutely avoided.

Sacred Music

Like popular music, religious music is a large field—and quality varies greatly. It goes from so-called "gospel singing" which is just a religious form of rock music or jazz, all the way to the stately and majestic beauty of Handel's "Messiah" and Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

A prime consideration for religious music is the *words*. If the words express a *false doctrine*, the words should either be changed or the song should be discarded.

Also many religious songs have a certain syrupy, pseudo-sanctimonious, sentimental flavor in the *sound* of the music. Such music has a very *unfavorable* emotional impact. It exudes the wrong spirit or attitude.

Classical Music

Classical music is the "heavy" part of the musical diet. It is more *complex* and *challenging* to listen to. But it can be very rewarding and satisfying once

you have learned to enjoy it. There is much classical music — and that includes semiclassical and marches — which fulfill the three requirements for good music.

High quality is generally classical music's strong point. It has been composed by the best musicians of each age, and has stood the test of time. It is usually well performed and heard in pleasing surroundings. But there are also certain important weaknesses in classical music which you should be aware of.

Have you ever seen a book written with big words, page-long sentences and in a horribly dull and pedantic style? Well, classical music is sometimes just like this — extremely dull, boring and uninteresting! Such music utterly fails to fulfill the purpose for which music was created — ENJOYMENT.

Also, some classical music does not give a favorable emotional impact. Just as some very learned and erudite books can contain some very STUPID and IDIOTIC ideas, so some very "high brow" classical music is very *weird* and *bizarre*.

If a particular classical piece sounds *weird* or *odd* to you, or *depresses you emotionally*, DON'T LISTEN TO IT! Always remember that music should leave a favorable emotional impact.

Your Musical Diet

You now have the three vital ingredients of good music — *enjoyment*, a *favorable emotional impact* and *high quality*. And the guidance in *evaluating* these factors in each of the various kinds of music.

It is now up to you to begin applying this knowledge. You can — and ought to — raise your standard of music appreciation and enjoyment. You can do this by listening to a well-rounded musical diet. Strive for a balance between the lighter and the heavier types of music. But also remember that music is only one facet of life. Too many let their minds idly drift while listening to music hour after hour.

There is no substitute for listening when it comes to learning to enjoy good music. One of the best ways to

do this is by means of records. Today stereo sets are available in every price range — from a few dollars to several thousand. Most everyone can afford one.

Various high-class record clubs have economical record albums. These record albums include some good music in both popular and classics. But beware of the cheap advertisements of pulp music. It is an utter waste of time and money.

In conclusion, remember that inferior music often has an *immediate appeal*. But this appeal is usually based on something trite. It soon wears off.

This is why scores of new popular records are produced *each week*. These cheap "hits" last only a few days, or at best, a few weeks.

On the other hand, it requires *time* and *effort* to develop an appreciation of good music. This is because it is more *challenging* — there is *more* to listen to.

Quality music also has a *lasting* appeal. Once you have learned to enjoy it, you don't tire of it easily. The more you hear it, the more you enjoy it.

Good music is a blessing from God. Enjoy it to the full!

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.

● "I will have the opportunity to visit Jerusalem this summer. There are many sites there where Christ was supposedly born, lived, and died. How valid are these sites? How were they discovered?"

G. A., Seattle, Washington

Very few of the many famous "Christian shrines" in Jerusalem are accurate, or even resemble the Biblical record of Christ's life and death!

The *first* shrines were not established until 295 years after Christ died! And they were established by an 80-year-old woman who had *never seen Jerusalem before*, had *never read the Bible*, and who hurriedly chose these "sacred sites" in the last year of her life as atonement for a life of utter paganism!

That woman was Helena (247-327 A.D.), the mother of Constantine the Great. She was born of peasant stock, the daughter of a tavern keeper, but

she managed to become the concubine of a Roman noble, Constantinius, in 274 A.D., and she bore him a child out of wedlock — Constantine the Great! Many classical writers, including Eusebius, refer to her in Latin as "concubinatus" throughout her life.

When Constantinius became emperor in 292, he put away Helena, hoping to erase all records of this youthful sin of his. He succeeded until his death in 306, when Constantine succeeded his father as emperor, and restored his peasant mother to fame. He stamped coins in her honor and renamed cities to her glory.

Not until 326, during the last year of her life, did Helena begin to take an interest in Christianity at all. That year she became a professing Christian and set out for Jerusalem.

This background of Helena and Constantine is necessary if we are to

understand the TRUE motivations behind the choice of these so-called "sacred shrines."

Their choice was NOT made on painstaking study of the Bible, diligent archaeological research, or even Jewish-Christian tradition of the day, but on weird visions, threats and torture, arbitrary personal opinion, and, in one case, based on her *physical health*.

Here are *five* of the most famous shrines she discovered:

The "Grotto of Nativity" in Bethlehem, supposedly the birthplace of Christ, was a *CAVE 20 feet under the earth level* when Helena "discovered" it in 326 A.D. It remains a cave to this day. Helena was "told in a night vision," according to the historian Socrates (not to be confused with the Greek philosopher) writing in 430 A.D., that this was Christ's birthplace. The Bible refers to the proper site as a manger (Luke 2:7, 16), not by any imagination a cave!

The "Place of the Cross" was Helena's choice for the site of the death of Jesus. The Biblical site of "Golgotha... *the place of the skull*" (Mark 15:22) may be clearly seen today *outside* the old walled city near the Damascus Gate (John 19:20). But Helena had not read the Biblical account for the facts.

The "Church of the Ascension" on the Mount of Olives is the most ludicrous of all the shrines in Jerusalem. One classical writer, Sulpicious Severus, said that Helena found "the footsteps of Christ" there! A more believable record is a legend that she, being 80, was so tired after climbing halfway up the Mount of Olives, that she could not ascend to the top. Thus the "Church of the Ascension" stands at the *half-way mark of the Mount of Olives to this day!* Christ is supposed to have ascended to heaven from the *side* of a hill—just because elderly Helena wasn't in physical condition to make it to the top!

Helena also "discovered" what thousands believe to be the true cross on which Christ was crucified. The Bible says Christ was crucified "on a *tree*" (I Peter 2:23). The original Greek from which the word "cross" is trans-

lated is *stauros*, meaning a *stake* or *tree trunk*.

But Helena didn't know these Biblical facts. "Tradition" spoke of a cross, so she was only in the market for a cross. She thought she could find *the* original cross among all the wooded debris of Jerusalem.

According to Eusebius, she demanded that the local Rabbis tell where the cross was. They refused, but finally consented after she, supposedly a newly born Christian, threatened to *burn them alive* if they did not tell.

After eight days of confinement and forced starvation, the Rabbis led her to where the crosses of wood were buried. They dug up three, and she claimed to have found the "right one" by touching each to a cadaver. The "right one," she said, caused the cadaver to come back to life. She pronounced that one to be *THE* cross, and sent the nails back to her son Constantine for his crown.

This description is obviously exaggerated, but shows that Helena was by no stretch of the imagination "proving all things" (I Thess. 5:21), "trying the spirits" (I John 4:1), or "rightly dividing the Word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

She died a few months after this trip to Jerusalem, but was later proclaimed a *saint*, due to her deathbed pilgrimage and "discovery" of the holy shrines. (For further information on the life of Helena, see Smith and Wace's *Dictionary of Christian Biography*, Volume II, article "Helena (2)".)

Other sites were added later, with similar abandon! "Monks supplied sacred places *as fast as pilgrims demanded*" (Hilprecht, *Explorations in Bible Land During the 19th Century*).

By careful study and observation, some sites in Jerusalem *can* be fairly accurately determined, such as Golgotha, the garden tomb, and the Mount of Olives. But *God never intended people to adore physical sites, or set up shrines there!* The Bible does NOT stress the geographical, but the *spiritual* purpose of Christ's birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection. If God wanted us to revere these sites, He would have told us to do so, and He would have been

careful to give us the exact locations. As such, the Bible contains only small hints few and far between.

God knew long ago that man would adore physical graves if given a chance. That's why God sent Michael the archangel to keep Moses' body away from Satan (Jude 9; Deut. 34:6)! Satan wanted to divert the Israelites from worshipping God by having them worship their revered *physical* leader, Moses. Israelites disrespected Moses while he lived, but nearly *worshiped* his memory afterward, as some Jews still do today. That's why God instructed that Moses' grave be hid, "and no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day" (Deut. 34:6).

In the not-too-distant future, Jesus Christ is going to return and (*if He chooses*) make it abundantly clear where He was born, and where He lived and worked, but these sites will *not* become shrines.

Instead, Jesus Christ will destroy the dark caves, corners, and crevices of Jerusalem. In place of today's decrepit Old Jerusalem, He will build a bright, clean, open-air, magnificent and elegant TEMPLE where His servants will worship Him "*in Spirit and in Truth*" (John 4:24).

God haste that day!

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CJET — Smiths Falls, Ont. — 630 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
CKFH — Toronto, Ont. — 1430 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
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CKCY — Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. — 920 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
CJNR — Elliot Lake, Ont. — 730 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
CJNR — Blind River, Ont. — 730 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
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CFMB — Montreal — 1410 kc., 5 p.m. Sat., Sun.
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PEACE IN OUR TIME?

Paris truce talks to bring "peace" in Vietnam? And what of WORLD PEACE? Is it possible in the 1970's? But how? The surprising answers are not what most people expect!

by Richard H. Sedliacik

AFTER weeks of apparent disagreement over a suitable site for truce talks, representatives of the U. S. and North Vietnam sat across the table eying each other.

It was May 10. The eyes of the world turned hopefully to Paris. Then came the rude shock.

In the judgment of top-ranking officials in Saigon, the chances of a truce before the end of 1968 seem *highly unlikely*. If past negotiations with the Communists on Korea and Laos are any example, it will probably take *months* before even an agenda for real truce negotiations is set up!

Promises of Peace

Ever since World War I, world statesmen and religious leaders have tried every means to bring about "peace in our time." Politicians promise the people peace to gain their votes.

But there is no peace in the world today!

The League of Nations, formed to make the world safe for Democracy, was wrecked by the ambitions of Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese warlords. Shortly before the Second World War ravaged Europe, Asia and Africa, Britain's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain met with Hitler to dismember Czechoslovakia and bring "peace in our time."

Then WAR struck!

The nations united against Fascist aggression and constructed the United Nations organization — admittedly "the WORLD'S LAST HOPE for peace." But within weeks after the close of the war, Russia began the new *cold war* — and little *hot wars* too!

History tells us the same story. Since

the Flood men have waged nearly 15,000 major and minor wars. They have signed something like 8,000 different peace treaties and have enjoyed only a few score years of genuine tranquility, most of it during the early Roman Empire when the Gospel was first preached.

Since World War II alone, there has been some type of shooting eruption on the average of *once a month!* These conflicts include at least 12 limited wars in various parts of the world, 74 rebellions for independence, 162 social revolutions, 39 political assassinations and 48 personal revolts.

There have been 335 major acts of violence in the world since the "war to end all wars," including costly racial riots in Los Angeles, Detroit, and Newark — not to mention recent riots which erupted throughout approximately 125 American cities after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

President Johnson recently observed that *ONE HUNDRED MILLION persons had perished in the wars and political persecutions of the 20th century alone!*

Why all this warfare and bloodshed throughout history? What is the *basic*

cause of the violence, misery, and bloodshed in Vietnam?

Why have statesmen and organizations of men *been unable to bring us lasting world peace?*

The Cause of War

To some the answer may seem oversimplified. And yet the great God of your Bible lays bare the *basic cause* of all war.

It is simply HUMAN NATURE!

The lusts of human nature have been responsible for all the bloodshed in this world from the time Cain murdered his brother Abel.

God inspired the apostle James to write: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of *your lusts* that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye KILL, and *desire to have*, and cannot obtain: ye FIGHT AND WAR..." (James 4:1-2).

People want peace, but they DON'T KNOW HOW to find it. Without the guidance of the Word of God and His Holy Spirit, carnal men simply do *not know the way to peace!* (Isa. 59:8; Rom. 3:17.)

Change Human Nature!

The late General Douglas MacArthur made a historic address in 1951 before the assembled Congress of the United States. In that dramatic speech he revealed the depth of his understanding of the cause of war — and, in principle, the solution.

He said: "I know war as few other men now living know it, and nothing to me — and nothing to me — is more revolting... Men since the beginning of time have sought peace... Military

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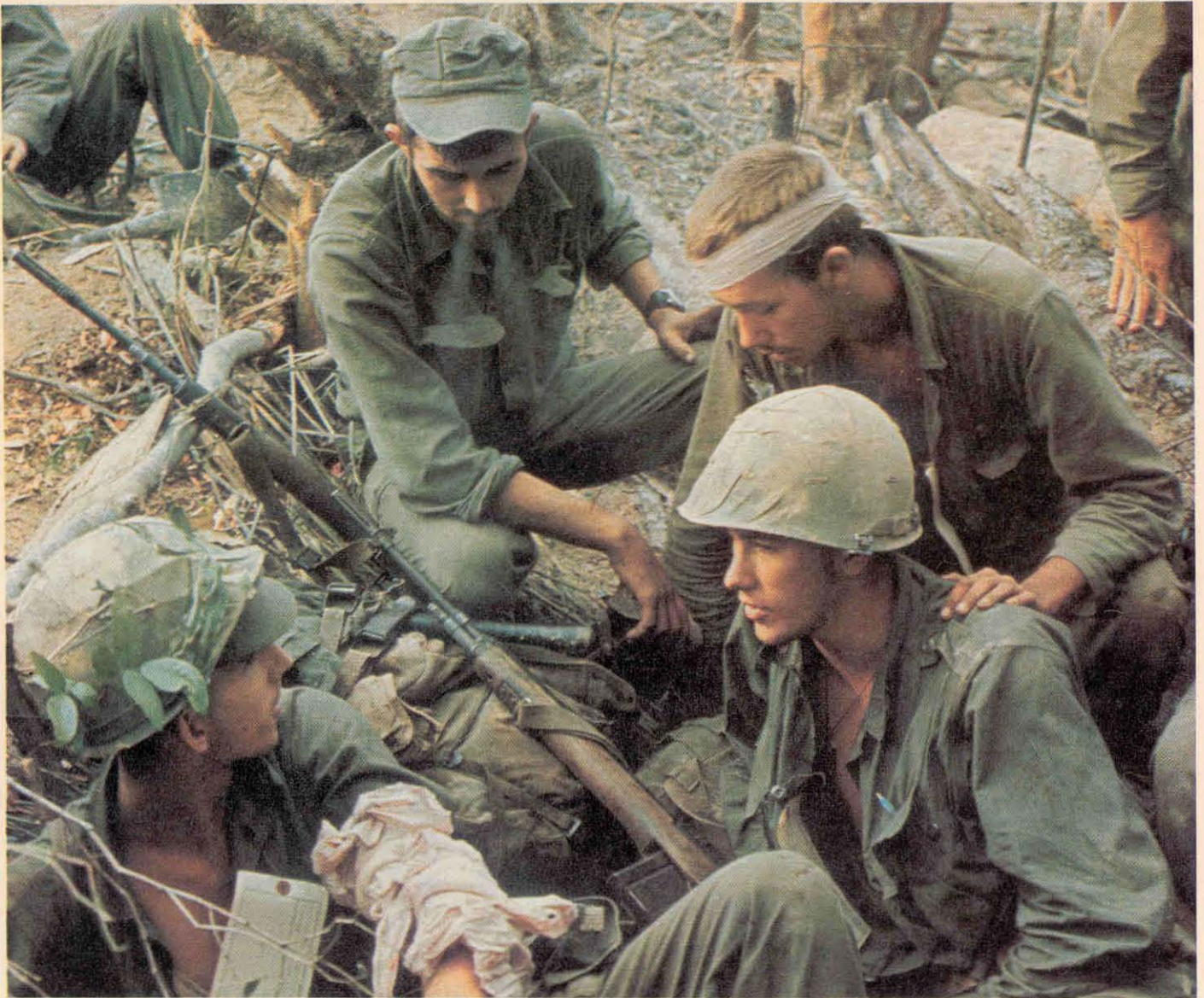
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VIETNAM WAR — Soldiers in Vietnam rest between battles. In spite of billions of dollars and thousands of casualties, the conflict is still not resolved.

alliances, balances of power, leagues of nations, all in turn failed, leaving the only path to be by way of the crucible of war. *The utter destructiveness of war now blocks this alternative.* WE HAVE HAD OUR LAST CHANCE. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, our 'Armageddon' will be at our door."

General MacArthur knew that unless the trend of world events was reversed, civilization was headed toward utter oblivion! He realized man's misguided scientific and technological genius would lead him to the brink of self-annihilation!

"The problem," General MacArthur continued, "basically is THEOLOGICAL and INVOLVES a spirit of recrudescence

and IMPROVEMENT OF HUMAN CHARACTER that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature and all the material and cultural developments of the past 2,000 years.

"IT MUST BE OF THE SPIRIT IF WE ARE TO SAVE THE FLESH."

General MacArthur realized the answer to man's search for peace must be a change in human nature!

Yet nearly six thousand years of human history have proved that, left to himself, man is totally unable to effect this change. Throughout history, negotiations for peace have always been accompanied and supported by the most vigorous preparations for war!

The story is no different today.

World leaders and scientists are frankly fearful of the future. They are constantly WARNING us that man now possesses the means of destroying all life from the face of the earth. They speak fearfully of COSMOCIDE — suicide of the whole human race — and even talk in terms of "OVERKILL!"

What Statesmen Know

The U.S. and USSR already have enough nuclear weapons stockpiled to TOTALLY ANNIHILATE all life from this planet more than FORTY-FOUR TIMES OVER!!

Just ONCE would be enough!

In 1961, the late President John F. Kennedy warned a hushed United Nations Assembly: "Mankind must put an

end to war — or *war will put an end to mankind!*"

"Today," he said, "every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate the day when this planet may no longer be habitable... The mere existence of modern weapons — 10 MILLION TIMES more powerful than any that the world has ever seen, and only minutes away from any target on earth — is a source of horror..."

Such is the terrifying state of the world you live in!

"Together," said Mr. Kennedy grimly, "we shall save our planet — or *together we shall perish in its flames!*"

What President Kennedy told the United Nations in 1961 is more true today than ever before. His warning of possible world annihilation was not the ranting of a wild-eyed fanatic, but is the *day-to-day REALITY* of the world in which you live!

Dr. M. S. Livingston of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the President of the Federation of American Scientists said: "It appears unlikely that the world will avoid a nuclear holocaust if another 15 years pass without arms control agreements."

Philip Noel-Baker, British authority on world disarmament told assembled U.S. Congressmen: "I believe that within 10 years we will *all be dead and the earth will be an incinerated relic.*"

These are not the rantings and ravings of fanatics and extremists, but the convictions of world renowned statesmen and scientists who are authorities in their fields. They all speak fearfully of the **END OF THIS WORLD** — the *end of human civilization!*

Surprising as it may seem, these men agree with the prophetic words of Jesus Christ who **PREDICTED** these frightening times *over 1900 years ago!* He said: "Except those days should be shortened, there should **NO FLESH BE SAVED [ALIVE]**!" (Mat. 24:22.)

Needed: "A Strong Hand From Someplace"

An accurate appraisal of man's **ONLY HOPE** for survival appeared in a leading newsmagazine in 1965. This appraisal indicated that among government officials, the prevailing view is gaining

acceptance that tensions and world problems are becoming too deep-seated to be solved except "*by a strong hand from someplace.*"

That **STRONG HAND** is coming — but from a source most people least expect! The prophet Isaiah reveals that source in your Bible: "Behold, the **LORD GOD** will come with a **STRONG HAND** and *his arm shall rule for him...*" (Isa. 40:10).

Your Bible shows there is hope for mankind! God Almighty is going to intervene with a **STRONG HAND** to *save humanity from cosmocide!* He will not allow the scientific genius of man to destroy all life from this planet!

The Great God of your Bible says He is going to send Jesus Christ again — this time to **SAVE** us from ourselves and bring us *peace at last!*

Peace in Our Time!

Universal peace IS coming in our time — and not later than the decade of the 1970's. But it will not come the way most people have expected, or *dared to imagine!*

To save human life from annihilation Jesus Christ will come again — this time to set up the very Kingdom of God on earth, and to establish the millennial *Utopia* of the wonderful world tomorrow!

Yes, *one thousand years* of world-wide peace and prosperity is just around the corner!

God inspired Isaiah to give us a glimpse of this time of world peace: "And he [Christ] shall judge among the nations... and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4).

But exactly how will God intervene to stop the present trend of world affairs? Just *how* and *when* is Jesus Christ coming to set up God's world government? What will the world tomorrow under Christ's rule really be like? What will tomorrow's cities be like? And how will God change human nature so all of man's efforts will finally be directed into peaceful, productive channels?

Most important of all, you need to know how you can escape the horrible time of suffering and nuclear holocaust about to fall on this rebellious generation!

That's why you need the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course! This dynamic Course shows you *where* to look in the Bible for the answers to all these questions — *and more.*

What You'll Learn

The first lesson of this unique Course of Bible understanding deals with up-to-the-minute happenings in world affairs. It begins with this very **PRESENT** in which we live — this "**TIME OF THE END**" — just before the **END** of this age, and the ushering in of the wonderful world tomorrow.

Lessons 2-4 show how God will set up His Kingdom on earth and what the Utopia of tomorrow will really be like. Immediately following that will be a lesson explaining God's way to true financial security. You will finally understand **WHY** so many people today struggle in an endless battle to make ends meet, and *how you can find FREEDOM from financial worries!*

Other lessons to come will reveal the astounding **PROOF** of God's existence and the *veracity* of His inspired Word. The amazing irrefutable facts from the Bible itself, from secular history, archaeology and geology — and even the immutable laws of science — are laid out for you step-by-step, and in simple terms, so even a child can understand!

Literally dozens of different subjects of vital interest to you in this pulsating space age are revealed and made clear from your own Bible with the help of this Course!

You need to *enroll* in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course **RIGHT NOW** — *before you forget!* And remember — this exciting and revealing Course is *absolutely free* of any tuition cost whatsoever!

Just write to the Editor in care of our office nearest you and ask to be enrolled. (See inside front cover for the addresses.) And be sure to *mention you read this article.*



Exclusive Report from Top-Level Conference

The Untold Story Behind Today's Pollution Crisis

Never before have so many ideas, inventions, costly equipment and broad-scale programs been employed to combat pollution. Yet, paradoxically, the air you breathe, the water you drink, the quality of life is deteriorating at an unparalleled rate. Why this dilemma? What is the way to solve our mounting pollution problem?

by Gene H. Hogberg and Eugene M. Walter

Houston, Texas

"WE shall never have, on a nationwide basis, absolutely clean air or pristine pure water. There is a *necessary* and *acceptable* amount of each pollutant that society will tolerate."

Shocking statement?

It certainly is. But this admission by a leading U. S. Senator was only one of many alarming facts and conclusions presented at the National Pollution Control Exposition and Conference we attended in the Astrodome in this bustling metropolis of south Texas, April 3-5.

Addressing the 2,000 conference delegates from all across the nation were well-known U. S. Senators and Representatives, top spokesmen from the U. S. Public Health Service, leading state and municipal pollution control officials, plus top-level representatives from private industry. A full-range industrial exhibit with the very latest in pollution control equipment was on display. Ninety-two manufacturers and distributors were represented.

First-of-its-Kind Meeting

Never before had such a broad-based conference on pollution control ever

convened. PLAIN TRUTH correspondents were on hand to report not only the facts, but the *real meaning behind* those facts.

It's time you discovered not only what the causes of pollution are but what the "solution to pollution" is — because **THERE IS A SOLUTION!** This is something that even the experts at this conference were seemingly not able to understand.

Nuisances — or Perils to Life?

The facts presented at this conference should shake the last ounce of complacency out of anyone who still naively

Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia addresses banquet session of the recent National Pollution Control Exposition and Conference in Houston, Texas. Sen. Randolph warned delegates of the many hazards to the physical environment caused by our advanced technological society.

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believes that dirty air, polluted water and all other types of environmental contamination are mere "nuisances" which can be passively tolerated.

Ten or twenty years ago, perhaps. But not today!

"Our physical environment, sad to say, is being contaminated faster than nature and man's present efforts can cleanse it. We must reverse this process of deterioration before it is too late. We must cease degrading our environment and start to improve it." These were the words of Dr. Samuel Lehner, a vice-president and director of the world-famous Du Pont Chemical Company. Dr. Lehner delivered the conference's opening-day keynote address.

Echoing Dr. Lehner's words, Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia told the audience at the conference's banquet: "Only recently have we become acutely aware of the fact that we are *exceeding nature's ability and capacity* to reprocess the kinds and quantities of wastes which are being produced."

The overall *public unawareness* of what man is doing to his environment has alarmed many of the experts. The Assistant Surgeon General of the United States, Dr. Richard A. Prindle drove this point home:

"The deterioration of our environment is a problem *so vast and urgent* that anxiety about it must not be confined to elected officials, professional health workers and conservationists. *Every level and facet of citizenry is affected and must be concerned.*"

Are you?

Pollution Foe Tells Ugly Facts

During the conference, we talked personally to one of the nation's leading "pollution fighters," Representative John Blatnik of Minnesota. Mr. Blatnik is a pioneer in water quality control legisla-

tion. He authored the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1956.

In his capacity as Chairman of the House Rivers and Harbors Subcommittee, Representative Blatnik has toured every major harbor and inland waterway in America. Wherever he went, he told us, he found the conditions of the nation's waters "simply horrible."

PLAIN TRUTH correspondent William Dankenbring asked Representative Blatnik whether every major river system in the United States is plagued with pollution.

Mr. Blatnik's reply: "Practically, yes. The Mississippi River [for example] is already bad by the time it reaches Minneapolis... By the time it gets down to Iowa... it is getting quite serious, and south of that, by the time all the petro-chemicals and other industrial oils, chemicals, and slaughterhouse wastes along the way are dumped into it—from St. Louis on, *it is impossible.*"

From that point southward he said, the Mississippi is so bad that state health departments and the Federal Public Health Service have posted signs *forbidding people to even eat lunches along the banks of it*, let alone go wading in the water, or to water ski. The concentration of infectious bacteria *in just the spray* from the river, when deposited on a person's face or on lips, can cause typhoid, colitis, hepatitis, diarrhea, or infections in the blood stream.

"In fact," said Representative Blatnik, "in plain, simple but honest language, it is rapidly becoming an *open, running sewer*. This is the great Mississippi River which splits the United States right down the center... This is true of the Ohio River, large rivers, small rivers—*just name it.*"

"Punch a Hole in the Bottom of Lake Erie?"

We then asked Representative Blatnik to comment on the conditions in some of America's large lakes—specifically Lake Erie.

Lake Erie, he replied, suffers from an extremely heavy concentration of industrial wastes. Into the lake from the areas around Detroit and Cleveland

flow complex concoctions of acids, sulphides, gases, and petro-chemicals.

This "gook" doesn't break up by being aerated. It settles to the bottom of the lake, similar to the way the watery part of milk settles to the bottom while the cream goes to the top. When fresh water flows in from Lake Huron it merely slithers across the top of this heavier density and on into Lake Ontario. *There is no flushing action* as there would be with organic or human wastes.

Scientists and engineers who are working on Lake Erie are fearful that the pollution process in the lake may well have already passed the point of being reversed. Biologically, Lake Erie is already more than half dead, robbed of life-supporting oxygen.

"What then can be done—if anything—to save Lake Erie?" we asked Mr. Blatnik.

"This is merely a preliminary, speculative thinking on engineering lines," he answered; "but what you may have to do is *punch a hole in the bottom of the eastern end of Lake Erie*. It would be like cutting in underneath and boring a hole into a bathtub... and having all this heavy stuff drain out."

Just where you would dump all the "gook", of course, is a monumental problem in itself. Just to *begin* the complex task of restoring Lake Erie (if indeed it is now possible at all) would involve an outlay of half a billion dollars!

Cost of Cleanup Enormous

We then asked Mr. Blatnik what are the major obstacles in the way of cleaning up our polluted environment.

"Oh, the major obstacle is very obvious," he replied. "It is the *magnitude* of the problem and the *complexity* of the problem."

How much would an all-out assault on pollution in America cost?

Hold on to your chair! If all forms of pollution were to be tackled, the combined industrial, municipal, state and private expenditures could rise as high as ten billion dollars a year for 20 years—or a total of *200 billion dollars!*

"We are racing against time" con-



Dr. Richard A. Prindle, Assistant Surgeon General of the United States, spelled out all the unwanted by-products of our "mechanized, industrialized, and urbanized environment" — noise, lack of space, physical and emotional stress, frustration, hypertension, plus loss of time-honored values. Together, he said, they comprise the "urban condition" which affects so many today.

cluded Mr. Blatnik seriously. "Time is bringing us *more people*, and more people will bring us *much more industry* . . . and more competition and demand for water."

Here Representative Blatnik hit on the crux of the problem — *more people*, *more industry*, and the crowding of both into *less and less space* in our complex, highly-urbanized society.

Pollution is basically an urban problem. It runs concurrent with all of the other ills of modern city life — crime, juvenile delinquency, noise, congestion, frustration and stress upon the individual. Yet, cities are becoming larger all the time. Entering our vocabularies are such terms as "megalopolis" or "maxi-city" — each word denoting a giant sprawling urban complex in which all the ills of city living are compounded and maximized.

Pollution is by no means limited to the United States. Most of the western world is in the throes of an industrial upsurge and is consequently experiencing the curse of contamination to some degree or another. But it is in America, the world's most highly developed industrial society, that the crisis has

reached the "do-something-drastic-or-else" stage.

More to Come

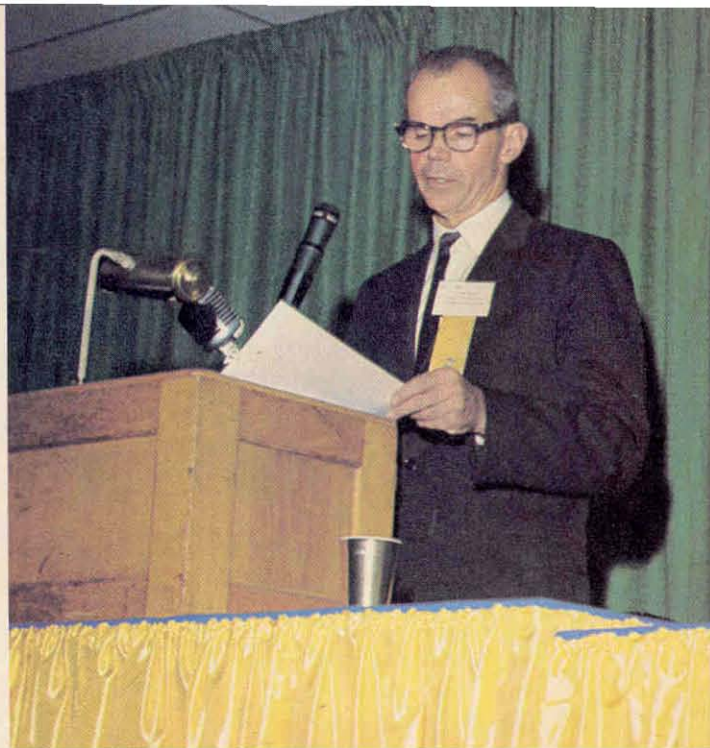
Take water, for example. Over 90 million Americans today drink water that is either below Federal standards or is of unknown quality. Yet water demands throughout the U. S. are predicted to double by 1980.

More significant than this is the fact that the amount and variety of *waste materials* dumped into our waters are destined to increase at an *even faster rate* than the water demand. By 1980 the nation will be producing enough sewage and industrial water-borne wastes to deplete the oxygen supply in *all 22 river basins* in the dry season!

Air pollution is also increasingly a menace.

Smog blankets are appearing over cities that once boasted of their clean air and healthful climates. Additional cities are destined to fall under the putrid cloud of pollution.

Auto industry statisticians in Detroit, for example, calculate that city streets will contain *twice as many cars* by the year 2000 as now! Such greatly increased auto usage means more carbon



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monoxide, more photo-chemical smog, higher concentrations of poisonous lead in the atmosphere.

Dr. John T. Middleton, Director of the National Center for Air Pollution Control of the U. S. Public Health Service warned those of us at the Houston Conference that the "true dimensions of the threat which air pollution poses to our civilization are just beginning to be understood."

The lung cancer rate in large metropolitan areas, revealed Dr. Middleton, is twice as great as the rate in rural areas, even after full allowance is made for differences in cigarette smoking habits. The serious pulmonary disease, emphysema, has shot up *eightfold* in the last ten years.

As President Johnson said in a 1967 speech: "Either we stop poisoning our air, or we become a nation in gas masks, groping our way through dying cities."

Heat Pollution

Other experts in Houston were concerned over a relatively new source of pollution — excess heat. Specifically, this concerns water used by electricity generating plants. When the heated

water — which has been used for cooling purposes — is returned to streams, it raises the water temperature markedly. This stimulates the growth of algae and undesirable plants, prevents fish from mating and eggs from hatching.

Heat pollution is expected to increase greatly in the next few years, due to the tremendous thirst for electric power. It has been calculated that power production — and therefore waste heat — will *double* by 1980.

Nuclear-powered plants, moreover, offer no solution. One of their most serious drawbacks is the fact that they release as waste *even more heat* than do conventionally powered plants.

Assistant Surgeon General Richard A. Prindle, commenting in jest about this phase of the pollution crisis, said that if excess heat should ever melt the polar ice-caps considerably, resulting in a rise in the level of the oceans, mankind might at least be saved atop his growing coastal garbage heaps.

Which brings us to the next point.

The "User" Society

The disposing of solid wastes — plain old garbage, if you please — has become an enormous headache to sanitation engineers. The third largest municipal budgetary expenditure in America now goes for waste disposal. The "garbage bill" for all of America last year came to three billion dollars!

There has been a constant and spiraling increase in the per capita production of wastes. Recent studies in the San Francisco Bay area indicated that *if all solid wastes were considered, the rate of production now approximates 8 pounds per day per person.*

What do today's overburdened sanitation men have to deal with (when they are not on strike)? Listen to these staggering statistics:

Every year, we affluent (or rather, effluent) Americans throw away over 30 million tons of paper, 4 million tons of plastics, 48 billion cans, and 26 billion bottles!

Greatly compounding the miseries of our solid waste engineers are these facts.

(1) Americans are no longer consumers. They are mere *users* of products. They buy, they use, they dispose — in

greater and greater quantities (4% more each year). (2) The objects we use and subsequently throw away are increasingly of an incorruptible nature. That handy plastic bottle that won't shatter when you drop it on the bathroom tile won't break down via natural decay processes at the city dump either. And the beer or soda pop aluminum can "just sits there" unperturbed, a virtual King of the Dump. The old tin (mostly steel) cans at least rusted away. Yet industry, seemingly oblivious to the over-all problems and needs of our environment, continues to produce and sell non-degradable items.

Someone has suggested man's eras should be summarized as the Stone Age, then the Bronze Age, the Iron Age, the Space Age... and now the Garbage.

Will Science Save Us?

Over and over again at the conference we heard the hackneyed expression "Technology created pollution. It can also solve it."

But will the hoped-for new advances in science and technology clean up our polluted world to the extent that we can once again breathe clean air, drink pure water, eat wholesome, nourishing, uncontaminated food?

Afraid not. Scientists do not intend to go that far.

The committee on pollution of the National Academy of Sciences stated recently in its report on waste management and control:

"The right amount of pollution must be planned with criteria set somewhere between the ideal of complete cleanliness and the havoc of uncontrolled filth."

The so-called "right amount" of pollution, this report continued, "involves a *calculable risk* of society. It depends on where we are, what use we want to make of the environment and quality of cleanliness for which we are prepared to pay."

Are you willing to accept this decision on the part of the scientific community? Are you willing to accept the opinion of a news magazine which in a recent issue claimed that in the search for solutions "there is no point

in attempting to take nature back to its pristine purity."

Why not? Why shouldn't our environment be clean — *TOTALLY*? Why should we have to tolerate a "little bit of filth"?

Pollution is NOT necessary!

Drastically Needed: A Fresh Perspective

In his frantic effort to curb pollution, man is passing more laws, spending more money and conducting more research than ever before. And we can be thankful that he is!

As one manufacturer told us, "If all the pollution control equipment in the U.S. were shut down for *just one day* while industry continued to operate, you would really appreciate how much is presently being done to control pollution." He predicted that any such shutdown would create a national pollution emergency almost immediately.

But in spite of man's best efforts — with all the control machinery working — the fact still remains that we are losing the battle against pollution.

Something new and greater must be done — *and soon* — if mankind is to survive!

To use Dr. Middleton's words, "We have no alternative, then, but to seek a *fresh perspective* and to *think and plan along new lines*."

But *what* "fresh perspective" — and along *what* "new lines"?

Is there a solution to pollution?

There is! And we bring you the good news that this solution will be in full effect well before the end of this century.

The CAUSE of Pollution

The cause of pollution is no secret. Many speakers at this conference clearly identified the culprit.

"In its broadest dimensions, we all know that *pollution is a by-product of industrial civilization*, whether the system be capitalism or communism," said Dr. Lehner of Du Pont.

John S. Lagarias of the Air Pollution Control Association added that air pollution problems "follow closely the rate of urbanization and the development of megalopolises... [and] the crowd-



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PLAIN TRUTH reporters examine a "sonic boom recorder" on display at exhibition booth. Fantastically expensive tape machine is used by governmental agencies to record sonic booms, other noises in urban areas. "Noise pollution" is a growing problem in U. S. cities.

ing together of people in closer and closer proximity."

Addressing the entire group at the April 3 evening banquet, Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia stated: "Nearly all of the important and critical environmental health problems — air pollution, water pollution and the growing pervasiveness of pesticides... have been an undesired and unforeseen *by-product of goods or services which society has wanted.*"

These brief quotes lay bare the *cause* of pollution. Did you catch it?

Pollution is caused by MAN, by man's *lusts, his misdirected urban-industrial WAY of LIFE.*

Racing to Nowhere

Today our society worships the false god of "Continued Economic Growth." He is also known as the god of Greed or Materialism. Upon his idolatrous altar we are willing to sacrifice our all — clean air, pure water, good food, health, happiness, peace of mind and the well-being of our children.

To do obeisance to this god, 500,000

to 600,000 people a year march as permanent pilgrims from rural areas to his metropolitan meccas — our teeming cities. There they serve in his temples of technology — the factories, mills and plants — and breathe the acrid, sulphurous incense of industry which is continuously belched into the air like an ever-burning oblation.

If this pilgrimage to the cities were to continue at the present rate, by the year 2000, 100 million more people would be occupying American cities and towns now occupied by 140 million!

In fervent worship to this false god, 95 per cent of man's technological achievements are estimated to have been made in the last 20 years! And pollution has been a *serious* problem in roughly this same time period. *Can't we see the connection?*

Isn't it high time we stopped to ask ourselves *where we are going* — and *WHY?*

One is reminded of the story about the airline pilot who told his passengers over the loudspeaker, "I have some good and bad news. The good news

is that we are making rapid progress at 530 mph. The bad news is that we are lost and don't know where we are going."

The sad fact is that this becomes a true story when applied to our modern urban-industrial society. As Dr. Middleton so graphically stated: "In our *single-minded devotion [idolatry]* to achieving the benefits of science and technology we plunged ahead with the abundant materials at hand, without a very precise notion of where we were going, and without serious attention to the possible adverse side effects of our new activities on our environment."

Yes, conceive, invent, design, develop, forge, produce and fabricate. And do it **FAST** — with a sense of urgency!

But don't ever ask **WHY**. And don't stop to think where it will end.

Incredible though it may seem, this is today's philosophy!

Confused Values

Hasn't it ever occurred to us that man can produce *too much*? Can't Western man see that he really doesn't **NEED** everything he *desires*?

What we as a people need are fewer conveniences and less soft living and more **CHARACTER!**

We need to realize that there are some things our factories can't produce. Things like sound minds, healthy bodies, obedient children, a purpose in life, peace of mind, happy homes and marriages — to name just a few.

Examine our modern culture for what it really is. Many things which our industrial society produces are simply not good. Think of all the tons of newsprint consumed each year in producing cheap magazines, pulp novels and outright pornography. Many more of our manufactures are of a cheap, shoddy, inferior quality which serves to instill in both builder and buyer wrong character traits. (To see this, go to any cut-rate furniture store and see what the "bargains" are).

Still other products are not as great a blessing as we think.

For example, what do you find at a supermarket? A fantastic variety of food, mostly in convenient packages and often partially or wholly prepared, then

preserved with a battery of unpronounceable and mostly harmful chemicals. (Food pollution was hardly touched at the conference — just the mention that there are 2400 food additives in commercial use today — preservatives, bleaching agents, artificial colors and flavors, sweeteners, emulsifiers, stabilizers, thickeners, neutralizers, etc., etc.)

Society points to this variety and convenience as a great blessing. But what are we *paying for it*?

The penalty of added costs and ill health!

Wouldn't it be a much *greater* blessing to eat food that had a fresh, tree or vine-ripened taste, food without chemical preservatives and pesticides, food grown on healthy soil without unbalanced chemical fertilizers, food that isn't embalmed, food that contained all the rich flavor and nutrients that God intended?

Isn't good health worth it? How can you compare a few moment's convenience to a lifetime of good health?

Yet this is just one example of many where a convenience of our mechanized age is called a "blessing" even though it is robbing us of our health and therefore becomes a curse.

A Shocking Report

But let's not just look at *physical* pollution and its *physical* effects. The pollution of our surroundings exerts a tremendous influence on our *mental* and *moral* well-being.

On the last day of the conference, Dr. Richard A. Prindle, Assistant Surgeon General of the U. S., spoke on the effects of pollution on man. After first explaining the effects that chemicals play in the pollution picture, he said:

"Chemicals are only part of the known or suspected hazards of living in the mechanized, industrialized and urbanized environment of today. I consider the most important of these other hazards to be the many physical and emotional pressures which add up to a *total pattern of unrelenting stress upon the individual* . . .

"Gone is the satisfaction and a feeling of accomplishment in one's work. *With the advent of modern specialization, man often feels that he is simply a cog*

in the machinery, endlessly performing the same routine task in the assembly line, in a never-ending battle for survival in a fiercely competitive, often brutal world . . ."

Dr. Prindle continued his blistering indictment of modern man's way of life:

"The individual is under constant attack from external influences such as congestion of all types, minor nuisances and daily hazards, noise at work, on the radio, on the television, noise from the telephone, the jets, the streets, and from people living close by. These assaults plus the lack of space and facilities for recreation and all the problems, stresses and frustrations encountered in the course of an average life can add up to an individual who is susceptible to the slightest infection that comes along, or who becomes one of the thousands who suffer from ulcers and other stress-related disorders . . ."

What a penetrating indictment of our WAY OF LIFE!

Yet with foolish pride we hail the trends of urban, industrial and technological growth as the "hallmark of our era."

Don't misunderstand! There is a place for the *right kind* of cities and industry in a well-ordered society. A "right kind" of city or industry will enhance the TOTAL QUALITY of human life and will enable the ones living and

working in it to develop the *true values* of life.

But what a rare thing this is today!

Instead, "In almost every major urban area we observe the continual increase in crime and juvenile delinquency, in civil disorders, and in *general degradation of the quality of life*, and in congestion and in *environmental pollution*. Few of our cities today offer a foundation for a good life, much less the basis for a Great Society" (Senator Randolph).

WHY?

The answer lies in taking a closer look at the most basic reason of all for pollution — human nature.

Pollution and Human Nature

Human nature is a *selfish* nature of vanity, jealousy, lust and greed. It wants to GET, to acquire, to have for the self.

If this means upsetting the delicate balance of nature or hurting your neighbor — SO WHAT? If getting some small comfort or object for the self *here and now* means robbing a fellow human or future generations of a vital necessity of life — WHO CARES? That's *their* problem, the reasoning goes.

This is the attitude of human nature. Human nature is completely hostile to God's law which says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Rom. 8:7 and Mat. 19:19).

Our modern urban-industrial society

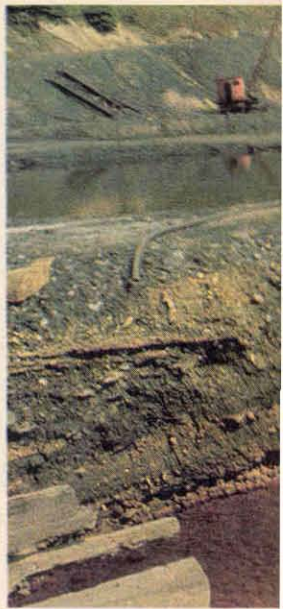
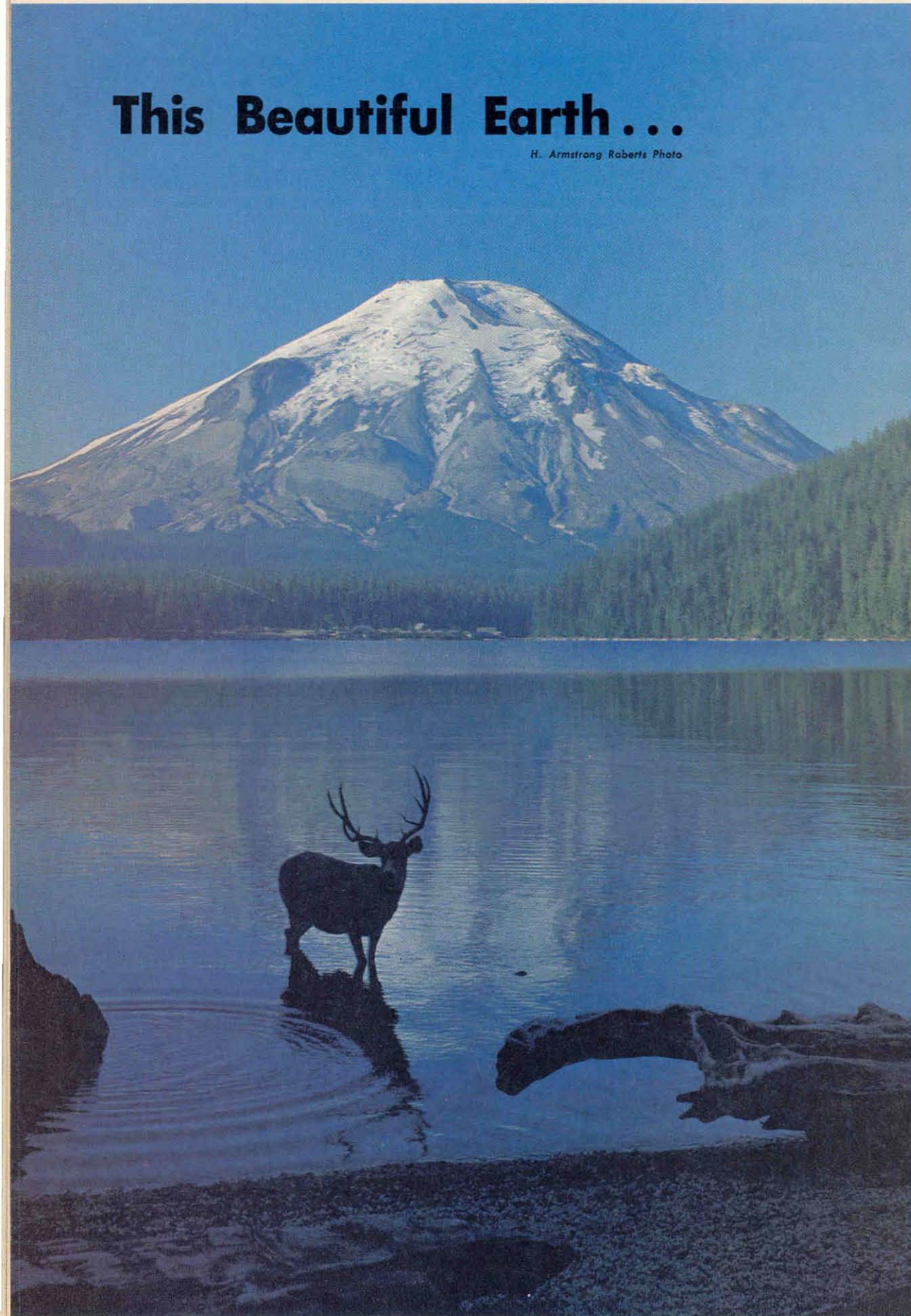
Representative John Blatnik of Minnesota, center, freely discusses pollution problems with PLAIN TRUTH reporters. Leading expert on water quality control, Representative Blatnik has found conditions of America's rivers, lakes and harbors "simply horrible."

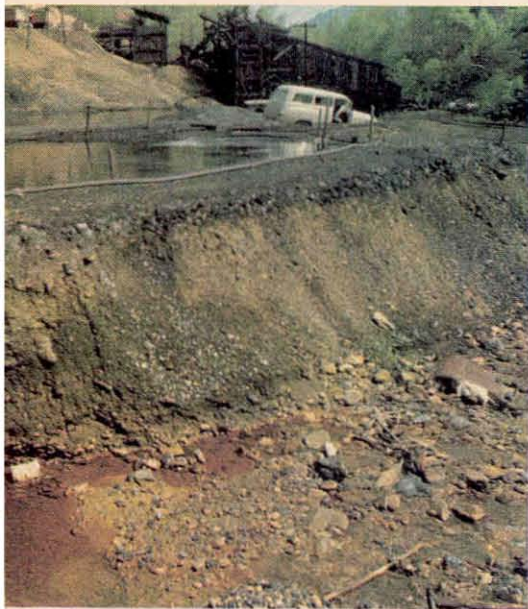
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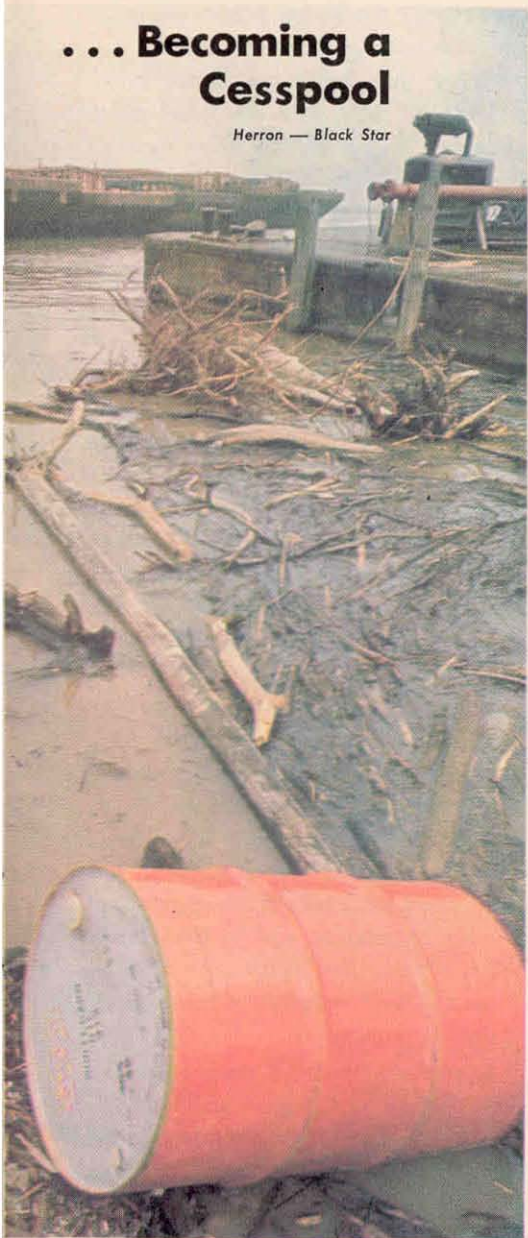
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is ideally suited to giving vent to this selfishness, greed and lust of human nature. It spawns a way of life that *appeals* to human nature.

A leading pathologist in Canada emphasized recently: "Most of the blame for pollution comes from man's desire [substitute 'lust'] for short term economic gain. We tip things into [our lakes and streams] because it's cheaper, or spray apples because we want [again, 'lust after'] a bigger crop this year." But, said this pathologist, "We pay for years to come."

How short-sighted man is!

When man allows himself to so LUST for money, material things and polluted foods that he is willing to HURT his neighbor and his own physical, mental and spiritual well-being, then he SINS.

He disobeys God's Law of Love and he directly and indirectly breaks every one of the Ten Commandments. He breaks the first commandment by placing physical objects ahead of the true God, the second commandment by making an idol of these things, the fourth commandment by misusing time, the sixth commandment by hating his competitor or harming the health of his customer, the eighth commandment by cheating and defrauding, the ninth commandment in faulty advertising, the tenth commandment by coveting what does not belong to him. And the breaking of the third, fifth and seventh are a natural result of this kind of sinful living.

Ever think of it that way?

Man: The Dirty Animal

There is yet another way in which human nature has a bearing on pollution. Not only is human nature selfish and lustful, but it is also lazy and dirty. It likes to *make* filth and pollution, but it doesn't like to *clean it up*!

As one civic official lamented at the conference, "Everyone wants you to pick his garbage up, but nobody wants you to put it down — at least near him."

Why do we have so many open dumps? Because *it is cheap and requires no planning*," reported Charles C. Iglehart, Jr. of the Kentucky Department of Health.

He went on to say of pollution control programs that, "the problems are not *technical*, they are *problems of human nature*... cooperation; how to get along with your neighbor; interest in the community.... These are the problems that must be worked out."

These perceptive words hit the nail squarely on the head. Cleaning up pollution just isn't that appealing to human nature.

Right now more than twenty percent of the *budgeted* jobs in pollution control in city, state and federal offices are going begging because of a lack of qualified men to fill them. Some of these jobs are in the \$25,000 a year category!

The only apparent reason seems to be, as one official put it, "Dealing with garbage is not as glamorous as a moon shot."

Many people or industries clean up only when *forced* to do so. Man truly is, as a recent book was entitled, "The Dirty Animal."

How to Eliminate Pollution

There is a CAUSE for pollution just as there is a reason for *every* wrong result, a penalty for *every* broken law.

Man's efforts at pollution control are failing because he is only treating the *result*. He isn't even *trying* to eliminate the CAUSE!

This is why no amount of money, no new laws and no amount of research will solve the problem. These things don't eliminate the cause of pollution which is HUMAN NATURE and a WRONG WAY OF LIFE.

Human nature doesn't like to face up to this fact. We like to kid ourselves that we can still solve the problem. "Modern technology has created the problem, it can solve it as well." Or, "Man created environmental contamination and he can also correct it."

But the truth is, the problem is *beyond* man's ability to solve. Soon he will be forced to face that fact.

Only God can solve the problem now — and *He will*! God will use "the total approach" men talk about today but are unable to accomplish. He will solve today's dreary catalog of ills — including the pollution problem — by

ELIMINATING THE CAUSE of these problems.

An End to Man's Rule

For almost 6000 years now God has been allowing man to go his own way, to build a society based on raw, unbridled human greed and lust and on the deception of Satan the devil. Satan is the god of this world, and with his demons, he has "deceived the whole world" (Rev. 12:9).

Today we are beginning to reap the cumulative penalties of this deceived, confused way of life with emphasis on material goods and pleasures. If you want to know what God thinks about this idolatrous materialism—and what He will do about it—read Isaiah 2, beginning with verse 7:

"Their land also is full of silver and gold, *neither is there any end of their treasures.*" What could more aptly describe our age of materialistic superabundance? This same verse says "neither is there any end of their chariots." Prophetically speaking (and this is for the "last days"—verse 2) this phrase refers to the 150 million pollution-producing automobiles, trucks and buses straining the capacity of America's and Western Europe's road system today!

What does God say about our materialistic way of life? How does He evaluate it? Continue, verse 8:

"Their land also is full of idols; *they worship the work of their own hands*, that which their own fingers have made: And the mean man boweth down [in service to these idols] and the great man humbleth himself [before the same idols]: therefore forgive them not."

What must happen to this materialistic age in which people have all but forgotten about their Creator? "... And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day... And *the idols he shall utterly abolish*" (verses 11, 18).

Yes, we take great pride in man's accomplishments. We worship what man has made and done. We idolize our "sophisticated" way of life. Yet this very way of life would lead to oblivion without God's intervention! (Mat.

24:22.) But a merciful God WILL intervene to save mankind from himself.

The Beautiful, CLEAN World Tomorrow

Once man has learned his lesson, God will help him to rebuild society and civilization. But this rebuilding will be done *God's* way and according to His Law of Love.

Here in a nutshell is what will be done: The entire society in the world tomorrow will be based on the Ten Commandments summarized as love toward God and love toward neighbor. God's Spirit will be made freely available to all who desire to obey their Creator and follow His way of life. This is how God will solve the most basic of all pollution problems—CHANGING human nature!

Further, God's society—even in the cities—will be based on supplying man's physical need—agriculture (Micah 4:3-4).

God wants man to have a communication with nature. Man needs to see firsthand the growth of living things, both plants and animals. There is no better way for him to realize *he* needs to grow mentally, emotionally and *spiritually*, to develop God-like character! There will be cities with their various crafts and industries, all right, but they will be very carefully controlled from above so that the quality of life and the quality of manufactures does not deteriorate. No more built-in obsolescence—no more emphasis on the latest model—but quality products inherited from generation to generation.

The Big Clean-up

Describing the beginning of His rule, God prophesied through Ezekiel:

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: *from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you*... And I will put my spirit within you [enabling man to overcome the pulls of human nature] and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them....

"I will also save you *from ALL your uncleanness* [from physical pollution as well as spiritual].... In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your

iniquities, I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited" (Ezek. 36:25, 27, 29, 33-35).

And now verse 38: "... so shall the waste cities be filled with *flocks of men.*" Notice, it doesn't say "men packed into cities like sardines in a can" but "*flocks of men,*" human beings with enough room to roam around in, to live comfortably and enjoy all the blessings of God's way of life.

Notice also what the prophet Amos predicts for the happy people living in the soon-coming world tomorrow:

"They shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them" (Amos 9:14).

Imagine! Gardens in the city!—actually growing food—as in Amsterdam today—to be picked fresh only hours before use. Imagine people interested in having substantial gardens and working in them!

The cities of the future will also be spacious enough to care for animals (Jer. 31:24; Zech. 2:4; Psalm 144:13). No more milkless milk and foodless foods. With good food and sufficient exercise, fresh air and sunshine, people will be robust and healthy instead of pallid and sickly.

Yes, society in the world tomorrow is going to be far superior to anything on earth today. God promises: "And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit; and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the Lord" (Ezek. 36:11).

This is the good news of how today's pollution problem *will be solved!*

If you want to learn more about the happy world tomorrow—and how you can have a part in it—write immediately for our free booklet entitled *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. It will open your eyes.

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN

TROUBLES IN ISRAEL AND JUDAH

AN army of a million soldiers, led by an ambitious Ethiopian named Zerah, had come from the south to invade the nation Judah. King Asa met them with only about half as many troops.

Knowing that he would probably be utterly defeated unless God purposed otherwise, he earnestly appealed to God for help. (II Chronicles 14:8-11.)

God Overthrows an Army

Unaware that violent storm clouds were quickly gathering overhead, the invaders charged toward the Jews first with their three hundred swiftly-drawn chariots. When they were only a short distance from the first ranks of Asa's archers, the cloudburst struck. At the same instant, God sent a violent earthquake which shattered the ground and quickly halted the chariots' charge. The chariots floundered instead of running down their intended victims. Giant hailstones fell. The Ethiopian charioteers, in panic, fled.

Egyptian records tell of this divine overthrow. Psalm 46:1-11 describes how God did it.

The sudden destruction of the chariot brigade was a bad omen to the invaders. When Zerah's oncoming foot soldiers saw what had happened, they were unnerved. They realized something supernatural had occurred. Their savage shouts died away or turned to murmurs of puzzlement and fear.

The Israelites realized God was helping them. They let loose a cloud of spears and arrows on Zerah's foremost ranks, then rushed in for close combat with swords

and spears. The Jews were anxious to fight while the enemy was so disorganized and their will to battle was obviously at a low ebb.

As the fighting went on, the falling back quickly developed into a retreat, and the retreat became a rapid, frantic flight to the southwest. (II Chronicles 14:12.) When the pursuit reached Gerar, a town near the coast south of Judah, the enemy troops tried to make a stand against the Jews, who promptly forced them out of Gerar and on to the south.

While battling their way through the town, Asa and his men discovered why the enemy had tried to fight back at that location. The town was full of loot that had been taken by Zerah and his army on the way north. Gerar, as well as other towns in southern Canaan, had been overrun and the occupants had been slain or taken as prisoners. Some of Zerah's men had been left behind to guard what had been accumulated and brought to Gerar. These guards were chased out along with the thousands of wounded who fled on southward in front of Asa's soldiers.

When it was obvious that what was left of Zerah's fleeing army was too broken up to ever rally and threaten Judah again, the Israelites gave up the chase and turned back to Gerar. There they gathered together the booty left by the defeated invaders, to take it back to Jerusalem. Returning it would have been impossible, inasmuch as some of the rightful owners were dead, and those who weren't could not be located. Besides articles of gold, silver, brass and leather, there were arms, food, clothing and large herds of sheep, cattle and camels. (II Chronicles 14:13-15.)

A "Pat on the Back" From God

When the victorious Asa, riding at the head of his army, was within a few miles of Jerusalem, a small crowd of prominent citizens set out from the city to be first to welcome and congratulate him. But there was one who was ahead of them. He was Azariah, a man God had chosen to take a message to the king. He approached the oncoming army so closely on his burro that one of Asa's officers was about to give an order to have him removed from their path.

"Don't bother him," Asa said. "If he has come out to welcome us, let us stop and honor him for his good will."

The king was pleased to learn that this man had made a special effort to be first to welcome the returning victors. He was affected and encouraged much more, however, when he heard more from this fellow.

"Please listen to what else I have to say, King Asa," Azariah called out. "God has told me things I must tell you. You know now that God has answered the

prayer you made to Him before going into battle with the enemy from the south. God is with you, and He will stay with you as long as you obey Him. If you disobey and forsake Him, He will forsake you. Without the Creator's help and protection, life can be uncertain, miserable and even worthless.

"Recall Israel's past. Whenever the nation turned from God, great trouble



Azariah rode south from Jerusalem to be the first to meet the victorious Asa and give him a message from God.

developed among the people. No one was safe at home or in the streets or fields. Crops failed. Disease increased. Neighboring nations started wars. Even the priests couldn't help, because most of them forgot God's laws. But when the people repented and turned back to God, He was always ready to forgive and help them. God has told me to remind you to keep these things in mind and to remain strong by being loyal to God. If you do, your nation shall prosper and can depend on God for its protection." (II Chronicles 16:1-7.)

Asa was so moved by these words that as soon as he returned to Jerusalem he set out with fresh enthusiasm to comb out of Judah and Benjamin any places of idol worship his men had overlooked before. He even sent soldiers to the north to weed out idolatry from the towns his father had captured from the ten-tribed House of Israel after the battle with Jeroboam's army.

People who looked to God for their way of life began to flock to Judah from

the ten tribes, especially from Ephraim, Manasseh and Simeon. They wanted to live in that part of the land that had God's fullest blessings. (II Chronicles 15:8-9.) Every day more Israelites showed up at the temple. That caused Asa to become painfully conscious of the condition of the temple. It hadn't had much repair since being damaged by the Egyptians in Rehoboam's time. Asa tried to restore it and its furnishings to something like their original condition and beauty.

The repair of the temple took place before one of God's annual Sabbaths was due. Asa sent word over all Judah and Israel that the day would be observed at Jerusalem with special services and ceremonies. This day was Pentecost, which is observed in these times in late May or June by those who submit to God's authority.

Asa Remembers God

Animals that had been herded up from Gerar after the rout of Zerah's army were brought to the temple. Seven hundred cattle and seven thousand sheep were sacrificed that day. While these offerings were being made, Asa assured the onlookers that their continued obedience would be rewarded in many ways. The people responded with loud cheers and music. They made it known to the king that they wanted to make a public promise to God that they would do their best to live by God's laws, and that they were in favor of death to anyone who failed to obey.

"I know God is pleased by your attitude and intentions," Asa said to the crowd. "Now let the Creator hear the voices of you who wish to make this solemn promise."

"We will do our best to serve God! If we fail, we deserve death!"

These words from thousands of throats surged out with great volume from around the temple, followed by the blast of horns and more joyous shouting and singing. The people were in earnest in this matter, most of them having been faithful to God, for the most part, during the recent eras of idol worship. (II Chronicles 15:10-15.)

Before Pentecost ended, a long line of Asa's servants carried treasures of gold, silver and brass into the temple. These were some of the valuables Asa's father had taken from Jeroboam's army sixteen years before. Abijam had intended that they should be used to pay for temple repair and service, but he hadn't carried out that intention. At long last Asa dedicated this wealth to God's business in the temple. (II Chronicles 15:18.)

Asa's efforts to help Israel and Judah by turning to God and abolishing idolatry resulted in a period of peace and prosperity. That period probably would have lasted longer if Asa hadn't acted unwisely in a situation that developed between the

two nations of Israel and Judah, in which the king of Judah looked for help in the wrong direction.

Jeroboam, former ruler of the ten tribes — the nation Israel — had died thirteen years before. He was succeeded by a son, Nadab, who did nothing to remove idolatry from the nation. (I Kings 15:25-26.) During a skirmish with the Philistines in the town of Gibbethon in the territory of Dan, Nadab was killed after only two years as king. He wasn't slain by Philistines, however. His death was planned by a viciously ambitious man from the territory of Issachar. His name was Baasha, an officer of high rank in Nadab's army. The attack against the Philistines to drive them out of Gibbethon gave Baasha an opportunity to do away with the king. While in command of Nadab's army, he ended the lives of all of Nadab's family and seized control of the ten tribes. (I Kings 15:27-28.) This was the fulfillment of the prediction made by Ahijah the prophet to Jeroboam. (I Kings 13:33-I Kings 14:16.) His family line was wiped out and someone else took over the rulership. (I Kings 15:28-34.)

Asa's Faith Weakens

Baasha was far from pleased because many people of Israel were moving to Judah so that they could get away from the idol worship that still abounded in so many places in Israel. He was also angered by Asa's bold entry into Israel's southern towns to destroy idols. Baasha hoped to soon muster an army strong enough to capture Jerusalem and take over all twelve tribes. With the fighting force he commanded, he dared only seize a small town about six miles north of Jerusalem. This town, called Ramah, was on the main road leading into Jerusalem from the north. Baasha immediately started turning it into a strong fortress. His intention was to gain control of traffic in and out of Jerusalem on the north side. (I Kings 15:16-17; II Chronicles 16:1.)

When Asa was informed of what Israel was doing so close to the capital of Judah, he was quite perturbed. He wanted to avoid war, and yet he wanted to get Baasha and his men away from Ramah. He thought of a possible way to solve the problem. Unfortunately, it was a way that was certain to compound his trouble.

He issued an order that the gold and silver objects in the treasuries of the temple and palace should be packed for moving a long distance. When they were ready, he sent them off by a heavily guarded caravan to Damascus, about a hundred and forty miles to the north. There they were delivered to Ben-hadad, king of Syria, along with a message.

"Friendly salutations from Asa, king of Judah," the message read. "I am sending

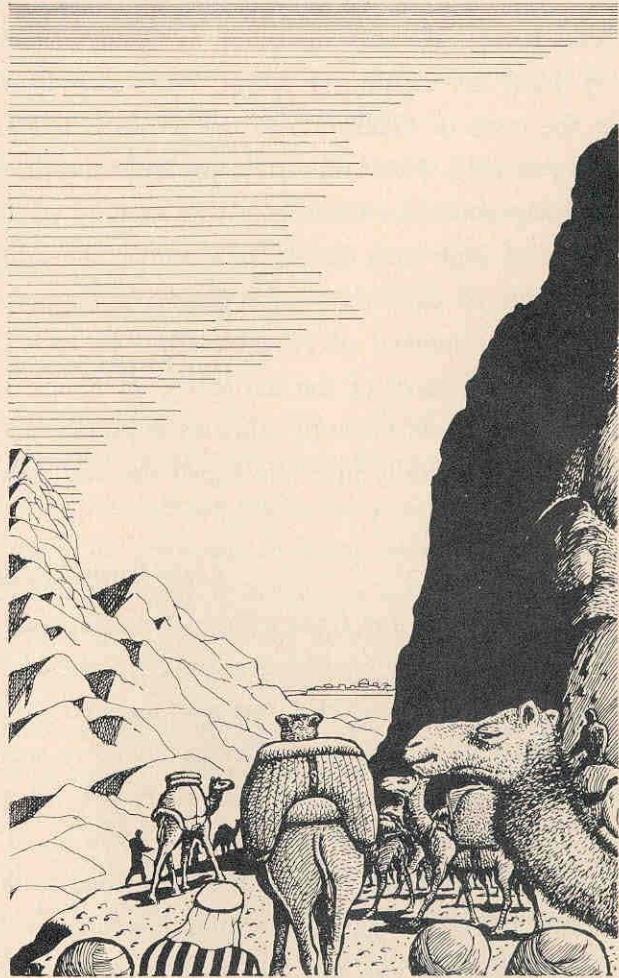
you treasures from my kingdom to bind an understanding that should profit you more than any agreement you might have with Baasha to keep peace with him and his nation. He is now busily fortifying a town near Jerusalem. If you wish to expand your southern borders without resistance, now is your opportunity."

Ben-hadad could have kept the bribe of gold and silver without doing anything, but he welcomed this chance to take over a part of Israel. Even before his caravan returned, Asa was relieved and pleased to receive a report that several towns in the territory of Naphtali had been captured by Syrian troops. Until then, he wondered if his gifts to Ben-hadad had been wasted. (I Kings 15:18-21; II Chronicles 16:2-5.)

When Baasha heard about the Syrians, he was fearful that they would move on southward, invade Tirzah and plunder his palace. He hurriedly set off for his capital, leaving a small number of soldiers behind to guard the unfinished fortress.

As soon as he was told that Baasha had departed, Asa took soldiers to Ramah to seize it from the outnumbered guards. If it had been finished, it would have been an exceptionally strong fortress because of its heavy, wooden beams and massive wall stones. Much unused material was stacked inside the half-built wall. Workmen from Judah could have completed the construction, but Asa didn't want a fortification there.

Asa decreed that all able-bodied men should go to Ramah to help dismantle and transport the stone and lumber to the towns of Geba and Mizpah only a few



Asa's heavily guarded caravan, carrying much treasure from Judah, covered many miles of desert and mountains to reach Damascus.

miles away in the territory of Benjamin. If Ramah no longer existed, Baasha couldn't claim it as a war prize.

Israel's Kings Reject God

Asa's will was carried out. Thousands of men came to Ramah, which soon became only piles of rubble beside the highway. Geba and Mizpah became fortresses instead. (I Kings 15:22; II Chronicles 16:6.)

Meanwhile, King Baasha of Israel was trying to build his army with the intention of conquering Judah. Then, as king of all reunited Israel, he would become militarily strong enough, he hoped, to push back the Syrians and any other enemies who invaded Israel. His ambitions were somewhat dimmed when a prophet by the name of Jehu, sent by God, came to Baasha to tell him what his and his family's future would be.

"God has instructed me to remind you that it was He, and not you, who made it possible for you to become ruler of the ten tribes," Jehu told Baasha. "Someone had to succeed Nadab. You were allowed that privilege. If you had been thankful for it, and if you had led the people according to God's laws, you could have become a much more powerful king and could rule for many more years. But because you have lived sinfully and ruled carelessly, causing your people to sin, your fate will shortly become the same as that of Jeroboam. You and all your family shall be cut off from leadership of any part of Israel."

Baasha motioned for guards to escort the prophet out. He didn't wish to hear anything more Jehu had to say. It troubled him, but he didn't want to appear concerned in front of others. If Baasha had been as troubled as he should have been, he would have changed his ways and perhaps God would have spared him. His life came to an end soon after Jehu's visit. The king was buried in Tirzah after twenty-three years of incapable reigning. (I Kings 16:1-7.)

Baasha's son, Elah, became the next ruler. He lived as his father had lived. Only two years later, while he was in a dulled condition from drinking too much, he was slain by a man who had been waiting for just such an opportunity. He was Zimri, one of Elah's cavalry captains. Having dispatched the king, Zimri took command of Tirzah. Then he had all of Elah's family put to death. Jehu's prophecy to Baasha was fulfilled. (I Kings 16:8-14.)

Zimri and his men enjoyed the comforts and pleasures of the palace. They didn't have to share them with officers of the army, because the army of Israel was busy besieging the town of Gibbethon, which had been taken by the Philistines. Zimri

was sure that when the Israelite soldiers returned from the siege, they would accept him as ruler without too much trouble.

Matters didn't quite turn out that way. When the soldiers heard what he had done, they decided that their army commander, Omri, should be the next leader of the ten tribes. Omri was pleased to accept this hasty elevation. His first move was to call off the siege and take his army to Tirzah to besiege it instead.

When Zimri was informed that the town was surrounded by the troops he planned to control, and that Omri had come to have him arrested for murder, his future suddenly looked bleak. He ordered his men to defend the gates and the walls, but they saw no reason to die for a leader who wasn't backed by the army of the ten tribes.

By the time Omri's soldiers had broken into Tirzah, Zimri had locked himself alone inside the palace and had hidden in the strongest part of the building. The sound of soldiers running through the streets, pounding on the palace doors and



Rather than let Omri take over the palace at Tirzah, Zimri set fire to it, even though it meant that he would be burned to death.

yelling his name was too much for Zimri. He was overcome with panic. Seizing a lighted torch, he set fire to his hiding place. (I Kings 16:15-20.)

"If I can't have this palace, then nobody else will get it!" he screamed.

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How Would You Recognize the Church Jesus Founded?

For what PURPOSE did Jesus found His Church? What WORK will it be doing today?

by Herman L. Hoeh

DOES JESUS CHRIST have many different evangelists, many different church denominations — each teaching a different “gospel” and practicing different doctrines — doing His Work?

Just what is the Work of God’s Church — THE Church of God — which Jesus founded? Who gives that Work “the right to be right”?

It is time you knew how to recognize what the true Church is and which one it is! It’s time you knew how, when, and where this religious babylon of hundreds of denominations started. The truth will come as a shock!

Only ONE Church

Every thinking person — every denomination — realizes that, at some time in history, there has been a great departure from original TRUTH. Many may dispute the *time* of its occurrence, but they know that it happened!

Jesus Christ did not found *many denominations*! Christ said, “I will build my Church.” *He did build it!* ONE Church, commissioned to preach and to publish His Gospel — the very Message He brought from God — to all the world!

But what do we find today? Hundreds of different and disagreeing sects, all founded by MEN, each *professing* to teach the truth, yet contradicting and disagreeing with all the others — a modern religious babylon!

And what is a “sect”? According to Webster, it is “a group that has *broken away from* the established Church.” Who established the Church? Christ! Today’s host of sects or denominations have *BROKEN AWAY* from that established parent Church — they teach different doctrines!

Christ’s instruction to His people is, “*Come out from among them, and be ye separate*” (II Cor. 6:17). Yes, Christ commands you to separate from these sects founded by men!

In His final prayer for His ONE Church, not for the many sects or denominations masquerading as the true parent Church, Jesus prayed: “I pray for them: I pray not for the world. . . Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be ONE, as we are . . . I have given them thy word, and the world hath hated them, because they are not OF the world, even as I am not OF the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not OF the world, even as I am not OF the world” (John 17:9-16).

Jesus did command HIS BODY — the collective Body through which the Spirit of God does the WORK of God — to go *into* all the world and preach and publish His GOSPEL. But those of His Church are described as being strangers and foreigners in this world — as AMBASSADORS for Christ — representing His Kingdom which is *foreign* to this world!

The religious sects in the Palestine of Jesus’ day included the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Essenes, the Samaritans. Jesus joined none of them. On the contrary, He called His disciples *out of them* — out of all organizations of men. The Greek word “ecclesia,” translated “Church” in English, has the meaning of “called-out ones.”

What Is the True Church?

Very few really know what the true Church is.

The true Church is the collective body of individuals, called out from the ways of this present world, who have *totally* surrendered themselves to the rule of God, and who, through the Holy Spirit, become the begotten sons of God (Rom. 8:9, 14).

Jesus purchased *the Church* by shedding His own blood for it (Acts 20:28). Read it — Acts 20:28, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves,” said Paul to the elders at Ephesus, “and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of the Lord and God which he has purchased with his own blood.” This is the wording of the inspired original Greek. Christ’s Body of individuals — that Church which he, as both Lord and God, purchased with His own blood — that Church is not some politically organized denomination which one joins or becomes a member of in order to be “saved.” Jesus did not die for some one religious organization called a church. Joining a local church congregation does *not* put you into God’s Church.

You can’t join the true Church. Only God can put you into it by His Spirit. “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into [put into] one Body” (I Cor. 12:13). *God* makes you a member of His Church — once you surrender your life to Him — even if you have *no local church* with which to fellowship.

The Church is called the body of Christ because it is a *spiritual organism* whose LIVING, ACTIVE HEAD is Jesus Christ, in the same sense that the husband is head of the wife (Eph. 5:23, 31). How does one enter this

true Church of God? — this spiritual union? *Notice:*

When God's Church first began on the annual holy day of Pentecost, June 18, A.D. 31, Peter gave the answer to this question. "REPENT and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

We have to realize our own ways are wrong, that they have brought on war and suffering about us. We must be willing to believe in Christ and to believe Christ — to *repent* and completely turn from our former ways and let God rule our lives.

Then we should be *baptized*. Paul explains it in Romans 6:1-6 as the outward sign of our willingness to completely *bury* our old self in a watery grave and come up to walk in newness of life — following Jesus' example.

Then we are promised the "gift" of the Holy Spirit to guide us in obeying and following Christ — our *real* Lord and Master. This gift puts us into the Church, as we read in I Corinthians 12:13.

Church Grows in Truth

Before He ascended to the Father, Jesus prayed that His Church would be kept ONE in the Father's name. "Holy Father, *keep through thine own name* those whom thou hast given me, that they may be ONE, as we are" (John 17:11).

The true Church — the "Church of God" (I Cor. 1:2) — is not many divided quarreling denominations, but ONE Church, composed of many scattered members, ONE Church united in Spirit, mind, attitude and heart because its members have totally surrendered their wills to God and have yielded to correction and reproof from the Word of God — the Bible.

No humanly founded denomination could be the true Church, because none has been willing to admit where it has been wrong, none has received God's correction, none has allowed the Holy Spirit to guide it into truth. The Church which Jesus is building is composed of those *scattered* individuals who have God's Holy Spirit, who admit it when they are wrong, as the apostle Peter

did when he made a serious mistake (Gal. 2:11).

Now notice Jesus' promise in John 16:13. He would send the Spirit of truth who "will GUIDE you INTO all truth."

Here is the KEY which proves who are in God's Church. It is composed only of those who are growing into truth as God reveals it. The moment anyone ceases to GROW, but wants to retain only what he had five or ten years ago, from that moment on the Holy Spirit ceases to live in him.

To Be Scattered

Now let's notice what was prophesied to happen to the Church.

This true Church of God was to be PERSECUTED — SCATTERED! "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you," said Jesus to His disciples (John 15:20). "ALL that will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall suffer persecution*" (II Tim. 3:12).

On the night Jesus was seized to be crucified, He said: "It is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered'" (Mark 14:27). After HE, the Shepherd, was crucified, the "sheep" — HIS CHURCH — were to become *scattered*! Previously, that same evening, Jesus had said to His disciples: "Ye shall be *scattered*" (John 16:32).

This persecution and scattering began early. Notice Acts 8:1: "And at that time there was a great persecution against the Church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles."

Notice what Daniel says about the Church: "And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge them, and to make them white, even to the time of the end" (Dan. 11:33-35).

The prophet Ezekiel foretold this scattering — chapter 34. Daniel again foretold it: "When he shall have accomplished to *scatter* the power of the *holy* people (Church), all these things shall

be finished." That is, the end of the age! (Dan. 12:7.)

Nowhere is there any prophecy that the one true Church should become great and powerful, exerting influence in this world. Rather, Jesus called it the "Little Flock," despised, persecuted, scattered by the world — separate from the world! Scattered, but never divided! Always one Church, speaking the same thing — never many differing sects!

You haven't read much of the history of that Church! Even the historians never knew where to look for the true Church — for they didn't even know what the true Church is! Where that Church has been these nineteen centuries is told in our free booklet, *A True History of the True Church*, and in the reprint article "Was the New Testament Church Founded on Sunday?"

WORLD'S Churches Deceived

On the other hand all the prophecies foretold that in the WORLD apostasy, deception, counterfeit "Christianity," and division would occur.

Jesus foretold the very *first* event to come on the world — GREAT DECEPTION — climaxing, in *our* day now just ahead, in GREAT TRIBULATION!

"Take heed," He said, "that no man deceive you. For MANY shall come in *my* name, saying I am Christ; and shall *deceive* MANY!" (Mat. 24:4, 5).

Notice carefully! It was not the *few* who were to be DECEIVED — but the MANY. It was the FEW who were to become true Christians!

Jesus had pictured this same condition, when He said: "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto LIFE, and FEW there be that find it" (Mat. 7:13-14).

That isn't what the world believes, is it? Probably that isn't what *you* have always heard, and come to assume. But it's what CHRIST SAID! How deceived this world has become!

Yes, the MANY would come in *Jesus'* name, proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ — yes, preaching CHRIST to the world — and yet DECEIVING the world —

by substituting pagan beliefs while preaching ABOUT Christ!

Clever Counterfeit

What a clever counterfeit! And many — perhaps most — of those so preaching in Christ's name are sincere — *themselves* deceived! It is SATAN who has deceived even *them*! It is SATAN who has made himself the GOD OF THIS WORLD — and thus is worshiped as God. This world *doesn't know* the true God, strange as that may seem! This world believes that if one "accepts Christ" — "makes his decision for Christ" — "WORSHIPS Christ" — he is saved.

That's what many preach today! But that is not what JESUS preached!

Observe: "In VAIN do they worship ME," said Christ, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men . . . making the word of God of none effect through your tradition" (Mark 7:7, 13).

That is difficult to believe, isn't it?

Shocking though it is, the overwhelming majority *have been deceived* by those who come in the name of Jesus Christ, proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ, but who teach a different Gospel and a different faith! They are those who, themselves being deceived from childhood, brought up in these deceptive beliefs, enter the ministry to earn a living, who choose it as their vocation or job, who decide to appoint *themselves* as Christ's representatives, yet who were *not* called by Christ to be His Ministers! They have hired themselves out to the people, and therefore must preach what the PEOPLE want to hear! They do *not* correct or reprove their congregations for rejecting the doctrines JESUS taught and for transgressing God's Law which the BIBLE defines as SIN!

This deception, this counterfeit of true Christianity *began to occur at the close of the apostles' ministry* — not 1500 years later during the Protestant Reformation!

Scarcely twenty years after the crucifixion of Jesus, the apostle Paul, in one of his first inspired letters, cautioned Christians not to be deceived by false preaching, or by false letters purporting to be from the apostles but actually coming from the followers of Simon Magus who founded his church organi-

zation in A.D. 33. "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day" — the time of God's intervention in human affairs when Jesus Christ will return to rule the nations — "shall not come except there come a *falling away first*" (II Thess. 2:3).

The wholesale departure of professing Christians from the truth was the FIRST of a series of prophesied events. Yes, today's hundreds of confused denominations — the result of that apostasy — were prophesied. God has allowed human beings to form their own churches, to learn by hard, cruel experience, that every teaching contrary to the way of life revealed in Scripture will end in sorrow and death. The world has not yet learned this lesson fully. The world doesn't want to receive the truth, but would rather be lulled to sleep by false ministers who preach what the people want to hear.

God's Church Exists Today

Jesus said He would be *with* His Church till the end of time — that He would build His Church and the "gates of hell [the grave]" would not prevail against it.

His Church — the true Church of God — is commissioned to preach and to publish the Gospel to all the world in THESE LAST DAYS. *Therefore God's Church MUST EXIST TODAY!* It is preaching the "Gospel of the Kingdom . . . in all the world for a *witness*" — not to convert everyone, but for a witness — "unto all nations, and then shall the end come" (Mat. 24:14).

There is ONLY ONE WORK that is preaching Jesus' Gospel of the Kingdom of God — the rule and the reign of God — to the nations. Then those who have their part in that Work and are converted MUST CONSTITUTE THE CHURCH OF GOD!

You are challenged to prove which Work is preaching the same Gospel of the Kingdom — the rule — of God which Jesus preached! When the Work Jesus is directing is finished, you will know that the message which you have been hearing over *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and which you have been reading in *The Plain Truth* is the Work of God which He is sending through His Church scattered throughout the world!

OPEN LETTER TO A STUDENT DEMONSTRATOR

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Jewish citizens to carry their mail sacks — to arbitrarily enforce labor upon private citizens.

Did Christ DEMONSTRATE against this type of "military brutality," or "denial of civil rights"? No! He gave the example of GIVING DOUBLE that which was, in a sense, *illegally* required!

Next, the student demonstrator cited the "Thou shalt not kill" passage of Matthew 5:21-26. He said this is why he refused to "hate Negroes, Communists, North Vietnamese, or non-Christians . . ." But does he also refuse to hate the "establishment," his college officials, the Police, the South Vietnamese and American military men, and maybe even "radio preachers"? One would hope so.

Still — the student makes one wonder.

He said, after quoting the passage about "love your enemies . . ." that he sympathizes with the North Vietnamese (so do I, and so would all Christians — but I *also* sympathize with our soldiers and marines there, and the South Vietnamese people — and my *sympathies* are not sufficient in either direction to make me break the law; or to volunteer to kill), and supports ILLEGAL shipments of medical supplies by the "Friends to North Vietnam."

Well then, it would appear from this the "enemies" he singles out for his "love" are the North Vietnamese. But are not the "establishment," and his university officials, and the police, ALSO his enemies?

Very obviously so.

Then why not support, love, re-

fuse to hate THESE domestic enemies with EQUAL fervor?

Then came the "When you pray" quotation, and his statement "This is why I...practice my Christianity by marching *rather than by praying!*" But Jesus didn't say to SUBSTITUTE some OTHER action for prayer!

He didn't say, "If you pray," but "WHEN" you pray! Christ set the example of fervent PRAYER to a *real* God, and expecting dynamic, oftentimes immediate, answers! Paul said men OUGHT TO PRAY — and particularly *commanded* Christians to PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY! (I Tim. 2:1-2.)

This young professing Christian admits he DOES NOT pray — and, from his attitude would certainly not be praying, if he were to pray, *for* those in authority, but rather *against* them — and says he MARCHES rather than prays.

But Christ *prayed*, and set, in the very example the student quoted, the example of HOW to pray!

Next, the student quoted Christ's statement concerning food, drink, and clothing, found in Matthew 6:25-34. But apparently the student neither *read* the passage, nor *understood* its plain meaning.

Jesus is oftentimes accused of being a "hippie" of His day.

Nothing could be further from the truth! Read this whole passage with your own eyes, and learn the truth!

Notice it! After showing the beauty and glory of God's Creation; of the delicacy and purity of the lily, Jesus said, "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He NOT MUCH MORE CLOTHE YOU, O ye of little faith?"

After describing the incredible BEAUTY of the lily, Jesus says His faithful followers would be MUCH MORE clothed — much better clothed!

Adding together food, drink and clothing, Jesus said, "(For after all *these things* do the Gentiles seek:) for your Heavenly Father knoweth that YE HAVE NEED of all *these things*. But seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and ALL THESE THINGS [adequate food, drink, and the right

kind of *neat, clean, modest clothing*] SHALL BE ADDED UNTO you!"

Many, many professing Christians have ASSUMED it is "Godly" to be POOR — or to be *dirty*! But God is a MULTI-BILLIONAIRE Heavenly Father; a God who dwells in the midst of such magnificent *splendor* it would literally BLIND human eyes!

Christ wore a seamless, top-quality garment of such workmanship and price that it became the object of gambling among the soldiers at His death!

The Bible *stresses* cleanliness, neatness, *quality* in all phases of life — and it ALSO says it is a "SHAME FOR A MAN TO HAVE LONG HAIR" (I Cor. 11:14).

So once again, we see a scripture *taken out of context*, and *twisted* to

attempt to make it mean the EXACT OPPOSITE of what it truly *says*!

Paul commanded we render "custom to whom custom;...honor to whom honor" is due! (Rom. 13:7.)

Today, it is the *custom* to be beardless, to wear business suits — and, since it does *not* conflict with the Laws of God — to "conform" to the modes of dress, WITHIN THE CONFINES OF DECENCY AND MODESTY, that are the custom of the world. Short skirts, garulously loud clothing, extreme styles, weird hairdos are an EXCEPTION to this Biblical principle — and are NOT worn by the people of God — true Christians!

No — there is no place for justifying ill-kempt, slipshod, indifferent dress, or shaggy stringy hair, or dirty, unclean





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CAMPUS REVOLUTION — Students sit and stand in front of Low Memorial Library windows at beleaguered Columbia University campus.

beards, or bare feet in the pages of the Bible!

The final quote was equally out of context — where the student quoted "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren (sic) ye have done it unto me." And then said, "THIS is why I push for open housing, equal employment, justice in the courts, fairness in voting eligibility."

All of these are, on the surface, laudatory goals. Whether "pushing" for

them is in the province of a CHRISTIAN is another question, entirely. And further, the METHODS such students use in "pushing" for such goals are oftentimes violently ILLEGAL!

Each *adjective* used is often open for question; such as "open" housing, "equal" employment, "justice" in the courts, and "fairness" in voting eligibility.

This student's ideas about *justice*, and those of the ESTABLISHED AUTHORITY are obviously DIFFERENT. So the question arises: "WHOSE justice?" What does this individual student consider EQUAL? What is "FAIR," in his personal view? After all, he has openly shown it is always his OWN PERSONAL

"moral convictions" that motivate him.

But again, Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have DONE IT unto one of the least. . ."

But DONE WHAT? Turn to the Bible example, and see.

This is taken from Matthew the 25th chapter, in the example of the whole meaning of a Christian life; showing those who will *qualify* to enter into God's soon-coming WORLD-RULING GOVERNMENT, and those who will not!

Christ cites acts of *mercy*, of *compassion*, and of *tenderness* toward the sick and infirm; toward those in prison (and the Biblical emphasis is on prisoners who are GOD'S PEOPLE, and FALSELY jailed because of RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION, more than making a fetish out of visiting criminals), toward those who are impoverished, and those who are "strangers," meaning homeless, immigrants, or destitute.

But what has the compassionate act of ONE PERSON feeding, clothing, helping *another person* to do with DEMONSTRATING AGAINST A GOVERNMENT?

The final arguments are similar.

He cited how Peter and John *continued to preach* after being arrested. Yes, they were "arrested," but BY WHOM?

Here is a *direct* opposite to ALL the student's arguments.

Peter and John were being used as instruments in God's hands to HEAL crippled and diseased people — is this student?

Peter and John were chosen of God to preach the GOSPEL of the Kingdom of God — the GOOD NEWS of the coming WORLD RULE of that God — is this student?

They had been directly COMMANDED to preach the Gospel (Mat. 28:18-20).

This command, to preach the Gospel, came directly from CHRIST!

Then, after their arrest, they were COMMANDED NOT to preach. This command — having NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY social, political, or economic problems of that immediate generation, or that immediate government — came from a powerful minority religious *sect*, the Pharisees!

They were accosted IN THE TEMPLE

and placed "in hold" (in a "ward" as the Greek implies), until the next day.

They were then asked what their preaching was about. Read their answer — in Acts 4:1 through 12.

Next, the plotting Pharisees agreed among themselves the miracle WAS TRUE — and they could not deny it; and, further, that they would THREATEN the apostles.

Notice! "What shall we do to these men? For that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and *we cannot deny it*. But *that it spread no further among the people*, let us straitly THREATEN them . . ." (Acts 4:16-17).

This was no "court order." This was not a POLICE action. This was NOT "constituted authority" whatever! They HAD BROKEN NO LAW! Not even the law of the PHARISEES, THEMSELVES!

Notice further! "So when they had *further threatened* them, they *let them go*, finding NOTHING HOW THEY MIGHT PUNISH THEM, because of the people!" (Verse 21.)

No, the Apostles had broken NO law.

They had broken no law or rule, either of the civil authority, or of the Pharisaical traditions! These were JEALOUS, SELF-IMPORTANT minority leaders of a SECT! *They* were guilty of taking the law into their own hands, like a group of vigilantes!

THEY were the ones who defied the law! *They* were the ones who broke constituted rules, and defied even their OWN TEACHINGS. But the Apostles DID NONE OF THESE THINGS!

Be SUBJECT to Authority

The writer then closes by saying he will "continue" to OBEY the principles of Jesus.

Perhaps "continue" was a poor choice of words, however sincere this young man may be in his personal convictions.

But assuming his utter sincerity — I will ask, "Will you then obey *THESE* principles of Jesus — exactly as they ARE?" Here they are!

"Let every soul be *subject* unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are

ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Rom. 13:1-2.)

"If it be possible, AS MUCH AS LIETH IN YOU, live peaceably with all men" (Read Romans, chapter 12, verse 18.)

"SUBMIT yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers . . . For so is the will of God, that with WELL DOING ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as *free*, and NOT USING YOUR LIBERTY FOR A CLOKE OF MALICIOUSNESS, but as the servants of God" (I Peter 2:13-16).

Remember, these commands were originally written to peoples under the ROMAN EMPIRE!

If God requires such obedience of His servants under THOSE conditions — then how much more the quiet, prayerful obedience in a free society of due process? How much MORE would a Christian be expected to remain patient, and quietly OBEDIENT in a nation of majority rule, and of *due process*?

Of COURSE there are laws which conflict with the higher laws of God.

But NO INDIVIDUAL is big enough to decide for *himself* which laws those are! This must be revealed from GOD!

And, IF a *true* Christian finds conflict between the civil authority and the

higher authority of God, he must be prepared to quietly, meekly SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES for his acceptance of God's laws, rather than man's — and accept whatever penalties the civil authority may impose.

Notice again!

"For *this* is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering *wrongfully*. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted *for your faults*, ye shall take it patiently?" (1 Peter 2:19-20.)

First, student rioters, demonstrators, occupiers of public buildings, and "sit-in" participants are being "buffeted" for THEIR OWN FAULTS — not any principle of Christ!

Secondly, they take it ANYTHING BUT PATIENTLY!

To BREAK a law — and then DEFY the police, and then DEMONSTRATE to DEMAND the officials *themselves* break the law by *freeing* lawbreakers — HAS NO PLACE IN THE SACRED SCRIPTURES OF GOD!

It is travesty — however well-intentioned and sincere, to attempt to justify rebellion, hostility, demonstrations, illegal acts, sit-ins, and all such activities, by using the examples of Christ.

We can only hope the young student who wrote the letter really MEANT it when he said he would OBEY THE PRINCIPLES OF JESUS! "Continue"?

Well — no. But there's always a time to *begin*!

Personal from the Editor

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with strife between contending religions — neither Jew nor Arab nor Christian following the ways of their respective leaders — Moses, Mohammed and Jesus — that is what appalled me.

I was especially impressed with what I called the "ultra-ultra" orthodox Jews. They are the Hasidim sect, "ultra holy." Hasidim means "the pious." They are gaily cavorting all over the "old city," now that it is Jewish-occupied. They are an eastern European

Jewish sect. And they appear in the most outlandish garb. They wear long curls down the sides of their faces, just in front of the ears — with the back of their hair either shaved or cut so short it appeared to have been shaved. They wear long black coats, even in hottest summer weather.

Also, regardless of hot weather, they wear fur hats of the most peculiar shape — wide, round flat tops 12 to 14 inches in diameter, with a sort of cap band underneath fitting on their heads. They wear these at all kinds of ridiculous angles — at one side, or well back on their heads. The fur appeared to be mink. Their trousers appeared to be wound tight around the lower leg,

tucked into their shoes — or else no trousers and long stockings.

They have their own quarter where they live, and if anyone "violates" their Sabbath by driving a car into that quarter, they won't hesitate to do violence on the Sabbath and wreck the car for "Sabbath-breaking." We saw them on a Sabbath morning gaily walking, skipping, cavorting along, "Wailing-Wall" bound. There they wail, leap, dance, nod up and down, and go through various antics.

I was curious to know where this sect of Jews got their strange religious ideas. Was it their peculiar interpretation of the Mosaic regulation for ancient Israel: "Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard" (Lev. 19:27)? So I checked in the *Jewish Encyclopedia*. There I found the answer.

Eastern peoples, especially Chinese, shaved the hair above their foreheads, letting a queue hang down their backs. The Jewish rabbis, therefore, (*not Moses* — and *certainly* not ordered by God), adopted a custom, some centuries ago, at the opposite extreme. From Volume VI, page 158, *Jewish Encyclopedia*, you may read: "A man who curled his hair was regarded as a vain person." Then later, in regard to this eastern custom, "Because such was the custom of the heathen the rabbis forbade the Jews to trim the hair over the forehead, but let it hang down over the temples in curls."

None of these three religions, as one sees them perform in Jerusalem, follows the teachings and ways of its founder.

In Jerusalem this was very much in evidence. The world today is gripped in religious confusion, governmental turmoil, upheaval and revolution, educational decadence, social degeneracy, moral collapse — torn with wars, violence, crime and insanity!

For example. Have you thought that the "Christianity" of our day, with its hundreds of differing and contradicting denominations and sects, is embracing the teachings, and following the customs of JESUS?

HAVE YOU?

If you have, and if you will do a little open-minded, objective, unprejudiced checking, you will experience the surprise of your life!

Do this! Start in the first four books of the New Testament. These record the actual history of the teachings and life of Jesus. Note, one by one, what He taught. In almost every basic teaching, you will find the "Christian" world teaching THE DIAMETRIC OPPOSITE today!

Note, as you go, the CUSTOMS Jesus observed. Peter says He left "us an example, that ye should follow His steps" (I Peter 2:21). But you will be shocked to find that "Christianity" today *condemns* the customs He followed — and will condemn YOU if you thus follow His steps. And it practices today the customs He and the Bible forbid or condemn!

Two or three times, when I was doing all or most of the speaking on *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, I went through a daily series of several weeks, reading and expounding, verse by verse, and chapter by chapter, these four books — and the Book of Acts, the history of the original TRUE Church as organized and empowered by Christ. My son Garner Ted has done the same thing.

Today, if you teach the true original teachings of Jesus, you may be found guilty and heavily fined by a human court! A news item in *Time*, the weekly news magazine, some little time ago reported just such a case — with a fine of \$35,000 imposed! *Time* magazine labeled the verdict "extremely ludicrous" — but it happened!

But, as for *The PLAIN TRUTH*, read by more than three million, and *The WORLD TOMORROW* program, now heard by some fifty million people worldwide, we shall continue to proclaim faithfully, AND IN POWER, the pure and TRUE Message of Jesus Christ, just as it is in the Bible, without wresting, twisting, or interpreting! And let the chips fall where they may!

As long as the living Christ continues to OPEN DOORS before us — and to KEEP OPEN these doors providing these vast mass audiences — and so long

as He gives us the precious breath of life, we shall continue to THUNDER the truth to the entire world, preparing the way for Christ's promised RETURN — the CHANGING of the world into the PEACEFUL World Tomorrow — and the SAVING of the world, at last!

The plummeting immorality, the escalating violence, the accelerating CHAOS all around us in this SICK SOCIETY trying to hasten its own DOOM, is the POSITIVE EVIDENCE, according to the sure prophecies, that there is ABSOLUTE ASSURED HOPE for a soon-coming SOLUTION to all the world's ills!

O yes! It will get a lot darker before the dawn!

Things will speedily become MUCH WORSE — yet *THAT'S* THE SURE SIGN! The very *fact* of this accelerating SPEEDING UP of the moral downsurge, the violence-upsurge, as well as the speeding up of air travel and everything in life, literally SHOUTS to us: "IT WON'T BE LONG, NOW!"

This world is flashing ahead at fantastic speed, to its DOOM — and its END — and to Christ's coming, the REAL HOPE OF THE WORLD — and to the HAPPY, PEACEFUL, JOYFUL WORLD TOMORROW!

What our READERS SAY

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thrived on sex films, read pornographic books and discussed sex with my 'friends.' Then I read, I *really* read, your booklet, *The Ten Commandments*. (I had been receiving your literature for quite a while, but I read it only halfheartedly, not appreciating its true value.) I read the seventh Commandment about adultery. Boy! Did it put me in my place. Now, thanks to you and your wonderful work, I am starting a new life. I am really getting into my Bible Correspondence Course, and have decided to make God and His Word, the Bible, the centre of my thoughts."

Edward O., Ashgrove,
Queensland

PROPHECY *comes alive*

IN TODAY'S WORLD NEWS

FRANCE'S aging chief of state, Charles de Gaulle, is — as we go to press — fighting for his political life.

Following two weeks of national chaos, the French President dissolved, on May 30, the National Assembly and called for new elections.

De Gaulle took his hard stance only after receiving pledges of army loyalty while on a secret trip to his country retreat. In a speech to the nation, the 77-year-old leader implied he would declare a "state of siege" if necessary and back it up with military force.

Forgot His Countrymen

With a national treasury bulging with six billion dollars in gold reserves, France has *seemed* stronger than she really is. But De Gaulle, in his rush to amass this hoard and to undermine the dollar and pound sterling, has overlooked or brushed aside six weak links in the French economy and in the French national character:

- Half a million unemployed.
- Wages for industrial workers lower than in any other Common Market country except Italy.
- Prices escalating faster than in any other of the six EEC nations.
- An economy that is falling behind that of its chief competitor — *West Germany* — in nearly every industrial index.
- A burdensome tax load, being made increasingly heavier as the cost of welfare programs mount.
- A sluggish housing program that has failed utterly to keep pace with the demands of a growing population. Two out of every three French families still

live in dwellings constructed prior to the First (not the Second) World War!

These and other national problems — long swept under the rug by the government — came home to roost on De Gaulle's shoulders.

France is weak! Now with the threatened loss of her primary source of grandeur — the person of Charles de Gaulle himself — France is doomed to second, or perhaps even third place within Europe's Common Market.

We have continually warned our readers to watch events in Europe *speed up rapidly* whenever De Gaulle, the main stumbling block to European unity, leaves the scene.

The door is now opening for a European union of ten nations (Rev. 17:12) to emerge! France, without De Gaulle's single-minded leadership, will have to go along with West German and Benelux and Italian plans for a

federated Europe. De Gaulle's idea for a loose, de-centralized "Europe of the Fatherlands" concept is dead!

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Asia's Forgotten War

While Vietnam negotiations in Paris are drawing the headlines, Asia's second largest war is raging virtually unnoticed. It is in Laos.

After nearly six years of bloody stalemate between government troops and Communist insurgents, the tempo of the fighting has increased alarmingly. The Reds are on the move, picking off one government outpost or airstrip after another.

The Communist Pathet Lao guerrillas — *backed up by as many as 70,000 North Vietnamese army regulars* — are firmly in control of half, perhaps even more, of Laos' territory. Latest Communist drives have pushed perilously

With arms behind their heads, Paris students are led through debris and into custody of helmeted police after May 10 night rioting in the Latin quarter of the French capital. Disturbance lasted 11 hours.

Wide World Photo



close to the twin Laotian capital cities of Vientiane and Luang Prabang.

Commanders of the undermanned and under-equipped government forces admit they can't hold out much longer.

100,000 Killed

As in South Vietnam, the refugee problem has become tragic. Over ten percent of Laos' 2,000,000 people have been driven from their homes. Each month, thousands more flee before the advancing Red tide.

Additional thousands of rural Laotians have been cut off behind Red lines and are supplied rice—at last count 1500 tons a day—via air drops conducted by a "private" (actually CIA-subsidized) American air service.

The misery in Laos has been virtually endless since 1962 when the ill-fated Geneva agreement was reached. This shamefully violated treaty supposedly guaranteed Laotian neutrality. Since 1962, however, 100,000 civilians and soldiers have met violent death!

Red Goal

Why the fighting in this obscure, wretched piece of Southeast Asian real estate?

Simple—its strategic geographical location.

The North Vietnamese funnel four fifths of their men and material supporting the war in South Vietnam over the Ho Chi Minh Trail. This key artery bends southwestward into Laos on its way around the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Vietnam (see map). *Without the use of this vital umbilical cord the Red offensive in South Vietnam could grind to a halt in a few weeks or months.*

It has been reported that two divisions of North Vietnamese infantry, equipped with anti-aircraft weapons, together with several thousand Pathet Lao are positioned along the key Red supply route to protect the convoys which move by bicycles, trucks and even elephants.

U. S. Involvement Deep

In compliance with the 1962 Geneva accord, the U. S. withdrew military advisers. Now, reports an Italian newspaperman who recently toured Laos, a

new corps of American advisers has returned at the urgent request of Laotian Premier Souvanna Phouma.

Combined U. S. and Laotian air offensive against the Trail and other Red-held areas is an admitted fact. In one recent two-month period, U. S. B-52's dropped almost as many bombs in Laos as in North Vietnam.

Yet, despite the heavy bombing and the growing undesired involvement of the U. S., the picture is bleak for Laos. And next door in Thailand, Communist pressure is mounting also.

Thai Regime Under Attack

Thailand is the target for the next "war of national liberation"—Red terminology for Communist military overthrow. Already, Communist rebels are fighting sporadically in three separate areas of the country (see map).

The Thai government is deeply con-

cerned over events in Laos. A total Red takeover there would put a Communist power alongside the entirety of Thailand's eastern flank.

Thailand would be a rich plum to fall into Red hands. Relatively prosperous by south Asian standards, it is the biggest rice exporter on the continent. Next to Thailand—and also on the Communist timetable—is Burma, Asia's other big rice exporting nation.

It is obvious peace is not yet ready to break out in war-beleaguered Southeast Asia no matter the outcome of the Paris talks.

We are living in the very end-time era of man's warring governments of which Jesus Christ himself prophesied: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars" (Mat. 24:6). Yes, not only outright fighting but rumors, threats, secret and not-so-secret plans for so-called "wars of national liberation."

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