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THE PLAIN TRUTH about *Communism!*

IS COMMUNISM evil, or is it the true Christian plan followed by early Christians—therefore now being persecuted?

Can you be a Communist and believe in God? Is Russia merely being misrepresented by imperialist forces in the United States?

The true facts in this article will shock many who have not examined Communism closely.

ARADIO listener from Louisiana writes: "It strikes me it would be impossible for any person to believe in God unless that person had all things in common with all the rest of the people."

"Are we kidding ourselves," he adds, "by not having all things common, which the Bible teaches were the works of those who did believe in Christ?" He quotes Acts 4:32. This listener seems to think this text shows Communism to be true Christianity!

Does it?

It most certainly does not. In the first place, this text does not show, nor did the early Christians practise, Communism as the basis of economic, political, and social government. This Bible text does not say what many seem to think it says. And in the second place, real Communism is not practised in Russia today, as most Americans seem to think.

Early Christians Not Communists

First, notice what these early Christians *did* practise, and then we shall see what Communism is, and what it teaches, from its own official textbooks and writings.

The text quoted by our listener friend is not the only, or the first place where

we find mention of those first Christians having "all things common."

Very few seem to understand this.

The first mention of having "all things common" is in Acts 2:44.

The New Testament church was started on the festival of Pentecost in the year of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. "Pentecost" is one of the annual Sabbath days, or holy days God gave His people beginning with the exodus out of Egypt. In Old Testament times it was called the festival of First Fruits. It pictures the "first-fruits" of God's salvation, or the *first* harvest of souls—the present "Church" dispensation. It pictured the coming of the Holy Spirit "for all flesh."

On this day thousands of Jews from all over the world were gathered in Jerusalem for the annual festival. Jesus has said it was necessary for His disciples that He go to heaven, in order to send the Holy Spirit for them. And on this holy day, with Jesus' disciples gathered in the Temple at Jerusalem for the annual convocation, the Holy Spirit came, with the sound of thunder and the fire of lightning, and filled them all. This caused a great commotion and excitement throughout the

city, and thousands came running to see the phenomenon.

They were all amazed, and marvelled. Then Peter raised his voice and preached the memorable "Pentecost" sermon, striking deep into the hearts of thousands. About three thousand were converted and baptised that day. That was the start of the New Testament Church.

Why Goods Were Shared

Most of these Christians were Jews who lived in various nations scattered all over (Acts 2:5-11, and 37-42). But in their great fervor over having so newly found God's TRUTH, and having been converted, they remained in Jerusalem much longer than they had planned before leaving their far-away homes, in order to continue for the time being in the fellowship with the other newly converted saints and the apostles who had been with Jesus.

Consequently, of necessity, they formed a sort of community for the time being only. And, whenever some in poorer circumstances had need because of these unexpected conditions, others in better circumstances would from time to time sell part of their goods or land and share with the less fortunate.

These disciples continued, *only temporarily*, as a group or community together.

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common." (Acts 2:44)

They Were Property Owners

Was this Marxist, or Russian Communism? NO, *far from it*. Notice!

The Moffatt translation in modern English makes it plain. "The believers all kept together; they shared all they had with one another, they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds among all, as anyone might be in need."

They OWNED PROPERTY, else how could they have sold, from time to time, their possessions? They did not all sell everything they owned at once, but they sold property only *when*, or "as anyone might be in need."

They expected the immediate return of Christ, and kept together. The poorer Christians in Jerusalem had been cut off from the means of self-support by social ostracism, and excommunication from the synagogue (see John 9:22; 12:42; 16:2).

But an absolute community of goods never was practised by the Church at Jerusalem or any other Christian church. If such a custom was practised, the apostle Paul could not have given order to the churches of Galatia and of Corinth, to go into their orchards and fields and gather fruit, vegetables, etc. (Rom. 15:25, 28) and lay it by in a place of storage (I Cor. 16:1-2) on a Sunday, for the poor and drought-stricken saints at Jerusalem. If there was a *community of goods* these saints at Galatia and Corinth would not have had too much and those at Jerusalem too little at that time.

Neither is there any indication that what was practised at this particular time following that day of Pentecost in Jerusalem was ever practised by any other Christian church anywhere at any time. There is no teaching or command to practise communism, or establish such a government, anywhere in the Bible. Jesus did not do it or set such an example. The apostle Paul commanded the saints to follow his example, and he worked Sunday thru Friday to earn a living as a tentmaker (Acts 18:1-4) so he could preach every Sabbath—and after the Jews turned away from his preaching he continued preaching to *Gentiles only* (see verse 6) for a year and a half (versc 11).

Temporary Expediency Only

This temporary method of expediency is further explained in Acts 4:32-35.

"No one among them was in any want," it is rendered in modern English in the Goodspeed translation, "for any who owned lands (notice they were 'capitalists' in that they owned property) or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds

of the sale and put them at the disposal of the apostles; then they were shared with everyone in proportion to his need."

The Fenton translation is even more accurate and plain: "no one who possessed property claimed it as exclusively his own: but it was for the use of all." (Verse 32.) Notice they owned, or possessed property, but shared its *use* with others, "for some who were possessors of lands and houses sold them; and bringing the price of the sales, and presenting the same at the feet of the apostles, a distribution was made to each according to his need." (Verses 34-35.)

Notice, please, not *all* sold their property—only SOME of the property owners sold their possessions.

This selling of property was wholly *voluntary*. They were not commanded to, or expected to sell it. Peter said to Ananias, about the sale of his property: "When it remained unsold, did it not remain *your own*?" (Acts 5:4, Moffatt translation). He OWNED IT! They had PRIVATE OWNERSHIP of property, not "Communism!" "And even after the sale," said Peter, "was the money not yours to do as you pleased about it?" (verse 4). He did not have to do it. Many did not. Here was PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, and PRIVATE INITIATIVE, and PRIVATE OWNERSHIP—not regimented Communism.

What Is Russian Communism?

It has been astonishing to learn, from thousands of letters recently received, that a large portion of the American public simply does not understand what Russian Communism really is.

People have written from all parts of the nation thanking the editor for the recent broadcasts on the subject, saying they had not realized before the nature of the danger of Communism.

Communism is a new "ism" in the world—a political-economic system of society by which one small group seeks to rule the world. It is based on Marxist atheism. Its main tenet is abolition of "capitalism"—of the private ownership of property, private initiative, private enterprise. Real Communism would be a system of social organization in which all land and goods are held in common.

But there is no real Communism in Russia—but what is termed "the Dictatorship of the Proletariat." And "proletariat" is defined by Webster as the proletarian class—and the proletarians are "the poorest and lowest class in a community or state." But in Russia they do not have even that, but the iron dictatorship of a small clique of men, with Joseph Stalin at the head, who have deceived the ignorant and lower class by appeals both to prejudice and greed to lend the power of their num-

bers in submission to the dictatorship which plots to rule the world.

Seeks Overthrow of U. S.

As fostered by the Soviet Union, Communism is launched as a world-wide class struggle, pitting the poorer class against those who have been economically more successful, arousing class prejudice, stirring up race hatreds. While they pretend to stand for peace, they engender only strife, and they feed like a vulture on poverty, discontent, discouragement, confusion, and chaos.

The real goal of the Communist plotters is the violent overthrow of the United States and the British Empire. Why? We are the real "capitalist" nations. We possess nearly three-fourths of all the world's "capital"—its developed and usable resources and wealth.

Do you know why? Because we possess the BIRTHRIGHT Jacob took from Esau—the national and material promises God made unconditionally to Abraham because Abraham was willing to obey God. We are the literal racial descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, the birthright tribes of the House of Israel. The Sceptre promise of the Messiah went to Judah, and his descendants the Jews. But the Birthright was Joseph's, whose descendants we are. (Write for our free booklet, "U. S. in Prophecy.")

The plain truth, known by so few, is that we possess greater wealth and national resources than any other nation ever did, because ALMIGHTY GOD GAVE US THIS WEALTH IN FILIMENT OF HIS BIRTHRIGHT PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB!

And Communism is the devil's effort, thru his demon-inspired human tools, to take from us this greatest national and economic blessing God ever conferred on any people! And since this blessing from God is the world's "CAPITAL" atheistic Communism shouts "DOWN WITH CAPITALISM."

Christianity Is Enemy No. 1

In Washington, D. C., recently, the editor obtained the following statements in the committee rooms of the House Un-American Activities Committee, for our readers:

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Forty years ago, Communism was just a plot in the minds of a very few peculiar people.

Today, Communism is a world force governing millions of the human race and threatening to govern all of it.

Who are the Communists? How do they work? What do they want? What would they do to you?

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Who is the “BEAST”?

*IF you have his MARK, you must suffer the Seven Last PLAGUES!!
Is he a mysterious superman world dictator, yet to appear? . . .
Is he the Antichrist . . . or a government . . . or the Catholic Church?*

THE MOST important question of the hour is: "What, or who, is the BEAST, the IMAGE of the Beast, and the MARK of the Beast?"

Whatever this weird "Beast"—whatever the baffling "IMAGE"—whatever the mysterious "MARK"—it behooves you and me to find out!

For it is those of this very present generation who shall be worshiping this "Beast" or his "Image," or shall have received his "mark," that will suffer the unspeakable tortures of the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES!

Ignorance will not excuse! "My people are destroyed for lack of wisdom," says the Eternal, in Hosea 4:6. And the illustration of Ezekiel's watchman shows that those who are ignorant, because they are not warned, will suffer just the same. (Ezekiel 33:6; and 3:18.) God expects HIS PEOPLE to be His "watchmen" and to warn the people, and unless we do, He will require their blood at our hand!

The time is at hand! The plagues of God's WRATH will soon be poured out, unmixed and undiluted—FULL STRENGTH—upon a heedless, God-defying world, and a careless, luke-warm, indifferent Christianity!

Who Shall Suffer the PLAGUES?

Listen! John in Revelation describes the last, final, warning message:

"If any man worship the BEAST and his IMAGE, and receive his MARK in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the WRATH OF GOD, which is poured out without mixture." (Rev. 14:9, 10.)

Listen again!

John, carried forward in vision into the terrible "Day of the Lord," sees these plagues beginning to fall! "And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven last plagues . . . and the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell A NOI SOME AND GRIEVOUS SORE upon the men which had the MARK of the Beast, and upon them which worshiped his IMAGE!" (Rev. 15:6 and 16:2.)

Every sign tells us these things will happen, plunging the world into the most frantic, frenzied state of anguish ever known, WITHIN A MATTER OF A FEW YEARS!

Those who suffer the indescribable WRATH of Almighty God are described

as those who worship the BEAST, or his IMAGE, or have his MARK.

It is futile to try to *imagine*, as so many are doing, what the "Mark of the Beast" may be. Too many are trying to fix this all up in their imaginations. But God says "My thoughts are not your thoughts."

We cannot work this out in our minds. We are face to face with a stern reality, not an imaginary fairy tale! There is ONLY ONE WAY to learn the *Truth*. That is to study carefully, cautiously, prayerfully, with an open mind yielded to and guided by the Holy Spirit, ALL the testimony of *ALL* the scriptures that bear on this question.

We cannot determine what the "MARK" of the Beast may be, until we have learned what, or who, the BEAST is!

For, of course, the "Mark" is the "Beast's" mark. WHO, WHAT, is the "Beast"?

The Bible DESCRIPTION of the BEAST

The "Beast," the "Image of the Beast" and the "Mark of the Beast" are all described primarily in the 13th chapter of Revelation.

Notice carefully this BIBLE *description*:

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up *out of the sea*, having SEVEN HEADS and TEN HORNS, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

"And the beast which I saw was *like unto a LEOPARD*, and his feet were as the *feet of a BEAR*, and his mouth as the *mouth of a LION*: and the DRAGON gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." (Rev. 13:1, 2.)

Now most of those who are teaching and preaching to others on these subjects overlook entirely this DESCRIPTION. For this description will IDENTIFY the "Beast."

If the "Beast" is some mysterious superman, or Antichrist, soon to appear as world dictator, he will be a peculiar-looking individual indeed, for he will have SEVEN HEADS, AND TEN HORNS! Have you ever seen a man with seven heads, and ten horns growing out of one of his heads? And did you ever see a man who was like a LEOPARD and can you imagine a superman coming who will have the feet of a BEAR, and the mouth of a LION? And will he appear by

coming up out of some OCEAN?

Now these, of course, are all SYMBOLS. The very word "Beast" is a symbol. And our problem is to INTERPRET the symbols, for they stand for real, literal things. And when we know what the heads and the horns are, what the feet of the bear, the mouth of the lion, and likeness to a leopard all MEAN, then we can know what, or who, the "BEAST" really is!

The Bible Interprets Its Own Symbols

The point we want to stress is that the Bible INTERPRETS ITS OWN SYMBOLS! If we want the TRUTH, we must be guided solely by the BIBLE interpretation, not man's interpretations and imaginations.

And the BIBLE ITSELF tells us *what they represent*!

In the 7th chapter of Daniel, we find exactly these same symbols described. Here again are the "beasts," with the "seven heads," the "ten horns," and here also is the "lion," the "bear," and the "leopard." And here the Bible tells us what these symbols represent.

God had given Daniel understanding in dreams and visions (Dan. 1:17). And Daniel had a dream and a vision (Dan. 7:1) in which he saw four great BEASTS (verse 3). And notice, as in Revelation, the "beasts" came up *out of the sea*.

The first was like a "LION" (verse 4), the second was like a "BEAR" (v. 5), the third like a "LEOPARD" (v. 6), and the fourth was so dreadful and terrible it could not be compared to any wild beast known to inhabit the earth!

Now there was only the one head described on the lion, one for the bear, one for the fourth beast—but the third beast, the leopard, had FOUR HEADS—thus making SEVEN HEADS in all! And out of this great and dreadful fourth beast grew TEN HORNS!

Now notice verse 16, latter part. Here comes the INTERPRETATION OF THE THINGS! The question is, will we accept this BIBLE interpretation of the seven heads, the ten horns, the lion, the bear, and the leopard?

"These great beasts, which are four, are FOUR KINGS which shall arise out of the earth," is the interpretation of verse 17.

And the word "KING" is synonymous with KINGDOM, and used only in the

sense that the king represents the kingdom over which he rules, for in verse 23 we read: "the fourth beast shall be the fourth KINGDOM upon the earth." Notice also the word "kingdom" is used to explain the beasts in verses 18, 22, 24, and 27.

Now what do the "HORNS" represent? Notice verse 24: "And the ten horns *out of this KINGDOM* are ten kings that shall arise." Notice the ten horns, or ten succeeding kingdoms or governments, come OUT OF a KINGDOM, not out of a man, or a superman. This alone makes plain that the "BEAST" is not some mysterious personal superman yet to come. Also that the Beast is not the Roman Catholic Church, for no ten kingdoms ever did, or will, come OUT OF that Church. And since king in these prophecies only stands for the KINGDOM he represents, and since the words are used interchangeably, it follows that these ten horns are ten succeeding KINGDOMS growing OUT OF the FOURTH kingdom, which was to rule the earth from the time of Daniel!

Identification of the Kingdoms

These same four world-ruling Gentile kingdoms are described in the second chapter of Daniel. King Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldean Empire, who had taken the Jews captive, had a dream, the meaning of which God revealed to Daniel.

The dream is described in verses 31-35. The king saw a great image. Its head was of gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of brass, its legs of iron, and its feet and toes part iron and part clay. Finally, a stone, not in men's hands, but supernaturally, smote the image upon his feet and toes. It was broken in pieces, and was blown away like chaff. Then the stone that smashed it became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

"This," Daniel says, beginning verse 36, "is the dream; and we will tell the INTERPRETATION thereof to the king.

". . . Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another KINGDOM inferior to thee, and another third KINGDOM of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth KINGDOM shall be strong as iron: foreasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise." (Verses 36-40.)

The interpretation of the STONE smashing the image at its toes is found in the 44th verse:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." The Stone is Christ and His KING-

KINGDOM. The interpretation of the STONE is given many places in the Bible. "Jesus of Nazareth . . . is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become HEAD of the corner." (Acts 4:10-11.)

And so we see that here are four universal world-ruling Gentile kingdoms. They begin with the Chaldean Empire, at the beginning of the "Times of the Gentiles," when the Jews were taken captive to Babylon, 604-585 B.C. They continue thru four great universal kingdoms, and out of the fourth grows ten succeeding governments. These carry to the time of the Second Coming of Christ, and the setting up of the KINGDOM OF GOD to fill the whole earth and last forever.

The Fourth Beast

Plainly, here are described the SAME FOUR universal world-ruling Gentile powers that are described by Daniel's four beasts. And this dream-image identifies WHO they are. The first was Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom, the Chaldean Empire, called "Babylon" after the name of its capital city, 625-338 B.C.

The second kingdom, which followed, then, we know from history was the Persian Empire, 558-338 B.C., often called Medo-Persia, composed of Medes and Persians.

All ancient history students know the third world kingdom was Greece, or Macedonia under Alexander the Great, who conquered the great Persian Empire 333-330 B.C. But Alexander lived only a short year after his swift conquest, and his vast new Empire was divided among his four Generals: Macedonia and Greece, Thrace and Western Asia, Syria and territory east to the Indus, and Egypt. So these were the "four heads" of the third beast of Daniel 7.

And the FOURTH KINGDOM, which, developing from Rome, spread out and gradually absorbed one after another of these four divisions—"Dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly," was the ROMAN EMPIRE (31 B.C. to A.D. 476).

It had absorbed all the others, occupied all their territory, was greater and stronger than all. It included all the royal splendor of ancient Babylon, thus having the head—the strongest part—of the "lion." It had all the massiveness and numerically powerful army of the Persian Empire—symbolized by the LEGS, the most powerful part, of the BEAR. It was the greatest war-making machine the world had ever seen, and it also possessed the swiftness, the cunning, the cruelty of Alexander's army, symbolized by the LEOPARD.

And thus, this fourth beast was unlike any wild beast of the earth. It was stronger, greater, more terrible, than any.

And so John, in Rev. 13, sees, not four beasts, but ONE beast. Not a leopard, but LIKE a leopard—possessing all its cunning, cruelty, and speed. But it also possessed the dominant characteristics of the two other most powerful beasts—the FEET of a bear, and the MOUTH of a lion, Daniel's fourth Beast, the Roman Empire had absorbed and therefore it included, the three beasts before it. Thus it included all seven HEADS. And John's beast also has SEVEN HEADS. It was Daniel's fourth beast, ONLY, which had TEN HORNS, and John's beast has TEN HORNS.

And so, if we are willing to be guided solely by the BIBLE description of this "beast" and to let the BIBLE interpret the symbols used to describe it, we come to the inevitable conclusion that *the Beast of Rev. 13 is the ROMAN EMPIRE*, of 31 B.C. to A.D. 476! Of course many man-imagined THEORIES, widely taught and published, interpret this BEAST otherwise—some as the Roman Catholic Church, some as a mysterious, individual, superman yet to come. But these theories will not stand the test of applying the BIBLE interpretation to all the symbols that describe this beast.

Nebuchadnezzar's image, by the TWO legs, describes the TWO DIVISIONS of the Roman Empire, after A.D. 330; West, with capital at Rome, and East, with capital at Constantinople.

John also pictures this BEAST, not as a church, or as an individual man, but as a powerful GOVERNMENT having a great ARMY. For they worshipped the Beast by saying: "WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM?" (Rev. 13:4.)

The Toes and the Horns

Let us now notice the symbolism of the toes of the image (Dan. 2), and the horns of the fourth Beast of Daniel 7 and of the Beast of Revelation 13.

The ten toes and the ten horns both symbolize the same thing—the ten stages of government continuing out of the Roman Empire after its fall, 476 A.D. "The ten horns *out of this kingdom*" (the fourth—the Roman Empire, 31 B.C. to 476 A.D.) "ARE TEN KINGS that shall arise . . . and the KINGDOM and the dominion, and the greatness of the KINGDOM under the whole heaven" (not IN heaven) "shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High." (Dan. 7:24, 27.)

The ten horns, then, are ten KINGDOMS to arise *out of* the Fourth Kingdom, the Roman Empire. These kings, also called KINGDOMS, continue from 476 A.D. until the time when the Stone, Christ and His Kingdom, smashes the image on its toes, and the KINGDOM is given to the SAINTS. Therefore, since in actual history there have never been ten contem-

poraneous kingdoms that have continued out of the Roman Empire, side by side, down to the present—and since there HAVE been NINE successive kingdoms ruling that territory from 476 to the present, with the tenth one now being formed by Mussolini—therefore we know that the kingdoms represented by the toes and the horns are SUCCESSIVE, not contemporaneous.

The Deadly Wound

Now let us return to our description of the "Beast" in Revelation 13.

"And I saw one of his heads as it were WOUNDED TO DEATH; and his deadly wound was HEALED; and all the world wondered after the beast.

"And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast saying, Who is like unto the Beast? Who is able to make WAR with him?

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to CONTINUE FORTY AND TWO MONTHS." (Rev. 13:3-5.)

The "Beast" here symbolized is the one which included the royal splendor and kingly power symbolized by the MOUTH of the lion (Babylon); the ponderous strength symbolized by the FEET of the bear (Medo-Persia), and the speed, cunning, and cruelty of the leopard (Greece). And since the INTERPRETATION of these symbols is found in Daniel 7, and since the fourth beast alone included all SEVEN of the heads, and had ten HORNS, the Bible interpretation of the BEAST of Revelation 13 is the FOURTH BEAST of Daniel 7—the Roman Empire, of 31 B.C. to 476 A.D. The beast described by John in Revelation 13 also included 7 heads, but the only head existing at the time of this nondescript beast which included the most powerful characteristics of all the beasts symbolizing its predecessors was the fourth beast, containing the SEVENTH HEAD, and also the TEN HORNS. So the specific "one of its heads" that was wounded to death was the seventh head of the Roman Empire—the head out of which TEN HORNS grew. The ten horns, then, as Daniel interprets, represent ten successive governments OUT OF the Roman Empire, which were to continue until the setting up of the KINGDOM OF GOD at the second coming of Christ.

The DEADLY WOUND, then, was the one administered to the Roman Empire, when, in its last decaying stages, the barbarians overran it, ending its government in 476 A.D.

Notice the DRAGON gave his power to the Beast. Who is the DRAGON? Some say "pagan Rome." But will we be guided solely by the BIBLE INTER-

PRETATION of its own symbols? Then, if we will, the Dragon is a symbol which means Satan, THE DEVIL. Notice Rev. 12. "The great DRAGON . . . that old serpent, called the DEVIL and SATAN" (verse 9). "He was cast out into the earth . . . the DEVIL IS come down unto you, having great wrath . . . and when the DRAGON saw that he was cast unto the earth" (v. 9, 1:13). "And he laid hold on the DRAGON, that old serpent WHICH IS THE DEVIL and Satan (Rev. 20:2).

They worshiped the Beast (Rev. 13:4). Therefore some conclude, from this one statement alone, that the "Beast" must be the Papacy, not knowing that the people worshiped the Roman Empire and its Emperors! Notice how they worshiped the Beast—saying WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH HIM? The Roman Empire was the greatest WAR MAKING POWER the world had ever known, but the Catholic Church never had an army. This beast killed by the SWORD (v. 10) but the Catholic Church never did. History is full of accounts of the worship of the Roman Emperors, for paganism was a STATE RELIGION. The following is from Robinson's "Medieval and Modern Times," a college text book, page 7, chapter 1:

"The worship of the emperor: In a word the Roman government was not only wonderfully organized . . . everyone was required to join in the worship of the emperor because he stood for the majesty and glory of the dominion . . . all were obliged, as good citizens, to join in the official sacrifices to the head of the state, as a god."

But when the seventh HEAD of this great beast received its DEADLY WOUND in 476 A.D. was that the end? No, the prophecy says "HIS DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED . . . AND POWER WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM TO CONTINUE FORTY AND TWO MONTHS." The TEN HORNS represent ten successive kingdoms OUT OF this kingdom to follow. So, thru the ten horns growing OUT OF this head (the Roman Empire of 31 B.C.-476 A.D.), the BEAST (for the ten horns are PART OF the Beast) continues on until the second coming of Christ.

The text does not say the whole BEAST died—but one of his HEADS was wounded to death. The BEAST INCLUDED THE SEVEN HEADS and the TEN HORNS. John sees the Beast living in the days of its seventh head, the Roman Empire. And when that HEAD of the Beast had its deadly wound, HIS—the Beast's—deadly wound was healed. The HEAD was dead. But the BEAST continued. The horns now reign, one by one.

In 476 the Empire was overrun by bar-

barians, under Odoacer. His government, set up at Rome, called the HERULI, was the first horn. But it did not heal the deadly wound, for this was a government IN Rome, but not a ROMAN government, but one of foreign barbarians.

Then followed the Vandals, of Northern Africa, who sacked Rome in 455 and ruled it for a brief space. Then was the kingdom of the Ostrogoths, 493-554, another outside foreign people who rule in the territory. But they were driven out of Italy and disappeared.

These three kingdoms, sweeping into the Roman territory, filled the period known in history as the "transition age." (See Myers Ancient History, Page 571.) That is, a TRANSITION between the wound and the healing.

Now Daniel saw a "little horn" coming up AMONG these ten, before whom these first three were "plucked up by the roots." That leaves 7 horns to come. And of the little horn, Daniel 7 says "his look was more stout than his fellows." The papacy dominated completely all the "horns" to follow.

The Deadly Wound HEALED!

It was the fourth kingdom (horn, or toe) succeeding the fall of the Empire in 476, which really HEALED the deadly wound, and restored the EMPIRE. In 554 A.D., Justinian, Emperor of the East, from Constantinople, moved to Rome and brought about what is known in history as the "Imperial Restoration" of the Empire.

Now, notice verse 5, of Rev. 13. Power was given to this "Beast," once healed, to "CONTINUE FORTY AND TWO MONTHS." In the prophecies pertaining to the Times of Israel's punishment, each day represents a year in the actual fulfillment (Ezek. 4:4-6, Num. 14:34). Thus, the "healed" Beast is to continue 1260 YEARS.

Following the healing, in 554, came the Frankish Kingdom (French), the "Holy Roman Empire" (German), the Hapsburg dynasty (Austrian), and Napoleon's kingdom (French). But, when Napoleon met his "Waterloo" in 1814, the healed beast continued no longer. "SO CLOSED," says West's Modern History, page 377, "A GOVERNMENT THAT DATED FROM AUGUSTUS CAESAR." (From 31 B.C.) It went into Abyss!

And from 554 to 1814, the duration of the "healed beast," was EXACTLY 1260 years!

At that time, eight of the "horns" having appeared and gone, the "Beast" itself went into the non-existent condition symbolized in Rev. 17:8 as the "bottomless pit." But in the year 1870 Garibaldi united the many little divisions in the

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Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

THE OTHER day a young man came out to the college to see me. He had written two or three times asking me to pray for healing of an affliction caused by an accident, and each time I had prayed for him and sent him an anointed cloth, according to the example set by the apostle Paul (Acts 19).

"I came to see you," he said, "to ask you to pray for me again. I simply can't understand why I wasn't healed."

"Oh, weren't you healed?" I asked.
"How do you know you weren't?"

"Why, I still have this nervousness. I still FEEL it."

"Is that how you KNOW?" I asked.
"Of course," he replied.

Well, there was his trouble.

What would it be worth to *you* if I could tell you exactly how you could always pray to God for every need, for help and deliverance from every trouble, and *always get the answer?* If I could show you a way to always KNOW you are going to actually get what you ask of God?

I can tell you that. I have found the way, myself. Of course, in some cases, like that of this young man, where I have interceded for others, and asked God to do something for them, they have failed to receive the answer—while, on the other hand, many others have received the answer I asked for them. But as of the present moment when I now write, there is not one thing I have had to rely upon God for, and ask Him for in prayer, for myself and family or this wonderful work of His which He has committed to me, that has not been answered.

My wife and I have had to depend

upon God for just about everything. Once I had to ask God to send us a dime, and we had to have it immediately. Believe it or not, in less than two minutes God sent it to our house. At another time I had to ask God to send us \$35,000.00, by a certain date, for the work—and He sent it. Once, more than twenty years ago, I remember, before retiring at night, asking God to remove some painful canker sores inside my mouth. When I awoke, they were gone. Once we had to ask God to heal my wife of four or five serious afflictions which had come upon her simultaneously—quinsy with lock-jaw, blood-poison from a rose-thorn, a dog-bite, and two serious internal ailments. Her condition was so critical doctors did not expect her to live another twenty-four hours. She was completely healed of all these things *instantly!* When our youngest son was two years and four months he still could not talk. As a result of a fall, something obstructed speech. When we became sure of the fact of the affliction, we asked God to heal him and let him talk, and the very next day he was beginning to talk, and in a week he was speaking whole sentences like any boy his age.

I have had to ask God to deliver us, and His work, from enemies. I have asked Him for UNDERSTANDING of His will, and His word. I have had to ask for wisdom where I had none, and for

guidance. I have been at my wits' end, in desperate trouble, and cried out to God for deliverance. God has answered, every time. Never once has there been a failure to get the answer.

On our return from Europe, nearly two years ago, we found ourselves in a full hurricane in the middle of the Atlantic. When it became known that we were in great danger—and no life-boat could have been launched in those angry 65-foot waves—I went to my cabin and earnestly asked God to calm the storm. In two or three hours the sea was almost calm again.

You can get the same results—if you will be willing to learn what I have had to learn, and to do what God has shown me I have to do.

If money could buy you the absolute GUARANTEE that you would *always* get whatever you ask of God—ALWAYS receive the answer to your prayers, how much would this magic be worth? You'd be willing to pay a great deal for it, wouldn't you? Ah, but this is something far too precious to be purchased with money. The richest man on earth does not have enough money to buy it. Yet you can have it, if you'll pay the price of conforming to God's terms and conditions.

Another young man, almost like a son to me, could not understand why God refuses to heal him. He told me he had read, in our office, many letters from people who have been miraculously healed of many ailments and diseases after I had prayed for them and just sent them anointed pieces of cloth. I had also prayed for this young man, at least three times or more. Yet he knew God had refused to heal him. He couldn't understand why—he was much discouraged. And how did he know? Why, by the EVIDENCE—he could still FEEL the affliction, and that PROVED God had not healed him!

I had no difficulty at all in seeing at once why these two fine, earnest, young men were not healed.

Before you ask God for anything, you must first know whether it is His will. He tells us His will, in the Bible. He has made us hundreds of definite PROMISES—and He absolutely GUARANTEES He will keep them! Among them, He has promised to supply every NEED—not desire or want, but every NEED. He has promised to give us wisdom, to deliver us from every affliction, trouble, or temptation, to fight our enemies for us and deliver us from their power, to guide and direct us in making right and wise decisions. He has *promised* to heal us when we are sick.

Those are a few of the things we KNOW it is God's will to do for us—

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things for which we may ask, and be sure we shall get the answer!

But THERE ARE CONDITIONS!

It is like a contract, or an agreement. God promises to always do these things for us, IF we do just two things He demands of us! And an uncle of mine once impressed on me, so indelibly I shall never forget, that that little two-letter word "IF" is absolutely the biggest word in the English language. That great big little "IF" is the obstruction that stands between you and getting the answer from God!

1st, you must OBEY. "What things soever we ask, we receive of Him because we keep His Commandments, and do those things that are pleasing IN HIS SIGHT."

2nd, you must BELIEVE, "According to your faith be it unto you."

Now these two young men are both sincere fellows who have surrendered to God, who seek to know His will, and to keep His commandments, and live HIS WAY, thru his power and strength. And both of them have sincerely SUPPOSED that they had FAITH.

But, like at least 99 out of every hundred earnest, surrendered Christians, they have not fully realized just what faith is, or how to exercise it.

The Bible definition of SIN is this: "Sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4.)

The Bible definition of FAITH is this: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1.)

God PROMISES to heal you when you are sick. You follow His instruction, you call for the elders of the church, they pray over you the prayer of faith, anointing you with oil, and God PROMISES that when this is done, "the prayer of

faith shall save the sick, and the LORD SHALL RAISE HIM UP." (Jas. 5:14-15.)

Now these two young men confronted me with the fact God had not done as He had promised. How did they know—what evidence convinced them God had not done what He promised? Why, their EVIDENCE, in both cases, was that they could FEEL the pain, the nervousness, the weakness. They could see they were not healed. There was the EVIDENCE that God had not healed them.

But once again, what is FAITH? Faith is the EVIDENCE of healing that is NOT SEEN—or felt! It is impossible for God to lie. Impossible for God to break His promise. Do you believe that?

"Oh, yes, of course," you answer—or do you, now?

I know these two young men thought they had faith. As a matter of fact, at the time I prayed for them, undoubtedly they both believed. At the time, that is. Yes,

they did have faith—at the time!

But what they did not realize about FAITH is that *faith must not waver*. It must abide. It must remain constant—unwavering! It must ENDURE—it must CONTINUE! Thru James, God instructs us to ask "in faith; nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord!"

Yes, these young men really did believe—at the time!

But they did not come the real TEST of their faith until the devil presented his evidence, a few days later. When, after a few days, they could still FEEL and SEE they were not healed, then Satan was presenting his evidence to their minds! It was evidence they could FEEL and SEE! And at just that point these young men took their eyes off Jesus—off God's PROMISE—they looked at the MATERIAL, SENSUAL evidence, and right then and there, without realizing what was taking place in their minds, they WAVERED in their belief in God's promise. Instead of BELIEVING God's evidence, which is FAITH in what they certainly did not yet FEEL or SEE, they just simply could not doubt the material evidence of the human flesh and the senses of feel and sight! What they felt and saw therefore convinced them THEY WERE NOT HEALED!

They began to ask "Why didn't God heal me?" and their faith was then gone. Yes, they wavered, and God says, "Let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord."

So here is the lesson you must learn—the lesson of faith—if you would get answers to your prayers. First, search the Bible to see whether God has PROMISED to DO what you want to ask. If He has, then ask—but REMEMBER, *God nowhere promises WHEN, or HOW He will do it!* That's the thing to remember! Never forget it! God has not promised He will do it *instantly*, or when you expect, or how you expect. ALL He has promised is to DO IT! He does things in His own time. And sometimes, I have found, God is not in so great a hurry as we. And God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform—not in the ways, nor at the time we expect.

It is sufficient for you that GOD HAS PROMISED! Take it to Him, claim His promise, ask Him to do what He has promised—and then leave it in His hands—RELY ON HIM—trust Him, serene and unshaken in the definite assurance it is now in GOD'S HANDS, and He HAS PROMISED, and He will attend to it, without fail.

He may perform what He has promised instantaneously. Or, He may not. He may TEST YOUR FAITH, permit Satan to

tempt you with his physical, sensual evidence to see if you will doubt God's Word. If it is healing you have asked, and two or three days go by, and you do not yet see the answer, but rather still feel the pain or affliction, DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT! Jesus promised that the SIGN shall FOLLOW. It will, if you remain steadfast and unwavering in LEAVING IT IN GOD'S HANDS. Meet this TEST of faith by disbelieving what you feel and see, and instead BELIEVING God's promise! God can't lie. Faith is merely believing that what God has promised He will do. Faith is your assurance of what you are still hoping for—your evidence of what is not yet visible—what you cannot yet feel.

Always remember that appearances, circumstances, evidences of the physical senses, have absolutely NOTHING to do with the performance of a miracle by God. Six weeks ago every physical evidence literally shouted at us that there was absolutely NOTHING that could save the college and this work of God. Nothing could have APPEARED more impossible. The amount of money we had to have was just too great. No such sums ever had come to us in so short a time. But I knew God had PROMISED to provide every need—had PROMISED He would not drop the work He had begun—had PROMISED to deliver His servants out of every trouble—and I knew these promises of God were stronger than all appearances, or all things seen, heard, or felt!

No matter how impossible it appeared, I knew God's PROMISES were stronger and mightier than appearances or circumstances. I knew that and believed it. I trusted in it, implicitly. I couldn't see HOW it was possible for God to do it—but I didn't need to see how. Others said, "I can't see how it's possible"—and quit believing—but not all others, for some believed as I did. Meanwhile, I did everything in my power to do my part. I was literally "on my toes," alert, tense, trying to overlook nothing—and all the while wondering whether God would use ANY of the lines of activity I was employing, or provide the need some altogether different way. Well, the way He did it was totally unexpected—BUT HE DID IT! That's all that matters, isn't it? I didn't do it, HE DID IT! He kept His promise—HE ALWAYS DOES!

In my personal experience, we have seen the answer come instantaneously, and we have had to endure the trial of faith, and be patient. While God instantly healed my wife in the instance mentioned above, and has done it also at other times; while He, immediately sent that dimc, there have been other times when some member of our family was healed only after we endured the test of faith, and

where the supplying of financial need seemed long delayed. God often tries our patience. But He has never failed me, and He never will fail YOU—if you will obey, and can BELIEVE, unwavering!

If the answer seems delayed in coming, remember, "the trying of your faith worketh PATIENCE!" (James 1:3.) And the development of PATIENCE is one of the very purposes of your existence! So if God puts you to the test, and TRIES your faith, rejoice and praise Him for using this experience to create in you more enduring faith, greater PATIENCE—two very high points of holy CHARACTER! Instead of grumbling, doubting, see the loving hand of God in it, and be thankful!

If God has PROMISED, that's all you need! If God delays, HE HAS A REASON! It's only a delay, not a refusal. So TRUST HIM! Keep on trusting Him. BE PATIENT! The answer is SURE! Arise! from thy bed of doubt, and WALK the walk of FAITH!

Plain Truth About Communism

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For the past 10 years your committee has studied these and other questions and now some positive answers can be made.

Some answers will shock the citizen who has not examined Communism closely. Most answers will infuriate the Communists.

COMMUNISM AND RELIGION

This is to tell you what will happen to YOU and YOUR CHURCH if Communism ever takes over the United States of America.

The long and the short of it is just this: You cannot be a Communist and believe in God. You cannot believe in God and have a peaceable life under Communism.

In all their plans and actions, the Communists mark down religion as *Enemy No. 1*. Where they dominate, they attack it head on. Where they do not dominate, they try to deceive and to corrupt from within just as they do in government, in education, in labor unions, and throughout a nation's life in general.

The aim and object of Communism is always the same—complete control over the human mind and body, asleep and awake, in sickness and in health, from birth to death. That is why Communism marks religion *Enemy No. 1*, for religion in some form is always a basic influence in the life and thinking of any people.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. *If Communism should come to the United States, could I belong to a church?*

You would have to choose at once be-

tween church and Communism. If you should choose the church, then prepare for persecution.

2. What would the Communists DO to churches and synagogues?

Take them over and put an end to the freedom now guaranteed by Sentence One, Article One in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution:

Congress shall make NO law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

3. Would the Communists destroy the Bible?

Every copy they could find. And they would jail anybody trying to print new copies.

4. Could I be married in the church?

Not legally.

5. Could my funeral be held in the church?

Not legally.

6. Would my child go to Sunday or Sabbath school?

Not only would Sunday school be illegal, but also your child would be taught to report you to the police for trying to send him.

7. How would my child learn his religion, then?

Only through what you might tell him at home, to offset the positive atheism he would learn all week at the government school.

8. You mean the GOVERNMENT would teach atheism?

Yes. Here is the rule laid down by Nikolai Lenin, leader of the Communist revolution in Russia in 1917 and founder of the Red government now headed by Joseph Stalin:

Down with religion! Long live atheism! The spread of atheist views is our chief task!

That rule has not changed.

9. Could I give money to the church?

Yes, if the Communist system would allow you any; but then most of it would go for staggeringly high taxes, rent, and other fees charged by the government to discourage church operations. Anything left could go to feed the preacher, who would be little better off than a beggar, anyhow.

10. Who would own the churches?

Under Communism, churches and synagogues could no longer own their own property, free, clear, and untouchable, as they do in the United States today. Church property would become government property. Congregations could only use such small rooms or buildings as the government might license to them on concession.

The fees and charges for this would be heavy and all use would be subject to strict Communist control, review and supervision.

11. How about my own church-going?

You could try on your own time, if the government happened at the time to let you off work on a holy day. Otherwise, only at night, when and if you got the chance.

12. Would I be allowed time off for religious holidays and celebrations as now?

Not a chance.

13. What is the COMMUNIST faith?
"Marxism-Leninism," as operated by Joseph Stalin.

14. What's all that?

A plan and method to rule the world. The man who drew up the plan was Karl Marx, who lived from 1818 to 1883.

The man who put the plan into action in real life was Nikolai Lenin, who lived from 1870 to 1924, and led the world Communists to capture Russia in 1917-18.

The man who made the plan a world force was Josif Vissarionovich Djugashvili, alias Josif Stalin, now living, and 67 years old, who followed Lenin in command of the world Communist conspiracy.

15. What was Marx' idea of a Communist world?

That the world as we know it must be destroyed—religion, family, laws, rights, everything. Anybody opposing was to be destroyed, too.

Marx wanted a world in which people owned no property, took orders from the Government without question, and let their family life—husbands, wives, parents, and children—be without religion, morals, or ideals as we know them.

16. What was his idea of morality and family?

That anything is moral—even lying, stealing, and murder—if it brings on Communism.

That women should have children for the Communist state to educate, train, and use, but parents should not have any say in training according to their OWN ideas.

That there is no need to fear God because He does not exist.

Marx had the idea that people could never be happy, have enough to eat, make enough money, or have success in the kind of world we know.

The U. S. A. is living proof that he was as wrong as a man can be.

17. Was Marx crazy?

Perhaps. But Marx was not the first evil and crazy man to start a terrible world upheaval, nor was he the last. Hitler was like that, too, but look at what he did.

18. Did all the Russians turn Communist?

Neither then nor now. Only a few trained and disciplined favorites were or are allowed to be Communists.

19. Do the Communists pretend to tolerate religion today?

No. Since the end of World War II, the Russian Government has renewed open war against religion in all forms, although in some countries Communists pretend to tolerate it to serve their propaganda purposes.

20. How do we know this?

A recent statement in an official Soviet newspaper listed the stamping out of religious faith "by systematic, scientific, anti-religious propaganda" as "the most important task in the struggle for the triumph of Communism in the U.S.S.R."

21. Are Communists trying to corrupt religion in the U. S. A.?

Yes.

22. What is their method?

The Communist Party of the United States assigns members to join churches and church organizations, in order to take control where possible, and in any case to influence thought and action toward Communist ends.

It forms "front organizations," designed to attract "fellow travelers" with religious interests.

It tries to get prominent religious leaders to support Communist policies, disguised as welfare work for minorities or oppressed groups. In the words of Earl Browder, former head of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.:

"... By going among the religious masses, we are for the first time able to bring our anti-religious ideas to them."

23. Are the Communists just trying to get my church?

No. They're also out to get your job, to get your union, to get your farm, to get your school, to get your property, to get your Government. They're out to get YOU and make you a slave of Communism from cradle to grave.

If they can wreck your religion, that makes you just so much easier to capture and enslave.

24. Has any nation ever gone Communist in a free election?

No.

25. Then how do the Communists try to get control?

Legally or illegally, any way they can. Communism's first big victory was through bloody revolution. Every one since has been by military conquest, or internal corruption, or the threat of these. CONSPIRACY is the basic method of Communism in countries it is trying to capture. IRON FORCE is the basic method of Communism in countries it has already captured.

26. But don't the Communists promise an end to racial and religious intolerance?

Yes, but in practise they have murdered millions for being religious and for belonging to a particular class. Your race

would be no help to you under Communism. Your beliefs could get you killed.

27. How many Communists are there in the world?

There are 20,000,000 Communists, more or less, in a world of 2,295,125,000 people. In other words, about one person in 115 is a Communist, on a world basis.

28. How many people are now ruled by Communism?

About 200,000,000 directly; 200,000 more indirectly, and an additional 250,000,000 are under daily Communist pressure to surrender. (That means 20 million who believe in and want Communism are forcing it on 400 millions who do not believe in it or want it, and threaten to conquer 550 million more. Instead of rule by the majority, that is rule over 400 million by 20 million—two imposing their will and form of government upon 40 who do not want it.)

29. Which countries are Communist controlled or governed?

Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Yugoslavia. Important regions of Austria, Germany, Korea, Mongolia, and Manchuria. Communism is concentrating now on immediate capture of Afghanistan, China, France, Greece, Latin America, Iran, and Palestine. It has plans to seize every other country *including the United States!*

30. How many Communists are there in the United States?

There are approximately 80,000 out of a population of 145,340,000 people. J. Edgar Hoover has testified that "in 1917 when the Communists overthrew the Russian government there was one Communist for every 2,277 persons in Russia. In the United States today there is one Communist for every 1,814 persons in the country." "What is important is the claim of the Communists themselves that for every Party member there are ten others ready, willing, and able to do the Party's work. Herein lies the greatest menace of Communism."

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From Communist Official Documents

Unless recently changed, the application for membership card of the Communist Party bears the following pledge which every applicant must sign:

"The undersigned declares his adherence to the program and statutes of the Communist International and the Communist Party of the U. S. A., and agrees to submit to the discipline of the Party and to engage actively in its work."

Following are a few of the things included in this pledge: (The word "proletariat" is understood by Communists to

mean people who live by means of physical labor power only, and the word "bourgeois"—pronounced "boor-zhwaz"—means capitalists, and all who own property or at any time employ wage labor.)

The "Communist Manifesto" is the Communist bible—the basis of the teachings of the Party. On page 31 it advocates: *"formation of the proletariat into a class, overthrow of the bourgeois supremacy, conquest of political power by the proletariat."*

The Manifesto also advocates: *Abolition of the family, our educational system, and all rights of inheritance.*

On page 37 it declares: "The bourgeois clap-trap about the family and education, about the hallowed co-relation of parent and child, becomes all the more disgusting, by the action of modern industry, all family ties among the proletarians (Communism) are torn asunder and their children transformed into simple articles of commerce and instruments of labor."

On page 40 is written: "There are, besides, eternal truths—such as Freedom, Justice, etc., that are common to all states of society; but Communism abolishes eternal truths, it abolishes all religion and all morality, instead of constituting them on a new basis."

That Communism advocates the revolutionary, violent overthrow of the United States by force is proved by these closing words of the Manifesto: "In short, the Communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things. . . . The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the *FORCIBLE OVERTHROW* of all existing conditions. Let the ruling class tremble at Communist revolution."

And further, by this statement from "The State and Revolution" by Lenin, a textbook for Communist Party schools: "The substitution of a proletarian for a capitalist state is impossible without violent revolution." (Page 16.)

What GOD Says of Russia

Finally, what does Almighty God Himself say about Communist Russia?

In Ezekiel 38 and 39 is an outstanding prophecy about Communist Russia—the Russia of this "Time of the End" and specifically referring to a tremendous invasion by Russia, yet to occur, against our people, then to be dwelling in Palestine.

Russia is referred to in the prophecy as "Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech (Moscow—or, alternate marginal translation from Hebrew, 'Prince of Rosh'—RUSSIA!) and Tubal (Tobolsk, in eastern Russia)."

Of this modern-day Russia, leading, as allies, China and many Oriental nations and utilizing their manpower, Almighty God says: "Thus saith the Eternal God: Behold I AM AGAINST THEE, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal."

If the Almighty God says He is *against* this Communist conspiracy now plotting to conquer and rule the world, we, too, should be *against it*.

Because of the obedience of the ancient Abraham, God Almighty has bestowed upon the American and British peoples the greatest material wealth and national power ever to be enjoyed by any peoples. Communism is a *conspiracy to take from us by deception, by trickery, by the most infamous "fifth-column" tactics ever employed, and finally by violent force, THE BIRTHRIGHT PROMISE OF GOD which we hold.*

Communism, further, is a plot in the minds and control of a very few godless people to *take from God the millennial rule of the earth!* God Almighty plans soon to send Jesus Christ again to earth to set up WORLD GOVERNMENT, to bring peace, prosperity, happiness, salvation to all peoples. Communists are scheming to snatch this world rule from God, and to enslave the world with atheism, annihilation of all worship, of all morality, spirituality, and things good, and foster instead religious intolerance, class prejudice and struggle, and race hatred.

Communism is not Christian—it is the devil's economic counterfeit of God's economic system; it is the most diabolically UN-Christian movement ever hatched by Satan. Communism fights GOD—its leaders have said they will chase God Almighty out of His high heaven, and wherever He flees to take refuge they will chase Him until they have destroyed Him! Yes, the Communist leader Zinovieff made just such a blasphemous statement!

Communists do everything in their cunning, sneaking, pretending, hypocritical power to destroy belief in God, worship of God, or anything connected with God. But God says He will, in His due time, destroy Communism utterly from off the face of this earth! No sane person, knowing the truth, will want to be destroyed with it!

Instead of Communism, if we want peace, and abundant prosperity, and happiness and joy for all, and eternal life, we should pray earnestly:

"Our FATHER who art in heaven, HALLOWED be thy name! Thy Kingdom come—they will be done on earth as it is in heaven!" "Even so, Lord Jesus, COME QUICKLY," and utterly destroy this diabolical satanic conspiracy that is deceiving and misleading so many.

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Millions have believed on Jesus Christ—and are not saved!

Millions worship Christ—and all in vain!

Almost every sermon you hear; or tract you read, telling "How to Be Saved" will admonish you:

"Just BELIEVE!—believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you are saved."

"That's all there is to it," they assure you, "just BELIEVE. There are NO WORKS."

You must not keep the Ten Commandments, for you'll be under a curse if you do. "By grace are ye saved, thru FAITH—not of works," they quote, "lest any man should boast." *Why do they never read to you the rest of that instruction, in the following verse?*

Can One Worship Christ—IN VAIN?

Would you suppose one could actually worship Christ—and all in vain?

Do you know what Jesus Himself said of these people who want to worship Him without keeping God's Commandments? Listen to His words: "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For, laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men. . . . Full well do ye reject the Commandments of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." (Mark 7:6-9.)

In those words Jesus perfectly described what is labeled fundamentalist "Christianity" today, as given out by the popular church denominations.

Back to the Faith Once Delivered

But what does GOD tell you, in His Word?

Thru Jude, God says: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares . . . ungodly men, turning the GRACE of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 3-4.)

Yes, even before the New Testament was completely written, ungodly men had crept inside the Church to corrupt it

—turning GRACE into LASCIVIOUSNESS.

And what is "lasciviousness?" It means "license"—unrestrained liberty of lust, wantonness—abuse of privilege. In other words, permission to disregard and disobey God's Law! And that is exactly what those ungodly men, even in the first century, did do—turned GRACE into unrestrained privilege to disobey God's law! And once introduced, the practice has persisted and spread over the whole world until today!

This is one of the FABLES the Apostle Paul warned us men would turn to. Paul said: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things thou hast learned" (the TRUTH) . . . knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation. . . . For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts (lasciviousness) shall they . . . turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto FABLES." (II Tim. 3:13-4:4.)

But, one will argue, Jude said these men would deny the Lord Jesus Christ. Do not the men and churches who teach "no works" believe in Christ? Do they deny Him?

Yes, they deny Him! God says: "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." (Titus 1:16.)

What the Saviour Himself Taught

These deceived teachers have just one favorite text. They quote Acts 16:31: "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Now that text from the pen of Paul means what it says. But there are two kinds of FAITH—the living faith that brings salvation, and a dead, "no works" faith that produces only DEATH.

But WHY do they, in their tracts and their sermons, never quote what the Saviour Himself said in answer to the question? WHY?

Jesus was asked: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18.)

Some might try to tell you that the SAVIOUR Himself did not know, or teach, the way of SALVATION—He was teaching Old Testament religion. Well, He was asked HOW to gain ETERNAL LIFE. Is that salvation? It certainly is! The Old Testament religion lasted until John—not until the Cross—not until "Pentecost." Just UNTIL JOHN (Luke 16:16). Jesus preached the SAME Gospel He commanded His disciples to teach ALL nations—Gentiles included—the same Gospel Paul preached to Gentiles—He preached *only* the NEW Testament Gospel—He revealed THE WAY OF SALVATION. Here is His answer—that of the SAVIOUR HIMSELF on HOW TO BE SAVED:

"IF thou wilt enter into LIFE, keep the Commandments." And He enumerated enough of the Ten Commandments to show it was *this* particular law that must be obeyed AS A CONDITION to receiving eternal life as God's GIFT. Jesus said "IF"—(there was a CONDITION)—"IF" we are to be saved, by God's grace, WE MUST KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS! God lays down His own terms and conditions. His FREE GIFT is conditional—you get it ONLY if you "keep the Commandments."

You can't EARN it. God GIVES it—but only to those who "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." God will not GIVE you eternal life *in sin*. And what is sin? "SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW." (I John 3:4.)

Some who pervert God's truth insist Jesus did not name ALL of the Ten Commandments in the above Scripture. Sin is the transgression of THE LAW. It is a COMPLETE LAW. He named enough of its points to designate WHICH LAW He was talking about. And James says that law has "POINTS"—and, if we break any ONE of the ten points of the Ten Commandments, we BREAK THE LAW, and are sinners! (James 2:8-11.)

Peter's Teaching

The very same day the Holy Spirit came—the very day the New Testament Church was started—thousands hearing the inspired Peter's sermon which struck straight to their hearts asked, "What shall

we do?"—yes, WHAT SHALL WE DO TO BE SAVED?

The inspired answer was:

"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.) And Peter made plain the fact that these same conditions, and this promise, apply to their children, down thru time—as many as the Lord our God shall call. They apply today!

Jesus said, "REPENT YE, and BELIEVE THE GOSPEL." We must BELIEVE not only in Jesus as Saviour, but we must believe also the GOSPEL He brought and preached—a Message not preached today by the organized churches.

Jesus also said, "Except ye REPENT ye shall all likewise perish." After His resurrection, in His parting instructions to His disciples for preaching the way of salvation, Jesus said "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that REPENTANCE and *remission of sins* should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:46-47.) This is the Gospel for ALL NATIONS!

God's inspired definition of sin is this: "Sin is the transgression of the law." (I John 3:4.) Paul would not have known what was sin, except by the law. But what law? The very law which says: "Thou shalt not covet." (Rom. 7:7.) That law is the Ten Commandments.

This law is summed up in the one word—LOVE! It is further defined in the two Great Commandments, LOVE to God, and LOVE to neighbor. But the same law is further defined, and divided into ten points, by The Ten Commandments—the first four of which tell us how to love God, the last six of which tell us how to love neighbor.

And thus it is explained in James: "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well." (James 2:8.) Here is the Royal Law—the whole Law—as a general principle. The law is LOVE—and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law. Jesus fulfilled it, setting us an example that we, too, should fulfill the law. We fulfill it with LOVE—not any natural, carnal love in human nature, but "*the love of GOD* which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5). The Holy Spirit in us is merely GOD'S LAW IN ACTION IN OUR LIVES! And so, if we fulfill this Royal Law, we do well—but if not, we commit sin (James 2:9). Now read verse 10. If we keep the WHOLE LAW—the general principle of LOVE to neighbor—yet offend in one point, we are guilty—we

have broken the law—and the penalty is DEATH, not eternal life.

Notice, please, the law is *divided into points!* And it is divided into TEN POINTS—the Ten Commandments. These are merely the ten points, or subdivisions, of the general Royal Law, LOVE to God and to neighbor. "For He that said (or, that law which said—see margin in your Bible) Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery"—if you do not break that specific point—"yet if thou kill"—you just break that one point—"thou art become a transgressor of the law." (Jas. 2:11.) So you see the TEN COMMANDMENTS is the *very law* it is sin to transgress.

It is a SPIRITUAL law (Rom. 7:14). It is fulfilled by the SPIRITUAL LOVE which is God's precious gift to us—His love placed within us. "Wherefore, the law is HOLY, and the commandment HOLY, AND JUST, AND GOOD." (Rom. 7:12.)

To REPENT of sin means to turn from sin. It means to QUIT SINNING! And that means to stop transgressing God's holy Law. And the way to stop breaking it is to begin KEEPING God's Commandments—ALL OF THEM, for if you break only one, you bring on yourself the penalty—ETERNAL DEATH, and you lose salvation.

Now Jesus "magnified the law, and made it honorable." When we put a spiritual "magnifying glass," so to speak, on the Ten Commandments, it is enlarged in spirit and principle into many more points. And in a larger aspect, the ENTIRE BIBLE is a magnification of God's Law. The Law is the basis of all Scripture. It defines THE WAY of life—THE WAY to peace—THE WAY to success—THE WAY to happiness, joy, eternal life!

Notice how like God it is! The Law is GOOD (Rom. 7:12). GOD is good.

The Law is HOLY (Rom. 7:12). GOD is holy!

The Law is JUST (Rom. 7:12). GOD is just!

The Law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). GOD is spiritual!

The Law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7). GOD is perfect!

The Law—including all His Commandments—is immutable, ETERNAL, stands fast FOREVER AND EVER (Psalm 111). And GOD is eternal!

Of course—for the Law is the very character, the very nature, of God! It is the WILL of God.

Can We Know God's Will?

So many say, "I want to do His will." Well, His Law is His will! So many say, "If only I could know God's will." You

can know it if you are willing—it is expressed in His Law!

But in this modern-day Babylon—confusion of conflicting church teachings—you have been taught, falsely, that YOUR CONSCIENCE tells you what is sin. But your conscience only troubles you when you do what you think is wrong. And what you think is wrong, another may think is right. Your CONSCIENCE is no guide!

Sin is not the doing of what you think is wrong. Not the transgression of conscience—"sin is the transgression of God's LAW." (I John 3:4.) Sin is thinking and doing what God says is wrong—and He says it in His Law! Some think it perfectly all right to divorce and remarry. Others think it is a sin. To do it would trouble the conscience of the latter, but not of the former.

The man who does what he thinks is right may be committing a lot of sin!

God says: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH!" (Prov. 14:12 and 16:25.) Again, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes." (Prov. 12:15), and "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes." (Prov. 16:2.) The world has been going the WAY that seems right to man for some 6000 years. But this WAY has brought only unhappiness, emptiness, discontent, poverty, inequality, fear, anguish, strife, suffering, sickness and disease, and finally, CHAOS and DESPAIR all over the world! It has produced NOTHING GOOD!

God says "SEEK YE the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Eternal, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, saith the Eternal." (Isaiah 55:6-8.)

The WAY of SALVATION

And there is THE WAY of Salvation! There is THE WAY to find GOD! SEEK HIM, by forsaking—WHAT? Forsaking YOUR WAY—*your thoughts!* The way you have THOUGHT to be right has been the way of sin, leading to DEATH! FORSAKE THAT WAY! You'll find GOD'S THOUGHTS—GOD'S WAY—in the Bible, expressed in the one word "LOVE"—in the two Great Commandments—in the TEN Commandments—and in turn magnified still further all thru the Bible! In the Bible you'll find the MIND of God—His way of thinking—His way for you to LIVE—HIS WILL!

The first step toward salvation is to

REPENT—and that means forsake *your way*—the customs and traditions you have been following—the ways of men—the ways you have been living. Sin is the transgression of GOD'S LAW. His law is HIS WAY. You have not been living that way. FORSAKE YOUR WAY—turn to God's way—the way of HIS LAW! The way of HIS WILL! Yes, the WAY of peace, happiness, and joy—the WAY of success, achievement, doing good, of prosperity—the WAY of the full and ABUNDANT life—the WAY of ETERNAL LIFE!

Since the entire Bible contains the magnified explanation of GOD'S LAW, the Bible becomes OUR GUIDE FOR RIGHTEOUS AND SUCCESSFUL LIVING! That is why Jesus said man shall live by *every Word of GOD!* That is THE WAY—and the *only* way—to find and gain what *all* people WANT—success, happiness, eternal life. But people are seeking these things THE WRONG WAY. Therefore, FORSAKE THAT WRONG WAY!

The FIRST STEP toward being saved—toward receiving the gift of eternal life—is to REPENT! And the only kind of repentance that is prerequisite to the gift of eternal life is COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO GOD—to His will, which means to HIS LAW.

True repentance means you give your SELF to God. You become HIS, literally, and wholly, with no reservations! True, godly sorrow for the life you have lived *works* repentance, but that alone is not repentance. Repentance is a COMPLETE CHANGE in your life—in your attitude toward life—your purpose in life—your thoughts and your actions.

It means you forsake the OLD LIFE as you have lived it, TOTALLY AND COMPLETELY, once and for all. It may mean forsaking some of your old friends and companions—if they are living the worldly life that seems right to MAN. It means turning from, forsaking worldly customs, interests, pleasures that are contrary to GOD'S WAYS.

It means total, unreserved CONSECRATION of your life to God—henceforth to STUDY THE BIBLE—not just carelessly read, but STUDY, to learn GOD'S WAYS, and to LIVE BY EVERY WORD OF GOD! It means THE BIBLE becomes your guide to living—yes, to happy, abundant, gracious living, and SUCCESSFUL and righteous living, henceforth and forever—to live your life from now with GOD'S HELP, and BY HIS POWER, according to the spirit and principle, as well as the letter and precept, of His Commandments.

The FAITH that SAVES

Now ask yourself, candidly, HOW MANY people who profess salvation—who have "accepted Christ"—do you believe have REALLY COME TO THIS KIND OF REAL REPENTANCE? "Except ye REPENT," warned Jesus, "ye shall all likewise PERISH." And again, "He that SAITH 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him." (I John 2:4.) Yes, MILLIONS ARE DECEIVED!

But if millions are deceived about the prior CONDITION of repentance, just as many millions are deceived as to the KIND of FAITH that SAVES!

Now think a moment! Use your reason. We are taught, and rightly, that we cannot EARN our salvation—it is the GIFT of God. It is of GRACE—and "grace" means undeserved pardon, or free gift. Yet, notice how inconsistent people are! They argue there must be NO WORKS—no obedience of the Commandments, or doing GOOD—because salvation comes by GRACE—God's free GIFT. And yet they seem to believe that somehow WE must supply the FAITH that brings salvation! If WE work up, or supply this FAITH by which we are saved, would not that in fact amount to our producing our own salvation by the very WORKS of supplying this FAITH?

So notice, briefly! Notice more CLOSELY than you did before! "For BY GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that (that FAITH) *not of yourselves*; it (this saving FAITH) is the gift of GOD." (Eph. 2:8.) The faith that really saves is GIVEN TO US by GOD—it is a GIFT from HIM! You don't supply it, or work it up.

Did you ever notice that before?

Well what, then? In Gal. 2:16 Paul explains a man is justified only "by the faith of Jesus Christ." Notice, he does not say, by the man's faith IN Jesus Christ—he says by "the faith of Jesus Christ"—which means CHRIST'S FAITH—the faith HE has and uses—the same faith with which He performed all His miracles—the same faith by which He lived—HIS faith, placed by a miracle, as a gift direct from God, into the man!

So it is not *your* faith—not your believing in Him—it is HIS faith placed within YOU, and thereafter working in you! FAITH is not something you generate or work up. You can't supply the kind of faith that saves. GOD GIVES IT to you, places it within you—it is not a human, but a divine faith! Faith is one of the GIFTS of God's Spirit—(read I Cor. 12:1-9).

So PLEASE UNDERSTAND! Salvation is GOD'S GIFT. You do not, cannot, earn it. God GIVES it. *But*—and here is where people become mixed up, and stumble—God will GIVE it only *on condition!* Yes, there are terms and conditions! God has set these terms, and you can't alter them, and He won't change them!

First, you must REPENT! Secondly, you must BELIEVE the GOSPEL—the Message Christ preached—His Message about the coming world-ruling KINGDOM OF GOD to rule all nations; and you must BELIEVE ON CHRIST, the divine Messenger who brought the Gospel Message! Those two conditions YOU must supply. That much BELIEVING *you* must do! But those things *you* do are not the things that SAVE YOU. They are merely the TWO CONDITIONS God demands of you, to reconcile you to Him, so HE WILL SAVE YOU BY HIS GRACE.

Paul explains "even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST." (Gal. 2:16.) First, we repent and believe in Christ. That, WE do. I do not mean to say for a second that you do not need to believe in Christ—that in some way God will supply the faith that saves you without your accepting Christ as personal Saviour. Oh, no! You must repent and believe in Christ, as a condition, a prerequisite, IN ORDER THAT you may be saved by the faith OF Christ—by HIS faith placed within *you*!

Cut Off from GOD

You see, all have sinned. All have gone the way that seems right in human eyes. And our sins have cut us off from God. "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear." (Isa. 59:2.)

Now salvation—eternal life—comes from GOD. But your sins have cut you off from God. The connection is SEVERED. God will not GIVE you His gift of eternal life until you are reconciled to Him!

But He SO LOVED you, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to DIE FOR YOU so that you need not perish—but, thru Jesus Christ, be brought into contact with Him so He can GIVE you eternal life!

The PENALTY of transgressing His law is DEATH. Jesus paid that penalty in your stead. If, and when, you TRULY REPENT, as explained at length above, and BELIEVE on Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour from sin and from sinning, then by and thru Him you gain access to GOD THE FATHER.

The two conditions of turning from sin, and accepting Christ (including baptism), you must do yourself. That's what *you* must do. That is not what saves you. It merely reconciles you to God—brings you into CONTACT with God, so that God will then GIVE YOU His Holy Spirit—and His Spirit is the gift of the FAITH that saves—and it is also the Spirit of understanding, of knowledge, of the LOVE that fulfills the Law, of power, of self-control, of patience, of gentleness, kindness, goodness—of the very nature and *very life* of God!

HOW to Be Saved

Now, finally, just HOW shall you go about it?

Must you go down the aisle in a church? Must you go to a public altar, and shed tears in front of others, and pray aloud before others?

Being converted is not an initiation into a lodge or secret society! It is not a rite or ceremony! It is a matter of turning FROM the old life that was false, yet may have seemed right to you—of turning TO a new and TRUE way of life in Christ Jesus, living by every Word of God, in and by the power of God's Holy Spirit! When you UNDERSTAND the real MEANING and the PURPOSE, you'll see that it is something that takes place down deep in your HEART and not a matter of THE PLACE or THE SURROUNDINGS, or the presence of other people. What Jesus said about confessing, or denying Him before men did not refer to a rite, or ceremonial form of being converted. Being converted is the receiving of the Holy Spirit—the *very life*—of God.

You CAN, of course, make this full surrender and consecration to God in front of others, at an altar. You can, also, make it just as sincerely and fully, in a private room at home, all ALONE with God! You can pray in church before others and do it sincerely from the heart. Yet Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet (any small room), and when thou has shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Well, WHEN you come to this *parting of the ways* from the old life—when you come to the place of making this COMPLETE CHANGE—this total unconditional surrender to God—this complete consecration, GIVING your SELF to Him, accepting Christ as your personal Saviour—turning FROM your sins, and TO God's way of life as you'll find it in the Bible, you'll want to PRAY! Yes, you'll want to throw yourself completely on God's mercy, and ask Him thru Jesus Christ to FORGIVE YOU all your past sins and transgressions against Him.

It is not perhaps of great consequence where you do it—whether in a church meeting, or ALONE WITH GOD AT HOME! But the IMPORTANT thing is to DO IT—and to DO IT NOW!—to not delay or put it off, and let the temptation to keep on putting it off finally rob you of your salvation altogether. The longer you put it off, the harder it will become. WHY it should be difficult to just go and throw yourself on God's mercy, and ask His forgiveness, and give your SELF to Him, is hard to understand—yet something in the lower nature within you will keep tempting you to PUT IT OFF. That temptation is not of God, you may be sure.

If you are sick and tired of the empty, fruitless, materialistic life you have been living—IF in your heart you DO want to turn from it to the FULL and JOYFUL life filled with God's SPIRIT, then WHY DELAY? Why delay another minute, even? Wherever you are now, go where you can do it—into the privacy of your own room if you are at home—YES, RIGHT NOW!—get down on your knees, make your full surrender to God, give yourself without any reservations to Him—ask Him to forgive—no matter how terrible, or how many have been your sins—He will forgive them all—and accept Jesus Christ as your living Saviour! God will accept you as HIS! Just UNLOAD that burden of your sins upon HIM—go and do it NOW! This is just the start of the real Christian life. Don't look for a certain feeling. It is not a matter of feeling, but repenting and believing. God laid down the terms. Conform to them, NOW!

Then write and tell me, if you care to, what you have done, and ask me about being baptized. An article on baptism and on "feeling," emotion, etc., will appear in the March number.

Remember, God PROMISES to forgive

WHY THE PLAIN TRUTH HAS NO SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

So many ask: "How can you publish a magazine, without subscription price, and without advertising?"

The answer is simple. The GOSPEL must go to the whole world, and it must go FREE. It must not be sold like merchandise. "Freely ye have received," Jesus said to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim the Gospel, "Freely GIVE." Without money and without price, is God's way. We proclaim a FREE salvation. Therefore, we cannot put a PRICE upon The PLAIN TRUTH.

We have been called of God to conduct this work. It is not our work, but God's. We have set out to conduct God's work God's way. We rely, in FAITH, upon God's promises to supply every need.

God's way is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving, not getting. God expects every true child of His to GIVE of tithes and offerings that His work may go FREE—that His true ministers may GIVE the precious Gospel to others. We simply TRUST GOD to lay it on the minds and hearts of His people to give of their tithes and offerings that we may be enabled to GIVE the good things of God's Word to the hundreds of thousands who hear the Message over the air, and the scores of thousands who read The PLAIN TRUTH.

Many times our faith has been severely tried, but God has never failed us. We must not fail HIM!

all your sins, to GIVE YOU THE GIFT OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT, and to cleanse you from all sin! Write me and let me help you.

WHO Is the "BEAST"?

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peninsula of Italy into one nation, and the kingdom thus established (the 9th horn), continues today. This was the Nazi-Fascist rule of Mussolini-Hitler.

The "HEADS" the Woman Rode

We shall deal later more specifically with the 17 Chapter of Revelation in this connection. Then we shall prove beyond doubt that the "harlot woman," BABYLON THE GREAT, is the Roman Catholic Church. But let us note in passing that the "woman," the Catholic Church, with the papacy, never "rode" on any part of this Beast excepting its last seven "horns!" She is the "little horn" of Daniel 7, whose "look was more stout than his fellows," and who caused the first three to be plucked up by the roots. Justinian was the first ruler who ever acknowledged the supremacy of the pope, and bowed to his dictates! And since, in the 17th Chapter, the "woman" rode on all seven of the heads of the "Beast" there pictured, and since she rode none of the "heads" but only the last seven of the "horns" of the 13th Chapter "Beast," it follows that the seven "horns" of the "healed beast" of the 13th Chapter FORM the seven HEADS of the Beast of the 17th Chapter!

Notice, at the present time, five are fallen, one is, and one is yet to come (Rev. 17:10). The five that are fallen are the 5 during the 1260 years in which power WAS GIVEN, by the Papacy for the "healed beast" to CONTINUE. The one that is, the present kingdom from Garibaldi to the present. Yet it is not in any sense the old Roman Empire, so during the stage of this 9th horn or 6th head (Rev. 17) John speaks of it as the *Beast that was, and is not, and yet IS*, and shall arise once more OUT OF THE BOTTOMLESS PIT.

The 10 "horns" symbolized by the 7 heads with its 10 horns in the 17 chapter, yet to come, will be, as the 17th Chapter explains, the revival of the BEAST, the Roman Empire, "out of the bottomless pit by a 'United States of Europe,' or federation of 10 European nations within the bounds of the old Roman Empire. (Rev. 17:12-18.) This is actually beginning today! When Jesus comes, the Roman armies will be ready for ARMAGEDDON. See next issue for WHAT IS THE IMAGE?

A CHART SHOWING PROPHECIES OF REIGN OF "TIMES OF THE GENTILES"

Dan. 2 The IMAGE	Daniel 7 The FOUR BEASTS (State)	Dan. 8 The RAM and GOAT	Revelation 13 The BEAST and IMAGE (State)	Rev. 17 BABYLON and BEAST	EXPLANA- TION of Symbols	The EVENTS Fulfilled in HISTORY
Head of GOLD v. 32, 39	1st BEAST like LION v. 4				1st HEAD of prophetic BABYLON	The CHALDEAN EMPIRE (Babylon) 625-538 B.C.
Breast and arms of SILVER v. 32, 39	2nd BEAST (BEAR) v. 5	RAM with 2 horns v. 3, 4, 20			2nd head of prophetic BABYLON	The PERSIAN EMPIRE (Medo-Persia) 558-330 B.C.
Belly and Thighs of BRASS v. 32, 39	3rd BEAST (LEOPARD) 4 heads v. 6	HE-GOAT with great horn and 4 notable ones v. 5-8, 21, 22			3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th HEADS of prophetic BABYLON	GREECE, under Alexander the Great, and four divisions, 333-31 B.C.
Legs of IRON v. 33, 40-43	4th BEAST strong like IRON with 10 HORNS v. 7, 23, 24		The BEAST with 7 HEADS and 10 HORNS v. 1, 2		7th HEAD of prophetic BABYLON, with ten HORNS	The ROMAN EMPIRE, 31 B.C.-476 A.D., in 2 divisions, West and East
			The DEADLY WOUND v. 3			Fall of the ROMAN EMPIRE 476 A.D.
	1st HORN (plucked by roots)		1st HORN		These three horns, destroyed at behest of Pope, fill the "Transition Age" (Myers)	The HERULI, Odoacer's government, 476-493 A.D.
	2nd HORN (rooted up)		2nd HORN			The VANDALS 429-533 A.D.
	3rd HORN (rooted up)		3rd HORN			The OSTROGOOTHS 493-554 A.D.
	LITTLE HORN among ten v. 8, 20-22, 24-27		2-horned "LAMB-DRAGON" and "IMAGE" v. 11-28	SCARLET WOMAN who rode the BEAST v. 1, 2	Ruled the Beast, so called BABYLON the GREAT	ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH and PAPACY, "image" of Roman Empire government
	4th HORN		1st of remaining 7 horns—DEADLY WOUND HEALED (to continue 1260 years) v. 5	↑ 554-1814 = 1260 Years Beast Continued ↓	1st HEAD of BEAST (healed) ridden by Scarlet Woman	"IMPERIAL RESTORATION" of empire by Justinian, 554 A.D. He recognized supremacy of the Pope, submitted to him
	5th HORN		2nd of remaining 7 HORNS		2nd HEAD ridden by Woman	FRANKISH KINGDOM Began 774. Charlemagne crowned by Pope 800 A.D.
	6th HORN		3rd of remaining 7 HORNS		3rd HEAD ridden by Woman	HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE (German head), Otto the Great crowned by Pope, 962
	7th HORN		4th of remaining 7 HORNS		4th HEAD ridden by "BABYLON"	HAPSBURG dynasty (Austrian head), Charles the Great crowned by Pope, 1520
	8th HORN		5th of remaining 7 HORNS		5th HEAD ridden by Woman	NAPOLEON'S KINGDOM (French head). Crowned by Pope, 1805

In 1814, just 1260 years after "deadly wound" was healed, the "HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE" was dissolved. "So closed a government that dated from Augustus Caesar" (West, p. 377).

	9th HORN			6th of remaining 7 HORNS		6th HEAD ridden by Woman	(One IS) Rev. 17:10	ITALY, united by Garibaldi, 1870 to NOW
The Ten TOES	10th HORN			7th and last HORN	Beast ascends out of pit	7th head and ten HORNS	(One yet to come)	Revived ROMAN EMPIRE, by 10 dictators

Making the Most of Life

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To have the gift of life is a solemn thing. Life is God's most sacred trust. It is not ours to do with as we please; it must be accounted for, every particle, every power, every possibility of it.

"Measure thy life by loss instead of gain;

Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth;

For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice,

And whoso suffers most hath most to give."

—The Disciples

According to our Lord's teaching, we can make the most of our life by losing it. He says that losing the life for His sake is saving it. . . .

Until we cease to live for self, we have not begun to live at all. We can never become truly useful and helpful to others until we have learned this lesson. One may live for self and yet do many pleasant things for others; but

one's life can never become the great blessing to the world it was meant to be until the law of self-sacrifice has become its heart principle.

We must be willing to lose our life—to sacrifice ourself—to give up our own way, our own ease, our own comfort, possibly even our own life; for there come times when one's life must literally be lost in order to be saved.

We must die to live. . . . We must lay self on the altar to be consumed in the fire of love, in order to glorify God and do good to men. Our work may be fair, even tho mingled with self; but it is only when self is sacrificed—burned on the altar of consecration—consumed in the hot flames of love (toward others)—that our work becomes really our best, a fit offering to be made to our King.

We must not fear that in such sacrifice, such renunciation and annihilation of self, we shall lose ourselves. God will remember every deed of love, every forgetting of self, every emptying out of life.

WAR Is Coming

War is coming! It is only a matter of when, and from where. And our peril is heightened because once again we find ourselves unprepared—our military power has dwindled.

Three and a half years ago the

United States stood on a summit of power such as no nation ever attained before. Our enemies, Germany and Japan, lay prostrate in defeat. We were conquerors in possession of the most powerful Navy and Air Force the world had ever seen, the best equipped and most effective mobile army ever organized. Even the greater numbers in the vast Red Army were outmatched by the overwhelming mechanized power of the United States forces. Backing this supreme striking force was the most gigantic war industry ever to belch forth implements of destruction. We possessed by far the most colossal resources ever developed by any power. And our finances were in the best shape of any nation.

Topping all this, *we alone had the atomic bomb!*

We sat in the driver's seat!

Yet today this power to back up our voice for peace has been dissipated—it has largely evaporated. We find ourselves in such insecurity that Russia is daily risking war with us in provoking the tantalizing Berlin crisis.

"Ephraim"—the American-British peoples—"he hath mixed himself among the people; . . . Strangers have devoured his strength and he knoweth it not." (Hos. 7:8-9.) The ONLY SOLUTION: "*GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*" (Ps. 46:1.)

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