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And now...

The HYDROGEN BOMB!

*New super-atomic bomb one thousand times
more destructive than present atomic bomb.
Shall United States make it? Is Russia making it?*

NOW ON United States drawing boards is a frightful, imagination-defying instrument of mass-destruction which dwarfs the present atomic bomb to a pea-shooter by comparison.

Think of it! For five years the United States has been working at top speed in its gigantic two-billion-dollar atomic energy plants producing as many atomic bombs as our vast national resources have made possible. The United States is five years ahead of Russia. It has made, and stored up for instant use, a stock-pile of a few hundred of these history-shattering uranium A-bombs, like the two which destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and ended World War II. **YET JUST ONE SINGLE HYDROGEN BOMB WOULD DESTROY MUCH MORE THAN ALL THE URANIUM A-BOMBS SO FAR MADE!**

Beyond Human Imagination

A furious battle has been raging in Washington, D. C., over the decision as to whether the United States shall make the hydrogen A-bomb. This may be the most fateful, stupendous decision ever made by the United States government.

Military men want the hydrogen bomb. They say Russia is going to get it. The United States, they urge, should get it first.

But some atomic scientists and others

in high government circles are appalled at the idea! They consider it morally wrong even to work on a means of mass destruction heretofore unheard of—a weapon capable of destroying human lives and property on a scale almost beyond human comprehension.

The final decision rests with President Truman. But Congress could refuse to appropriate money to make it possible.

Equals 1,000 A-bombs!

Now that knowledge of this super-A-bomb is no longer a top military secret, it is known that the hydrogen bomb would hurl an inconceivable power of destruction one thousand times that of the bombs which destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The present uranium A-bombs can be made in only one size. Their power cannot be increased. Scientists report that one hydrogen bomb probably would destroy everything within an area of **ONE THOUSAND SQUARE MILES!** Yes, at last, mankind has invented a way to blast human life from off this earth!

It has been costing the United States **ONE MILLION DOLLARS A PIECE** to make and store up the present stock-pile of uranium atomic bombs. Yet the entire accumulation of five years' effort has accumulated a stock-pile the total effect of which would not be more than one-third that of just **ONE** hydrogen

bomb! And some scientists advise the government that a hydrogen bomb can be produced in about one short year! After the first one, other hydrogen bombs could be produced much faster.

Russia Can—Nazis WILL!

Will Russia make the hydrogen bomb? *Russia can.* It is known the Russians have the secret of the atomic bomb. They have the resources. It is believed they have already made and exploded their first test atomic bomb.

But *the only nation which has yet done actual work on production of the hydrogen bomb is GERMANY!* It is now learned that the Nazis had the knowledge of the hydrogen bomb as early as 1935. They have done actual work on it. They had an atomic bomb *in actual production* at the time of the allied invasion of Europe and the "battle of the bulge."

At that time, the war was climaxing in a furious **RACE AGAINST TIME.** The Nazis were known to be producing a new secret super-weapon. Already they were hurtling their giant V-2 rockets thru space toward Britain. It was known these V-2 rockets had some connection with the secret super-weapon being raced to completion. Just then, a so called "chance lucky hit" by an American bombing plane "accidentally" landed on the very spot where this Nazi mystery

weapon was being produced. It has been learned since the war that the mystery weapon was the ATOMIC BOMB! It is now known the Germans had the knowledge of, and were then working on production of the hydrogen bomb!

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THIS HYDROGEN BOMB WAS THE MYSTERY WEAPON NEARING COMPLETION, destroyed near war's end by that "chance lucky hit?" The Nazis were six months ahead of the United States in production of an atomic bomb—until this "accidental" hit by an American bomber wiped out their center of production. Undoubtedly the "V-2" rockets would have shot these bombs to their targets.

Yes, we may have been *just that close* to having lost the war!

"Armies do not bring victory to a king." THE ETERNAL GOD determines the outcome of wars! And God mercifully intervened and saved us from the defeat which might have come to us, even while Patton's men were driving on toward Berlin! We are now allowed this "recess" before round three of the world war, TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE WARNING NOW GOING OUT ON THE WORLD TOMORROW PROGRAM OVER THE AIR, of impending invasion and defeat in World War III, unless this nation will REPENT, and return to its God!

The Russians *may* produce the hydrogen bomb. They *can!* But prophecies indicate that *the Germans will* produce it!

What Prophecy Says

In brief, here's what God Almighty SAYS will happen—and in this very present generation!

Of the United States, the British, and the democracies of northwestern Europe—(racial ISRAEL of the 20th century—read our booklet "U.S. in Prophecy" sent free upon request)—God says:

"And the *remnant* (last generation, in this 20th century) of Jacob (U.S. and Britain) shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go thru, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off." (Michah 5:8-9). In other words, the strongest, most powerful nations on earth. The Jews do not fulfil this prophecy, never did, never will. The United States and Great Britain have fulfilled it. We have the Birthright unconditionally promised Abraham.

But, though God has kept His promise to Abraham and bestowed upon us, his racial descendants this national greatness and power, we have rejected God's way

of life and gone the way of ancient Israel;—and our sins are fast increasing.

And God promised also that *if* we would not walk in His ways, and according to his laws, we shall be invaded, conquered, taken captive as slaves. Study Lev. 26, and Deut. 28. And so, notice what God says shall come to pass in *this day*—this very day when we are so strong we have compared to other nations as a lion compares to other animals—notice the very next verse:

"And it shall come to pass *in that day*, saith the Eternal, that I will cut off thy horses (war power) out of the midst of thee, I will destroy thy chariots: and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds: . . . and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: SO WILL I DESTROY THY CITIES." (Verses 10-14.)

Other prophecies show ALL our cities are to be destroyed. This never could have been accomplished before the atomic bomb!

Notice Jeremiah's prophecy! "In the latter days ye shall consider it," v. 24.

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble: (America's and Britain's trouble!) but he shall be saved out of it. (Notice, not *from* it but *out of* it.) For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break *his* (the Gentile enemy's) *yoke from off thy neck*, and will burst thy bonds (*of slavery*), and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: but they shall serve the Eternal their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them" (at time of resurrection, and second coming of Christ). (Jer. 30:7-9.)

Germany to Rise Again

But *what power* will put this yoke on our neck?

Isaiah's prophecy answers clearly: "Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin *daughter of Babylon*, . . . Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O *daughter of the Chaldeans*: for thou shalt no more be called The Lady of Kingdoms." (Isa. 47:1, 5.)

First, identify this "daughter of Babylon." Compare with Rev. 17 and 18. She is called "The Lady of Kingdoms." A "woman" is a symbol of a CHURCH. In Rev. 17 is a fallen WOMAN, or church, to appear in our time, with the name "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS." She had a union with the kings of the earth (verse 2) and reigned over them (v. 18). The "daughter of Babylon" is not the ancient Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar, 600 B.C., but a *daughter*, generations later. The fact she is called a "daughter," not a son,

implies a CHURCH ruling over other civil governments. This is exactly what is pictured in Rev. 17 and 18.

This identity is made absolute in verse 7 of Isa. 47: "thou saidst, I shall be a lady forever." This is quoted in Rev. 18:7, as said by the modern "Babylon," now once again beginning to rise in Europe.

Now that "the daughter of Babylon" is identified as the WOMAN called "Babylon" in Rev. 17 and 18, notice what God says He will do:

"I was wroth with my people," says God to this "daughter of Babylon," "I have polluted mine inheritance, AND GIVEN THEM INTO THINE HAND: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy YOKE." (Isa. 47:6).

The YOKE of slavery, broken from our neck only by the second coming of Christ AT THE TIME OF RESURRECTION, when David shall be resurrected to be king again over Israel, is laid on us by this daughter of Babylon—the Babylon of Revelation 17 and 18.

And WHO IS THAT?

This fallen woman (church) "BABYLON" is seen riding upon (ruling over, in a union of church and state) a BEAST—the "BEAST" of the Revelation. Past articles have identified this "Beast" as the Fascist civil government in Europe—the outgrowth and successor of THE ROMAN EMPIRE. Verse 8 shows this "BEAST" emerging out of impotency and virtual non-existence. In the last and final resurrection of this ROMAN EMPIRE, it is formed by a uniting of TEN DICTATORS in Europe (Verse 12-13), forming a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. They hold together but a very short time—verses 10, 12. They come to their END at the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST—verse 14—when Israel is freed from Babylon's YOKE. Therefore, this ten-nation Empire emerges out of the "bottomless pit" a very short time before the second coming of Christ.

Therefore, this is identified as the Roman Catholic church, uniting with, and proving the solidifying element in bringing about, the coming UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! From the time of Otto the Great, the GERMANS dominated the various revivals of the Roman Empire. NAZISM is merely the German form of FASCISM, the civil government system of the Roman Empire.

In the November issue, we began a series of articles "UNDER COVER IN EUROPE" showing how the Nazis, working feverishly underground, are preparing to resurrect the Roman Empire—how they will soon startle the

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Is Jesus God?

A listener in Alabama asks:

"Is Jesus God? Is Jesus Jehovah, the Everlasting Father? Are there more than One God? Please Explain."

These questions, for thorough and complete answer, would require a full-size article. Such an article will appear in some future number of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. The answer in this column, necessarily, must be brief and lacking in full explanation.

Yes, Jesus is God. Otherwise He could not be the Saviour of mankind.

1st) If Jesus had been only human, His death could have paid the penalty for but *one* other human who had incurred that penalty by transgression of God's spiritual Law. Since God the Father created all things by Jesus Christ

(Eph. 3:9), and since all things, including man, were made by Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3 with verse 14; verse 10; I Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:12-19), He is our Maker and therefore God, and His life which He gave was of greater value than the sum-total of all humans.

2nd) Life alone can *beget* life. This is the absolute law of Biochemistry. Since Eternal life is the GIFT of God, only a God *possessing* immortality could give it. If Jesus were human only, we could not receive eternal life thru Him and He could not be the Saviour. Man *does not* have eternal life inherent in himself. But, as God "the Father hath life *in Himself*; so hath He given to the Son to have life *in Himself* . . . and God *hath given* to us eternal life, and this life is *in His Son*. He that hath the Son hath life; and *he that hath not the Son of God hath not life*" (John 5:26 and I John 5:11-12).

On the other hand, Jesus was also human. Since it is *human* life which has transgressed God's Law, the Law claims *human* life as its penalty. The penalty *must be paid*. God will not compromise. It *must be paid by man*. Therefore, Jesus, who is and was God, who has always existed (John 1:1-2) was actually *made flesh* (verse 14). He, who was God, actually *became* human flesh (I John 4:2-3). He was conceived in, and born of the human virgin Mary (Mat. 1:18; 16, 25 and 2:2). He was made not only flesh, but human *Yesh and blood* (Heb. 2:14).

Jesus called Himself the Son of MAN repeatedly, and also the Son of GOD. (Mat. 16:13-17). He is EQUAL with God (Col. 2:6). He is *called* God, (Jude 24-25; Titus 2:10, 13). There-

fore He *is* God. The Bible contains so much on these points the above is a mere fragment of the evidence.

Yes, Jesus is also "Jehovah," altho this word is a mistranslation used in the Revised version. The original name, in the Hebrew, contained the consonants "YHVH." In writing in Hebrew, vowels were omitted, supplied only in speaking. Thus the precise name is not definitely known, but today commonly assumed to be "Yahveh," or "Yahweh." The *meaning*, in English, is "The ETERNAL," or "The EVERLIVING," or the "SELF-EXISTENT." It is commonly supposed that "Yahveh," or as commonly called, "Jehovah," or, as in the Authorized version, "The LORD" of the Old Testament was God the FATHER of Jesus Christ. *This is a flagrant error!* "Yahveh" was the God of Israel, the only One of the Godhead known to Israel. They did not know God the Father.

In Genesis 1, the Hebrew name translated "God," is "Elohim." This is a uni-plural name, such as "church," or "family." A church or a family consists of more than one person, yet is *one* church, or *one* family. In this same sense "Elohim" includes both God the Father, and Yahveh who was the "Logos" or the WORD of God, and also their Spirit, emanating from them, the Holy Spirit, the LIFE, CHARACTER, and POWER of God. Jesus, in praying for the welfare of the Church, prayed that its many members might "be ONE, as we are One" (John 17:11,21). The Church is ONE body, yet composed of many members (I Cor. 12:12) A husband and wife are ONE FLESH yet two persons. Christ and God the Father are ONE God, *not two Gods*—one "ELOHIM." That is why "Elohim" said, "Let US make man in OUR image" (Gen. 1:26).

Yahveh was the "WORD" or spokesman of the Godhead—its second member. As soon as God began to SPEAK to man, it was always "Yahveh" who spoke (translated "LORD" in the Authorized, and "Jehovah" in the Revised version). See Gen. 2:16, 18, etc., and Ex. 20:2, etc.—always it is "Yahveh" in the original Hebrew—the "WORD" who was made flesh. The proof of this is a long study involving hundreds of passages which prove it.

As a fragment of the evidence, compare Isa. 6:1-3 and 10 with John 12:39-41; Isa. 8:13 with I Pet. 2:7-8; Isa. 40:3 with Mat. 3:3 and Mark 1:3. John prepared the way before "Yahveh" (Isa.

40:3) who was Christ (Mark 1:14-15). In Rev. 1:17,8 and 22:13, Jesus Christ (see also Rev. 22:16 for proof it was Jesus speaking) calls himself the "Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. In Isa. 44:6, and 48:11-12 (verses 17-18 show it was Yahveh speaking) and Isa. 41:4, YAHVEH is the First and the Last.

In I Cor. 10:1-4, the "ROCK" of the Old Testament was Christ. In Deut. 32:3-4; II Sam. 22:2-3, 32; and Ps. 18:1-2, this same "ROCK" is Yahveh. When Moses was talking to YAHVEH, and asked Him His name, (Ex. 3:4-5, 13), He answered that His name was "I AM" (verses 6, 14) and YAHVEH (verse 15). See also Ex. 6:2-3. In John 18:5-8, as soon as Jesus identified Himself to the mob led by Judas as "I AM," (the "he" in italics is added without inspiration, and was not in the original), they went backward and fell to the ground. Again in John 8:56-58, Jesus called Himself, "I AM." Also Rev. 1:18 and other places.

The Person of the Godhead who is our REDEEMER is Jesus Christ (John 4:42, Gal. 3:13; Phil. 3:20; Tit. 2:10-14; Luke 1:68-69 etc. etc. That Jesus is YAHVEH, see Isa. 49:7; Isa. 60:16 where He is *also* "the mighty One of Jacob" — (to be OF Jacob means a son, or descendant of Jacob) — the Mighty One of all Jacob's children. Also in Isa. 48:17, YAHVEH is Redeemer, and the Holy One of Israel—the One of Israel who is Holy! The same is expressed in Isa. 43:14. Also note the next verse (15), YAHVEH is Israel's Holy One, Creator of Israel, Israel's KING. Now notice in Acts 3:14 that the Christ the Jews denied was this same "HOLY ONE"—YAHVEH! See also Acts 2:27 and Mark 1:24.

Who was David's shepherd?—Psalm 23:1, YAHVEH. In John 10:11, Jesus said *He* was the Shepherd. Also Heb. 13:20, and I Pet. 2:24-25, and 5:2-4. It is JESUS CHRIST who is coming again in Person as KING of kings to rule, and to RESTORE. (Rev. 19:13, 15; 17:14; 1:5; and Acts 3:20-21.) The Great Shepherd who is coming to RULE as KING over all Kings is YAHVEH—Ezek. 34:11, 30-31; now notice Isa. 2:1-4 and Micah 4:1-4—it shall come to pass that the Kingdom (mountain) of YAHVEH'S House shall be established in the top of the Kingdoms—ruling the world. And He, YAHVEH (Christ) shall judge among the nations, and rebuke strong nations, and then they shall have PEACE.

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Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

IMPORTANT EXPLANATION

READ this at once! It's urgent!
This issue of The PLAIN TRUTH is only 8 pages. We are sending it *only* to a few thousand co-workers. Many thousands on our mailing list, who have requested The PLAIN TRUTH, will not see it.

I want to tell you why.

First, I have been under such a tremendous strain, carrying such a crushing load of responsibility, trying to keep up with such a heavy schedule of work, that I have come to the place once again where I am simply *worn out*—physically and mentally tired—my nerves frayed—and, altho half of the number I have been announcing over the air has been for some time written and set to type, I have been unable to write some of the articles announced.

Second, although some of our co-workers have been making real sacrifices to stand loyally behind this great work, many others have become careless and neglectful of the work of God, and there has simply not been enough money to keep on the air and also publish The PLAIN TRUTH. So the magazine was delayed.

For two months Mrs. Armstrong and I have been trying desperately to get away for an imperative rest, and fast, so that I may recuperate, recharge the energy "batteries," and be also spirit-

ually revived by a long period of fasting and prayer. Frankly, I have realized for some time that I am below par in physical and mental vigor and efficiency—and one cannot carry the spiritual responsibilities to which God has called me without occasional spiritual recharging, too.

I have simply had to ask God for wisdom, and I'm sure He has shown me the way. Therefore, I am taking those articles I have been announcing this Heart-to-Heart talk, and ordering just a half-size 8-page magazine printed—just a few thousand copies, to send to a portion of our co-workers. This is all we can afford now.

Since this number cannot go to more than a small part of our vast reading audience, I have felt it would not be fair to those who will not receive it to print in this special smaller issue those articles I have been announcing over the air, and which thousands have requested: "UNDER COVER IN EUROPE," continued; "What is the MARK OF THE BEAST"; "My Answer to the atheist"; second installment of "WHAT IS THE SOUL," and others.

Therefore, I am holding all those articles for the next full-sized number, to be mailed to the entire mailing list. You will understand, therefore, why you find those articles missing from this edition. Several thousand listeners have asked for pictures of Mrs. Armstrong and myself, and they, too, will appear in the full-size number.

Co-Workers, The PLAIN TRUTH simply *must* come out every month. The mailing list has grown around the one hundred thousand mark. That is a large national circulation. IF it could come out regularly, monthly, it is possible we might be able to register it as second-class matter and save the biggest part of the postage expense—tho it may even take a special ruling to have it admitted as second-class matter, since we refuse to put a subscription price upon it. TWO conditions are required by the Post Office Department, which we have been unable to meet: a publication must be issued REGULARLY—in our case, monthly—and it must have a paid subscription list. We cannot put a price on the Gospel, but we ought to be able to publish it monthly. And some post office officials have told me that if we were publishing monthly we might find a way to be accepted as second-class matter, tho it might require special ruling from Washington.

Most of you have no idea how much good The PLAIN TRUTH is doing. But we have evidence that its vast power for good is second only to the broadcast. It has been responsible for the conversion of hundreds of precious souls. It reaches people in far-away corners, and in foreign nations in other parts of the world who cannot hear the broadcast. THE PLAIN TRUTH SIMPLY MUST COME OUT EVERY MONTH!

That has been my ambition and goal for 16 years.

Listen, Co-Workers! I'll pledge you to do *my* part—to see that the articles are written and ready for the printers every month—if all of you will do *your* part, and see that there is enough money on hand to print it. Every issue costs a few thousand dollars. It costs almost \$1,000 per issue just for postage alone, at 1c per copy, and I believe it is costing slightly more than that, now.

I am simply frayed out. Mrs. Armstrong and I are leaving for the desert tomorrow morning, to try to get some imperative REST, and sleep, and to fast and pray. We have worked *so* hard! We have kept going almost night and day. We have given our ALL to this precious work.

Jesus stopped to rest a while, and now so must we. I shall be careful not to *overdo* the orange juice as I did last spring. I shall continue to speak to you every day, from out in the desert by portable tape recording. I could not have done that a year ago, but now professional broadcast-quality equipment has been perfected, so I can now speak to you from wherever I am. While trying to rest, I shall also have to keep up dictating my Bible class lectures for the col-

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RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's news, with the prophecies of The WORLD TOMORROW!

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SHOULD CHRISTIANS TITHE?

By HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

Here is an eye-opening article on a much misunderstood subject, making the TRUTH plain, clear, INTERESTING!

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IN the last Book of the Old Testament is an amazing PROPHECY. It foretells the cause of a national calamity soon to happen to the UNITED STATES!

It is a WARNING for America and Britain, *now!* It is not dead history, not abolished teaching for Jews of a by-gone day. It is a live, timely PROPHECY.

To America and Britain of this 20th Century, Almighty God says:

"I will come near to you to judgment. . . . Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. . . . YE ARE CURSED WITH A CURSE: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Mal. 3:5-9).

But *why?* What has brought on this national curse, soon to bring upon this nation a calamity of the most cataclysmic proportions ever to befall any nation in world history—as prophesied in many other prophecies — prophecies which have repeatedly been explained in the broadcasts, and in articles in this magazine.

"But *ye say,*" continues the Eternal's Message to us, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" And God replies, "in TITHES and OFFERINGS!"

Was Tithing Done Away?

Now all this, we know, doesn't make much sense to the average American today. Many do not even know what Tithing is. Others ask, "Wasn't tithing just for Jews of a long-dead past?" Or, "Wasn't tithing done away? Wasn't it just part of the ceremonial system introduced by the Old Covenant Law of Moses?"

Others, today, are taught and believe tithing was merely a form of national taxation in the civil government of the one-time nation of Israel. Still others teach that the tithe supplied the material needs of the poor, and was never put into the ministry.

WHAT CONFUSION today! What ignorance of the revealed laws and commands of God!

Since this WHOLE NATION is under a curse, soon to suffer unprecedented total national disaster *because* of a lack of understanding as well as for disobedience to the laws of God, it's certainly about time we opened our Bibles and began to study honestly, diligently, prayerfully, exactly what the Almighty has

declared on this much-perverted subject!

For — and mark this well! — even though God sends a cataclysmic destruction upon the nation as a whole, yet the *individual* who seeks understanding, and who heeds God's warnings, shall be given full protection, and ESCAPE all these things to come to pass.

What the "TITHE" Is

But first, before looking to the NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING to see whether or not Christians must "tithe," let us make clear just what that word "*tithe*" means.

God says to Britain-America of *today*: "*Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation . . . IN TITHES and offerings.*"

What, then, does God mean by that word "*tithe*"?

It is an old English word, commonly used in England three and four hundred years ago. Today it is seldom used, except in this scriptural connection. This old expression "*tithe*" has been preserved in the Authorized, or King James translation, of the Bible—translated in 1611.

The word "*tithe*" means TENTH. A tithe of anything is the tenth part of it.

It is well known that the nation Israel, during Old Testament times, was required to tithe, that is, pay in one tenth of income. But the matter of *to whom* each Israelite paid this tenth, *which* tenth was paid, *why* and for *what purpose*, seems to confuse a great many today. And the New Testament teaching for Christians about tithing is understood only by a few.

The Principle of Tithing

The subject is mentioned many places in the New Testament, as well as in the Old. But first, a simple explanation of the scriptural PRINCIPLE of tithing will make it more understandable.

Let's bring the subject home to each one of us, in a plain and personal manner.

Suppose you own a farm. Does that farm, and all you raise from it, *really* belong to you?

Suppose you work for wages, or a salary. Or you "clip coupons," or receive dividends, profits, or a pension. When you receive the money, is it *really* YOURS?

This may seem a bit foolish. Nearly

everyone will answer immediately, "Why, of course!" But if you do, you're wrong! And this only goes to show that our people as a nation have strayed *so far* from God and His revealed TRUTH that we are *astonished*, when the truth is explained!

Do you know what the Bible *is*? It is a revelation from God to man of things both material and spiritual which man otherwise could never know. God let Newton discover and reveal to mankind the law of gravity. He has left it for our chemists with their test-tubes and technical equipment in their laboratories to discover the laws of chemistry. But there are laws and truths which man never could discover. God has not left us in ignorance of these, but has *revealed them*, thru the Bible! That's why the BIBLE is the very BASIS of right and sound education—"the fear of the Eternal is the *beginning* of wisdom." And that's why there is so little *real understanding* and TRUE education today, in a world whose schools and colleges almost universally ignore this basic foundation of TRUTH!

Who OWNS What You Have?

So now in the simplest of language, let me make plain to you the PRINCIPLE of tithing, as revealed in the Bible. Then we shall look to the Scriptures themselves, from which this explanation is derived.

First, then, *YOU*, or *I*, actually own *nothing!*

"The earth is the Eternal's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (1 Cor. 10:26, and Psm. 24:1.) In Job 41:11, God the Creator says: "whatsoever is under the whole heaven is *mine*." God Almighty is CREATOR. He created the earth. He created man upon the earth. ALL BELONGS TO HIM!

It is, therefore, for HIM to say how much of what you earn you may keep and use for yourself. Your farm actually does not belong to you—GOD is the true owner. Your income is not really yours—because ALL belongs to GOD!

Now in the BIBLE, God reveals to man that He never has given to man the whole of what he produces or earns. The FIRST TENTH of all you produce from the ground—of your wages, your salary, your profits, your INCOME—that FIRST TENTH remains HOLY to the Eternal, and that He has reserved for

Himself—for His holy and spiritual use!

After man has PAID TO GOD that first tenth which *belongs* only to Him—and which *never belonged to the man*,—then the remaining nine-tenths God gives to the man.

It's a good deal like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—and the first sin. The garden was beautiful beyond description. Just *one tree*, however, God reserved for Himself. That, remained HIS. That, He never gave to Adam and Eve. That, they had no right to touch, or use. All the rest He gave to them. But they were not satisfied with what was theirs, ample tho it was. Filled with greed to possess *all*, they reached out and took the fruit of that forbidden tree! And that was *stealing!* It was *placing another god before the CREATOR!* It was *dishonoring their Creator-Father!* It broke FOUR of the Ten Commandments! It was SIN—the original sin!

And today, the same Satan who deceived mother Eve has deceived this whole world into believing that *all* of each man's farm belongs to him—that the whole of a man's income is his! This divine and original TRUTH of ownership has been hidden from the people thru the deceptions of the god of this world! And today, nearly every American is taking and spending that *first tenth* of his income which BELONGS TO ALMIGHTY GOD!

Actually, in so doing, the individual and this whole nation is ROBBING GOD, just as surely as Adam and Eve robbed GOD when they stole the fruit of the one tree which never belonged to them!

WHY God Retains the Tithe

But WHY does God retain for *Himself* the ownership of that *first tenth*—that TITHE—of your income?

Here again comes a TRUTH man would never know, and could not find out, except by God's revelation to man! *What* is man, anyway? WHY is he? Where is he going? GOD HAS A PLAN! God is working out a GREAT PURPOSE! He reveals it in His Word—His revelation—the BIBLE.

For the carrying out of His holy PURPOSE in placing mankind upon this earth, God has always had a PRIESTHOOD—a ministry, representing HIM, serving Him, carrying out His mission. Way back in the dim antiquity of patriarchal times, God's High Priest—His representative on earth—was Melchisedec.

During the national dispensation of Israel, under the Old Covenant, known as the Mosaic dispensation—those years from Moses until Christ—the tribe of Levi constituted the ministry of God,

known as the Levitical priesthood. Then later, when Jesus Christ arose from the dead, He ascended to heaven as a living HIGH PRIEST. Today He calls ministers as His true representatives in a darkened and Satan-deceived world, to carry on HIS PLAN. Today the Melchisedec Priesthood is restored, in Christ.

Now it costs money to carry on the work of God. God's ministers who devote their entire time to God's holy and spiritual purpose are prevented from earning a living in the usual channels. Yet they work. If they are *true* ministers, they are men of ability who WORK HARD, and long, observing no hours. Actually they *earn* a living—they have *worked* for their food, shelter and clothing and physical need—the same as the farmer, the laborer, the clerk or the merchant.

And so God, in His wisdom, has provided for financing His work, and for His ministers' living. In God's program, these true ministers work for HIM, and HIM *alone*.

In God's great Plan, HE pays His ministers. It is HE who "hires" them—He who *calls* them to their work for Him.

So, in order to provide for the financing of HIS MINISTRY, God has from the very beginning RETAINED for HIMSELF the *first tenth* of the income of every human being on earth. The OWNERSHIP of that first tenth of income is GOD'S.

To WHOM Tithes Are Paid

But *how* can you pay God's tenth to Him? God is on His throne in heaven. And "*no man*," said Jesus, "has ascended to heaven." You can't go there. You can't see God, or hand your money to Him *Personally*. How, then, can you pay Him HIS TITHE?

Well, some large corporations, perhaps in a distant city, cannot be directly contacted by their many customers. And so they send around representatives, *collectors*, to collect for them what you owe the company. The collector comes in the name of the company. When you pay the money which really belongs to the company to the collector, you have paid the company.

God's system of collecting from you HIS tithe is just that simple. Since you cannot see God, or go to God's throne in heaven, God instructs you in His revealed Word to pay it to HIS REPRESENTATIVE, who, in receiving it, represents God just as a collector to whom you pay a debt represents the company to whom you owe it.

And when you pay such a bill to a collector, you consider you paid THE COMPANY—not that you made a personal donation of your own money to the man the company sent. You paid

it as TO THE COMPANY. From there on it is the COMPANY'S responsibility what happens to that money, not yours. And the company pays the collector his salary. He does not consider that *you* paid his salary—he receives his salary *as from the company*.

This illustrates plainly God's true principle of tithing. When you pay tithes today you are instructed by God's directions to pay them to God's called and chosen representative—the true minister of Jesus Christ. But you pay it, *not* as a personal contribution of *your own money* to a minister—but AS TO GOD. The minister represents GOD—receives not your money but GOD'S money from you *for* God.

Here again so many in this modern world have lost sight of God's clear directions. When they give the tithe to a minister they seem to feel it is a special entrusting of *their own money*, and they make it their duty to try to supervise *how* the minister handles it—even, in some cases today, down to the supervision of what the minister and his family may eat, or wear, or have in their personal private family life!

When YOUR Responsibility Ceases

But God's revealed principle is quite different. That first tenth of your income is *not yours*—never was yours! It *belongs to God*. And the method God himself instituted for your payment of His money to Him is to pay it to His called and true ministers.

When you have done that, *your responsibility for that money ceases!* You have no further concern, responsibility, or direction in the handling of it than you have in money you owe the electric light or the telephone company which you pay to their collector. Once paid, you have DONE YOUR PART—you have *acquitted* yourself of *your obligation*.

Of course you are expected to be sure the collector is the company's approved representative—not a thieving imposter *pretending* to be the company collector. And you should be equally sure you are paying your tithe to a called and TRUE minister of Jesus Christ. Satan has many more ministers today than Christ—and Satan's thieving imposters pose as ministers of Jesus Christ, put on sanctimonious airs, speak in pious and spiritual-sounding language! How are you to know? BY THEIR FRUITS, Jesus said, you shall know them! The FRUITS of God's Spirit, and of Christ's true ministry cannot be counterfeited!

So when you pay tithes to God's true and accredited spiritual representative, you pay it *as to God*. It is not a charitable gift from you to the minister. It is not *your* money—but rather it is God's

way for you to pay to GOD that which BELONGS TO GOD.

And from there on, the minister who receives it is *accountable to God*. And you may be sure that GOD'S justice is PERFECT—that GOD Almighty will hold every minister *far more strictly accountable than you would be capable of doing!*

What GOD Does With His Tithe

Once paid, so far as you are concerned, you have paid GOD'S tithe to GOD.

The question now is *what does GOD do with it?*

And the answer, which we will show by the Scriptures inspired of God, is that God uses it FOR HIS MINISTRY—for CARRYING ON HIS WORK!

Now the *nature* of God's ministry on earth has changed with changing dispensations. Not much is revealed as to how God's ministry was carried on back in patriarchal times. We know Melchisedec was High Priest—that He held rank equal to that of Jesus Christ, actually one of the Godhead! The ministry, then, must have been of a *spiritual* nature. New Testament writings reveal that the GOSPEL, God's Spiritual Message, was preached beforehand to Abraham. All we know of those days of the *dim distant antiquity* is that the tithes were paid to Melchisedec, a divine Being, for the service of God's ministry for that time.

But beginning with Moses a new and different dispensation was ushered in. God formed Israel as a civil nation, and also as a church (See Acts 7:38). But between Moses and Christ under the Old Covenant, God's ministry was purely *national*, for Israel alone—and purely MATERIAL, not spiritual.

As a Church, or Congregation, Israel was given a constant round of physical ceremonies and rituals—animal sacrifices, meat and drink offerings, carnal ordinances (see Heb. 9:10)—which, NOTE IT!—means of a material, not a spiritual nature. Israel under the Old Covenant was not given God's Holy Spirit. They had no promise whatsoever of salvation, astonishing as that may seem! They were not commanded to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to other nations. On the contrary, they were forbidden to have anything to do with other nations!

Consequently, the church ministry in Israel was one of ministering to *all* Israelites, and to Israelites *only*. There was no spreading of the Gospel. The ministry, rather, was largely a matter of physical labor—preparing animal sacrifices, meat and drink offerings, administering the different washings and physical ordinances and rituals. For this service, God Himself selected His ministers—the people had no choice as to

who their ministers were. For this service, God took ONE WHOLE TRIBE of the twelve tribes of Israel—the Tribe of Levi. Every man born a Levite was a priest, or minister.

The Levites owned no land—had no secular source of income—devoted their entire time to the physical ministry of that dispensation. Yet, tho a physical ministry, this service was sacred and holy to God. And during these years from Moses to Christ *God Himself paid His Levitical priests by turning over to them all of His Tithe.*

Today, we are in the age of GRACE the NEW Testament GOSPEL dispensation. Today, the Levitical priesthood is gone, and JESUS CHRIST is High Priest. Today all true ministers of Jesus Christ are *called* by special spiritual call from God thru His Holy Spirit—not by flesh birth—not by self-desire to become a minister—not by selection, appointment, or vote of the people.

Jesus Christ came as God's MESSENGER, bearing a Spiritual Message from God to man. That Message of His GOSPEL—the Good News of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD, a kingdom of immortals which human flesh and blood can never enter! *One must be born again!*

And today, Christ's *commission* to all His true ministers is "Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GOSPEL" . . . "Go ye, therefore, and teach ALL NATIONS." And, for our day *now*. "This GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the END (of the age) come."

Today the ministry is a SPIRITUAL ministry—a ministry of PROPHECY—a ministry of SALVATION—a ministry of WARNING! Today it is not physical and national, but spiritual and *individual*—it is not for *everyone* in a single nation, but for a witness UNTO ALL NATIONS.

Today, in these critical, chaotic days approaching the END OF AN AGE, the carrying on of God's true ministry is a *world-wide* mission, which must reach MILLIONS of people, and *quickly*, for the "night cometh, when no man can work."

Today Christ's true ministry is a huge undertaking. It requires, not the mere financing of the personal needs of a few ministers, but the employing of tremendous available facilities for PROCLAIMING THE WORLD-SHAKING WARNING—for PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM into ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS!

And these super-powered facilities God has invented and made available for HIS PURPOSE—great, powerful radio stations, and the modern printing

press—cost a great deal of money, because they reach vast multitudes of people never before possible in any past age!

Today, God has PROVIDED for the financing of His powerful ministry by the same system He has used from the very beginning—His TITHING system!

Thus Almighty God has purposed that THOSE WHOM HE HAS SPECIALLY FITTED AND CALLED for this tremendous mission in this chaotic and dying world may be FREE to proclaim HIS TRUTH fearlessly, boldly, and with GREAT POWER!

They cannot be subsidized, controlled, coerced by men or organizations of men. They are not hired by, nor obligated to, men or any organized group or denomination. They are called by God, guided, protected, and empowered by God, financed by GOD'S OWN TITHING SYSTEM!—yes, by GOD'S OWN MONEY!

That is how THE PLAIN TRUTH is published—without subscription price, FREE to all who will request it for themselves.

That is how the true GOSPEL Message is going out in great power to a cumulative audience of SEVEN MILLION EVERY WEEK, broadcast nightly at the *most* listened-to hour—8 P.M.—over the most powerful radio station in all the North American continent.

That is God's way, carrying out God's Plan in HIS GREAT PURPOSE BEING WORKED OUT HERE BELOW! And the Almighty has so guided and directed this great work of His today, that *every single dollar* of His money placed faithfully in His work is actually reaching TWO THOUSAND precious souls with HIS MESSAGE! Yes, it is growing into a huge work. It costs today a great deal of money. But it is reaching MILLIONS of people with power—and at the infinitesimal cost of only one dollar for each two thousand reached! We—and all our co-workers together—are happy to be privileged by the Eternal God to each have our small part in so glorious a work for HIM!

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The Hydrogen Bomb

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world with the gigantic and diabolical system that is now forming UNDERGROUND, and soon shall emerge before an astonished world, too late to stop it.

It is THIS POWER which will invade, and this time CONQUER America—not Russia! It is *this* power which already has done work on this hydrogen bomb! German scientists are secretly at work on it now!

It is *this* power, actually now aided

and abetted by the United States—which Washington is now trying to help—which will **TURN AGAINST US AND DESTROY US. AND ALL OUR CITIES SHALL BE DESTROYED!** Eight or ten hydrogen bombs, with a dozen or so uranium bombs could virtually destroy all our cities, wipe out our government, our financial, commercial, and industrial powers in one night, without warning. Most of our sources of raw materials—of steel, oil, coal, etc., could be destroyed the same night. Prophecy says **ONE THIRD** of our population is to be killed by this blast!

And all because our nation is rejecting the **LAWS and WAYS** of God—our sins fast increasing!

OUR MISSION IS TO WARN OUR PEOPLE! This warning is now going out, with a **LOUD SHOUT**, Coast to Coast—heard by six or seven million people every week, over **The WORLD TOMORROW** program. The sole purpose of the present recess between world wars is to permit this **WARNING** to be sounded—and to shout to the world the same Gospel Jesus preached—the one and only true Gospel, the **GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD!** And **YOU HAVE YOUR PART IN THIS GREAT MISSION!**

Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

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lege students by tape recording, and shall try to complete those articles for the next complete issue of **The PLAIN TRUTH**. So, you see, it can be only a partial rest. Many of my responsibilities

cannot be relinquished or delegated to others.

We need your prayers! The financial condition of this work has been very tight—a constant daily strain. But I simply have to go and rest now, or you won't have me with you much longer to carry on the work at all—so, we have decided to go tomorrow morning, trusting in God, and knowing that you, our faithful co-workers, will hold up our hands, and remain faithful to keep God's work going. Truly, the financial condition has been most disheartening and discouraging. I wonder if my co-workers realize how much harder that makes my part of the work? When I know more and more of you co-workers are doing **YOUR** part along with me, and we are able to keep up with the necessary expenses of this greatest work on earth, it acts as a spiritual tonic, and I can surely put **SO** much more heart and spirit and enthusiasm into **MY** part of the work.

Just while I was writing the above words, I was called to the telephone. A listener half way across the United States was calling long distance. There was a heart-rending pleading in his voice. He was tired, too—tired of sin. He said, "I'm about to break up, and give in to God. *Won't* you tell me what to do?" he pleaded. I think tears would have come to your eyes if you could have been listening in. I quickly told him just what to do, and now I must write him a special letter. **DO YOU REALIZE, dear co-workers, THAT EXPERIENCES JUST LIKE THAT ARE ACTUALLY HAPPENING AT A RATE AVERAGING ALMOST TWICE EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR, DIRECTLY AS A RESULT OF THIS GREAT WORK IN WHICH GOD**

IS USING YOU AND ME TOGETHER AS CO-WORKERS?

It was **YOUR** money in this work—**YOUR** prayers behind it that brought this repentant sinner to the place he couldn't stand it any longer, and made a long-distance call half way across the country to ask me **HOW** to surrender to God and become His child! So I pause here to **THANK YOU**, and say, God bless you!

I know you'll **KEEP ON** faithfully, even at increasing sacrifice, holding up this powerful and precious work. Look out over this troubled world, girding now for the super-*Hydrogen*-atomic war, one thousand times as destructive as the atomic war we have been reading and hearing about. Soon your money will be worth nothing. Then you'll wish you'd used more of it in this precious **LAST-MINUTE WORK OF GOD**, to **WARN** our nation, to proclaim Christ's true **GOSPEL** to the world, to save these precious souls while there's time.

I wonder if it could be that some of our co-workers need a spiritual revival, too? You may not need, physically, the several weeks' fasting which I feel I need just now—but perhaps one day's fasting and earnest prayer would produce real gratifying results for some of you. If you'll all back me earnestly enough with your **PRAYERS**, the financial cloud will lift, and God's work will go with multiplied power! **TIME IS SHORT! CHRIST IS SOON COMING!** We must work while it is day. Soon it will be too late!

Co-Workers, please keep on sending in the most liberal possible offerings, in addition to regular tithes, that God's harvest may be reaped! Use the enclosed addressed envelope! **GOD BLESS YOU!**

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