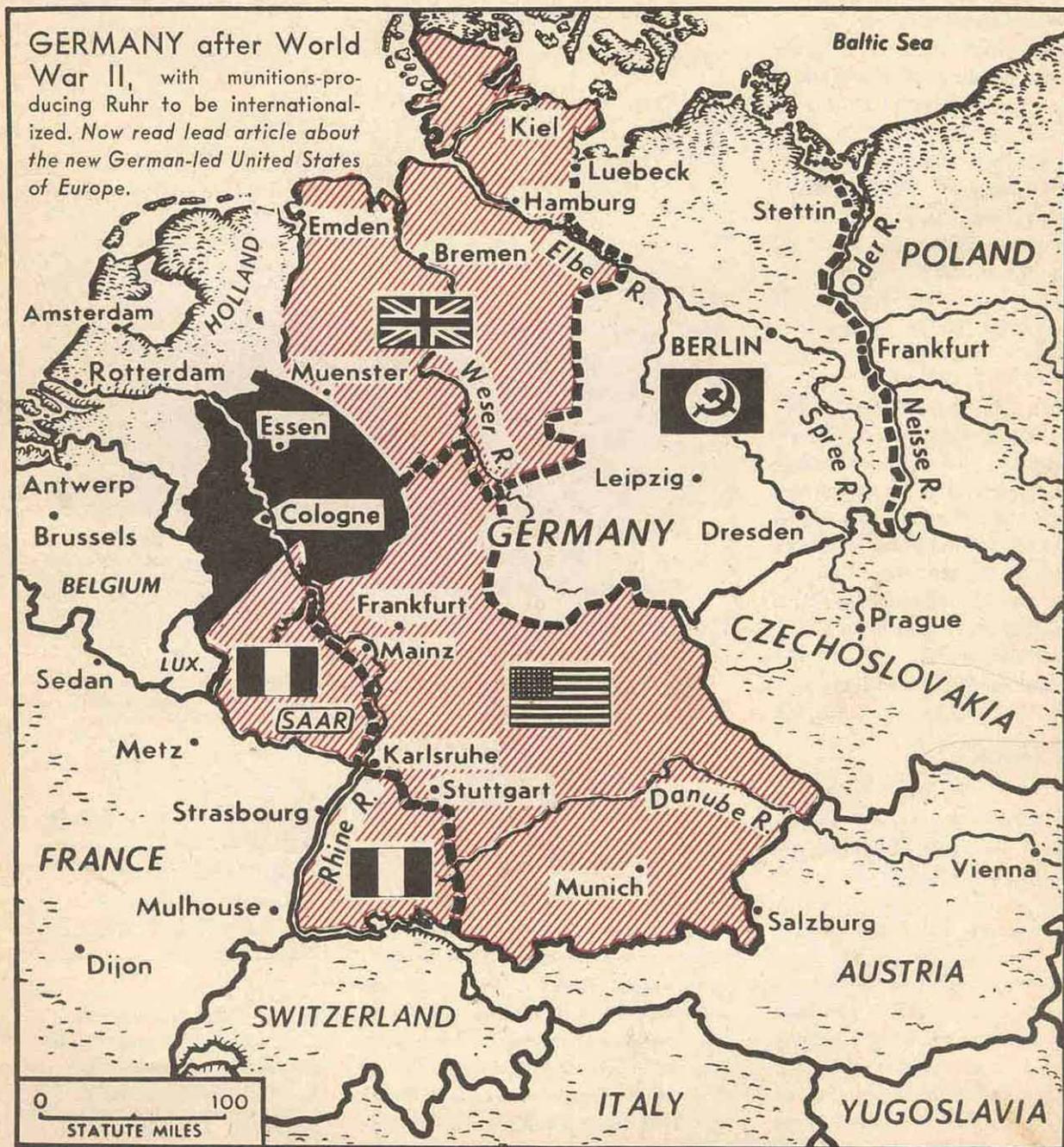


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Missed Autobiography

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I missed the Autobiography in the May issue. Don't ever see many letters commenting on it in the letter section. Maybe modesty prevents this. I don't know if many other readers fall into this category or not but that's the *first* article I look for. It would surprise you how much benefit one can derive from little seemingly insignificant problems mentioned by you, *and how they were overcome*. It helps strengthen us out here in the wilderness to learn of the persecution and problems you and yours endured while building up this work. It also helps me realize that all of this did not come too easy."

Man from Vinita, Oklahoma

(*Editor's Comment:* The Autobiography did appear in the June issue. We receive numerous comments about the autobiography, but in the past we have hesitated to publish many of them in the "Letters to the Editor" section.)

Autobiography Appealing

"I have just finished The PLAIN TRUTH, every word of which I have enjoyed greatly. I find your autobiographical sketches of particular interest and appeal, making me heartily wish I could make regular and liberal donations toward the advancement of the cause for which you have labored so long, suffered so much and brought to such worldwide appreciation and power."

Retired school teacher from La Verne, Calif.

Tragic Childbirth

"The article about 'Joyful Birth' rang a bell. An experience I had last December giving birth to my fifth child was similar to the stories told in the 'Ladies Home Journal.' The woman who delivered right before I did was made to hold back her baby when it was ready to be delivered. While she begged for delivery they gave her ether and held her legs because her doctor wasn't there. My doctor was, and could have delivered her. When it came time for me to be delivered I was made to wait while the doctor was eating even though I was

having hard pains. When, finally, I was laid on the delivery table the baby crowned. But the doctor pushed the baby's head in because he wasn't quite ready. I was told to breathe in sharply. I had been praying and I asked God to keep back the pains until the doctor was ready. He did! The other woman's baby died that night from breathing in the birth water. Though my baby is now a roly-poly, four-month-old 'doll,' I won't forget that my story could be as tragic as that poor woman's."

Woman from Truxton, Missouri

Yes, You're Right!

"Yes, you're right about telling about how the hospital does when babies are born. My daughter had her baby in the hospital. The nurses held her legs down because the doctor wasn't there at the time."

Subscriber from Missouri

Not A Fairy Story

"Thanks for sending me The PLAIN TRUTH as usual. How much good it does one to read the truth! What a great help it is to me now, and also the booklets you send me! You have proved to me that the Bible is God's book of truth, and in it are the rules to a happy life, and this again you have proved to be a fact and not a fairy story."

Man from Wales, Great Britain

Reads Bible for First Time in 20 Years!

"We listen to your program every night and are very interested. In fact for the first time in 20 years my husband is picking up the Bible and reading it. He is very interested in your outlook on all affairs."

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Can You Prove There Is A God?

"Thanks to you and your son, I have begun to wonder about many things I have always taken for granted. It was only yesterday I found out that one of my classmates is an atheist. I started to ask her 'Can you prove there is no God?', but I happened to think, 'I cannot prove there *is* a God, even though

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Now! New Power Bloc Stronger than Russia!

For 27 years we have warned, while others scoffed. Now the public press sees it coming. But here is what the world does not see!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IN THE May 15th "United States News & World Report," page 122, you may have read this item about Great Britain joining the European Common Market:

"President Kennedy is counted on to persuade De Gaulle to let Britain in. . . . The United States will pay a price, if Britain joins the Common Market, . . . President Kennedy realizes and accepts this. The Common Market already comprises a sheltered market of 160 million people. Interior tariff walls are being torn down. Nothing less than a United States of Europe is building up."

It's "Building Up"

Notice—NOTHING LESS THAN A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE IS BUILDING UP!" Do you realize the frightful implications of this?

This Common Market started merely as an economic co-operation between SIX nations, in the general territory of the old Roman Empire. For 27 years *The Plain Truth* has said that the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE is in our time going to be resurrected. We have said it will be joined, ultimately, by TEN nations—or at least ten dictators or newly-crowned kings—as a full EMPIRE—political, military and religious, as well as economic.

We have said—as the prophecies of your Bible say—that when this symbolic prophetic "BEAST" fully emerges from its "bottomless pit" it will require the affiliation with the Roman Catholic Church as the "Supreme Authority" which alone shall be able to weld together in political and military union these ten nations.

It is significant that it started as an economic cooperation with SIX nations. There is a certain Biblical significance in numbers. SIX is the number of MAN—usually as apart from and hostile to GOD!

This whole system, prophecy indicates, is to be introduced subtly. Actually World War III has started—not as a hydrogen-bomb military invasion, but as an ECONOMIC war!

And while RUSSIA is making gains everywhere—in Laos, as stepping stone to domination of all South-eastern Asia; in central Africa; in Japan; in Cuba as stepping stone to all South America—while RUSSIA is capturing the news headlines with these gains and space-flight spectaculars—it is this European Common Market that is *fast* winning the world TRADE WAR! It is being done in a way America doesn't realize. The United States seems sound asleep to this danger.

But this news magazine recognizes that a complete United States of Europe—as the resurrected Roman Empire may be called—*is now building up!* It says specifically that what is building up is *nothing less than that*—not merely a co-operative TRADE association.

Your Bible Says This

Prophecy uses the symbol "Beast" to identify the old Roman Empire and its medieval successor, called the Holy Roman Empire. (Compare Revelation 17 with Daniel 2 and 7, and Rev. 13.)

In Revelation 17:8 you read: "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go unto perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall WONDER . . . when they beheld the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

How shall this ancient mighty Empire be revived? Europe is like a "crazy-quilt"—a conglomeration of many nations speaking different languages, having different customs and aspirations. How could they be joined together? Only by some SUPREME AUTHORITY which all would accept in leadership.

But the French would never accept a Hitler, or even an Adenauer as their ruler. The Germans would never accept a De Gaulle. WHO is to be the Supreme Authority?

The first verse of this 17th chapter of Revelation reveals it: It speaks of "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters." The symbol of "many waters" is clearly explained in verse 15. It means many peoples, or nations, speaking different languages.

Verse 2 says this great fallen woman has committed fornication with "the kings of the earth"—more than one king. In verse 3 she is sitting upon this "beast"—the Roman Empire. In Biblical symbol a "beast" denotes an Empire, and a "woman" denotes a CHURCH (Eph. 5:23-32; II Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7). Here is a church, posing as the affianced bride of Christ, not waiting for Him to take the reigns of world government, but committing fornication by a church-state relationship with human political rulers of *this* world, which Christ's Church is forbidden to do.

Ancient Israel was both church and state. As a Church (Acts 7:38) Israel was called the Congregation of Israel. But Israel was untrue to the Eternal, her "Husband," and committed ADULTERY by political intercourse with gentile kings of *this* world. The word "adultery" means unfaithfulness on the part of a *married* person. The same illicit relationship on the part of an unmarried person is "fornication." Always the Bible speaks of Israel as having committed "ADULTERY"—never "FORNICATION." Therefore, Revelation 17:2, speaking of "FORNICATION" is referring to a GENTILE Church.

The Unifying Power

Now notice verse 3 of Revelation 17: This fornicating woman, having politi-

cal relationship with worldly kings, is *sitting on the Beast!* In verse 1 she sits on—rules over—many nations speaking different languages. In verse 3 she sits on this Roman Empire. Such nations, to be "sat upon"—ruled over—by one church power would of necessity be many contiguous, adjoining nations, speaking different languages. Verse 3 identifies it as EUROPE—seat of the old Roman Empire.

Notice verse 5—she is symbolically named "BABYLON," and she is a MOTHER Church. She has daughter churches, who may have come out of her in protest, calling themselves "protestant"—but who will be forced to reunite. Her name "Babylon" identifies her as the *daughter* of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon. The Empire she is to rule is the direct succession from the Babylon of 600 B.C. It was succeeded by the Persian Empire, and next by Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire, and it by the Roman Empire (Dan. 2 and 7). The Roman Empire was restored by Justinian in 554. From then until 1814 the popes of Rome ruled the entire succession.

Now it is once again to be revived to life. And once again, the only UNIFYING Authority which the coming TEN nations of Roman Catholic Europe can accept is the Pope of Rome!

Pope Pius, shortly before he died, publicly offered his good offices for the joining together of the nations of Europe. Pope John is working toward that end.

The nations of Europe *want* to go together. Yet they are competitive against each other. They distrust each other. The Common Market is knocking down the chief competitive barrier—trade.

Another serious barrier has been religion. Protestants have been unwilling to submit to the authority of the Pope. But that barrier, too, is fast crumbling. Recently there has been a constant pilgrimage of high personages from European countries to the Vatican. De Gaulle visited the Pope. The Archbishop of Canterbury, chief prelate of the Church of England, recently visited the Pope, and took prominent part in other Catholic-Protestant ceremonies, making speeches favoring re-union. Both Queen Elizabeth, titular head of the Protestant Church of England, and Princess Margaret, submitted to papal requirements, and donned the prescribed black cloth-

ing for audiences with Pope John XXIII. Everywhere there is a relaxing of Protestant opposition against the Roman Catholic Church. The United States elected a Catholic President.

Today, both economic and religious barriers to a United Europe are greatly weakened. The Pope is the one political leader who can demolish the political barrier. The stage is set. All that is needed is a new fear for their common safety from Russia.

The Russia-U.S. War

Russia has been at war against the United States for several years—Communist-style war. It has been called "Cold War." It has been propaganda war. Russia has been constantly winning—the United States losing.

Russia turned China Communist. Stalin outsmarted Franklin D. Roosevelt at Yalta and Harry S. Truman at Potsdam, and annexed all of Eastern Europe. Russia has a toe hold in Laos, the springboard to taking all Southeastern Asia, and then Australia. Next will come India and Japan.

Russia has made inroads in Central Africa and taken over Cuba, as a base for communizing South and Central America.

How does this look to Europeans? They are adjoining the Russian frontier. How do events make them feel? They have relied on United States power to hold back Russia from rolling over their countries.

Now they see United States power faltering, retreating, backing down at every turn. American prestige hit an all-time low last summer and autumn, when Khrushchev killed the Summit Conference and publicly insulted President Eisenhower. Then Japanese Communists were allowed to insult the American President and cancel his visit to Tokyo after Khrushchev, having visited the White House, made the President unwelcome at the Kremlin.

Young President Kennedy has allowed American prestige to be sunk deeper in the mire! After a "tough" speech about Laos, and parading U.S. Naval power off its borders, Mr. Kennedy backed down and settled with a ceasefire that leaves the Communists in control of half of Laos—the springboard

to all Southeast Asia. He failed to show a firm hand in Africa and took the most disgraceful and face-losing defeat of all in the Cuban invasion debacle!

How does this look to Europe?

It looks like United States power is nil against Russia! It looks like Russian power is supreme! It looks like they can no longer rely on American power to hold Russia off their land!

EUROPE IS BECOMING FRIGHTENED!

Next, Berlin!

Mr. Khrushchev has cleverly held back his trump card—Berlin! That will come soon.

In terror, Europe is going to rush to unite—to arm fully on grand scale for all-out world war, if needed to protect their countries.

Recently President Kennedy visited President De Gaulle of France and Mr. Khrushchev. He found President De Gaulle uncompromising, firm. Except for President Kennedy's pledges to defend Berlin, even if it means war, there were no results. France is throwing in her lot with the other nations of EUROPE today, not with America.

If Mr. Kennedy does remain firm in regard to Berlin—if he can really *convince* Khrushchev there will be WAR if the Communists take over West Berlin—then Khrushchev will back up. In that event, the Berlin crisis again will be postponed—still held in abeyance.

But only *one thing* will convince Khrushchev President Kennedy really means it—especially after his retreat at Laos and Cuba. That is an actual show of FORCE! Khrushchev laughs in contempt at "strong talk." He respects only actions, and force. And he knows Mr. Kennedy's past experience has been as a talker and debater, not as an executive or a man of dynamic and forceful action.

Berlin is the immediate key. Very soon, in one manner or another, the Russians are going to test President Kennedy on West Berlin. If Mr. Kennedy then reverses his record on Laos and Cuba—if he now calls their bluff and starts real and unmistakable *action*, with overwhelming power and *re* FORCE, the Communists will back up—*for now!*

In that event—and let us HOPE that
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WHAT is the Best Age for MARRIAGE?

Recently in Principles of Living Class in Ambassador College, England, this question was asked of Mr. Armstrong. Thousands of our readers would like to know the answer. Here it is.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

NOT long ago I officiated at a wedding in stately Memorial Hall at Ambassador College in England. My next-to-youngest grandson, Richard David Armstrong II, age two and a half, thought the ceremony so very nice, he said,

"Mommie, I want to get married!"

"Well!" answered his mother, a little shocked—a little amused, "and whom do you want to marry?"

"Karen," replied little Dicky promptly.

"But Karen has just been married. She can't marry anybody else, now."

"Well then," decided Dicky, "I'll marry Sheila." Sheila is a very nice Irish colleen, a student in the college.

"But Sheila is grown up now, and in college," protested "Mommie". "What if she won't have you?"

"Then I'll marry you, Mommie," came the quick decision.

Marriage is not for Children

We may smile at the idea of two- or three-year-olds getting married. It *would* be a bit irregular! Marriage is not for children! Marriage is for ADULTS. Marriage is pretty serious business!

Marriage entails the assuming of very serious responsibilities. Children do not realize this, of course. Marriage is a lot more than romance. It is more than day-dreams about a "Prince Charming," or floating around on Cloud nineteen, or being in a lover's arms.

But when do we become adults?

Are not boys and girls adults at around age 14? No. Far from it! Let's understand WHY!

Age for Acquiring Knowledge

Human beings know *nothing* at birth. We have to learn, or be taught—EVERYTHING! Without any knowledge, or with erroneous knowledge, we are help-

less—as new-born babes. But there are some things many fail to learn. One of these is the right age for marriage.

Whatever an adult knows, true or false, has come into his mind since birth.

It may sound surprising or incredible, but a person actually learns more during his first year of life than in any succeeding year. If a one-year-old baby could talk plainly with complete and adequate vocabulary, you'd be completely amazed at how much he has learned that first year!

The second year he learns a trifle less than the first, and the third year a little less than the second. Gradually, his capacity for learning decreases year by year, if only slightly. This is hard to believe, for the simple reason that a two-year-old *adds* his second-year acquisition to what he learned the first year, the third to that, and so through the years his *total* store of knowledge increases continually.

But a person past 60 cannot learn something new in a field new and strange to him as readily as a young person of 22 or 23. Does this mean that a well-educated man of 60 knows less than a young man of 22? Of course not. Other things being equal, he knows infinitely more—because he has the accumulated knowledge of all those years since age 22 *added* to what he knew then—and he has learned much by *experience*. That is one reason wisdom comes with age!

But a two-and-a-half-year-old cannot delve very deeply into the study of advanced mathematics, philosophy, nuclear fission, business administration, economics, or child rearing. He would have very different ideas on the latter than he probably will have when he becomes a parent!

The first five or six years of life are, so we believe from experience, most

profitably spent in learning the basic things of infant and child learning—how to walk, talk, eat, run, and play—knowledge about lots and lots of things. The little child learns what an automobile is—an airplane—he learns about animals—many things.

He may even be taught to count, and part or all of the alphabet. However, the kind of knowledge taught in school (kindergarten excepted) seems most effectively taught beginning age 6. At that age the child can learn to write, to read, and to spell simple words. In some countries he begins to learn a second language at that age. For the next ten years he acquires gradually all the foundational elementary knowledge, and during the last two of the ten perhaps a bit of preparatory knowledge for higher education.

All these years the normal individual has been learning rapidly. There is a great deal to know before maturity, and he is not mature *yet!* Of course, by age 16, the juvenile may think he *knows it all*. Many, in their own minds, know more than Dad or Mom. You see, what they do not yet know, they don't *know* that they don't know! But there is still much to learn.

But by age 16 the average normal young person of good mind is ready to *begin* a little more advanced study into more solid fields.

When Bodies Mature

But along in these early and mid-teen-age years, usually 12 to 14, the physical body suddenly speeds up its growth and development. The teen-ager at this point sprouts up much taller within a single year, with *bodily* changes from child to man or woman.

Suddenly the young person feels "grown up"—adult. He usually does not
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become a father or mother years before he or she is qualified to assume the responsibilities of parenthood.

But, suddenly becoming taller and physically developed, the boy or girl feels mature. A new awareness of the opposite sex is present. What the child of this age does not yet know, I repeat, he usually fails utterly to realize.

The attraction of the other sex acts as a magnet. The girl dreams of her Prince Charming, desire is awakened in the boy to hold an attractive girl in his arms.

The girl often falls in love with love, a certain boy being the focal point of her fantasy. Of course she only sees this particular boy as she imagines him to be, not as he really is. She is dead sure she is in love. And no one can awaken her from this entrancing dream. There are many facts of reality about this puppy-love affair of which she is totally unaware.

But, again, what she doesn't know that her parents see so plainly, she simply doesn't know that she doesn't know! She simply has to outgrow it! The very fact that she is not mature enough to recognize her immaturity is proof that she is still too immature for marriage.

At this stage, the parents have a problem on their hands, and need great wisdom to deal properly with it.

I repeat, marriage is not for children.

The Preparatory Years

But when does a child become an adult? When is one ready for marriage?

Marriage is in itself a career. One is not ready to enter upon any profession or career until after full preparation. This preparation may be divided, roughly, into three stages. First, that of infancy, preparing the child for school. Second, elementary and preparatory schooling prior to, thirdly, more advanced education and specialized training for the adult life's work.

There are really three stages, roughly, of mental development that parallel these stages of preparation. First, the change from babyhood to boy or girlhood around age six. Then the mind as a rule has absorbed enough elementary and semi-mature knowledge by age 16 to begin more mature thinking and

Best Age to Marry?

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realize that at this stage the body makes rather sudden leap toward maturity, while the mind makes no corresponding advance! The mind continues on at only the same year-to-year gradual development. The mind is still more child than adult. Its interests are still mostly

"having fun," games, entertainments. Sexual maturity is suddenly reached, long in advance of mental, emotional, and spiritual maturity.

A human being is not a mere body. The married state needs maturity of mind, emotions, and spiritual qualities as much as physical adulthood.

A boy or girl is physically able to

learning. Age 16 is a crucial year in mental development.

Prior to age 16 the average youth has little awareness of the seriousness of life, of world conditions, of human problems or the purposes of life. In our American public school system, he enters senior high school, or the last two years of preparatory school at about this age.

But the mind does not really mature, on the average, until age 25. At age 25 a more definite adulthood of mind, attitude, interests, is reached. The mind becomes more "set" in its ways.

The years between ages 16 and 25 are the *vitally important* years of adult preparation for life's work. These are the *crucial* years of *PREPARATION*. During these years the mind is capable of *acquiring* faster than at any other stage of life the advanced knowledge needed *before beginning* one's adult career—whether it be business, profession, occupation, or marriage. Before age 16 the mind has not acquired the basic elementary knowledge needed as a foundation for entering more advanced study—and the mind has not developed in serious comprehension to the level of advanced knowledge. After age 25, the mind which has stagnated since age 16 finds it difficult to enter upon more mature study.

Before age 16 the mind simply is not mature. At age 16 it is merely prepared to *begin* acquiring the more mature *preparation* for either career, business, or marriage.

It should be borne in mind I am speaking of average ages. There are, of course, exceptions to all rules—but in my experience about 99 in 100 follow this pattern.

Another stage of maturity seems to be reached at about age 30. I have noticed that, although most young people reach a certain mental maturity at age 25, a far more complete maturity of mind, personality, performance, and influence on others is reached at age 30.

By age 30 the man or woman has added five years of practical *experience*, in addition to further study, to the preparatory knowledge and final reaching of mental maturity attained at 25. Prior to 25, the young man is often called just that—"young man"—by older men. I can remember how, in my

carnal preconversion vanity, I smarted under being spoken to as "young man" by business executives I dealt with. This expression simply meant they did not accept me, yet, as a fully mature man, and I knew it.

Somehow, the vanity in a young man of 18 and older makes him want to be considered *mature*—as a completely adult, fully experienced MAN. He wants to be considered older than he is. But as soon as young women are past 20 to 25 female vanity causes them to want to be considered *younger* than they are; that is, until they reach a grand old age like my Mother, who enjoys letting people know that she is now past 95! But let me hasten to say I believe my Mother is entitled to that pleasure. Not many ever achieve the accomplishment of reaching 95, *and still really ENJOYING life*—happily looking forward to joyful eternal life in God's Kingdom!

The Right Age for Marriage

The fact that a man attains a more complete maturity of personality, leadership and influence by age 30 seems fully recognized by the Eternal God. In ancient Israel the Levites were ordained to full priesthood at age 30—although they were put into physical *service* at age 20.

Jesus Christ, our Example, did not begin His active ministry until age 30. All years prior to that were years of learning and preparation.

Yet in ancient Israel men *began* actual service, adult work, and even military service, at age 20. This, however, does not mean that they were fully and completely educated at that age. Actually, their first years of service were those of apprenticeship—training, preparation. They probably were not accounted fully prepared for adult responsibilities until 25, though the exact facts are not given.

Apparently God has not given specific and direct instruction or command as to the proper age for marriage. God did not even count people in the census, as adults, until age 20. While there appears to be no punishable prohibition against marriage prior to age 20, there is every indication that on God's instruction juveniles were considered children until 20. At 20 they were considered "of age."

This by no means implies they were expected to marry by age 20! Rather that they were expected not to marry *until* at least 20—OR MORE!

Based on actual experience, my judgment—and I think it is sound judgment guided and approved by God—is that until out of the "teens" a boy or girl is too young to marry! And it is also my judgment—and I think it is sound and approved by God—based on life-long experience counselling on marriage problems of hundreds of people—that even 20 is too young to be *the best age for marriage*.

Two factors are the major causes of broken marriages, or of unhappy problem marriages, in the hundreds of cases that have come to me for advice and counsel; sex ignorance and marriage prior to age 20. Quite often these two are merged in the same case. A majority of all unhappy or broken marriages that have been brought to my attention were those of people *who married too young!*

Only too well I know that teen-agers who *think* they are in love will not listen or heed. That very *FACT proves* they are too young for the responsibilities of marriage. Marriage is so much *more* than romance, necking, love-making and immature emotional bliss. Thousands of young people have gone ahead heedless, and been sadly disillusioned to learn that lesson—*TOO LATE!*

But in my judgment, except in rare cases or circumstances, even twenty is too early an age for marriage. I can only give my judgment. But it is based on experience. It is based on facts and knowledge. It is based on what Biblical revelation God has given us. It is based on hundreds of case histories.

But here it is, and young people will do well to heed it—and later be glad they did! The *best* age for a man to marry is around 24 to 26, after he has devoted those *top aptitude years* between 16 and 25 for mature education, experience, and preparation—*after* he has acquired the knowledge, preparation and preliminary experience to assume adult responsibilities—*after he is able to assume the responsibility of supporting a wife—and family!* And the *best* age for a girl to marry is between 23

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HITLER'S SEVEN FATAL BLUNDERS

WHY the revived interest in Nazi Germany?—in the Eichmann trial? Never have so many books on Germany been available to the public as today. Now—16 years after World War II—people are looking back on Hitlerite Germany for clues to German destiny! HERE IS WHY!

by L. E. Torrance

WORLD famous historians clearly recognize that Hitler could have won World War II! The world's great military analysts now openly admit that it took a "miracle" to save England from "certain defeat." They shudder when they realize how perilously close Adolf Hitler came to winning the war.

These careful analysts prove that Hitler had everything in his favor, the *military power*, the *air force*, and the *brilliant generals*. He guided Germany from victory to victory until all Europe lay prostrate at his feet. There was nothing to stop him. His enemies were usually peace-loving people and were unprepared for war.

You are alive today **ONLY** because the **CREATOR** caused Hitler to make an *incredible blunder* each time he had "certain victory" within his grasp.

There is a mighty important **REASON** why God kept Hitler from **CONQUERING** the world in 1940. But before we explain why, let's notice the **SEVEN FATAL BLUNDERS** which Hitler made.

The Record of History

At daybreak, September 1, 1939, Hitler made his *first MAJOR* blunder.

He ordered the German panzer divisions to storm across the Polish frontier and to converge on Warsaw from the north, the south, and the west. German warplanes savagely bombed and strafed Polish troop columns and the fleeing masses of **HELPLESS** people. Death and destruction screamed down from the skies. Thousands died!

Yet what Hitler believed to be an overwhelming victory proved to be—in the end—his *FIRST major blunder*.

Hitler hoped Britain and France

We have asked Mr. L. E. Torrance, Professor of English at Ambassador College, and a student of history, to write this surprising article. He was a prisoner-of-war of the Japanese during World War II for 3½ years.

would not *dare* to go to war over Poland. But Britain and France, *shocked* at the **SAVAGE** and **UNPROVOKED** attack upon Poland, dared to declare war on Germany. Thus began the bitter resistance to Hitler that eventually led to his defeat. Hitler's first fatal blunder was to start World War II.

The battle fronts remained strangely quiet until the spring of 1940. France and Britain gained time to plan a defense. But it was already too late!

Blitzkrieg—Lightning War!

At dawn, May 10, 1940, German Blitzkrieg struck France. Superbly trained Nazi soldiers smashed through the "impassable" Ardennes Forest, north of the Maginot Line, and quickly overran the nine divisions which defended this sector.

The French and British were astonished at the power of German Blitzkrieg. Fighter planes and Stuka dive bombers came screaming out of the skies—bombing, strafing—spreading flame and terror everywhere. Tanks by the thousands broke through the defending French Army, smashed their way toward the English Channel. Self-propelled, rapid-firing cannons rolled forty miles an hour across French countryside.

Even the infantry moved with incredible speed as millions of men on "motorized wheels" raced forward at

breath-taking speed, capturing vital installations—command posts, even whole divisions who had not yet been issued guns and ammunition by their slow-moving French commanders.

General Guderian's swift-moving panzer divisions reached the English Channel only ten days after having stormed across the French frontier. This successful drive to the sea established a German wedge between the British Army in Belgium and the French forces still fighting in southern France.

The Belgians and the Dutch hastily surrendered to the advancing Germans. The British Expeditionary Force suddenly found itself in an alarmingly dangerous position. A German Army stood between them and their Allies, the French.

The British desperately tried to escape impending doom by breaking through the German wedge, intending to join what remained of the French Army in the South. They *could not!* The Germans held, they were too strong. The British found themselves in immediate peril of being surrounded and trapped. They discovered that German forces were between them and the coast. Death or captivity—or both—was imminent.

Hitler had "certain victory" within his grasp. He was now in a position to annihilate the remaining Allied forces. His Armies were fast closing a ring of steel around the beleaguered British Expeditionary Force. Von Rundstedt's panzer forces were racing southward out of Belgium, while Guderian's tanks were pushing northward to meet him—thus they planned to trap the British Army and destroy it while it was still twenty-five miles from the coast.

Advance patrols of these two German



—Wide World Photo

Hitler addresses German Reichstag upon commencing war against Poland. This was Hitler's first fatal blunder!

Armies were only nine miles apart. The jaws of the trap they were about to spring upon the British were closing at frightening speed. Guderian's and Von Rundstedt's panzer armies were closer to Dunkirk than were the British. There was *absolutely* NOTHING to stop this *pincer movement* from closing tight the "gap" and surrounding the British Army. This "ring of German steel" would then have cut off the badly battered British Army from the Port of Dunkirk and would have made it impossible for them to escape across the Channel to England.

The position of the British Expeditionary Force was *hopeless*.

Then Hitler suddenly made his *second* major blunder.

"Miracle at Dunkirk"

Hitler issued the most amazing order ever recorded in all military history. He ordered General von Rundstedt and General Guderian to stop their fast-succeeding drive to surround the helpless British Army. The British troops escaped into Dunkirk under the silent muzzles of the German guns.

Hitler's order read: "Dunkirk is to be left to the Luftwaffe" (Guderian, *The Panzer Leader*, p. 439).

Then God intervened!

The English channel became as smooth as glass. Fog closed in. Battleships, destroyers, cruisers, ocean liners — *motor boats* — *row boats* — rafts —

ANYTHING that would FLOAT, moved across the English Channel under the protective cover of dense fog. This "Miracle of Dunkirk" Hitler did not order!

The German Chiefs of Staff watched in helpless fury as the Royal Navy and "swarms of miserable little boats" began evacuating the cream of the British Army to England.

Brauchitsch wept, "The bad weather has GROUNDED the Luftwaffe and we must now stand by and watch countless thousands of the enemy get away to England right under our noses."

Von Rundstedt complained, "My hands were tied by direct orders from Hitler himself. While the English were clambering into the ships off the beaches, I was kept useless outside the port, unable to move . . . I sat outside the town, watching the English escape, while my tanks and infantry were prohibited from moving" (Shulman, *Defeat in The West*, pp. 42-43).

In all of history—has there ever been the equal of this incredible blunder? If Hitler had not made this blunder the entire British Army would have been destroyed. England certainly would have fallen. Hitler and Japan could then have been free to attack the United States itself.

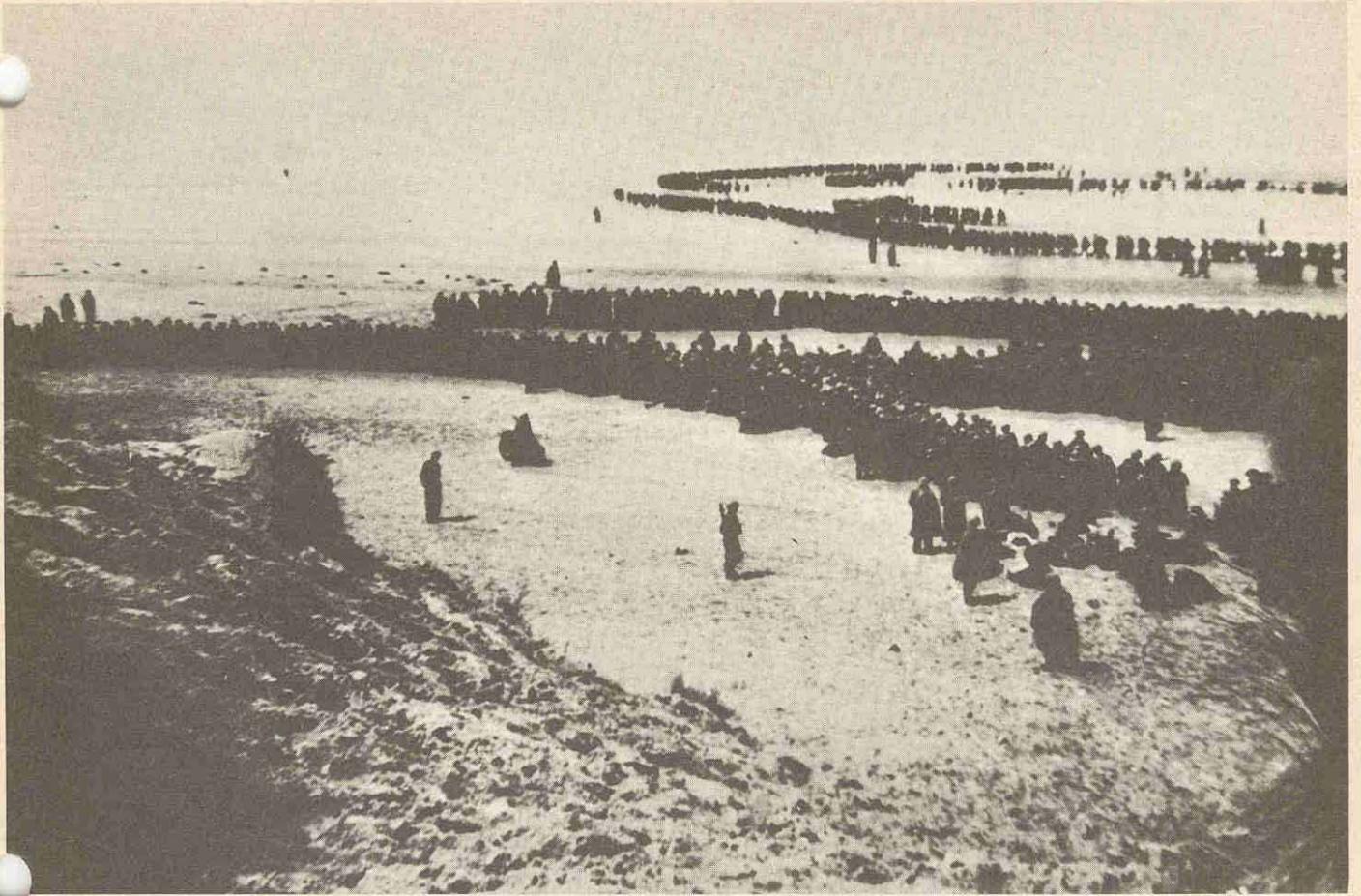
Why Hitler Made Such a Blunder

General Halder wrote a letter on July 19, 1947, to William L. Shirer, revealing that Goering talked Hitler into stopping the fast-advancing German Army. Goering wanted the German Air Force—the *Luftwaffe*—to destroy the British Expeditionary Force and thereby receive the credit for victory in the eyes of the German people.

Goering *emphasized* to Hitler that if the great victory in battle were to be claimed exclusively by the German Army generals—some of whom were not Nazi party members—the prestige of the Fuehrer in the German homeland would be damaged beyond repair. (William L. Shirer, *The Rise And Fall of The Third Reich*, p. 733.)

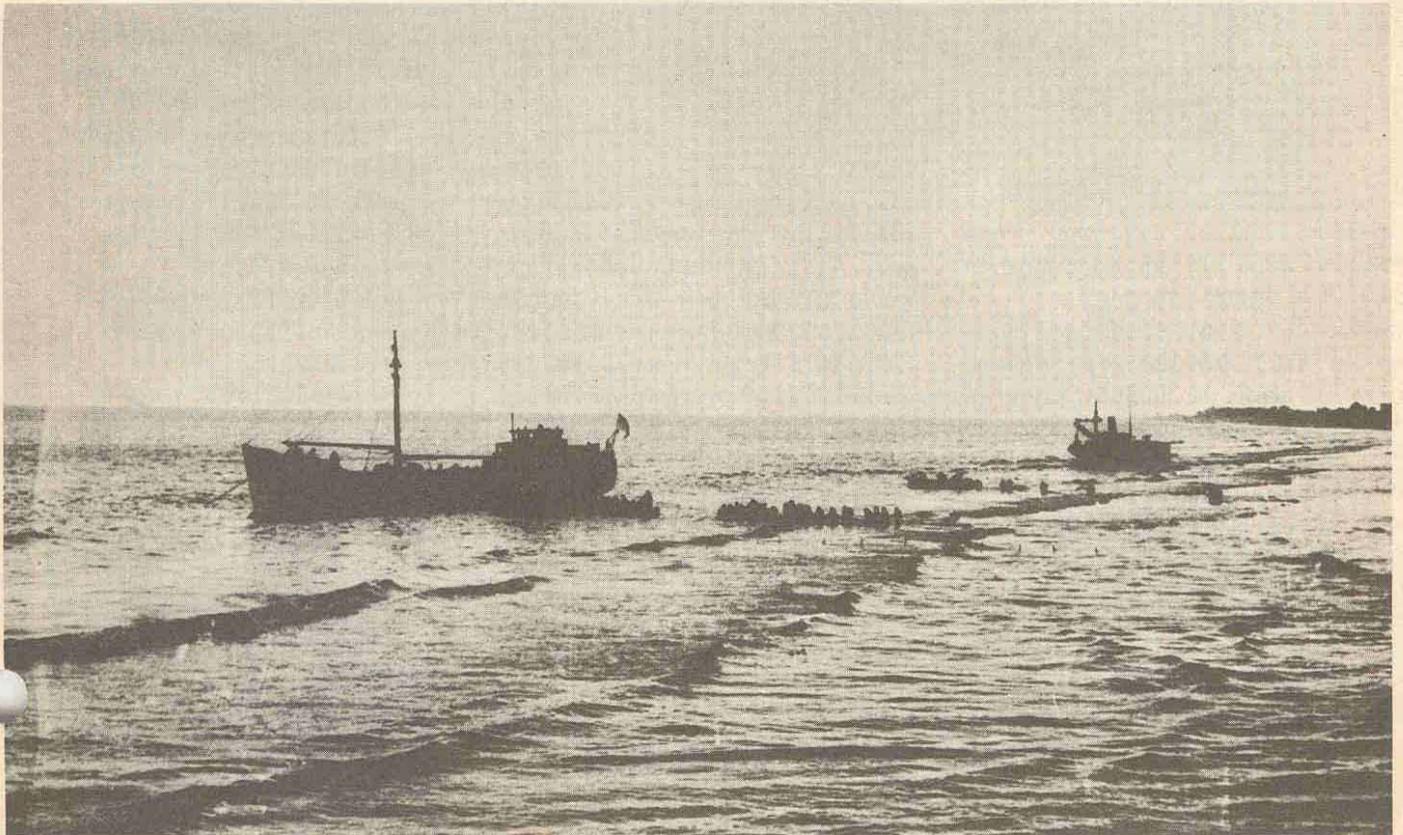
The Luftwaffe miserably failed!

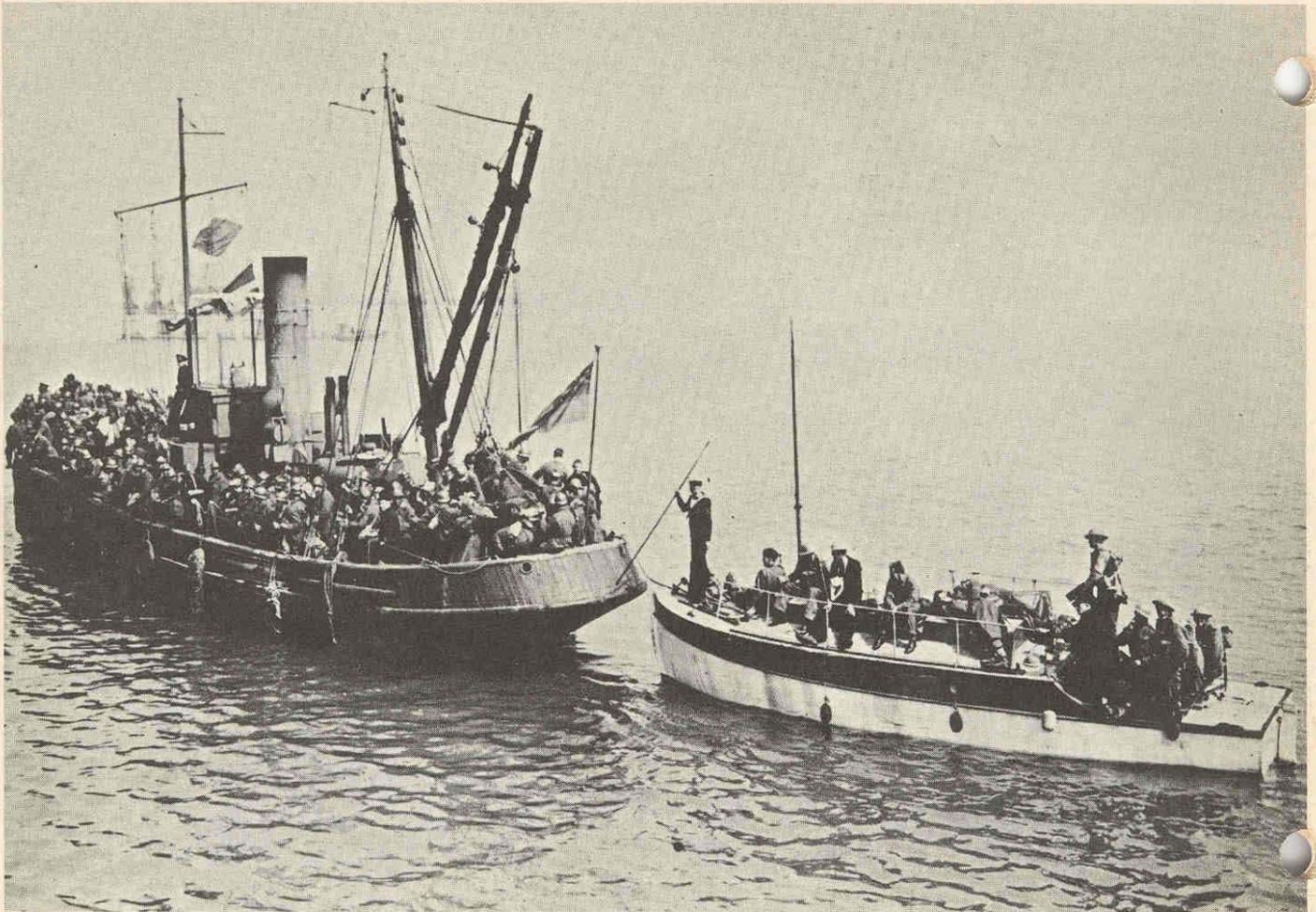
God used *vanity* and *fear* to cause Hitler to make this INCREDIBLE blunder. "This assembly shall know the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for



—Wide World Photos

British troops line shores at Dunkirk, above, and waded out to the waiting vessels in the channel, below.





—Wide World Photos

Many little ships were used to ferry English troops to safety from Dunkirk. The weather protected them from German bombing.

the battle is the LORD'S" (I Sam. 17:47). What happened in the weather at Dunkirk was a divine miracle.

The Battle of Britain

Hitler could still have won World War II, if he had not made an even greater BLUNDER—his third!

The British were still at Hitler's mercy. They had sent every division they had across the English Channel in a desperate gamble to help France stop the German Blitzkrieg.

France had collapsed. The British fled the continent. They left *all* their military equipment on the beaches of Dunkirk.

They had gambled ALL to help save France, and had lost. ALL that England had left to fight an invasion force—was a hundred tanks, and two or three poorly equipped divisions, a mere handful of men (Shulman, *Defeat in The West*, p. 50).

The German Intelligence Service de-

clared that the German Army could land and keep supplied forty-five divisions in the initial landing on the coast of England. They also believed that they could supply an additional sixty-five divisions as soon as *air superiority* was established. The Germans would have had more than a thirty-to-one superiority in men and equipment. Defenseless England could not have withstood such a POWER. Even the stubborn British could not have stopped the belching "fire and brimstone" from cannon's mouths with pitchforks and clubs.

Prime Minister Churchill said that "... in 1940 an invading force of perhaps 150,000 picked men might have created mortal havoc in our midst" (Secret Session Speeches, London, 1945, p. 52).

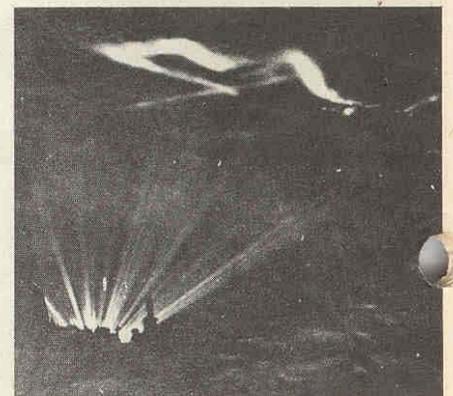
At the dizzy height of success, terrifying fear again entered the German picture. The German High Command decided that they must destroy the Brit-

ish Air Force BEFORE they *dared* risk the invasion of England.

The Luftwaffe began the operation to wipe out the R.A.F. by bombing the airfields, the aircraft factories, the *twelve* radar outposts, and the *seven* "sector control centers."

Goering did not realize how vital these radar outposts were to Britain's

British searchlights scan for Luftwaffe raiders.



defenses. He soon stopped attacks on them.

The sector centers were another very important key to the defense of England. They worked hand in hand with the radar outposts. By September six of the SEVEN all-important sector stations were knocked out. The entire communications system was on the very verge of destruction.

This was Britain's darkest hour. "The scales," as Churchill later wrote, "had tilted against our fighter command—there was much anxiety." Another week or two of this and Britain's fast dwindling Air Force would have *disappeared!* Conquest of England would have been a certainty! DISASTER for Britain was imminent.

A miracle was needed to save Britain!

"Not by Power . . ."

Winston Churchill said of that hour, "The odds were great; our margins small; the stakes infinite."

In a desperate move he decided to *strike back* at Germany. He sent a fleet of British bombers over Berlin the night of August 28, killing ten German civilians and wounding twenty-nine others. The Nazi leaders were furious. Headlines blared—"COWARDLY BRITISH ATTACK!" "BRITISH AIR PIRATES OVER BERLIN!" Hitler ordered his air force to RETALIATE by wiping out London.

Why, just when complete victory was again within his grasp, *did Hitler stop the fast-succeeding plan of destroying the aircraft factories, the fighter fields, the sector stations, and the Royal Air Force?*

To "get even." "They'll pay for the bombing of Berlin," screamed Hitler! And this was Hitler's THIRD FATAL BLUNDER.

What did the British gain? *Time!* Time to rebuild their battered air force.

This third blunder caused Hitler to postpone the planned invasion of England until the spring of 1941. He threw away a never-to-be-repeated chance to knock Britain out of the war. Do you see that, as in days of old, ". . . our God, whom we serve, is ABLE to deliver us . . ." (Dan. 3:17.)

Hitler's Fourth Major Blunder

Hitler still could have won the war



—Wide World Photo

Wreckage in London from the "revenge bombing" senselessly carried out by Hitler and Goering.

if it had not been for blunder number four.

The German General Staff planned to capture the Mediterranean area and cut the "British life line" and starve out the Island of Britain.

Three army groups were to be used in this offensive. The first group, led by Field Marshal von Rundstedt, was (with Spanish assistance) to capture Gibraltar. "The attack on Gibraltar had been so fully prepared," said Goering, enthusiastically, "that it could not have failed" (Shulman, *Defeat in The West*, pp. 57-59).

The second group, under Field Mar-

shal von Bock, was to move through Italy into Tripolitania (Northern Africa).

The third army group, under Field Marshal List, was to drive through Greece and the Balkans to capture the Dardanelles and Ankara, Turkey—then it was to continue on to the Suez canal and capture the Near East oil fields (Shulman, *Defeat in The West*, pp. 57-59).

But Hitler had other ideas!

Hitler rejected the General Staff's carefully made plans to conquer the Mediterranean. He decided that he

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Now! New Power Bloc Stronger than Russia!

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happens—this entire European uniting on a political and military basis will be deferred, slowed down. In that event, it could run even a few more years before we fully see the prophesied United States of Europe.

Third Power Bloc

And because the Eternal Ruler of the entire Universe *is, in fact*, holding back the fury of World War III long enough to allow time for HIS OWN GOSPEL to go in great and multiplying POWER as a last WARNING to the world, *before* God allows calamity to strike, this postponement is entirely possible.

But, within a few years at least, it is positively certain! At present, West Berlin is the key that could trigger the sudden emergence to life of the ROMAN EMPIRE once again—probably called The United States of Europe this time.

In fright and terror of Russia—in total loss of confidence in United States determination to protect them from the Russian hordes—they will appeal to the Pope at Rome to use his good offices to

unite them. Ten nations will join in a political-military-economic-religious EMPIRE.

And when they do, you will KNOW the second coming of Jesus Christ to set up supreme WORLD GOVERNMENT—to save mankind from itself—to restore PEACE and happiness—is very near. For this European combine will not hold together. It will endure but a very SHORT TIME. And it will be *ended* by the coming of the all-powerful Christ!

Meanwhile, what of Britain? They are attempting to join the economic combine. But in all probability they will *not* be part of the United States of Europe. France probably will—and two or three others of the democracies of northwestern Europe. One phase of God's warning is to them—"COME OUT OF HER—[Babylon, or the United Europe]—MY PEOPLE, that you partake not of her sins and receive not of her plagues!" (Rev. 18:4.)

If you want full information of the prophecies on this "Beast" write for free booklet on the subject.

they believed my coal pile was getting bigger all the time instead of going down. I had fuel to give to some of my neighbors and still had a lot left over and plenty to start on next winter. All I have is my husband's pension check once a month and always have money left over. It sure pays to listen to God."

Woman from Kessinger, Kentucky

Correspondence Course Helps

"A man cannot know how foolish he is until he studies the Bible Course and sees himself as he is. I beg that you and followers pray God to forgive an old man that has reared a family without teaching them the truth about God."

Man from New Orleans, Louisiana

Breaks Bad Habit!

"About three weeks ago you sent me an article 'Should Christians Smoke?' After reading the article I have not smoked one cigarette since, nor any tobacco. I am very grateful to you that I have been able to break this very bad habit. Apart from saving money going up in smoke, my general health is much better, and I no longer suffer with coughing first thing in the morning."

Man from Sussex, England

(*Editor's Comment:* Anyone who has this problem should write for the article on smoking. Many people have been encouraged to quit smoking after reading it.)

Letters to the Editor

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I believe and trust in Him.' That is why I am writing for the booklet 'Does God Exist?' and the article 'Seven Proofs God Exists.'"

Man from Watha, North Carolina

(*Editor's Comment:* Many people fall into this category. Can you prove God's existence? or have you always taken it for granted? If so you should write for our free booklet "Does God Exist?" today.)

Motor Company Employees Listen

"Many of my fellow employees are listening to The WORLD TOMORROW. I work at Ford Motor Company which employs around 2,000 men on the day shift. The WORLD TOMORROW precedes the UAW-CIO program which comes on at 5:30 a.m. One of the head union committeemen, whose job it is to wander around the plant and keep a check on

the men and talk to them, stopped to ask me if that was my church's program. I replied, 'Yes.' He told me that I would be surprised to know how many of the men in the plant were listening to it. Some of the comments about the program from men are: 'Mr. Armstrong is really sharp.' 'Mr. Armstrong has some good points, but I don't agree with everything he says.' 'Mr. Armstrong uses very good English and has a good speaking voice.' Another head union man says he would not miss the program."

Man from Kansas City

Coal Pile Gets Bigger!

"Since tithing now for over two years I have really prospered. When I first started I was burning oil lamps. I now have light, refrigerator, fan and a warmer house. My coal pile lasted so much more, every one of my neighbors said

Delighted With Bible Story

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Today we received our copy of the Bible Story by Basil Wolverton and are delighted with it. I found the time to view all of the illustrations and to read the descriptive matter of each. They are indeed superb. As an artist, Mr. Wolverton really has a style. We consider it both a privilege and an honor to receive a fine book of literature and art. We sincerely thank you both."

Couple from Fallbrook, California

(*Editor's comment:* We regret that many American and Canadian readers who asked for the "Children's Bible Story," Volume I, have not yet received their copy. The response was so great we are having another edition printed. Please be patient and you will receive your copy.)

Just What do You MEAN— SALVATION?

Do you realize not one in a hundred knows what it is—how to get it—when you receive it? Don't be too sure you do! Here, once for all, is the TRUTH made so plain you will really UNDERSTAND it!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

COULD you, yourself, answer these questions? If someone asked you to open your Bible and show him exactly *where* the Bible says salvation means *going to heaven*—could you do it?

Is salvation a *place*, a *destination*, a *condition*, a *reward*—or *WHAT?* . . . and *where* would you turn in your Bible to find it? Are you sure?

Could you open your Bible and show a questioner where it tells you *when* you receive salvation? Do you actually get it *now*, when you die, when Christ returns—or at some other time? This article will show you plainly.

Are you, at conversion, an inheritor, an heir to inherit, or what—and just what *does* one inherit?

Suppose you were asked what connection there is between salvation and that *whole third* of the Bible devoted to prophecy. Could you explain it? Another third or more of the Bible is taken up with history. Can you explain the connection of this vast amount of Scripture with *salvation*? Can you believe *MOST* of the Bible is totally un-concerned with the matter of salvation?

Let's Make it PLAIN!

Religious people talk about "getting saved." Yet even most religious people understand no more of what the Bible teaches about salvation—the real meaning of the word "salvation"—than a certain young man did about another religious expression.

He said to me, "I gave my heart to the Lord at the revival meeting last night."

"Well," I said, "Just what do you *mean*—you gave your heart to the Lord? Just how did you do that? Did you reach in your hand, take your heart out, and actually hand it to the Lord—

WHY

do some misrepresent, saying we teach "salvation by **WORKS**"? *They know better!* This surprising article will make the **TRUTH** not only *plain*, but tremendously **INTERESTING!** You'll see how millions have been deceived into a **FALSE** salvation.

and was He really right there, in Person?"

"Well, uh—uh—" he stammered, confused, "uh—well, no, I didn't do that."

"Then just what *did* you do? *How* did you 'give your heart to the Lord'?" He stammered some more, then guessed he didn't know.

That's the way it is with a lot of people who say "I got saved." They don't really know what they mean by "getting saved."

Do you know what the **BIBLE** teaches about salvation? Millions of sincere people have *supposed* they knew—yet have been deceived into accepting a **FALSE SALVATION**.

It's about time to get to the plain **WHYS**, **WHATS**, **HOWS**, and **WHENS**, so you can see it clearly, plainly, right in your own **BIBLE!** *Why* should the most important thing in life be a vague, mysterious, superstitious, etherial, meaningless thing?

I'm going to make it **PLAIN—in your Bible!** So prepare yourself for a **SHOCK!** And don't believe me—**BELIEVE THE BIBLE!**

What Salvation Is

While the real truth must come from the Bible, the dictionary definition may help a little. Webster defines "salvation" as: "1. The saving of man from the

spiritual consequences of sin; especially deliverance from sin and eternal damnation. . . . 2. Preservation from destruction, failure, or other evil."

Now we need to learn the Bible definition of **SIN**, and to see what the Bible reveals the spiritual **CONSEQUENCES** to be. Whatever the **CONSEQUENCES**, Webster says salvation is to save you *from* it—and in this the Bible shows Webster was right. Also salvation means **PRESERVATION**—and in this, we shall see the Bible affirms the definition.

But why would you *need* to be saved from the spiritual **CONSEQUENCES** of sin? And **WHY**, if you are an immortal soul, do you need *preservation from destruction*? What has this to do with **YOU?**

Suppose you say, "Look, I don't go to church. I don't pretend to be religious. Why should I be concerned with all these religious words like 'sin' and 'salvation' and 'spiritual consequences'?"

Does this concern *only* religious people?

WHY You Are Concerned

God Almighty, who designed, created, and sustains human life—including *yours*, says this: "ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23).

That involves YOU!

Right now you probably have no conception of what is meant by "the glory of God" you have come short of. You'll *really* open your eyes in astonishment when that is made plain to you.

But, whatever **SIN** is, *you have sinned*. ALL humans have! Christ, only, is excepted. *You are involved*. And since salvation is saving man from the *consequences* of sin (and the Bible affirms this, as we shall see), let God's Word tell you what the *consequences* are.

It is plain and simple. Here it is: "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

But why have you heard—and possibly believed—just the opposite? *Look at that*—read it in your own BIBLE! *Notice!* The wages you are going to be paid for having sinned is DEATH! Then why do so many religious people teach exactly the opposite of the Bible—WHY do they teach that the wages of sin is ETERNAL LIFE in hell?

Look at that again, in your Bible! On the one hand, the penalty is DEATH—on the other hand, the gift is ETERNAL LIFE. The two are contrasted—it is one or the other—DEATH, or ETERNAL LIFE.

Right here let me make VERY PLAIN one thing THE BIBLE teaches. A few persecutors have accused us of teaching "a salvation by WORKS"—that is, that our "works" *earn* salvation. Let it be made clear and plain right here that your "WORKS"—your *evil* works—*do earn something*—but it is NOT SALVATION—what they *earn*—the WAGES they earn—is DEATH, and *not* salvation!

Further, let's get this point straight and plain right here—ETERNAL LIFE is *not* something you can *earn*, it is GOD'S GIFT through Christ! That is the plain teaching of YOUR BIBLE! You earn wages. The only wages you can earn is DEATH. Your Bible says that. We say that. But our accusers actually teach the very thing they accuse us of teaching!!!—they teach that ETERNAL LIFE is the wages you EARN by your works—even though it is eternal life in hell fire!

Again—Your BIBLE says very plainly that "the GIFT of God is ETERNAL LIFE." Now this very verse (and all others in the Bible bearing on the subject agree) says plainly that what you RECEIVE by God's GRACE—as His GIFT, is ETERNAL LIFE. It says that eternal life is something you have to OBTAIN as a GIFT from GOD! Therefore SALVATION actually IS "ETERNAL LIFE"—a GIFT! But do you know the accusers who try to discredit this very work of God DENY THAT? They actually DENY that eternal life comes only as God's GIFT by grace and through Christ. THEY SAY YOU ALREADY HAVE ETERNAL

LIFE. They say you are an "IMMORTAL SOUL"!

Yes, this is amazing!

This is important! This is the crux of the whole question—of life—of the reason for existence! If you have an immortal soul—if you already *have* eternal life—then the Bible is not true when it says plainly eternal life is a GIFT from God. According to the Bible, what the "saved" receive as God's GIFT through Jesus Christ is ETERNAL LIFE. Salvation, then, actually *is* the receiving of something you don't now have—ETERNAL LIFE. And if that Bible statement is TRUE, then our accusers are FALSE!

They try to deceive people into believing they do not need to be saved *from death* by Christ's free grace—by His shed blood. They say you do not need saving *from death* at all. They say, as Satan deceived mother Eve, that you will not surely die—you are—or have—an immortal soul!

NOTICE THIS IN YOUR BIBLE!

It's time to quit believing and following MEN. Look in your own Bible. BELIEVE GOD!!

WHY You Are Helpless

Now does the Bible say anywhere that you are, or have, an "IMMORTAL SOUL"?

For years we offered \$1,000 to anyone who can show any place where the words "immortal soul" are found in the Bible. No one ever found it!

WHY IS IT that religious people speak continually about "your immortal soul," about "going to heaven," about dead loved ones being now "with the Lord," and many other such things supposed to be the BASIC beliefs of Christianity—and yet *never once showing you any such teaching* IN THE BIBLE! They *talk* of these teachings *as if* they were true. They lead you to take these teachings for granted—to suppose they came from the Bible.

What does the Bible teach about the soul? Will you read it in your own Bible? Don't take my word for it—don't believe me—BELIEVE GOD!

Read it, in Ezekiel 18:4: "The soul that sinneth, *it shall die.*" Yes, again, the wages of sin is DEATH—that soul that sins shall DIE!

That truth about the soul is so important God caused it to be written twice. Turn now to Ezekiel 18:20: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Souls are not immortal. Your Bible says they can DIE!

But the deceiver may say "That's in the Old Testament." Read in the NEW Testament that ALL Scripture—all that Timothy had known from youth, which was the Old Testament—is given by inspiration of God (II Timothy 3:15-16).

Again, in the NEW Testament: Jesus Christ Himself said you should "fear him which is able to *destroy* both *soul* and *body* in gehenna"—a fire that will *burn them up*—cause them to DIE—*destroy* what is burned! Oh, yes, the Bible does teach *that* kind of hell fire—but not the kind where one burns forever and yet never burns up (Matthew 10:28). Let's *believe* Jesus Christ when He says souls can be DESTROYED! They are NOT immortal!

This may come as a surprise: not only is it true that there is no such expression anywhere in the Bible as "immortal soul," but the word "immortal" occurs *only once* in all the Bible—in I Timothy 1:17, where it refers to GOD as being immortal.

Further, the word "immortality" can be found only five times in all the Bible. In Romans 2:7 you will read it is something for us to *seek for*. Of course! It is the GIFT of GOD, who has it to give! You don't need to *seek for* something you already have! In I Corinthians 15:53, and again in verse 54, immortality is something the "saved" shall *put on*, AT THE TIME OF THE RESURRECTION. In I Timothy 6:16 it speaks of the resurrected and glorified Christ, who, *only*, of all who have been born human, has immortality. And finally, in II Timothy 1:10, immortality is something Jesus Christ brought to light—made possible for us to receive—through the Gospel.

So the Bible teaches that the soul is NOT immortal, but is mortal, subject to DEATH as the penalty of sin!

Now where does this leave YOU? Let's get back to YOU!

All have sinned. That includes you. The penalty is DEATH! You do not possess eternal life from natural birth.

Christ said: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh" (John 3:6). So you are only mortal, material FLESH. You are "of the earth—earthly" (I Cor. 15:47). The "life" you were born with is merely temporary chemical existence! You live by breathing air in and out of your lungs—the *breath of life*.

You are only one breath away from death—the cessation of the existence we call "life." If you don't draw that next breath, you can't keep alive or conscious ten more minutes. There is no immortal soul that will keep you alive and conscious. You ARE a soul (Gen. 2:7) that has *sinned*, and so shall DIE, unless saved from it by Christ's grace.

If your heart does not make that next beat, there is nothing in you to keep you alive ten minutes. You exist by breathing of air and circulation of blood—fed by food and water. You have only temporary CHEMICAL EXISTENCE. You are like a clock wound up, and running down. You don't know at what second it will stop!

You can't give yourself any LIFE beyond this running-down chemical existence. There is no eternal life inherent in you. Nothing you can do will produce it, supply it, or EARN it. You can't get it by *your own works!*

What your own works have done for you is earn for you the PENALTY of death. And it is ETERNAL DEATH—*eternal punishment!* You see, everyone has "WORKS"—either good or bad.

GOD—and God *only*—has immortality! Instead of *assuming* carelessly the pagan teaching of "immortality of the soul," turn again to I Timothy 6:16 and read it with your own eyes in your own Bible! The risen Christ, and He only, of all who were born human, has immortality. God has immortality—life *inherent*, in Himself (John 5:26). He has given to the Son, Jesus Christ, also to have LIFE *in Himself*. And only GOD can impart eternal life to YOU! It comes through Christ.

But how are you going to go to God? Your past sins not only have condemned you under penalty of death—they also have put a total BARRIER between you and God. They have cut you off from all access to God!

Read it! See it in your own Bible: "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not short-

ened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but *your iniquities have separated between you and your God*, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2).

HOW Seek God?

So HOW, when this barrier stands between you, are you going to GO TO GOD to obtain eternal life?

Again Isaiah answers: "SEEK ye the Eternal while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: *let the wicked forsake HIS WAY*, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: . . . For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Eternal" (Isa. 55:6-8).

So now you SEEK GOD, so you may obtain eternal LIFE from Him. You REPENT! You forsake *your way* of life, and turn to God's way. But you find something is *still lacking!* You find you still are cut off! The barrier is still there! Do you know why?

At this point we need to stop and find out what is meant by that word "SIN."

Haven't you honestly been a bit confused by this religious terminology? You hear people talk about "sin," "getting saved," "under law or under grace," "justification," "sanctified," "heaven," "hell," "predestination," and dozens of other terms. Haven't they been pretty vague to you—rather meaningless? Do you know that most religious people who use all these religious words usually don't know any more than you do what they really MEAN?

What Do You Mean—SIN?

We started by quoting the Scripture "ALL have sinned." We said that included YOU!

But *what is SIN?* Why, when men preach, don't you hear *that* explained, defined, made clear and understandable? WHY are these religious terms used most of the time loosely, vaguely, meaninglessly?

Once, in Springfield, Oregon, a young man with a Bible in his hand accosted me on the street. An evangelist had come to town and pitched a tent. He brought with him a "gospel team" including some eight young men of col-

lege age, who roamed the streets carrying Bibles, stopping people and inviting them to attend the services. One stopped me.

"Well now," I said, "Does your evangelist teach that Christ saves us from SIN?" He assured me he did.

"Well, what I want to know," I persisted, "is what I have to quit DOING—or what I have DONE that you call 'SIN.' Just what *is* 'SIN'?"

"Well," he answered, "Christ died for our sins."

"But that doesn't tell me exactly *what* I've done that Christ had to die for," I insisted. "What *is* 'SIN'?"

"Christ DIED for our sins," came the reply.

"Yes, I know—you said that before. But what *is* this thing, 'SIN,' that He died for? What do I have to quit doing? Can you open that Bible you have, and show me the BIBLE DEFINITION of the word 'SIN'? Is there a place in the Bible where it gives a plain definition—where it says 'sin is—' and then in plain words tells what it is?"

He called to a second of the young men—then a third, and a fourth. Finally, with a large crowd gathering, they called the evangelist himself. But even he could not—or *would not*—turn to the Bible answer! One by one, they all slunk away!

Then I took a Bible out of my briefcase, turned to I John 3:4, and read to the crowd:

"Sin is the transgression of the Law."

But *what* law? This is explained in Romans 7. So next I read:

"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay I had not known sin but by the law"—or, in the plainer English of the Moffatt translation: "Why, had it not been for the Law, I would never have known what sin meant!" In other words, the Law *defines* sin. Sin is breaking the Law. But *what* Law? Continuing, same verse: "for I had not known lust, except the Law had said, Thou shalt not covet." (Rom. 7:7).

There we are told plainly *what* Law it is SIN to transgress. It is the Law that says: "Thou shalt not covet." That Law IS the Ten Commandments. It is SIN to break the Ten Commandments.

In verses 12 and 14 of this same 7th chapter of Romans you will read that

the Law is *holy, just and good*, and that it is a SPIRITUAL LAW—a law of spiritual principles of living!

Of course the whole spiritual Law may be summed up in the word LOVE. This may be divided into the two Great Commandments, love toward GOD, and love toward *neighbor*. The first four of the Ten Commandments tell us *how* to love GOD; the last six *how* to love neighbor. The WHOLE BIBLE elaborates, showing the principles involved, until it includes the entire RIGHT WAY OF LIFE!

Now notice Romans 3:20. "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

Of course! False accusers to the contrary notwithstanding, THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WE TEACH. Keeping the law will not justify anyone. We have all sinned. We cannot justify this guilt we have incurred—we cannot avoid the wages we have earned—DEATH—by obedience, goodness, works, or anything we can do.

Let's make that REAL PLAIN! Most women carry a mirror in their purses. A woman takes out her mirror, steals a glance at her face, discovers dirt on it. Does she try to wash off the dirt with the mirror? Ridiculous? Yes, of course. Looking into the mirror won't cleanse the dirt already there. WHY? Because BY the mirror comes the KNOWLEDGE that the dirt is there! Now God's LAW is His spiritual mirror. Your Bible says so—plainly (James 1:22-25). You look into GOD'S LAW. It shows you the spiritual dirt on your heart. To HEAR God's Word, which corrects, reproves and rebukes (II Tim. 3:16) and then DO NOTHING about the spiritual dirt it reveals is like a man beholding his face in a mirror, seeing the dirt—gaining knowledge of it—then forgetting how dirty he is—doing nothing about it.

God's LAW is His spiritual mirror. But keeping yourself from becoming more dirty today does not wash off the dirt already there. So, "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight"—WHY? Because "by the law is the KNOWLEDGE of sin." OF COURSE!

Sin IS "the transgression of the law." Paul would not have *known* it was sin

to lust, except the LAW had said "Thou shalt not covet." The function of the Law is to tell us *what sin is!* Not to cleanse us of yesterday's sin or last year's sin.

There can never be a LAW, unless there is a *penalty* for its violation. And, where "no law is, there is no transgression" (Rom. 4:15) and could be no penalty—no punishment. If the wages—the punishment—of sin is death, and death is the penalty, then there is a LAW. And if there is no law being broken, there is no transgression and no penalty—and then we need no Saviour—no salvation FROM the punishment.

Now WHERE did the Law come from? Again, through James, God says "There is ONE LAWGIVER" (James 4:12). That is GOD. God set in motion many laws—laws of physics and chemistry among them. The great law of LOVE is a *spiritual* law. It is THE WAY of peace, of happiness—of right relationship with God and with human neighbor. It is inexorable—a *living* law as much fixed and in motion as laws of gravity and inertia. To break it is to turn in the opposite direction from peace, happiness, security, abundance, and toward strife, fear, worry, unhappiness, suffering, death. The final wages you earn travelling that WAY is DEATH!

Yes, the wages of sin is DEATH. But we have HOPE! The GIFT of GOD is eternal LIFE.

So now, where are we? Eternal life can be had only from GOD. So, as stated above, you seek GOD. But you find a tremendous, impenetrable barrier—your sins you have committed. Until they are JUSTIFIED you have no access to God. Isaiah 55:6-8, already quoted, says that IF you would seek God the sinner must forsake HIS WAY, and turn to GOD'S WAY. God's LAW is God's WAY—and sin, the transgression of His Law—rebellion and disobedience—is YOUR way.

So now you forsake YOUR WAY—you forsake SIN or breaking His Law. You forsake breaking it by keeping it—OBEYING it. At least you try—you do it the very best you can.

LAW-KEEPING Won't Justify!

But what do you find? YOU ARE STILL CUT OFF FROM GOD!

Actually, as we shall see in a moment,

you can't keep a spiritual law with a carnal mind. But, even if you could, your OBEDIENCE now is *only what is required of you now!* It does not make up for PAST law-breaking. That penalty still hangs over you. As we have seen, by being law-abiding *now*, no flesh shall be JUSTIFIED of past law-breaking! A man convicted of committing murder last month does not erase his sentence by being law-abiding this month.

THAT IS WHAT YOUR BIBLE TEACHES! And that is what *The PLAIN TRUTH* teaches! That is what Herbert W. Armstrong and Garner Ted Armstrong and The WORLD TOMORROW program proclaims to the whole world! GET THAT STRAIGHT! All the good WORKS in the *(Please continue on page 36)*

What is the Best Age to Marry?

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and 25, when she has utilized those top aptitude years for preparation, and is prepared to assume the *duties* of widowhood and motherhood—the responsibilities of planning, decorating, arranging a home, keeping it, and being a help and inspiration to her husband.

I sincerely believe, in view of what God has developed, that He brought about circumstances and influences to shape my early life, and also my wife's, as a preparation for a very great worldwide work He willed to accomplish. I believe I was steered and guided by His unseen Hand in ways I did not realize then. And Mrs. Armstrong and I were married when we were both 25. We were mature enough to assume the responsibilities.

Our marriage has been *happy*, and blest beyond words to describe. And, after all these years during which God has blest us with four fine children, equally fine sons- and daughters-in-law, and eleven fine grandchildren, our marriage is still happy beyond words to describe. In fact it is happier now than ever before, because it has grown constantly more and more happy. WHAT A BLESSING!

Wouldn't you like yours to be equally so? Then heed! Use wisdom!

SO YOU'RE PARENTS!

What IS a child? HOW does he learn? WHEN should you begin to teach him? These are some of the basic fundamental questions of childrearing. In this issue, we are ready to begin understanding some of the beginning principles of how to train your children—and when to begin.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

CONGRATULATIONS!" say all the friends, relatives and greeting cards to the beaming parents! And what a tremendous moment it is—bringing a newborn child into the world—introducing him around!

And what a RESPONSIBILITY! Youthful couples, carefree and unencumbered, suddenly become aware of a GREAT RESPONSIBILITY! Let's begin to see just *how* great—and come to understand some of the most vital principles in sound child training!

A Plan of Action

Countless thousands of little babies are carried into homes where exists the naive assumption that all the knowledge and understanding necessary for the care and training of children has come to exist *automatically* by virtue of the arrival of the infant.

There are many mechanics, engineers, artists or musicians today who are competent in their fields merely because they had the tools, machinery or instruments near them as a part of their environment. Many mechanics are grown-up boys who began "tinkering" with machines and automobiles—learning by trial and error—taking them apart and seeing how they were put together again.

This, sad to say, is the identical type of training course pursued by most parents in the art of child training. Simply because the baby is near at hand, and is now a wanted or unwanted inheritance of the family, parents blithely *assume* the child will develop just as they desire.

"Competent parenthood is looked upon generally as a sort of magic endowment that makes study unnecessary. No grasp of the responsibilities and no vision of the great possibilities are considered essential when entering the career. Sometimes there is no special desire for children—merely a lucky accident. . . . No special thought is given to new character problems that arise from day to day. No

plan of action is outlined" (*As the Twig Is Bent*, Hohman, p. 2).

What, then, are the new parents to do? From all sides comes the hue and cry that the oldest profession on earth—that of rearing children—is facing abysmal failure. There are seemingly countless books on child study, child feeding and care, child training, child rearing, child psychology, and just about "child-everything!" The parents are assured that *no one* today really knows HOW to rear children properly. Where are they to turn? The books, articles, and other trivia dealing with the subject are confusing, to say the least.

And so—where does the parent turn to learn of this strange new life, this squirming, wriggling, crying, giggling tiny reproduction of themselves?

Observe a marvelous "mechanical brain." Here is a phenomenal machine, filled with thousands of miles of intricate wiring, complete with a complex panel so dizzying, so technical as to stupefy the average layman. However, in observing how this machine functions, a little of its outward looks, and watching one or two repair operations, one of the laymen takes it in his head to write a book advising other laymen exactly what this machine is all about!

But wait! *Which* would you rather read? The book written by the recent observer—or the *manual* published by the inventor and manufacturer?

Has *no one* ever thought of going to the INVENTOR of children? He is God!

"And God said, let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth. . . ." (Gen. 1:26-28).

Yes, difficult though it seems to be for the most "modern" to accept the amazing truth that God is Creator—the existence and the work of the Divine Architect stand clearly proved! (Write for our free booklet, "Does God Exist?")

God did not leave His creation in the dark! He then ". . . *commanded the man,*" (Gen. 2:16) giving him certain specific *instructions* on HOW TO LIVE!

God *gave* to man a *manual*, a textbook, an instruction book on how the human machine works! Since God is its Creator and its Inventor, God is the One who knows exactly how it operates. God gave to man certain essential knowledge—which man could not have otherwise discovered for himself! The *Bible*, the inspired and holy word of God is the most BASIC of all books on the subject of how to rear children!

Men have not *wanted* to follow the manual of the Inventor—but have turned to the misknowledge of casual observers.

Just as two and two make four, so does the *fact* that today's colossal problems have been created by the poorly trained babies of yesterday!

Men have *rejected* this source, this revealed knowledge of how to live!

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication . . . murder, debate, deceit . . . inventors of evil things, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS . . ." (Rom. 1:28-30).

The logical, the inevitable and the IMMEDIATE outcome of rejecting God's basic revealed will is—DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS!

Today, the world is faced with the most gigantic tidal wave of juvenile lawlessness and violence that has ever infected society since its dimmest recorded beginnings.

What is the best *source* for right knowledge about child training? The

"manual of the Inventor"—the inspired word of God—*your Bible!*

What Is a Child?

This question is asked—and richly deserves to be answered—simply because, by their actions, it seems many do not honestly know! All too often, newborn babies, and especially a *first* child, are treated as if they were "little green men from Mars!" Is it any wonder? There seem to be more "rules" written about this squirming infant than can be perused in the average lifetime of a normal adult! "Do this!" or "Don't do that!" is heard from every side.

The newcomer arrives as a total stranger. According to usual procedures, the father has been allowed brief glimpses of his progeny through the double thick glass of the supposedly sterilized maternity ward in the hospital. But now he is home. All of a sudden, it seems, your entire homelife is completely topsy-turvy. Every sigh, every chuckle, and especially every *cry* from the new arrival sends your little household into a veritable frenzy. There are bottles to be carefully sterilized (since most "moderns" think it quite old-fashioned, and possibly ruinous to the figure, to nurse their babies), formulas to be mixed, schedules to be met, diapers to be folded and carefully stacked, room temperatures to be checked, morning, noon and nighttime feedings—and every time the child howls you are told with all authority he most *certainly* has the colic, and, the chances are, the doctor should be called!

Sound ridiculous? But it isn't! It is all too often the normal procedure—the accepted routine in the arrival of a first child.

But let's clear the air—and come down to earth. Rather than treat the new arrival as something made of the most fragile glass, let's get a true perspective, and realize just what a child really IS!

First, he is a *human being!* He is an exact miniature copy of yourselves. He probably has, though it is sometimes undiscernible at such an early stage, your own looks, your very own nature, your own voice, and some of your talents. However, he is also an *individual* with a mind definitely all his own. But exactly what IS this human self, this separate

entity, this newborn child?

Let's go to the *manual* of the Inventor—the inspired word of God—and see what He says.

"What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that Thou visitest him?"

"For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor" (Psalms 8:4, 5).

A new human life is made in the exact similitude of Divine Life! God said "Let us make man in *Our image!*" But so far God has made man merely a physical *replica*, and far from an exact copy of God in character!

"O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me . . . for there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether . . ."

"For Thou hast possessed my reins; thou hast knit me together [margin] in my mother's womb.

"I will praise Thee; for I am *fearfully* and *wonderfully* made: Marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

"My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

"Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which day by day [margin] were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them" (Psalms 139:1, 4, 13-16).

Yes, we are fearfully and wonderfully *made!* But now let's see a little about the *nature* of the tiny, infantile mind!

Babies Are Carnal!

The apostle Paul reveals:

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: For it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

Jeremiah was inspired to write:

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: Who can know it?"

"I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jer. 17:9, 10).

Every little baby is born with *carnal* nature. Carnal means nothing more than physical, sensual, earthly nature! Carnal as opposed to spiritual! Fleshly, not yet begotten of God's Holy Spirit!

Many dozens of scriptures in the *Holy Bible* explain this carnal nature as a *mixture* of good and evil, a nature of *basic* selfishness, of wanting to *get* for the self, rather than give to others.

Observe the *perfect* example of carnality in a young baby! The baby is

totally incapable of any such thing as "thought" at just a few days of age. Yet it is already perfectly carnal! There is no "reasoning process" by which the baby simply *decides* to howl at 2 or 3 a.m.. If the father has had a very busy and nerve-racking day at the office, the mother has had to do an unusually large washing, clean house, tend the baby and prepare the meals, and both are very tired—the child is totally unable to think of, understand or comprehend any of these things. The *impulse* of hunger, discomfort, lonesomeness, or the pain of an upset stomach is all that is necessary to launch the child on a yowling, howling tirade until it gets what it wants. This is not stated here to say that it is *wrong* or *unnecessary* to tend to a baby when it cries at night, nor to see to its needs—but to illustrate the *fact* that we are all born with basic carnal nature, which thinks only of *self*.

On the other hand, one of the greatest blessings God ever promised some of His patriarchs was the blessing of children! Abraham, *by faith*, waited many years for a son! All of the promises which God gave to ancient Israel had to do with the begetting of healthy children! God says:

"He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord!" (Psalms 113:9).

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: And the fruit of the womb is His reward.

"As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

"Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate" (Psalms 127:3-5).

Children are *precious*, priceless gifts from Almighty God to any parents! What a pity that more parents today do not understand the *REAL MIRACLE* of childbirth, and give God thanks for it! A child is the sweetest, most lovely and beautiful, altogether most exciting and completely satisfying thing that can happen to a young married couple who are truly in love!

God says:

"Blessed is everyone that fears the Eternal; that walketh in His ways.

"For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands; *happy* shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

"Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: Thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

"Behold that thus shall the man be blest
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TRUE "Christianity"

Just What Is It?

by Roderick C. Meredith

YOU ARE living in one of the most awesome moments of human history. Apart from God, it might well mark the END of human history!

President Kennedy stated in his inaugural address: "The world is very different now. For man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty AND ALL FORMS OF HUMAN LIFE" (emphasis ours).

If somewhere there is a REAL God, then you had better *find Him* and *serve Him!*

Is Religion RIDICULOUS?

Many people "hold off" any really deep religious feelings because they have seen too much NONSENSE parading about under the name of "Christianity."

They have seen fiery-eyed, iron-lunged evangelists screaming at the top of their lungs that "the end of the world may be tonight!" They have seen so-called "healers" shout: "Be healed!" only to check up and learn that the supposedly crippled person wasn't really crippled, or that some other form of trickery was employed on an obviously illiterate and emotionally swayed crowd.

Many thinking people are just plain TIRED of *religious pretense*. They are weary with supporting "Christian" ministers who aren't even sure whether Christ existed and certainly don't believe in His virgin birth or resurrection from the dead. They have had enough of "do good" organizations dominated by frustrated, tranquilizer-pill-taking modern society women who know nothing more about God, the Bible, or the true *purpose* of life than a well-trained mosquito.

To the casual observer, CONFUSION seems to dominate modern "Christianity."

WHY?

Part of the answer is contained in

this recent press clipping: "Some months ago, a Protestant pastor administered a Bible quiz to members of his congregation. The questions were very simple. Anyone with a general knowledge of the Bible could have been able to answer all of them easily. The results staggered the pastor. Only *five percent* of his flock made a commendable grade on the test. Fifteen percent failed to give a single correct answer. *Sixty percent were unable to name the four Gospels. Seventy-five percent could not identify Calvary as the place where Jesus was crucified.* Some congregations might do better than that. But not many. THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS TODAY ARE BIBLICAL ILLITERATES. They simply have never read the book which they profess to regard as 'the Word of God.'"

God's Truth Can Be PROVED

As the above example clearly indicates, most people may have vague ideas about Christ or Christianity—but THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE!

In actual fact, most regular churchgoers know almost NOTHING about the *message* of the Bible—the Book on which they supposedly base their faith!

This is an age of *great scientific knowledge* and of potential WORLD SUICIDE which this material knowledge now makes possible. Yet it is an age of great IGNORANCE of the Bible—the very Book that offers the *only real hope* for this hell-bent age.

But many thousands of you are coming to the realization that over "The WORLD TOMORROW" broadcast and through the pages of this magazine you are receiving the *very MESSAGE* that Jesus Christ brought to save this world from itself. If—in this age of chaos—you are to come under the blessing and protection of the God and Father of Jesus Christ, you need to be *sure* of

that message—*act* on it, OBEY it.

You need to PROVE to yourself once and for all that there is a *personal*, living, active, all-powerful, Creator God. You must know that the Bible is His inspired Word—His direct revelation to man of that essential knowledge of the real *purpose* of life and of the spiritual *laws* of life which, if obeyed, will bring happiness and success. You must *prove* and *know* that the Holy Scriptures carry *authority*—that they are backed up by the power of the living God Who gives you every breath of air you breathe.

You may already understand these things. But be sure that you have *proven* them to the extent that you would FEAR to *disobey* the Commands of God in His Holy Word. It must be regarded as an AUTHORITY over your very life. Christ said: "He that rejecteth me, and *receiveth not my words*, hath one that judgeth him: the word which I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

Once you have fully proved these basic principles to yourself, then you need to study and understand and obey the true MESSAGE of Almighty God contained in His Word. You must respect and fear the Living God enough to OBEY His Commands.

The MESSAGE of Christianity

The clearest revelation of God's plan and purpose was revealed by Jesus Christ, His Son. And after all, to be a "Christian" simply means to believe in and *obey* what Jesus taught—to *accept* and *submit* to the MESSAGE He brought from God the Father. Jesus stated: "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (John 12:49). So Christ's *message* is direct from God the Father.

It is to be *obeyed!* Jesus came to "re-

veal" the Father (Mat. 11:27). Above all else, He revealed God as the over-all, supreme RULER of the universe. He taught that man is not to follow his own ideas and traditions, but is to "live by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). "Search the scriptures," Jesus said.

Christ taught His disciples to pray: "Thy kingdom come. Thy WILL be done, as in heaven, so in earth" (Luke 11:2).

He continually taught *obedience* to the LAW and WILL of God. When a young man asked Him the way to eternal life, Jesus answered: "If thou wilt enter into life, *keep the commandments*" (Mat. 19:17).

So if you are to be a true Christian, you must yield yourself to OBEY God's will, keep the Ten Commandments specifically, and surrender your will so completely to your Maker that you will "live by EVERY word of God."

The entire New Testament reveals that God purposes to form within those whom He calls *holy, righteous, perfect, spiritual character* as a prerequisite to the precious gift of eternal life in His Kingdom. The basis of this character is the absolute yieldedness of one to obey God's perfect spiritual law revealed by the Ten Commandments and spiritually magnified in the New Testament.

It involves a *complete surrender* of your personal will to God. It is a complete *change* in attitude, belief and way of life. The Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2).

But *human* will and strength cannot bring about this change. The spiritual love and power must come as a *gift* from God! This is a CHANGED life.

You have perhaps known of many people who made "resolutions" to live a better life; of drunks who decided to "give up the bottle"; of criminals who "reformed" by some means or other. If so, you will recall that most of these changes were neither permanent nor satisfactory. And even in those cases where a change in some area of life became permanent, the *entire* life, attitude, and actions were *not* totally yielded to the complete and perfect

will of the Creator by any means.

Human beings cut off from the true God can "reform" themselves to a limited extent. But they can NEVER affect that process we call "conversion." For *true* conversion is a TOTAL CHANGE which is brought about by God in one's very *mind* and *nature*.

After real conversion, you begin to *study* the Bible, *meditate* on God's Law, and *pray* and talk to God continually. By this process, and through His Spirit, you come to have the very *thoughts* and *nature* of God within you.

Your *whole* LIFE is completely *changed—converted*, and you *grow* in grace and knowledge day by day. In spiritual attitude and character, you become more like Christ in EVERY *phase of life*. Such a *total change* takes place within you as would be impossible to bring about or account for except as a supernatural act of the Almighty God.

But this supernatural help from God is available *only on certain very important conditions*.

You must first *repent of your ways*, you must turn from SIN *which is the transgression of God's spiritual Law contained in the Ten Commandments* (I John 3:4), and *believe* the true Gospel. Then there is another most important step you must take. That is *water baptism*.

Baptism Is a Christian Commandment

After total *repentance* and *belief* in the true Gospel, *water baptism* is the next essential step you must take to be truly converted and to receive of God's Holy Spirit. In fact, *it is a TEST of your real repentance and willingness to obey God*.

Jesus Christ commanded His apostles: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth *and is* BAPTIZED shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16).

Jesus meant EXACTLY what He said!

In His parting commission, Jesus said: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, BAPTIZING them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mat. 28:19).

In Peter's inspired sermon on the Day of Pentecost, he shouted: "*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).

Notice that you are *only* promised the GIFT of the Holy Spirit on condition that you *repent* and are *baptized*. Later, Peter speaks of the *Holy Spirit*, "Whom God hath given to them that OBEY him" (Acts 5:32).

You must DO what God says. You must repent and *be baptized* or you will NEVER receive of God's Holy Spirit. *There is no other way!*

The Apostle Paul states: "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9). In other words, unless you have fully *repented* of your sins, come to God through Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, and *been baptized* as He has commanded, you are NOT Christ's—you do *not* belong to Him.

Therefore, you are NOT a Christian in God's eyes—never have been—and never will be UNLESS you are finally willing to *surrender* your life to God the Father and accept Jesus Christ not only as your Saviour, but as your High Priest, your coming King, Your RULER—the One whom you will OBEY throughout *all eternity!* Then you will receive God's Holy Spirit AFTER such repentance and baptism.

God's Spirit is the very *nature* and *life* of God through which we become His begotten sons. His Spirit will help us grow to maturity in Christian character.

Its fruits are listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Notice them: "But the fruit of the Spirit is *love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance*"—or as better translated, "*self-control*."

The Holy Spirit gives us power for *self-mastery, self-discipline, self-control*. And through it, God's LOVE is shed abroad in our hearts (Rom. 5:5).

The Holy Spirit makes us like God, our Father. It is the power which ENABLES us to *obey* the Commandments of God! "For this is the love of God, that we *keep his* COMMANDMENTS: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

You NEED God's Spirit. You NEED His *guidance* and *spiritual strength*.

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HITLER'S SEVEN BLUNDERS

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would knock out Russia *first*. He expected to defeat Russia in about ten weeks and THEN he believed that the British—"who were already whipped"—would give up and surrender.

"Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel said, 'Instead of attacking Russia we should have strangled the British Empire by closing the Mediterranean. The first step in the operation would have been the conquest of Gibraltar. That was another great opportunity we MISSED . . .'"

Adolf Hitler momentarily conferring with his General Staff. As World War II progressed, Hitler made more and more decisions contrary to the advice of his brilliant military advisers.

Guderian said: "The presence of four to six panzer divisions in North Africa would have given us such overwhelming superiority that any British reinforcements would inevitably have arrived too late." Guderian also stated that "the weakness of the British in Egypt at that time was known to us. . . . The defenses of (the island of) Malta against air attack were inadequate" (Guderian, *The Panzer Leader*).

Again Hitler made the wrong deci-

sion. He decided to attack Russia first, and let the Italians—who were far weaker than he thought—conquer Africa and the Mediterranean.

Fatal Blunder Number Five

Hitler had expected to be free to conquer Russia and then to smash England—before the Americans could make themselves felt in Europe.

Hitler said, "The upstart Americans, their position rendered hopeless . . . would be taken care of." It was not a question, then, of WHETHER Hitler intended to *destroy* the United States, but a question of WHEN the mortal blow would be struck.

Hitler's fantastic conceit, his belief in absolute German superiority, caused him to vastly underestimate the strength of Russia and especially the United States. The Fuehrer and his henchmen were too arrogant to comprehend the great potential economic and military strength of the United States.

This utter miscomprehension of American power was Hitler's fifth fatal blunder.

Even so, Hitler would have won the Battle of Russia if God had not led him to make two more colossal blunders.

The Sixth Major Blunder

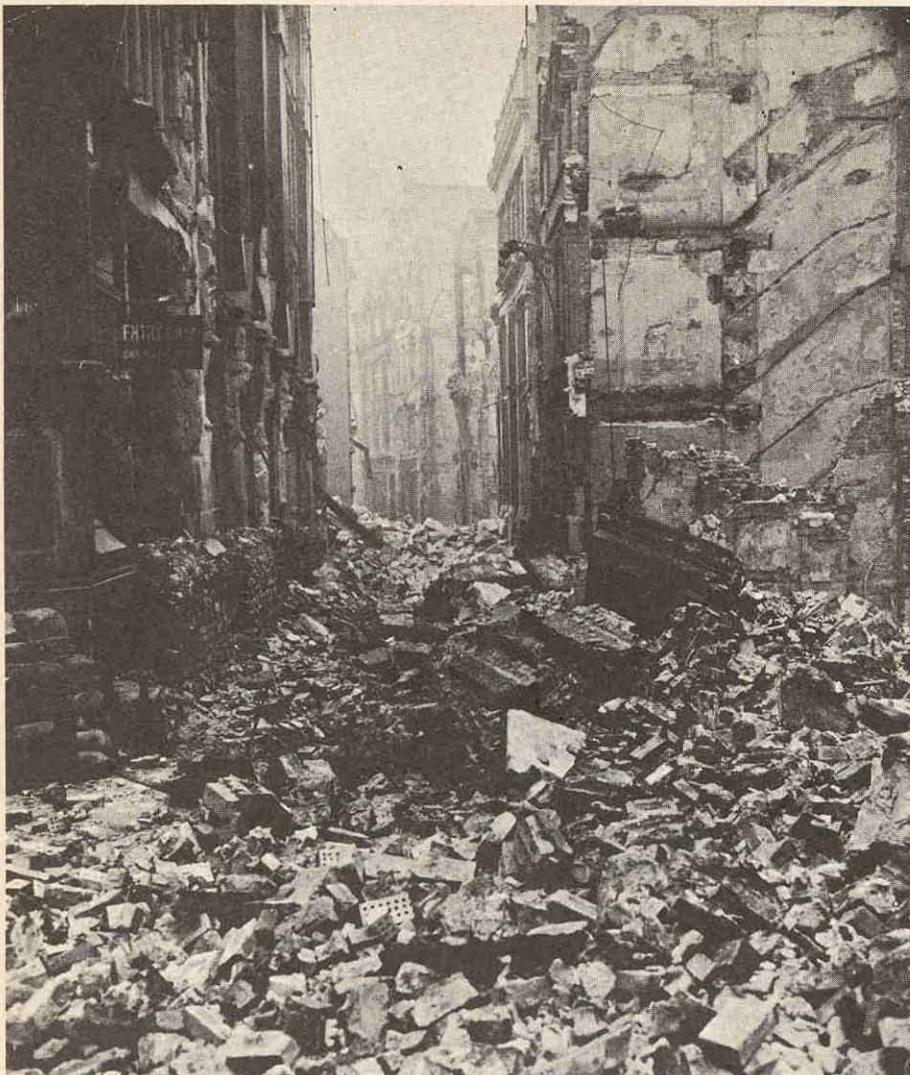
Let the "FACTS of HISTORY" speak for themselves. The German Blitzkrieg struck Russia at 3 o'clock in the morning, on June 22, 1941. Stalin's Red Army was taken by surprise. The Nazis overran the border at most places before the Russians could organize a defense. In fact, 3,800,000 prisoners were taken by the Germans in the first few weeks of the campaign (Shirer, pp. 952-3). Hundreds of Soviet planes were destroyed on the ground by this sudden surprise attack. The Nazi success was astonishing (Halder's Diary).

The Russian people often welcomed the German troops, who—they thought—were going to liberate them from the communists. Even whole divisions of the Red Army deserted to the Nazis.

The Germans were so confident of victory, that when an 800,000 man Ukrainian Army surrendered to them, and even pleaded to be allowed to fight against the hated communists, Hitler refused to let them fight. The S. S. troops

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London, 1940, this was a typical sight in the war-ravaged British capital following German bombing.

placed this willing, ready-made army inside a barbed-wire enclosure, without food and shelter. The overconfident Nazis left their would-be-friends out in the cold rain and snow to die.

Even the Nazis' own records confess that the "Soviet prisoners were deliberately starved and left out in the open . . . in the terrible . . . winter of 1941-42" (*Nazi Conspiracy and Aggression*, III, pp. 126-30, Nuremberg Document 081-PS).

The Nazi attitude toward anybody other than a German was revealed by Goering, who said in 1941, "This year between twenty and thirty million persons will die of hunger in Russia . . . CERTAIN NATIONS *must* be decimated. In the camps for Russian prisoners they have begun to eat each other" (Ciano's Diplomatic Papers, pp. 464-65).

Hitler himself said, "The war against Russia . . . will have to be conducted with unprecedented, unmerciful and *unrelenting* HARSHNESS" (Halder affidavit, Nov. 22, 1945, at Nuremberg Trial, *Nazi Conspiracy and Aggression*, VIII, pp. 645-46).

God used Hitler's racial theory—that the Aryan German was superior to any other race—to cause him to make the atrocious blunders that turned friends into enemies.

Had Hitler promised to free the people of Russia from their communist oppressors, the entire Russian nation would have fought *for* their "German liberators," instead of against them. Competent observers recognize that the communist regime would have then collapsed and the Red Army disintegrated in a few weeks (Shirer, p. 939-40).

Dr. Otto Brautigam, a German career diplomat, dared to pinpoint the Nazi mistakes in Russia when he wrote on October 25, 1942, a bitter confidential report to his superiors. He said, "The population *greeted us with joy* as liberators and *placed themselves at our disposal*." He declared that the Germans turned the Russians against them by the barbaric treatment of Soviet prisoners of war, and the "shanghaiing" of Russian men and women for slave labor.

He went on to say: "Our policy has forced both Bolsheviks and Russian nationalists into a common front against us" (Dr. Brautigam's memorandum of October 25, 1942, Nuremberg document 294-PS, pp. 331-42).

The savagery of the Nazi occupation made it crystal clear to the Russian people that the invading army of "Christian" Europe was not going to "SAVE" them from the communists. When they discovered that it was *FAR better* to live under Communism than to die by brutal torture under Nazism, they began fighting to the death.

This was Hitler's sixth fatal blunder.

The Seventh Fatal Mistake

Nevertheless, in spite of growing Russian resistance, Hitler could have captured Moscow by early fall. His General Staff desperately wanted to capture the all-important transportation and industrial hub of central Russia before winter set in.

But Hitler's vanity again caused him to believe that he was so superior to other men, that HE COULD IGNORE THE ADVICE OF HIS GENERAL STAFF and make *all* military decisions himself. This was his *seventh major blunder*.

Here is what happened as a result.

Contrary to the urgent advice of all his generals, Hitler, on August 22, 1941, ordered the advance on Moscow stopped. He pulled his panzer divisions from the Moscow front and sent them back 275 miles toward Germany, so he could launch an attack on the city of Kiev in the Ukraine.

When his generals protested, he arrogantly answered: "My generals know nothing of the economic aspects of war" (Guderian, *The Panzer Leader*, p. 199). Hitler said that Germany needed the food supply of the Ukraine more than

the capture of Moscow.

The battle for Kiev was over by mid-October. Hitler ordered his tired panzer troops to begin the long trip back to the Moscow front. FOR SOME REASON —was God looking down from Heaven? —the Russian winter rains came one month early, arriving in mid-October instead of the usual mid-November. The Russian mud period, called the Rasputitza, was far worse than the Germans had expected. Mud and mire stalled the heavy tanks and artillery. Many teams of horses were needed to drag each weapon forward. The miserable infantryman slithered in the mud and slime.

Then, suddenly, about the 20th of November, the full fury of the bitterest, coldest Russian winter in a hundred years closed down over the German Army. Clothed only in their summer uniforms, the Nazi troops were forced to fight in thirty-below-zero weather. Hitler REFUSED to send his troops winter clothing because *he* had decided that the war was all but over.

Frostbite caused more casualties than did the Russians. The German boots were too tight to permit the wearing of



—Wide World Photo
On the Eastern Front in 1941, Germans meet Russian "General Mud"—then "General Winter." Nazis were not prepared for worst winter since Napoleon!

more than one pair of socks. Many soldiers lost their feet.

To make matters worse, the heavy artillery and tanks that were stuck in the mud were now firmly anchored in the frozen ground. Many of them were liter-

ally torn to pieces while being yanked out of the now solidly frozen "mud."

Von Brauchitsch, as Commander in Chief, became very alarmed. He begged Hitler to withdraw the army to a defensive line where the troops could be sheltered for the winter. Hitler refused. *He had staked his reputation* on the capture of Moscow, and *HE insisted* that his armies FULFILL the PROMISES that HE had made.

The big offensive against Moscow began December 2, 1941. But four days later the Russian general, Marshal Zhukov, struck the Germans a stunning surprise. He launched a surprise counter-offensive. The Russian attack almost overwhelmed the Germans. It was only the fanatical bravery of the German fighter that saved the Nazi Army from complete disaster.

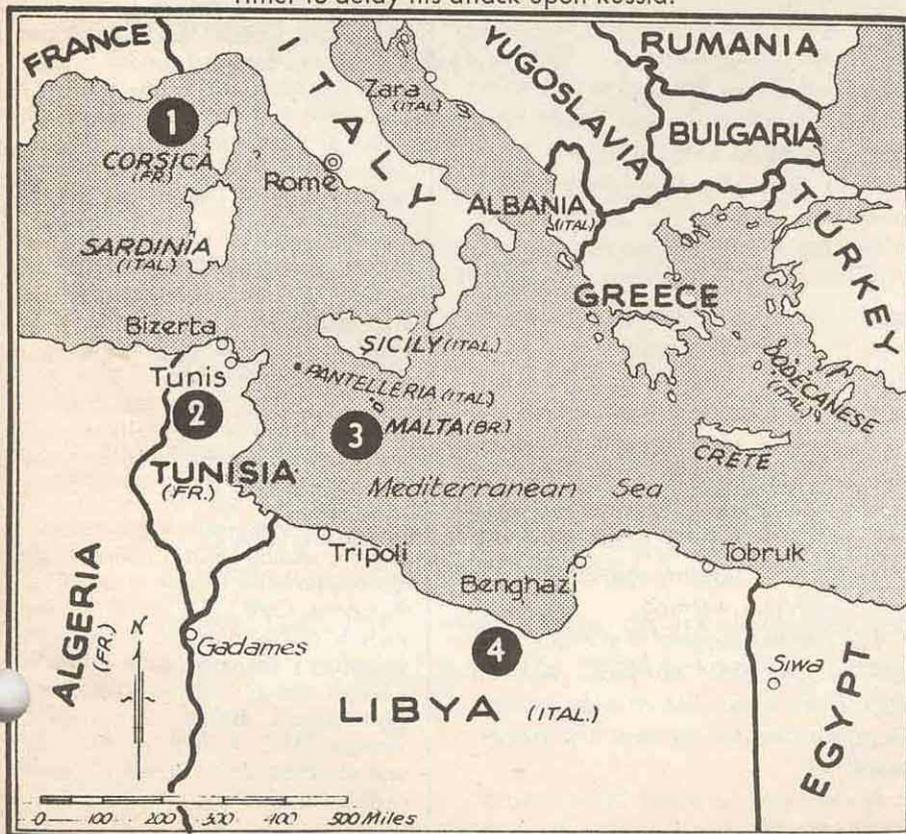
Hitler explained away his failure to capture Moscow by saying that his *generals* were cowardly and incompetent.

Hitler Believes His Own Propaganda

Goering and Goebbels began a huge propaganda campaign in the press and radio to extol Hitler as the greatest military genius of all time. This thunderous praise convinced Hitler that he *was* another Alexander or Napoleon. From then on he thought that he was *always* right.

In spite of defeat after defeat, Hitler's

Map shows area where Mussolini attempted to re-establish "Roman Empire"—as he called Fascist Italy. Mussolini's folly in attacking Greece caused Hitler to delay his attack upon Russia.



self-confidence grew and grew. He developed such a "puffed-up" opinion of himself that he believed that all the advice of his "stupid" General Staff was quite trivial and unimportant. Thus, he rendered helpless the only body of men who could have won the war for him, the world's most brilliant generals, his generals. Again—this was his seventh and fatal blunder.

Had Hitler followed the advice of his generals, had Hitler taken the ready-made armies of Russia and used them—instead of murdering them in cold blood—he could easily have won the Battle of Russia. Then Britain would have fallen, Japan would have invaded Alaska and the West Coast of the United States. Germany would have invaded Greenland and Northern Canada. The UNPREPARED United States would indeed have been in mortal danger.

The STRONGEST POSSIBLE kind of evidence—the example of what Hitler did to Poland and Russia—*proves* that if Hitler had won World War II, he would have taken the people of the United States and Britain captive, worked the healthy and strong to death in forced labor camps, and, of course, killed the weak, the young, and the old, whether by brutally clubbing them to death, whether by execution before firing squads, or by deliberate starvation, or by any other means—however foul. This is exactly what happened to nearly 6,000,000 Jews and an estimated forty million Poles, Russians and others.

Why God Kept Hitler from Winning World War II

Now do you understand that an ALMIGHTY DIVINE POWER—greater than all nations of the earth—kept Hitler from winning World War II?

It may shock many of you to realize that God kept Hitler from winning World War II because *He planned* to have The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast give YOU one final opportunity to believe in the Gospel of the Kingdom of God! And a chance to have a part in the WORK of spreading that gospel as a final witness to all nations—including Germany!

God Almighty is working out His PURPOSE here below! We are entering the very "CRISIS at the CLOSE" of the

6000-year period that God has allotted for working out that purpose. Now in constantly accelerating swiftness, events will speed up, and mankind is going to be FORCED, by the supernatural power of God, to learn the supreme lesson of the ages—that God's laws and ways were set in motion for our good, and that the Eternal *is* Ruler over all.

GOD ALMIGHTY reveals in the 30th chapter of Jeremiah, the tenth chapter of Isaiah, and many other places—that unless the United States and Great Britain repent and turn to Him—*HE* will send US into captivity.

He also reveals in Rev. 3:10 and in Luke 21:36 that if you are faithful you can escape these frightening catastrophes soon to plunge the whole world into World War III. No PLAGUE need come near you. You need to send for the booklets, *United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* and *1975 in Prophecy*.

It is as *certain* as the rising of the sun that UNLESS we REPENT and TURN TO GOD and get back of this WORK of spreading the warning to our people to call upon God in REAL HEART-RENDERING PRAYER for Divine deliverance, that our beloved United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations are soon to be CRUSHED in defeat.

The astounding union of a German-dominated United States of Europe with a great Church at its head is the next thing prophesied to occur!

READ your newspapers—read such news magazines as "U. S. News and World Report." THINK on these things. You will see for yourself that the prophesied United States of Europe is beginning to emerge. Europe will soon have the hydrogen bomb—and the guided missiles needed to project it with pinpoint accuracy on every vital American and British military installation.

World War III will start with hydrogen bombs being dropped on every major city of England and the United States—without warning.

The German General von Stülpnagel said in 1944 that "no defeat is final. Defeats are simply lessons to be learned in preparation for the next and greater attack. . . ."

Furthermore, he stated, "In the NEXT WORLD WAR, which should take

place WITHIN 25 YEARS, the same mistake should not be made. The principal ADVERSARY WILL BE THE UNITE STATES, and the entire effort *must* be concentrated against this country from the beginning . . . our defeat in the present war need not be considered except as an incident in the triumphal march of Germany towards CONQUEST OF THE WORLD"—Deutschland Über Alles! (You can study the amazing prophecies for today right in your own Bible at home through the Ambassador College Correspondence Course.)

Your immediate future is of your own choosing. You can take this lightly, or you may heed the warning.

REMEMBER! When God says: "Watch and pray that you may escape" (Luke 21:36), THERE IS a reason!

God allows you to make the decision. But *He* COMMANDS you to CHOOSE life, "that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deut. 30:19).

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER THIRTY-THREE

LAWS OF HEALTH

EVERYBODY should be healthy. God intended that His own people should not only know the truth but live radiant healthy lives.

The Eternal chose the Israelites to know the truth and to be an example of a healthy nation. Only then could they perform the great work of helping carry out the Creator's wonderful plan. But they rebelled and have ever since refused to perform what God called them to do.

God long ago revealed His laws to them—laws which all the nations had long before forgotten. These laws included rules having to do especially with good health. They had been told that they should be a clean people, and this meant that their food should be clean. So now we come to a surprising part of the Bible which very few really understand.

What "Clean Food" Means

Food that is clean doesn't always mean food that has been washed well and is free from every kind of dirt. Food can be clean in that respect, but at the same time be quite unfit to eat. God made animals, birds and fish to be divided into two classes—those good for human food, and those unfit for human food. These the Bible calls "clean" and "unclean."

The clean and unclean had been known even before the flood—in the distant past. Noah knew about them. He knew what to do when he was told to take seven pairs of clean animals and birds into the ark along with a pair of each unclean animal and bird. (Genesis 7:2-3.) The complete knowledge of such things had been lost in

the centuries during which the Israelites had mingled with the heathen Egyptians who had no interest in obeying God.

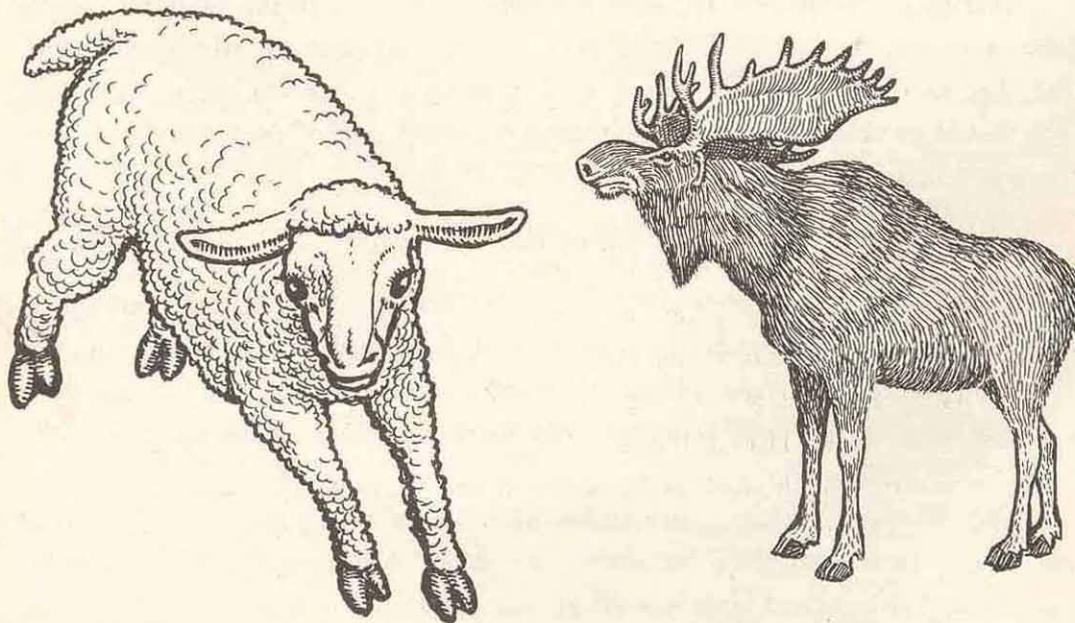
The same thing was true of the Ten Commandments. Adam knew what they were. So did Noah, Abraham and many others. Finally, at Mt. Sinai, they were brought to the Israelites so that they could *again* know what was God's will. To them went the responsibility of preserving the laws and keeping them free and clear of pagan beliefs, rules and traditions that have always been used to distort or replace God's laws. They can be forgotten in men's minds, but they can never actually be done away.

Starting with animals, God gave a simple rule by which the clean could be known from the unclean.

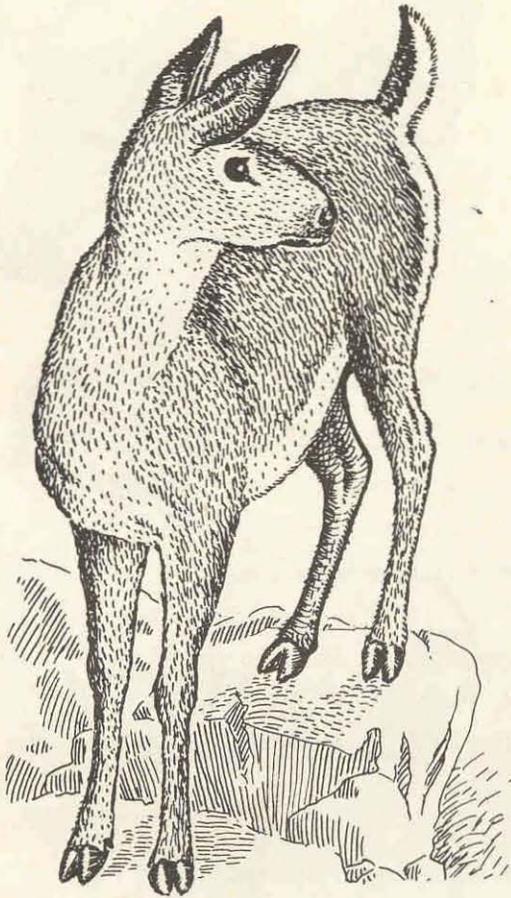
"You may eat any animal," the Creator told Moses and Aaron, "that has a parted hoof and chews a cud." (Leviticus 11:3-4 and Dueteronomy 14:6-8.)

Probably you have often seen cows lying in a pasture and making slow chewing motions with their jaws. You know they're not chewing gum. Yet they keep chewing on and on without taking a bite of anything. Cattle, as well as several other kinds of animals, eat their food without taking time to chew it enough. Later they can bring up bits of this hastily swallowed food back from their stomachs and chew them long after they have eaten. These bits of food brought up for chewing are called cuds.

The Bible also gives examples of unclean animals—animals *not* fit for food. The first mentioned is the camel. It chews the cud, but its hoofs aren't divided. Therefore God says it is not fit to eat. The hoof of the camel is indented slightly in the front,



Lamb, left, and moose, right, are good for food.



Deer, a clean animal.

and has a groove on its top, but it is not divided. Its bottom is entirely covered by a round, soft pad. You see, God created animals fit for human food with characteristics different from those which are unfit for food.

Another example of an unclean animal is the rabbit. It has paws with toes instead of a split hoof. Neither are horses fit to eat—nor are cats and dogs, although some poor savages who don't know any better sometimes eat them. Also raccoons, squirrels and opossums are not fit for food.

Still another example of an animal unfit for food is the swine, which we usually refer to as the hog or pig. A pig has divided hoofs, but doesn't chew a cud.

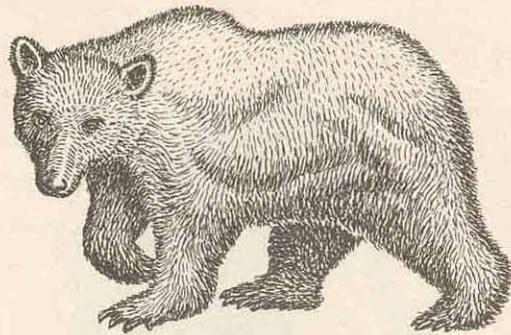
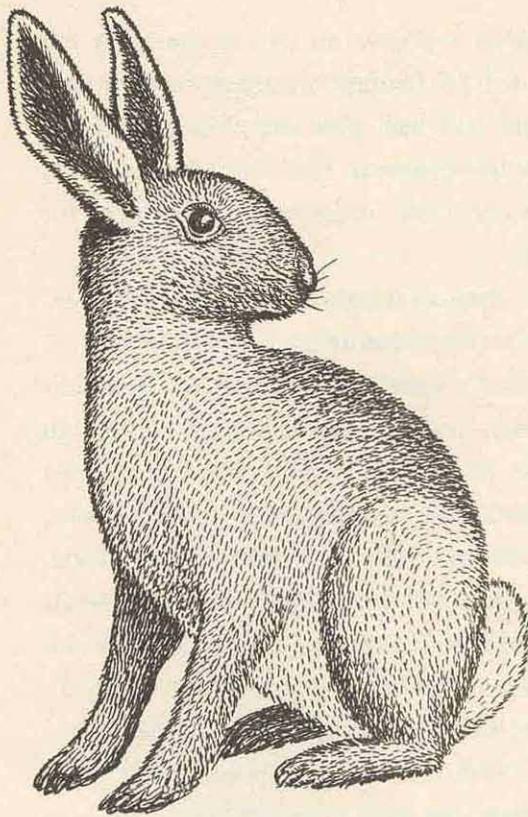
"You shall not eat swine or any other animals that do not part the hoof and chew the cud," God warned. (Leviticus 11:7-8; Deuteronomy 14:8.)

God Always Has Good Reasons

Our Creator never does anything without a good reason. God has a mind far, far superior to that of the most intelligent human being. Man's puny mind is unable to understand all the reasons for God's actions and decisions. Nevertheless, man has always sought to figure out why God tells us to do certain things. Unless man can uncover reasons which seem fair to him, he can't always see too much cause for obeying.

God expects us to obey regardless of how much or how little we understand. Only then do we receive His full blessings. However, there have been millions of people who have reasoned that horse or pork or rabbit is just as good for human food as is beef or mutton or deer—regardless of what God has to say about these things.

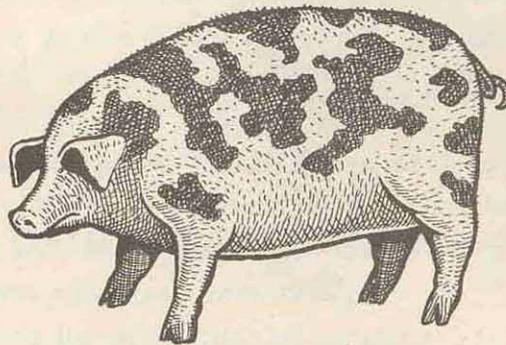
An easily discovered reason why some animals shouldn't be eaten is that their digestive systems don't carry off enough poisons. A hog digests its food in about three and a half hours. It requires twenty-four hours for a cow to do the same thing, during



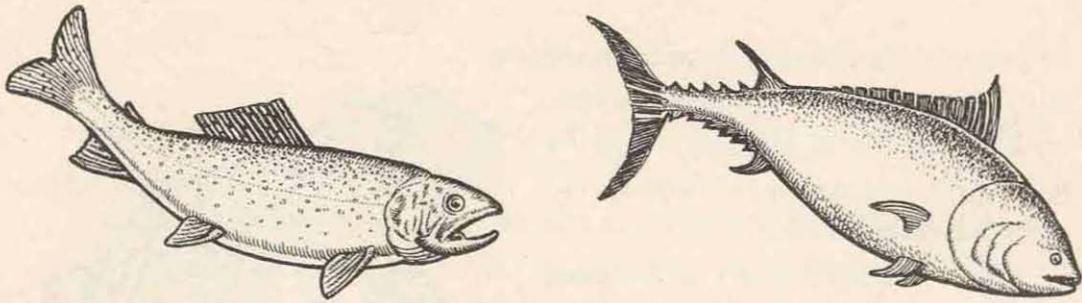
Animals unfit for food: rabbit, left; bear, upper right; squirrel, lower right.

which its food goes through two digestive processes. Thus impurities are screened out that would otherwise go into its flesh and its milk.

But the main reason why any animal is unclean is that it was not made to be eaten in the first place. Its meat was not made in such a way that it is good for human beings. God made some animals for food, some for beauty, some for work, and some for eating up waste products that would otherwise contaminate the earth. One thing to remember is that, if man could naturally prove that these animals were not fit for food, God would not have needed to tell us about them in the Bible. God had to put these laws in the Bible so that we could know certain creatures are harmful.



The hog is also unfit for food.

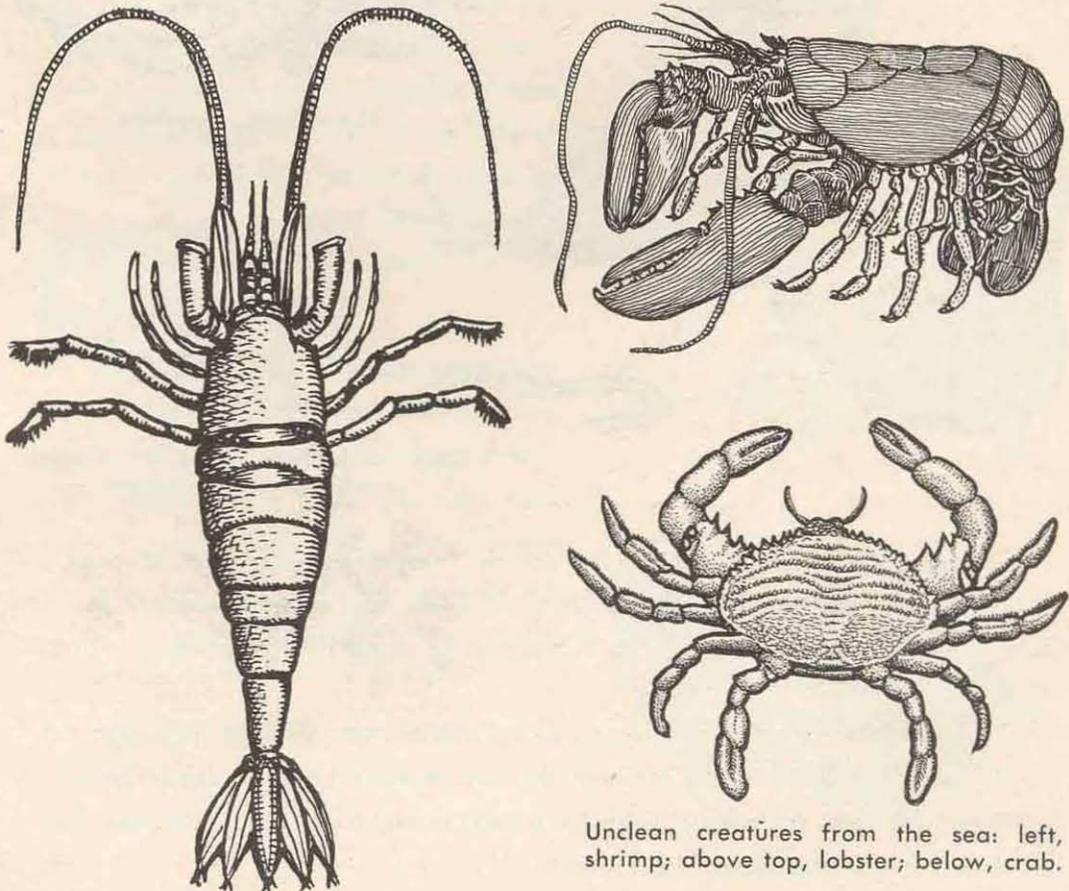


Trout, left, and tuna, right, are good for food.

Water Creatures Fit for Food

God also gave a simple way of knowing what water creatures were to be used as food. To be clean, they must have two features—fins and overlapping scales. (Leviticus 11:9-12; Deuteronomy 14:9-10.)

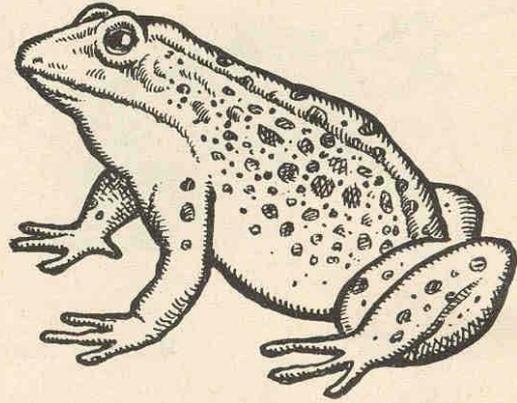
All live things inhabiting the waters are unclean and unfit for human food if they don't have fins and overlapping scales which can easily be scraped off. That includes a wide variety of creatures ordinarily considered as great delicacies. Crab meat,



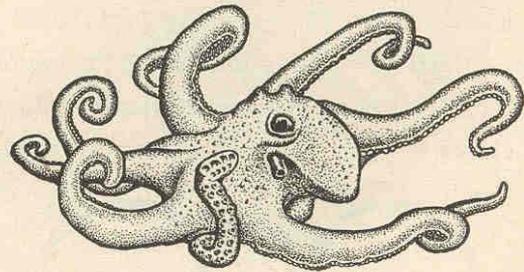
Unclean creatures from the sea: left, shrimp; above top, lobster; below, crab.

for example, is acclaimed around the world as a succulent delight. However, it is nothing more than the unclean flesh of huge sea spiders that feed mainly on decaying carcasses and other sea life.

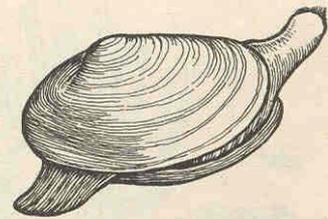
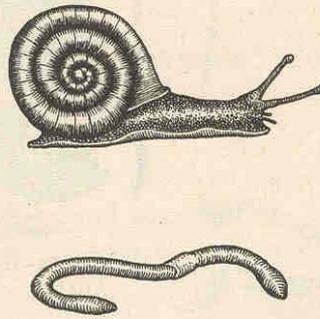
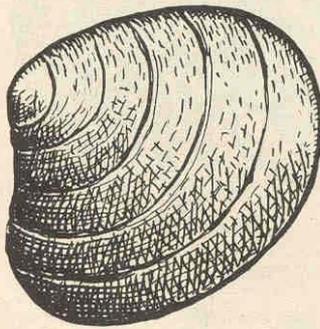
Other unclean denizens of the water include the frog, turtle, abalone, scallop, shrimp, shark, whale, eel, squid, various varieties of catfish, sturgeon, lobster, octopus, clam and oyster. Most of these are thought of as wholesome and nutritious food by millions of people, including most of those of our own Israelite nations. Whale oil is also used in foods by many who do not know it is unfit for food. All other common fish on the market are clean.



Frogs are unclean.



The octopus is unclean.



Other unclean creatures are oysters, snails, worms and clams.

Since Adam, the human body has greatly degenerated—has become weak and sickly. Probably we would be greatly surprised if we could become aware of just how much of that degeneration has been due especially to our eating unclean creatures of the sea.

The Bible doesn't directly give a rule by which clean birds can be recognized. It simply lists all different kinds of those that are unclean. Outside of mentioning the quail, the dove and the pigeon, God doesn't specifically name the clean ones. (Leviticus 11:13-19; Deuteronomy 14:11-18.)

Rules for Identifying Clean Birds

It is easy to learn which fowl are clean simply by noticing the characteristics of birds which are named as clean or unclean.

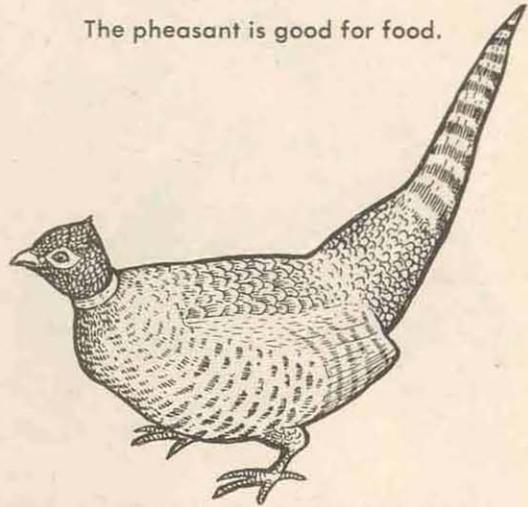
Studies of fowl have revealed some striking differences between the two kinds. Clean fowl have six unusual characteristics. One or more of these characteristics are lacking in unclean birds. For one thing, a clean bird has a *craw* or *crop and*, second, a *gizzard* with a double lining which can easily be separated. Two such digestive organs are doubly helpful in changing its food into meat that is good for humans. They also insure against poisonous waste matter going into its flesh.

Third, a clean bird does not prey upon nor eat other birds. Fourth, it does not devour food while flying. Fifth, its hind toe and middle front toe are both long. Sixth, when it stands on a perch, it spreads its toes so that three front ones are on one side of the perch and the hind toe on the opposite side. All unclean birds lack at least *one* of these characteristics. Clean birds have all these characteristics.

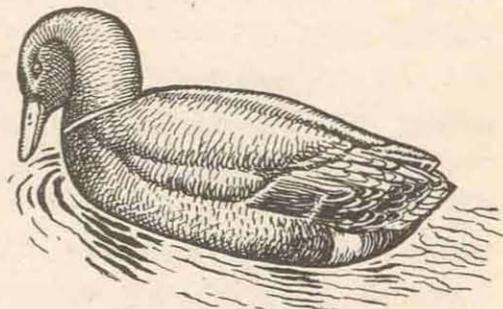
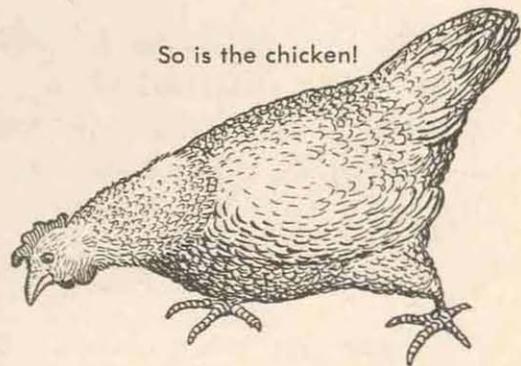
Clean fowl include the chicken, pheasant, peafowl, ptarmigan, guinea fowl, prairie chicken, pigeon, dove, partridge, grouse, quail, turkey, duck, goose, all song birds and the teal and swan. (The swan is named in the King James version as being unclean, but this is a mistranslation. The water hen should be mentioned instead.)

Unclean birds include the eagle, vulture, kite, buzzard, osprey, raven, crow, magpie, ostrich, owl, hawk, cormorant, sea gull, water hen, sandpiper, plover, pelican,

The pheasant is good for food.

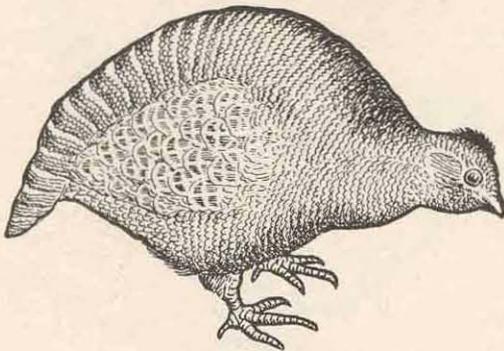
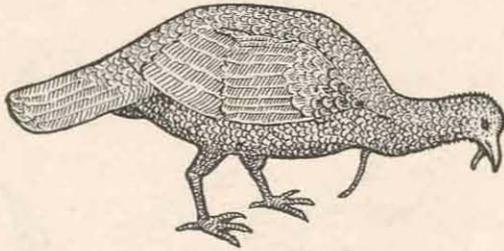


So is the chicken!



And the duck is good for food, too.

stork, coot, heron, bittern, crane, grebe, rail, roadrunner, woodpecker, penguin, parrot, albatross and bat.



Above, the turkey and the grouse are good to eat.

God also named other creatures that are to be regarded as unclean and detestable. (Leviticus 11:20-23.) They are the weasel, mouse, lizard, snail, mole, snake and worm. Such were to be considered so detestable that anything their dead bodies touched, such as food or dishes, was to be regarded as unfit for use until thoroughly washed. (Leviticus 11:24-43.)

"Do not defile yourself with these unclean creatures," God warned. "Keep yourselves clean and sacred, so that you will be more acceptable to your holy God." (Leviticus 11:44-47.)

Regardless of what God said, millions of people, who claim to be faithful, obedient Christians, feel that if the vitamin content is high in anything, then it must be

good to eat and a boon to their health. They often argue that the laws of clean and unclean creatures, which were definitely made for all time and all people, were merely "old Jewish laws" that were "nailed to the cross" by Christ at His death. These people want to live like the heathen used to live even though the Bible condemns such practises.

Some People Lust for Forbidden Food

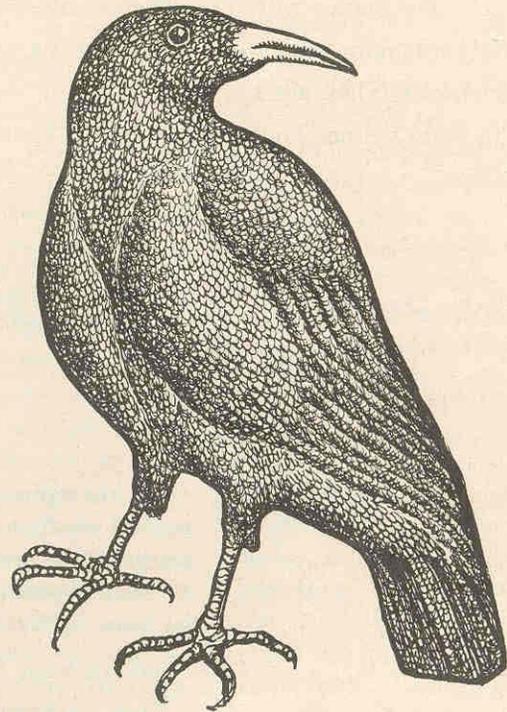
To justify their eating unclean foods, many of these people turn to the fourth chapter of I Timothy, and point with triumph to the fourth and fifth verses, wherein Paul said:

"For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for then it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."

This statement, taken out of its context, would ordinarily lead to one of two startling conclusions: Either Paul didn't know what he was talking about, or God has changed His laws and is pleased to allow us, after all, to eat anything we please. If this second conclusion is true, then one should never hesitate to devour a meal of the filthiest creatures one can imagine—just so one asks God's blessing on it!

Of course this is absurd. Paul did know what he was talking about, and God is still displeased any time we consume unclean creatures. God never changes. (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8.) Neither do His laws that are for our own good. (Matthew 5:17-18.)

To understand I Timothy 4:4-5, one must read from the beginning of chapter four of I Timothy. Paul was referring to religious extremists—including vegetarians—who fall away from the truth (or never quite get to it) and foster wrong ideas such as not marrying and not eating certain foods God specifically created for them to eat. Thus the word *everything* in the fourth verse is referring to every creature which is "consecrated by the word of God"—and only the *clean creatures* were ever consecrated or approved as fit for human food!



The crow was not created to be eaten.

One of the oldest tricks used to deceive people is that of picking certain words, phrases and sentences out of the Bible and adding them together to "prove" something that isn't true, just as some read the two verses above that seemed by themselves to say that anything is good for human food. The truth can most always be readily found, however, by comparing scripture with scripture and carefully reading whole chapters to find the exact meanings of those certain words, phrases and sentences.

God Did Not Cleanse the Unclean Creatures

Another example of misunderstanding is in the tenth chapter of Acts, verses 9 through 16. If you will read that part of the chapter, and nothing else, one might receive the impression that Peter was told that unclean creatures had been cleansed by God, and that he, Peter, should eat them. These verses, plucked out of context, are constantly used by church leaders who refuse to give up lusting after unclean foods. Yet verse 17 shows that Peter knew God did not mean for him to eat unclean meat. Peter noticed that no animal's nature had been changed, they were still unclean! So he began to wonder what the vision did mean! He did not jump to a hasty conclusion.

If you read all of the tenth chapter of Acts to get the whole story, you will discover

the true meaning of the verses mentioned above. Verses 28 and 29 get to the heart of the matter, and you will find that Peter's vision was simply to show him how he should regard no *man* as common or unclean who seeks to live rightly—regardless of nationality.

No matter what man thinks, says or does about clean and unclean creatures, the fact still remains that the difference is still there. The nature of unclean animals has not changed. They are the same today as they were before the flood, in Moses' day and in Peter's time. Those who obey the Creator in these things receive very definite blessings.

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So You're Parents!

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that feareth the Eternal" (Psalms 128: 1-4).

What, then, is a child? A little baby is an exact reproduction of the two parents, a separate *human being*, who is a *thoroughly selfish*, altogether *carnal* and a completely lovable, laughable, sweet little creature that will steal your heart and your reason, bring you heart-ache and tears, exultation and pride, anxiety and worry, happiness and joy, but who will teach you the real meaning of the word "love."

How a Child Learns

Human beings are creatures of *habit!* Not very many people, it seems, have ever stopped to ask themselves how it is they have come to believe the various concepts, philosophies and doctrines they assume to be true. Each one of us came into existence as a baby, knowing absolutely NOTHING at birth.

The human child is the most *helpless* of all newborn creatures. The young colt, the calf, even the baby porpoise and whale are able to stand, walk, leap or swim within hours, even *minutes* after birth!

But they are creatures of *instinct!* A human being does not have *instinct*, but a MIND! No one had to *teach* the young colt where to go for its "dinner." It simply went there—*automatically!* But God gave man a mind capable of accumulating knowledge. It is a mind much like the mind of God, though limited in its capacity.

Next issue will explain the surprising way children learn!

TRUE "CHRISTIANITY" Just What Is It?

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But the tremendous decision to yield yourself wholly to God—to *live by His every Word*—to OBEY Him throughout all eternity—such a decision must not be taken lightly.

There Are Some Things YOU Must Do

True Christianity, then, involves a mature decision to *unconditionally SURRENDER* your life to the God of the Bible through Jesus Christ His Son as personal Saviour. It involves your willingness to LIVE by every Word of God—to keep the Commandments of God through the power of God's Spirit within you.

True Christianity means that Jesus Christ is literally LIVING *His life in you* through His Spirit! A true Christian will be able to echo the words of the Apostle Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). And the *true Christian* knows that Christ will live the SAME kind of life in him that He *did live* nineteen hundred years ago—setting us an example (Heb. 13:8).

The decision to make this unconditional surrender to the true God and His will is *totally in your hands!* You are a free moral agent. You must *choose*.

If you have not REALLY surrendered your will to God before, and if you

feel that you are ready to make an *unconditional surrender* to God through His Son Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, then write an airmail letter to Mr. Armstrong telling us that you want to be baptized this summer. Each summer, we send out teams of ministers and advanced ministerial students to counsel with and baptize those who are ready to fulfill this command of God. These men will be leaving *very soon* after you receive this article. *So don't delay!*

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The *practice* of TRUE Christianity is the only way to God's *blessings* and *protection* in this age of potential world suicide. These things are REAL. God backs up His Word. May He grant you the understanding and spiritual strength to do *your part*.

What Do You Mean —SALVATION?

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world—all the LAW-keeping—cannot JUSTIFY you of your past guilt.

Now where do you find yourself?

You are now submissive—obedient to God's Law. Is this necessary? MOST ASSUREDLY IT IS! Does it JUSTIFY you? A THOUSAND TIMES NO! NO!! NO!!! Where are you now? You have forsaken your WAY—sin; you have turned to GOD'S WAY—His Law.

AND YOU ARE STILL CUT OFF FROM GOD! Your works—your Law-keeping, while certainly REQUIRED, still has not JUSTIFIED past guilt—has not RECONCILED you to GOD. You still have NO ACCESS WHATEVER to God.

And you have to gain access to HIM in order to obtain His GIFT of eternal LIFE! I am trying to make this PLAIN. I want all to UNDERSTAND it, once for all!

After all this—after forsaking SIN—turning to God's WAY, as He commands—keeping His Law—that DEATH penalty still hangs over you—the PUNISHMENT is still DEATH—and it is ETERNAL punishment—death for all ETERNITY! So your Bible teaches! Don't let anyone tell you we do not teach ETERNAL PUNISHMENT. The BIBLE teaches eternal punishment. We teach eternal punishment. That punishment, YOUR Bible says, is not eternal LIFE in a hell fire of endless torture—not eternal punishing—eternal punishment—it is DEATH for eternity—and God's GIFT is LIFE for eternity! I want to make it PLAIN. Don't ever be confused about what we proclaim to the whole world. The BIBLE is the truth, and we make it PLAIN—mighty plain!

The Bible says the punishment is the *second* death—for eternity. It is appointed to men once to die—but after that, the judgment (Heb. 9:27). HOW? As in Adam ALL die (sinners and saints alike), so in Christ shall ALL be made alive—the same ALL, sinners and saints both—who die the first death (I Cor. 15:22-23). HOW? By a resurrection (John 5:28-29)—there is to be a resurrection of the just and the unjust—they that have done good, and they that have done evil. Read it and believe what your Bible says! The unjust end up in a hell fire that shall burn them up (II Pet. 3:10; Rev. 20:14-15; Mal. 4:1, 3), until they become ashes under the feet of the saved! Read it. Believe what you read in your BIBLE!

So, where are you? Even with your

Commandment keeping which—make no mistake *God requires of you*—still you are pretty helpless. You can't give yourself eternal life. You are doomed to die—and you are still cut off from GOD, who, *only*, has eternal life to GIVE.

You are pretty helpless, aren't you?

Well you have made a right start, even if you are still helpless.

HOW You Gain Contact

And now you have made this right start, there IS a way you may gain contact with God who has ETERNAL LIFE to impart. God so loved this world of sinners, cut off from Him, that He GAVE His only begotten Son! Remember, God GIVES eternal life through CHRIST!

Notice Romans 5:6-10: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

Jesus Christ never transgressed God's Law. He said, "I have KEPT my Father's Commandments" (John 15:10). He also said He set us an example that we should do as He did. He never incurred the death penalty. He never cut Himself off from God. When He voluntarily PAID the death penalty, He did not pay it for any sins of His own—for there were none. He gave HIS LIFE instead of YOURS! He paid YOUR penalty FOR YOU!

The life HE gave was that of the MAKER of us all! God created all things BY JESUS CHRIST (Eph. 3:9). All things—including all humans—were MADE BY HIM (John 1:1-3). Therefore the life He gave on the cross was greater than the sum-total of ALL other human lives! THAT is the life that died FOR YOU—that paid YOUR penalty FOR YOU!

Now, continue in Romans 5:8-10: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more, then, *being now justified* by His blood. . . ."

NOTICE! "Being NOW justified." HOW? By your works—by your required obedience to God's Law? NO! By the blood of CHRIST! If you have repented, and accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour you are already NOW justified!

But right here is where so many go off into error. They simply do not un-

derstand Biblical terms. "JUSTIFIED" does not refer to the FUTURE—it has to do only with your guilty PAST! This term "justified" does not mean "saved" as we shall now see. It does not mean the GIFT of LIFE. It means the GIFT of ACQUITTAL of PAST GUILT! It means the penalty of PAST sins has been paid in full, by Christ, for YOU!

The law stood over you. It claimed your life—you were under it. It took Christ's life in payment instead of yours. The PENALTY STANDS PAID! You are no longer UNDER the Law. It no longer has claim over your life! You are now under GRACE—undeserved PARDON. You are PARDONED from paying the penalty, since Jesus Christ paid it FOR you! This is not YOUR WORKS. It is Christ's SACRIFICE. YOU ARE NOW ACQUITTED—JUSTIFIED—the slate is wiped clean of a guilty past!

IN OTHER WORDS—the BARRIER between you and God has now been removed! You are now, by CHRIST'S SACRIFICE, given contact with GOD—reconciled to HIM!

SAVED BY His DEATH?

So, continue: "Much more then, *being now justified* by His blood, we SHALL BE SAVED by Him."

NOTICE IT! You are already JUSTIFIED. Not by works, but by Christ's blood! The PAST is squared up—the penalty paid—the contact with God made. BUT are you already SAVED?

LOOK AT IT! It says "we SHALL BE saved." *Not* that we already are saved. It says "being now justified" but it does NOT say "being now SAVED." It says "we SHALL BE"—yes, in the FUTURE—saved. That is still FUTURE! SEE IT with your own eyes. Don't believe ME. Don't believe preachers who say you are already, now, saved! JUST BELIEVE THESE PLAIN WORDS IN YOUR BIBLE!

It IS real plain, isn't it?

Now here comes a surprise. Notice verse 10:

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son. . . ." Here, again, we WERE RECONCILED—past tense. Not by your works—by Christ's DEATH. When you have truly repented, forsaken your WAY, sought God, accepted Christ as Saviour and *His death* as payment for your past

sins, you HAVE BEEN, ALREADY, reconciled. So the wording here is *we were reconciled*—past tense—to God by the DEATH of His Son.

What was accomplished by Jesus' death? It paid the PENALTY—it wiped out your guilty PAST—justified you of your guilt—reconciled you to GOD. But did it SAVE you? DID IT? Wait—don't just glibly say YES—see with your own eyes what YOUR BIBLE says!

It says, continuing, same sentence: "much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

CAN YOU BELIEVE YOUR OWN EYES? There it is, in your own Bible!

Already reconciled, by Christ's death; but—"we SHALL BE SAVED"—that is FUTURE tense. Not yet *saved*—but we SHALL BE—in the future—saved. Now are you going to be SAVED by Christ's DEATH? Can DEATH impart LIFE?

There is no stronger law in science than the law of bio-genesis which says LIFE COMES ONLY FROM LIFE. Death cannot impart LIFE.

Now HOW shall we—in FUTURE—be SAVED? By Christ's death? NO! Notice! READ IT! "We shall be saved BY HIS LIFE!"

After Christ died, God RAISED HIM BACK TO LIFE. We are saved by His resurrection—by His LIFE—by a LIVING SAVIOUR! Read I Cor. 15:14-23.

What Do You MEAN—"Not Under the Law?"

Now where do you stand? You are now making progress. You now have real hope. You have repented—you have sought God, forsaken YOUR WAY—turned to GOD'S WAY, as defined in His Law and all through His Word. You have accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, and His shed blood for remission of sins. You are now reconciled to GOD. You are justified of—FORGIVEN—your guilty past. You are out from under the PENALTY of broken law.

Now, we read the question: "What shall we say, then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" (Rom. 6:1). You are now under GRACE—undeserved PARDON!

You *deserved* only DEATH. You didn't earn forgiveness—PARDON from the death penalty. You received it BY

GRACE through Jesus Christ.

Now, shall you CONTINUE IN SIN—that is, continue *transgressing the Law*? The answer is "God forbid" (Rom. 6:1).

You *were* UNDER THE LAW, when the law stood over you, claiming its penalty. When Christ paid the penalty, and satisfied the claims of the law, you were no longer under the law, but under GRACE. Now does that mean you are not under obligation to *obey* the law—license to SIN—to BREAK THE LAW? Remember sin *is* the transgression of the law.

NOW READ THIS IN YOUR BIBLE!

"What then? shall we sin"—that is, according to the BIBLE definition, shall we break the Law—"because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to OBEY, his servants ye are to whom ye OBEY; whether of sin"—breaking the law—"unto DEATH"—penalty for disobedience to God's Law—"or of OBEDIENCE unto righteousness?" (Rom. 6:15-16).

There it is! We *must not* return to rebellion against God's inexorable law of LOVE—His right way of life. If we do, we are *again* under the law—again automatically sentenced to DEATH! Jesus Christ did not die to give you license to continue in law-breaking. When you accept, by His grace, remission of sins, *it is only for sins THAT ARE PAST!* You cannot accept *in advance* remission of all the lawlessness you might like to commit *in the future*.

Read *that* in your Bible: "*Being justified freely by His grace* through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation *through faith in his blood*, to declare his righteousness *for the remission of sins that are past* through the forbearance of God" (Rom 3:24-25).

We are justified only of SINS THAT ARE PAST. We have remission only of SINS THAT ARE PAST—not license to break the Law in the future.

WHY do some religious people today teach that it is all right for Christians to go right on breaking the Law? WHY do they say that GRACE means LICENSE to DISOBEY God's Law? No wonder God found it necessary, through Jude, to warn us to contend earnestly

for the FAITH ONCE DELIVERED to the saints by Jesus Christ—for, as you'll read in Jude 3-4, there are certain men crept in unawares—deceiving people—TURNING GRACE INTO LICENSE! They are the ones who accuse us of teaching "salvation by works."

Would a governor PARDON a man convicted of murder so he could continue murdering more and more people? God's merciful PARDON—His GRACE—is bestowed on us *because* we have repented, with a sincere desire to *turn from* our wicked ways of lawlessness. If we are willing to live, from here on, *righteously, happily*, as we should have from the beginning, the merciful and loving God has been willing to GIVE His Son Jesus Christ, who, in turn, was willing to give His LIFE, to square up our PAST law-breaking—to wipe the slate clean, and give us, BY HIS MERCIFUL GRACE, a fresh clean start.

So, from here on, *we must* OBEY—unto RIGHTEOUSNESS! (Rom. 6:16).

Yet *you cannot*, of your own strength, keep the spiritual Law spiritually.

Now let's really understand *that!*

HOW You Get Eternal LIFE

Many religious people—many ordained ministers—will tell you, "It is *impossible* to keep the Law." Are they telling the truth? What does your Bible say?

NOTICE! Of the parents of John the Baptist, you will read: "And they were both righteous before God, *walking in all the commandments* and ordinances of the Lord blameless" (Luke 1:6).

WHY, if it is *impossible*, did Christ command that *IF* we would enter into *life*, "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS"? (Mat. 19:17). Of those who claim to "know the Lord," often using such sentimental religious phrases as "Oh, how GOOD it is to know the Lord," but who teach we should not keep the Commandments, YOUR Bible says this: "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).

Yet you cannot, alone of yourself, keep the Law *spiritually!* That is not a contradiction. You can keep the literal letter, but not the spirit. Let's make *that* plain.

At the same time, we shall explain

HOW you receive Eternal life—that is, HOW you receive SALVATION!

Back again, now, to YOU! You have now gained contact with God. You are mortal, possessing only a temporary chemical existence. GOD ONLY has eternal life. LIFE can come only *from* LIFE—not from death. Christ's *death* paid the penalty of your guilty PAST—it reconciled you to GOD—gave you access direct to God. Now what?

Jesus Christ said it was necessary for us mortal humans that He go to the Father's throne in heaven (John 16:7) in order to send the Holy Spirit of God for us. This required the resurrected LIVING Christ. So after His resurrection, Jesus ascended to the throne of God that rules the entire universe (Rev. 3:21). Then, some ten days later, on the annual day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to enter *into* the very minds of all who had sincerely REPENTED of their rebellion against God and His WAY, and who had been reconciled to God—had gained access—by faith in Christ's shed blood for the remission of past sins. (Acts 2:1-4).

These first disciples received God's Spirit *through the work of the resurrected, glorified, LIVING Christ*. The Spirit of the Father is also the Spirit of CHRIST. Thus it actually was the living Christ, Himself, entering into them—not in Person, but IN SPIRIT! Christ is a *living* Saviour who does His saving work from WITHIN!

Now let's get the connection.

IF the Holy Spirit of God actually DWELLS within you, then as God raised Christ from the dead, He shall ALSO make immortal ("quicken" means energize—make eternally *alive*) your mortal body BY His Spirit dwelling in you (Romans 8:11). But (verse 9), unless His Spirit is actually IN you, you are not a Christian—no matter how many churches you join!

God's Holy Spirit is His LIFE. It imparts HIS LIFE to you! It imparts *more*, as we shall now see!

God Doesn't "Kid Himself"

One thing more, the Holy Spirit is DIVINE, SPIRITUAL LOVE—the love of GOD flowing into you from God Almighty—through the living Christ!

(Rom. 5:5). Jesus explained how we should come to HIM, and drink in of His Spirit, like drinking in *living water*—and how this same Holy Spirit would FLOW, *like a river of living water*, on out from us (John 7:37-39). Now let's make all that PLAIN AND CLEAR.

God's Law is a law of LOVE—love to God in reverence, worship and obedience—love to neighbor in service, kindness, sharing. *It takes LOVE to fulfill—to PERFORM—the Law*. You will read that in Romans 13:10.

But, remember?—we saw, in Romans 7:14, that this Law is a SPIRITUAL Law. Science knows only about PHYSICAL laws. Humans are mortals—PHYSICAL. We were born with a capacity only for PHYSICAL love. The love of a parent for a child, a husband or wife for a mate, or even relatives, friends, neighbors. We also are born with capacity for envy, jealousy, hate.

But this SPIRITUAL LAW can be fulfilled—performed—spiritually kept and obeyed—ONLY BY SPIRITUAL LOVE! You were not born with that kind of love. You do not have, naturally, the kind of love required to truly keep this great Spiritual Law!

You must go to GOD to obtain *that* kind of love. That is a love He gives you through the *living* Christ. That is HIS OWN LOVE. It emanates directly from HIM.

Now UNDERSTAND! True righteousness is keeping "ALL THY COMMANDMENTS" (Psalm 119:172). It is performing God's Spiritual Law with the SPIRITUAL LOVE which only GOD can supply.

You drink it in from Him—once the contact is established. It pours on out from you like rivers of living water. Water in a river flows in a certain *direction*, guided by the river bed or channel. GOD'S LAW is that river bed which guides the *flow*—the expression—the *direction* in which the divine love flows! God's Law is THE WAY of perfect spiritual CHARACTER—the very character of GOD.

So—the VERY SPIRIT by which God imparts to you HIS LIFE—His SALVATION—is also His own LOVE which imparts to you HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS! It is no longer just YOU, in your own power and strength "keeping the com-

mandments"—it is, spiritually speaking, the living Christ IN you, keeping His Father's Commandments—even as He kept them by this same divine love even while He was human here on earth!

Can you brag, or boast, then, about your righteousness? No—IT IS NOT YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS—IT IS GOD'S! If Christ, by His GRACE, erased your guilty past, gave you access to God, and now pours forth into and through you the spiritual love that keeps the Law, this is not *your* righteousness, but GOD'S.

And this is not YOUR "WORKS"! It is *nothing you earn!*

God does not "kid Himself." Some religious teachers tell you Christ lived a righteous life FOR you 1930 years ago, and since you "*can't* keep the Law," as they claim, God "IMPUTES" Christ's righteousness of 19 centuries ago to you—by sort of "kidding Himself" that you are righteous, while you are given license to still be a spiritual CRIMINAL breaking His Law! GOD does not impute to you something you do not have.

Far from this—the *living* Christ by HIS power *makes* us righteous! He imparts to us power to actually BECOME RIGHTEOUS. It is HIS DOING!

WHY Not to Heaven NOW?

Once again, back to YOU! *Now* where are we?

There are, first, two things YOU must do. On that very day of *Pentecost* after Christ had ascended to heaven, many who had joined the mob crying out "CRUCIFY HIM!" during Christ's trial before Pilate, were conscience-stricken and afraid, when they heard the inspired Peter's sermon. They cried out, "WHAT SHALL WE DO?" They, too, *were helpless*.

"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" was the inspired answer (Acts 2:38).

Note it! Two things YOU do:

1) REPENT—turn *from* YOUR WAY, by turning to GOD'S WAY—His Law! You repent of sin. Sin is the transgression of the spiritual Law.

2) BE BAPTIZED. The Ethiopian eunuch, coming to a lake of water, asked Philip what hindered him to be baptized. "If thou believest with all

thine heart" was Philip's condition (Acts 8:36-37). Repentance is toward GOD, for the Law comes from God, but FAITH is toward Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21). Faith in Christ's atonement for sin is *commanded* to be expressed by BEING BAPTIZED. (Write for our free booklet "All About Water Baptism.")

This, then, *gains contact* with God. That is as far as *you* can go, on your own. You have reached your extremity! So now GOD does something!

3) You SHALL RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.

This is God's GIFT. It is the presence, conditionally, of Eternal Life.

And now if you faithfully follow GOD'S WAY—the way the Holy Spirit leads—you are already a begotten SON OF GOD! "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14).

"Beloved, *now are* we the sons of God, and it doth *not yet* appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he (Christ) shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

GET IT STRAIGHT! You are now *converted*—a *changed* person—for God's Spirit (Eph. 4:23) produces a RENEWING of your mind. Your whole concept and direction of life is CHANGED! God's Spirit is HIS VERY LIFE imparted to you! You are now a BEGOTTEN son of God.

But it *does not yet* appear what you *shall be*. This Scripture does not say "where you shall go"—or "where you shall BE." It is talking about a *condition*, not a place: "WHAT we shall be"! Salvation is a matter of *WHAT YOU BECOME*—not *where* you shall go! God's purpose is to CHANGE YOU—from your vile character to HIS GLORIOUS CHARACTER—not to change the PLACE where you are!

BUT—you are now *already* a begotten SON OF GOD—you may now call Him FATHER!—*as long as* you are LED by His Spirit!—and no longer (Heb. 10:26-27).

And there are still some "IFS." You must GROW spiritually (II Pet. 3:18). It is "To him that overcometh" that Christ will grant to sit with Him on His throne, when He returns to earth (Rev. 3:21). *IF you overcome*—over-

come your own carnal nature, the world and the devil—*AND KEEP CHRIST'S WORKS*" (not your own works, but CHRIST'S—by HIS SPIRIT IN YOU) then you shall reign and RULE ALL NATIONS with Him, in the happy WORLD TOMORROW!

The *real* Christian life is, truly, a life of overcoming, spiritual growing—but it is the only HAPPY LIFE—the ABUNDANT life—here and now! Yet we must ENDURE and remain steadfast—for it is he who ENDURES TO THE END that *shall be saved*! Read *this* in your BIBLE—Matthew 10:22; 24:13; Mark 4:17; John 6:27; I Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 10:26-27.

So, finally, back again to YOU! Where are we, *now*? You have been converted—*changed* in mind, concept, attitude, direction of WAY of life—you are begotten as a child of God—you have now eternal life abiding in you—as long as you are LED by God's Spirit in God's WAY—as long as you continue in contact and fellowship with God (I John 1:3)—all by God's GRACE as His GIFT, and not anything you have earned by your works; and now if you continue on overcoming, growing spiritually—and ALL THIS ACTUALLY THROUGH GOD'S POWER—you shall INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and *be made* IMMORTAL to live forever in happiness and joy!

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