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Wide World Photo

PRESIDENT KENNEDY warns that America must "trade or fade." The U.S. was told it must embark upon a frantic effort to export more if it is to keep up with the rising economic might of Euromart, Japan and other powers. Read in this issue what's prophesied to happen.

What our READERS SAY

A Marine Thinks

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"For some time I have been studying religions and searching for one that really made some sense. Then one day a friend of mine told me about your program and I tried you out. At present I have been listening for almost 2 months and I do not know whether to fully believe you or to take what you say with a grain of salt. I must admit that what you say is quite logical but at the same time I am afraid that what you say might really prove to be true. Last night I sat down with the March PLAIN TRUTH and I spent almost 3 hours trying to prove what you said was false but at the end of that time I found that I could not tear down one single sentence out of any article. Instead I found more truth in it than I had at first."

Man from Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Warned Not to Read PLAIN TRUTH

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I have just finished reading the article, 'Did Christ Die of a Broken Heart?' It certainly made a lot of sense. I have shown two of your magazines to a couple of my Christian friends and they warned me not to read The PLAIN TRUTH, but somehow or other, when I get to reading it, I can't seem to put it down. Everything I have read so far has been very plain and true, because as I read, I also checked in my Bible."

Woman from Columbus, Ohio.

Checks Up and Gets Shock

"Since listening to your broadcasts, I have begun to study my Bible as much as I can. Although I had never read or studied it before, I began to do as you said, and checked up on what you and other ministers are saying. It was really a shock to see many of the things I had always taken for granted as 'Scriptural Doctrine' completely refuted in the Bible."

Man from Portland, Oregon.

PLAIN TRUTH Has Ring of Authority

"I really look forward to getting The PLAIN TRUTH each month as you certainly don't mince words and your articles have a ring of authority that others lack. Keep up the good work."

Shepparton, Victoria, Australia

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"The PLAIN TRUTH is a re-educational magazine. One marvels at the accuracy, the intensiveness of study and research. You and your dedicated staff have so devotedly uncovered and laid bare the false concepts we have 'ignorantly' gone along with. Here is one striving to clear out the cobwebs."

Woman from Milwaukie, Oregon.

Half-dozen People Share One Copy

"For some months I have been receiving, and thoroughly enjoying, The PLAIN TRUTH. I should be unhappy to miss a single issue. Frankly, you have more than a million readers, for there are at least a half dozen people who regularly share my issue."

Man from Detroit Lakes, Minn.

- Why not have each reader subscribe for his or her own copy?

"Most Educational"

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Today my PLAIN TRUTH was waiting when I came home from work. There is no magazine published that I ever look forward to as I do yours. Your articles thrill me from month to month. Your magazine is absolutely the most educational I have ever found."

Man from St. Louis, Missouri.

Minister Now Certain We Preach True Gospel

"For some time now I have been listening to you over WADC, Akron. Being in the ministry myself I am nat-

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Personal from the Editor

HERE I am again, with my monthly *personal* talk with our readers. This time I am writing from my study in *The Lodge*, which is the "guest cottage" on the Ambassador College grounds in England. I do not know when *The Lodge* was first built—probably more than a hundred years ago.

It occupies one corner of the beautiful college grounds, beside one of the two entrances, on the lane which encircles the approximately 180 acres of land surrounding the main college buildings. Directly across this narrow country lane—just outside the college grounds—is a large, rambling brick house that is more than 400 years old.

I remember the first time I visited St. Augustine, Florida, and was taken by a guide through the "oldest house in America." I do not remember, at the moment, its age—Florida readers will know—but it seems to me it was probably not more than 250 years old. It was a thrilling experience, then, to visit a house that old!

But now, as I write, I look out the window of my study on the well-kept front lawn of a house more than 400 years old! And such houses are not at all uncommon here in England. I have been in several buildings—cathedrals, castles, and such—that are 700 to 1,000 or more years old. And, in Rome, a restaurant room in part of the old Roman Forum, about 2,000 years old. In Nazareth Mrs. Armstrong and I have been in the synagogue, excavated from 15 feet under the present ground surface, in which Jesus stood up and read to those present, from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

When we purchased the college property in England, in 1959, we found *The Lodge* in dilapidated and unlivable condition. However, a rebuilding job has converted it into a very comfortable cottage for Mrs. Armstrong and me,

or Garner Ted Armstrong and family, whenever we are here.

I came to my typewriter to talk with you about something else—but since this is a *personal* talk, I thought you might be interested in this bit about the home God has provided for us in England.

The thought I wanted to talk to you about is this: I had just happened to pick up one of the large-circulation American women's magazines from a coffee-table in our living room. I scanned over the various articles. It was the April, 1962, number of *Ladies' Home Journal*.

Usually I *think* about what I see or observe. I hope you do. The nature and subject-matter of the various articles started a train of thought. Then I began to think about the popular men's magazines, and the general magazines edited for both men and women, such as *Reader's Digest*.

I suppose most of you read some such magazine more or less frequently, or perhaps a farm paper. I could not help contrasting the nature of the reading material in all these magazines with that in *The Plain Truth*. This impressed on my mind all the more how utterly DIFFERENT *The Plain Truth* is from any other publication on earth. Of course, there are many "religious" publications, too, but *The Plain Truth* is about as different from any of them as it is from the popular secular magazines.

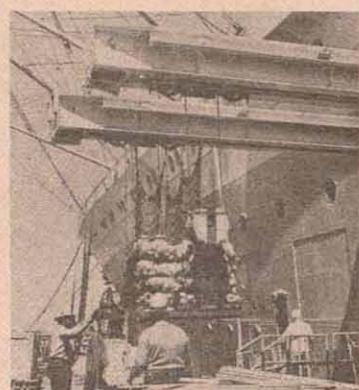
But let's take this issue of the *Ladies' Home Journal* as a typical example. Beside the cover picture of a teen-age girl, six leading articles are featured, in good-sized type, on the front cover.

First is "INSIDE THE EXCITING WORLD OF FASHION." Actually, on turning to it, I noticed that this article was merely an autobiography of the former editor of

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OUR COVER

Perishable freight consigned to Honolulu and the Orient is being loaded aboard the President Cleveland on the San Francisco waterfront. This photograph was taken shortly after a Government injunction had halted a nationwide maritime strike.

Personal from the Editor

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Harper's Bazaar. She had died in 1961. A subhead said: "The world of fashion was the world of Carmel Snow, Harper's Bazaar editor." So this article was not a pictorial description of the latest exciting fashions. Yet such an article does usually appear in the popular women's magazines.

Now what's wrong with that? That depends. In many instances, if not all, an article in a women's magazine on fashion is primarily an appeal to vanity. Is vanity wrong? The world doesn't think so. The world doesn't think human nature is wrong. The very basis of human nature is VANITY. Vanity is SELF, and expresses itself in self-glorification, and in greed, selfishness, jealousy, envy, malice, hatred.

The world exalts vanity. Its educators teach the psychology of *self-confidence*, and, in child-rearing, of permissiveness. The idea is that human nature is essentially GOOD, and the impulses and desires of a growing child are always good—and therefore the child should be allowed to follow whatever whim or passion or desire pops into his mind.

But God Almighty, the Creator, says differently: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). The Bible uses "puffing up"—self-exaltation—as a description of SIN.

With your new automobile, refrigerator, or television set the maker will send along an instruction book. The Maker of us all teaches, in HIS instruction book, that THE WAY to operate this human mechanism for satisfactory results is the opposite psychology of FAITH IN GOD—or *God-confidence* instead of *self-confidence*—and, in child rearing, to train up a child in the way he *ought* to go, and if you spare the rod, you'll spoil the child.

Did you ever notice that all commercial secular magazines appeal to vanity, and to your own selfishness? Their subject matter is altogether along physical and MATERIAL lines of thought

and interest. Their reasoning, philosophy, and opinion is carnal. Their appeal is to self-interest, your pleasure-seeking, your self-glorification, or material acquisition. They thus lead your mind into CARNAL channels, *away from God!*

I do not mean to say that all in worldly magazines is bad. Nor that you should never read them. I read them—but I am careful *what* I read in them, and *how* I read their material. We live in a material world. Christ did not teach us to go away from the world. He has not called us to get away from it by coming up to His Heaven. We must live *in* it—but should not be *of it*.

Much among the informative or thought-provoking articles in popular magazines contains information, factual knowledge, even ideas that we need to know. So it is, for the true Christian, a matter of *what* and *how* you read. It is so easy to simply let your mind be carried along in the mood of the article. If your approach—your attitude as you read—is carnal, completely sympathetic and in tune with what you are reading, it will lead you into carnally becoming more and more a part of this world, thinking its thoughts, participating in its ways. But if your approach is spiritual—tuned to the MIND OF CHRIST, which He says ought to be *in you* (Phil. 2:5)—looking on the world, and worldly conditions, facts, philosophies, arguments, opinions, as GOD looks at them—comparing them with the true spiritual values and truths, then you may grow spiritually even through such carefully selected reading.

And besides, all that is in these magazines is neither bad, nor false, nor necessarily contrary to Biblical teaching.

As an example, in this same number of the magazine I am discussing, is an article captioned: "You're Never Too Old to Look Young." Now this article could be used to greatly inflate the ego of some women, but it could be used very beneficially by others. I haven't read it, except the headings, sub-headings, and the descriptive captions under the pictures. They show, in photographs, a "before and after" of a certain woman. As she looked before, her hair was unbecomingly combed tightly back on her head; she wore unattractive spectacles which detracted from her appearance;

she had on what appeared to be a dull-colored plaid dress that tied up tightly around her neck, with plain long sleeves and of course with no pleasing style in design.

The "before" picture might have been some sanctimonious pseudo-religious woman who construed the Biblical teaching about modest dress to mean that women should make "eye-sores" of themselves. God Himself designed the beauty of the lily. He says that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as beautifully as a lily. The number one interior decorator of the United States used to speak often against "gilding the lily,"—that is, over-doing ornamentation in decorating a home or building, or in personal attire. A lily is modest, plain, simple—not overly ornamented. It has plain, simple lines—but it is BEAUTIFUL!

True, the Bible teaches that women adorn themselves in modest apparel. But this passage does not say women must "cover themselves with ugly, ill-fitting, unbecoming clothes." It says they are to *adorn themselves*—and the word means "decorate" and implies *pleasing* appearance—in *modest* apparel. Now God Himself *adorned* the beautiful lily! The lily is surely *modest* in design—plain, simple, MODEST, YES!—but it is indeed a thing of BEAUTY, and a work of ART, such as only a SUPER-Master craftsman such as God Himself could design and create! What is said in this Biblical passage about "braided hair" actually refers to over-done plaits women of the world used in Biblical days—comparable to a ridiculously over-done Hollywood actress of today.

Of course this issue of this women's magazine has an article on sex—as all popular magazines seem to have these days—"How to Help Adolescents Understand Sex." I have not read it. Such articles usually are "clean" enough, and biologically instructive. But, lacking the Biblical FOUNDATIONAL knowledge of sex, its God-designed purposes (the word is in the plural) and God's laws regulating it, such articles in popular magazines never supply fully what readers need to know. I am hoping to start a series of articles making plain God's MEANING about sex, in *The Plain Truth*

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Khrushchev LOSING OUT in East Germany?

Khrushchev is worried! Usually tough, swaggering, he's been relatively subdued this year—so far. Why? What's gone wrong? What is Khrushchev's trouble? The shocking answer has just been disclosed in a secret report.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Dusseldorf, Germany
Special bulletin by cable:

EAST GERMANY is in serious economic difficulties! Instead of showing the world a success story, East German Communism has failed. The serious economic JAM in East Germany has Khrushchev really fearful!

A special, top-secret directive, just leaked to the West, reveals what's happened—reveals why Khrushchev is really fearful.

Ulbricht Regime Floundered

Khrushchev's present worries over Communist failure in East Germany go back to 1959. In that year a seven-year plan was begun to prove to the world how Communism, under the Ulbricht leadership in East Germany, could match or surpass western production. It was to make East Germany a truly productive and powerful ally to Russia.

What really happened is something far different!

Instead of success, Communist Ulbricht's puppet government found itself in a veritable MESS. East Germany's economy floundered. Ulbricht tried to cover up by false statistics. When Khrushchev found out what happened, Ulbricht was called on the carpet—all the way to Moscow!

Nikita Khrushchev laid down the law in a secret February meeting. Produce or else! The "or else"—now disclosed in a news leak to West Berlin—will be Ulbricht's finish—and complete control of East Germany from Moscow! Khrushchev is taking no chances.

Khrushchev's REAL WORRY

Already, Khrushchev has given stern orders that TOP PRIORITY is to be given delivery of exports to RUSSIA! Low

priority is to be given the East German consumer demand. Instead, higher production of vital materials for Russia has been demanded—especially automation equipment, electronics, specialized machine tools and optics.

RUSSIAN experts have been sent to East Berlin to REFORM the economic situation, enforce production and export commitments to Russia and report directly to Moscow! It means TROUBLE is ahead with an increasingly DISSATISFIED EAST GERMAN POPULACE!

But HERE'S THE REALLY BIG QUESTION!

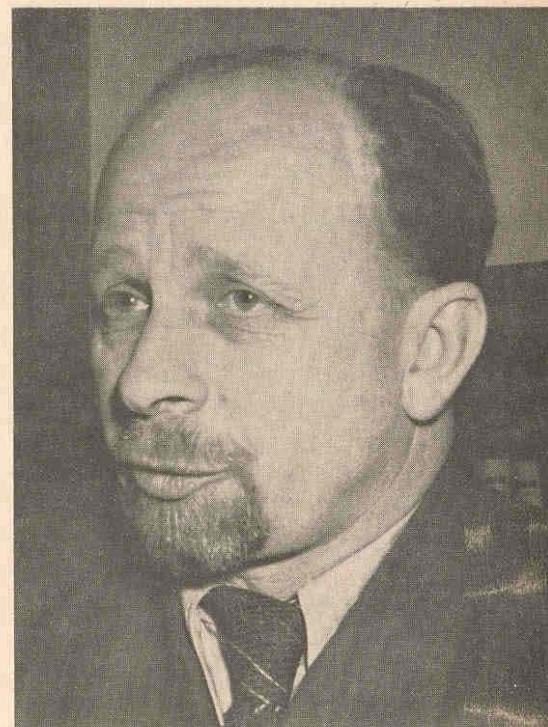
Are the East Germans DELIBERATELY stalling production—are they deliberately holding down exports to Russia, and giving priority to their own consumers?

Is the real problem in East Berlin only with the mismanagement of a sincere Communist government, TRYING to meet its commitments to Soviet Communism? Or is it deliberate slowing of production and planned wrecking of the Communist East German economy—as the first step toward revolt to join the Fatherland and the United States of Europe now forming?

This is KHRUSHCHEV's big question!

The answer to it has him really concerned.

Actually, Khrushchev knows *Fascism* is still lying just under the surface in East Germany! He remembers the Hungarian revolt—and the East Berlin revolt. And he's worried—SCARED! He's worried the SAME THING, with far more serious results, might happen in all EAST GERMANY! Yet this is only one of Khrushchev's present troubles. His many headaches have forced him to tone down his normally violent reaction to the resumption of U.S. nuclear tests. Russian reaction was more routine, calmer.



Wide World Photo
Walter Ulbricht, East German Communist boss, who was recently summoned to Moscow to explain East German economic floundering.

Khrushchev has had to tone down his campaign to keep fanning the fires hotter and hotter over Berlin. He has had to let opportunities for applying pressure slide by! The really BIG WORRY Mr. K. faces is what will happen in East Germany!

What PROPHECY Says!

Here in West Germany again, I see West Germans BOOMING BIGGER THAN EVER! They are simply LEAPING ahead! From all sides come admissions that a revitalized West GERMANY is the leading nation in Europe. She is the BIGGEST military power among the European members of NATO. She is the really big-

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What our READERS SAY

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urally interested in any religious program. Many I have heard—after checking in the Bible—are to me merely a 'form' of religion. I have checked and double checked on your statements and all of them are the plain truth. I sent for several of your booklets and The PLAIN TRUTH without stating I was a minister. I wanted to be certain in my own mind it was not a case of another 'false prophet.' Now I am certain it is the true Gospel. I am definitely interested in your Bible Course. It is the duty of all ministers to preach the true Gospel, and I do not want to be held accountable for not doing so at the judgment."

Man from Ohio.

- Very few men have the character to tell their congregation they have been wrong and are now willing to preach God's truth straight from the Bible.

"I Couldn't Believe What I Saw"

"I have been doing Bible reading and study on my own. After 4 times through in a year, when I raised my head and looked around me, I couldn't believe what I saw of Christianity today! NOTHING like what I read in the Bible. Then the voice of Mr. Armstrong came and helped me find my way to see the light."

Man from Cincinnati, Ohio.

From South Africa

"As I was translating your article on prayer into Afrikaans for my own understanding and use, I came upon your offer for the important free booklets 'Does God Exist?' and 'The Proof of the Bible.' I yearn to have them as I am studying my Bible, The PLAIN TRUTH, and your Correspondence Course. I must thank you for the measure of clarity that I have received through the reading of your articles in The PLAIN TRUTH."

Man from Johannesburg, S. Africa.

- The booklets, "Does God Exist" and "The Proof of The Bible" are now available in German, French and Spanish, and "Does God Exist" is also available

in Italian and Russian. Write for a copy if you wish to read the literature in your own language.

"Free Thinker" Finds Booklets Fascinating, Satisfying

"Thank you for forwarding so promptly your free booklets. I have read them all two or three times each and find it a very fascinating and satisfying study. About six years ago I turned my back on the Church I was attending and began to call myself a Christian Free Thinker. I didn't quite know what I meant by it, but it sounded all right. You may be able to imagine how the excitement mounted within me as I read your wonderful booklets."

Serviceman from Germany.

- Self-professed "free thinkers" are slaves to their own ideas. They want to be free to believe error! True freedom comes only when one is willing to forsake error and admit that what God reveals in His Word—the Bible—is *Truth*.

Family Finds Key to Happiness

"I just want to let you know what joy we have listening to THE WORLD TOMORROW on CFQC Saskatoon. It is wonderful how the program gives us a lift. I thank God for bringing His very truth into our home."

"I am also enjoying the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, and can hardly wait until the next one comes. Mr. Armstrong, this is a happy family. We know we have found the key."

From Mullingar, Saskatchewan, Can.

Blessings from Tithing

"About a year and a half ago I began tithing. My wages didn't begin to make any spectacular leaps. For about a year

nothing really seemed to change. But then I got a tip on a job opening. I am now working in this job which I like better. I received an increase in salary and I also have a part interest in the business."

Man from Columbia, Mississippi.

Disaster Strikes Atlantic Seaboard

"I know with the excellent News Bureau that Ambassador College has, that you are fully aware of the gales that struck the Atlantic Seaboard beginning on Monday evening, March 5. We had water completely around our home, the street and sidewalks were covered with a broad-flowing river of water. For two days during these periods of high tides, no vehicles were able to travel over most of our streets. But Sir, not a drop entered into our house! Throughout this area property damage runs into millions. There were also many fires started. It was a fearsome sight to watch the huge flames completely demolish an appliance store, a famous local Bar and Eating House, and a Furniture Refinishing Store. We had fire-fighting units from as far away as Camden, New Jersey. This misery in this area has to be seen to be appreciated. Mr. Armstrong, how can a man adequately thank the Creator God for preserving his life, when clearly visible all around him is the terrific damage suffered by others? Beyond a shadow of doubt God was with us. It is hard for me to tell you of the joy and gratitude I feel to God."

Man from Wildwood, New Jersey.

- This violent storm struck with such fury that whole sections of the coastline were washed away and permanently changed. The change was so great that new maps of the area need to be drawn up. Natural, destructive calamities such as this are only a warning of a great man-made war and tribulation soon to come! A time such as has never been nor ever again shall be. People who have put their trust in material goods or some other idol will not be able to buy protection! But God promises us safety and supernatural protection if we heed His warnings over The WORLD TOMORROW and repent of hostility to God and His law and become totally obedient to the will of Jesus Christ.

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The Steel Crisis—WHY President Kennedy Acted

President Kennedy acted fast to force steel industry to back down on its announced price increase. What prompted such drastic action? Behind this question lies the startling challenge to the job of every American!

by Gene H. Hogberg

JUST four days after signing a "non-inflationary" contract with the Steelworkers Union, the giant U. S. Steel Corporation startled the business world with a \$6 a ton price increase. Other firms immediately started following suit.

The announcement hit Washington like a bomb! President Kennedy was furious! The Government, which had helped engineer the peaceful labor pact, had counted on the steel companies to hold the line on prices. The President denounced Big Steel's action as inflationary and opposed to the public interest. "Wholly unjustified and irresponsible!" he charged.

Government wheels immediately started turning. Pressures were brought to bear on the steelmen, and by April 13

the price hike was rescinded. The steel spokesmen soundly criticized the Administration's action. They claimed the price increase had been long overdue—that since the last price adjustment in 1958, there had been four increases in steelworker wages and benefits. The latest contract added another 10 cent an hour benefit boost. The profit squeeze in the industry had become so tight that income to plow back into the industry to finance modernization had dropped to almost nothing.

Even Europe Shocked!

The almost unprecedented federal intervention in private industry shocked even European observers. Some said that no leader even in the most socialized Western European country

would have denounced a private industry the way Mr. Kennedy did.

Why then did the Government take such a drastic step? One look at the U. S. gold supply will give you the answer.

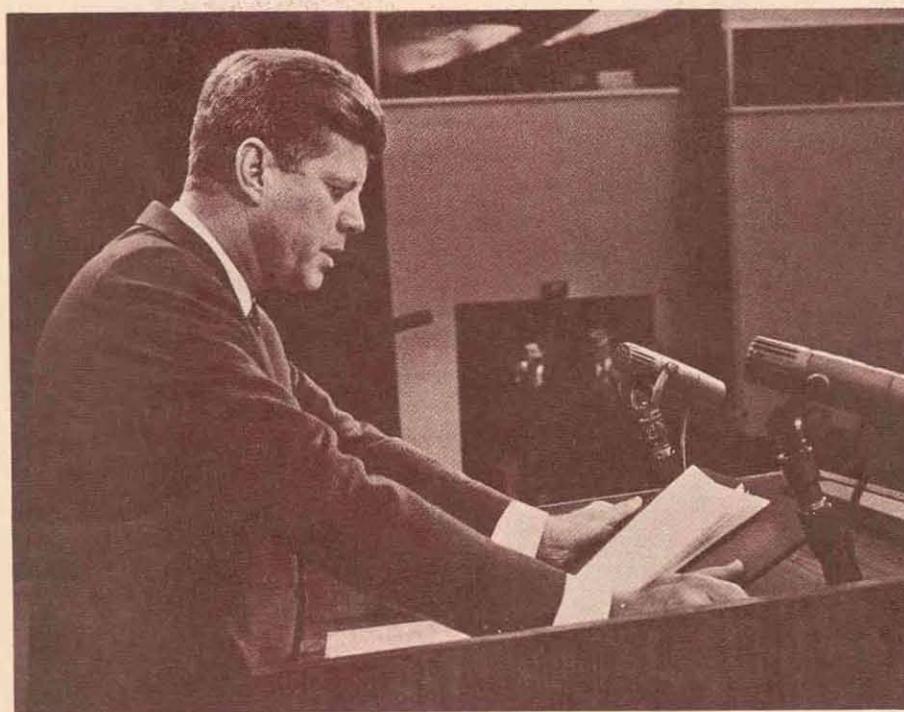
IT WAS TO PROTECT THE DOLLAR! Recent heavy drains had sent the Treasury gold stock down to a *22½ year low* of \$16.5 billion. Government economists knew that a price hike in steel, the most basic of all industries, would have started a new price-wage spiral all up and down the industrial line. In would come more low-cost imported goods. Up would go the U. S. trade deficit. Out would flow more gold. The Government had to act fast.

The Changing World Scene

The steel crisis revealed Washington's increased awareness of the changing world trade picture. Government leaders know all too well that the days of America's unchallenged economic position have ended.

Throughout its history the United States has enjoyed the benefits of a vast internal common market. Goods have flowed freely across state borders. This gigantic free trade area, unique in the history of the world, has given American manufacturers the tremendous advantage of mass-producing for a mass market. Low-cost assembly line methods have enabled U. S. industry to prosper and sell abroad as well.

Now the situation is changing. America, through a reckless inflationary policy, has thrown away its advantage, has now become a high-cost producer. Its once near-exclusive markets are threatened everywhere. Into its shoes as the world's foremost economic power is stepping a new free trade area—the



Wide World Photo

President Kennedy at April 11 news conference replying to the steel industry's announced \$6-a-ton price increase.



Wide World Photo
United States Steel board chairman Roger M. Blough who delivered his company's price hike notice to the President.

EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET.

The once bitter enemies of Western Europe—France, West Germany, Italy, the Benelux countries—have at last buried their hatchets and found strength in unity. Coalescing rapidly into a single economic power, their influence upon world trade—and especially the U. S.—is beginning to be felt hard!

Top businessmen and industrialists are worried about the revolutionary changes Euromart is destined to bring to the American scene. Wrote Walter Mitchell, Jr., Editor-in-chief of *Advanced Management Magazine*: "In terms of its meaning to *every manager* and *every worker* in the United States, what may well be *one of the greater changes of our lifetime* is now developing in Europe. IT WILL AFFECT OUR STANDARD OF LIVING, the competitive position of our industries, and THE FUTURE SAFETY OF OUR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. It will have effects SECOND ONLY TO THOSE OF WORLD WAR II. I refer, of course, to the *booming strength of the European Common Market.*" (*Advanced Management*, July-August, 1961, emphasis ours throughout article.)

Yes, whether you are an office clerk, a bus driver, a steelworker, a farmer, or whether you are retired and now live off

of investments or Social Security, the Common Market is destined to affect YOU PERSONALLY in the very near future.

What Euromart Means

The very words "Common Market" mean LOW-COST COMPETITION both here at home and abroad. This Great Inquisitor of the American economy is bringing severe pressure to bear on U. S. industry and labor. The era of steady inflation is just about over. U. S. producers cannot afford to endlessly increase prices. Otherwise imports—already a problem—would swamp the entire market.

Manufacturers, however, are caught in a vice. Their costs of production are continuing to spiral upward. Taxation is an increasing burden. Unions don't see eye-to-eye with a hold-the-line policy. The result is a profit squeeze. The profit margins of the nation's 100 leading corporations have been reduced 20 per cent in the last 10 years. Inability to plow profits back into the business to modernize machinery is a severe

headache for many firms. This is the very problem affecting U. S. Steel.

One Solution—Away With Jobs

The primary method American business is using to meet foreign competition is the introduction of automation. Machine replacement of high-cost labor has already meant the loss of millions of jobs.

Do you work in industry? Well listen to this. From now on, greater use of machinery combined with higher productivity is scheduled to eliminate 1,700,000 jobs a year.

Are you a white collar worker? Brace yourself for the fact that an estimated four million workers in the white collar field alone will be replaced by new electronic machines in the next five years.

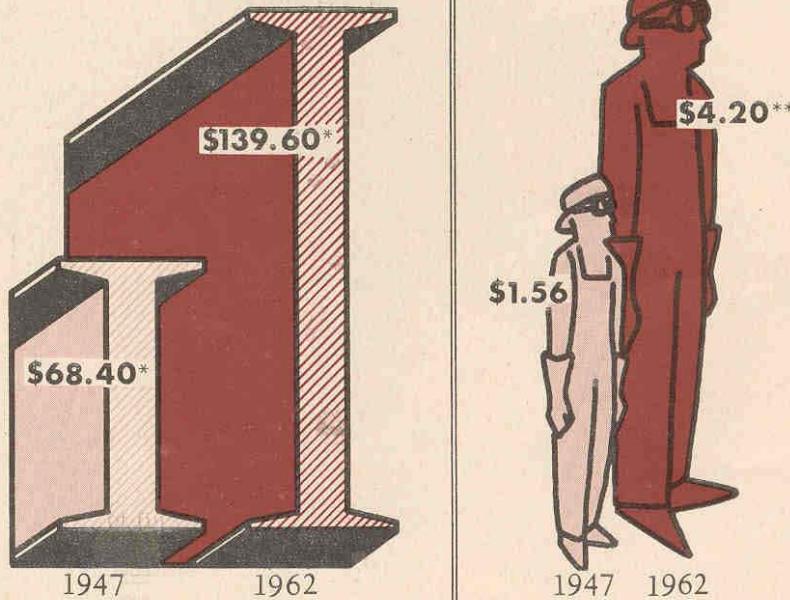
The continuing flight of American industry abroad to take advantage of lower wage scales is threatening additional millions of jobs in all fields.

Vital Exports Face Exclusion

Euromart also means "Europe for the Europeans." As the Continent unites, its

THE HIGH COST OF STEEL

In 15 years the price of steel has risen 104%... while the hourly labor cost (wages plus benefits) has gone up 169%.



* Per ton of finished carbon steel.

** Including latest 10 cent-per-hour fringe benefit boost effective in July.



Wide World Photo

Workers at shift change leaving U.S. Steel's huge Homestead Works in Pittsburgh area. High costs are driving American steel out of hotly contested markets.

internal tariff walls crumble while the common external wall solidifies the bloc against outsiders—and this includes the United States. America stands to lose almost \$6 billion worth of annual exports if the door to an expanding Euromart and Britain clanks shut.

Are you a farmer? Your stake in trade is perhaps the greatest of all. Every sixth acre you plant is for export. Sixty per cent of our rice, 49% of our cotton, 45% of our wheat and 42% of our soybean production are sent abroad. Of the \$5 billion of annual farm exports, 2 billion goes to Western Europe. In this day of squeezing profit margins, the loss of this market could mean a loss for you.

Are you a factory worker? Perhaps you didn't know it, but one out of every three workers engaged in manufacturing is employed in an establishment that exports. If your firm lost its foreign sales,

how secure would your job be?

If you are among the many in the transportation industry, listen to what President Kennedy said in his State of the Union message this January: "Without entrance to the [European] market . . . millions of American workers whose jobs depend on the sale of the transportation or the distribution of exports or imports or whose jobs will be endangered by the movement of our capital to Europe . . . will see their interests sacrificed."

Yes, regardless of the business you are in, Euromart affects you!

A Siege Coming

It is time that we wake up and comprehend the days in which we are living. Jesus Christ berated the Pharisees because they couldn't discern the signs of the times. Dare we fall under the same condemnation?

The pages of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine have warned continuously of the emergence of a last, end-time revival of the Roman Empire—a union of ten kings (there are six already, soon to be more) ruled over by a false religious system (Rev. 17:3, 12-13). This was fully explained in the preceding number of The PLAIN TRUTH.

This rapidly developing Babylonish monster is pictured in the Bible as having great economic power, with its tentacles stretching throughout the whole earth. Notice Revelation 18:3: ". . . the merchants of the earth are WAXED RICH through the abundance of her delicacies." She will become so huge that when she is finally crushed by a returning, conquering Jesus Christ, against whom she will fight, her merchants will weep and mourn (v. 11-15).

This very same system, before its ignominious end, is prophesied to bring

about the destruction of the United States. The advance stages of her warfare are shown to be *economic*, not *military*. This is explained in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. Here are foretold the specific curses upon God's people Israel whenever they would disobey Him. The descendants of Israel have been located today, and the peoples of the United States comprise one of the so-called "lost tribes." If you haven't as yet seen the proof of this, write immediately for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, "The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy."

Notice first why these curses were pronounced. Verse 45 says ". . . because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the ETERNAL thy God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded thee." Today most of our people think it fashionable to keep God's commands whenever and however *they* please. Convenient "escape clauses" to the commandments excuse disobedience.

Such actions are leading to all sorts of national depravity, immorality, broken homes, crime. The breaking of the commands against stealing and coveting on the part of labor unions who greedily demand more pay than they deserve or need is one DIRECT CAUSE of America's economic plight.

Now notice verse 52. Here is what the enemy—this resurgent Europe is going to do. "And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst." In our times of nuclear weapons, the old style military siege is out of style. This is speaking of a modern-day siege—TRADE WAR, economic strangulation. The preceding verse pictures the very same thing, a destruction of the national economy. Verses 53-57 foretell a horrible famine as a result of not being able to buy food. Our European "allies" will not come to our aid. There will be no Marshall Plan in reverse.

Trade War Here Now!

This horrifying trade war has already begun. The softening-up process is well under way. Look for yourself at the low-cost foreign goods on display in

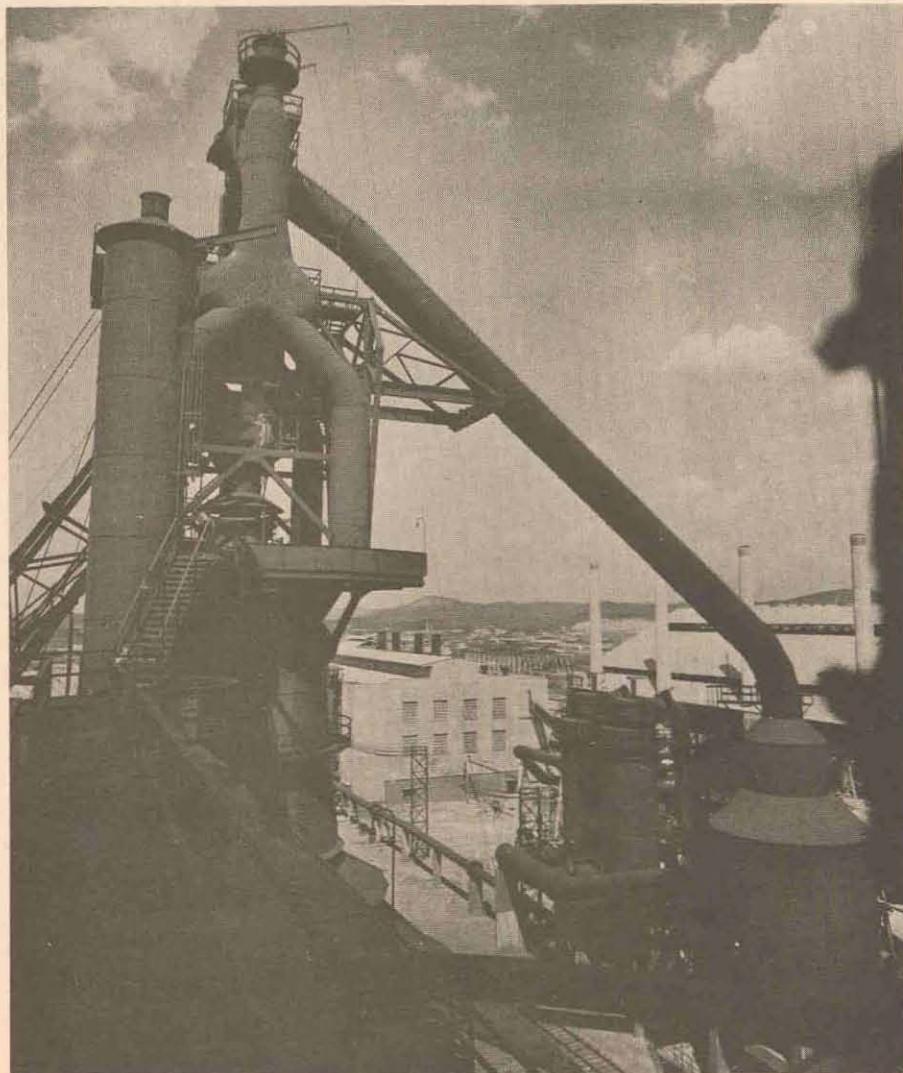
your local hardware, five-and-ten, sporting goods or even downtown department store. That set of hand tools on the wall. Was it made in Connecticut—or Germany? What about that light, finely balanced tennis racket? Made in Massachusetts—or Belgium, where the cost of production is roughly *half*? Take a look at the sewing machines. Do the names sound American—or rather German, Italian and Japanese? Pick up a pair of scissors. If it says "Made in U.S.A." it's a rarity. Only eight out of the former forty-two manufacturers of scissors in the U.S.A. are still in business. Almost the same situation prevails in the ladies' handbag, leather glove, pottery, mosaic tile and small lamp industries.

Try on a pair of shoes. Made in St. Louis—or rather a new "Italian import?" That bright sports shirt you're eyeing for Junior. Does the label read "Made in Hong Kong?"

On and on we could go. You've all experienced these things yourself. You know things aren't the way they used to be.

An alarmed Congressman, John H. Dent of Pennsylvania, wrote to his constituents recently, "*I'm afraid we're going down the 'one-way street' to oblivion faster than our people realize.* If my opinion is worth anything, I'd hazard a statement that *unless we solve our import problems we will be a second-rate nation within the next decade.*"

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Wide World Photo

This scene at the huge Volta Redonda steel plant in Brazil shows open hearth furnaces with smokestacks in the background. World competition in steel is intensifying as new complexes are going up all over. Even underdeveloped Peru now exports steel.

What's Wrong with SCIENCE?

SCIENCE means knowledge. An honest scientist will examine all sources of knowledge before reaching conclusions. But modern science has rejected a vital source of true knowledge and now threatens humanity with nuclear suicide!

by Jack R. Elliott

WHERE has modern science gone wrong? What is wrong with modern scientific education that we face the ultimate possibility of world destruction through SCIENTIFIC WARFARE?

Scientific Attitude?

Strange as it may seem, the scientific world has the ATTITUDE WHICH MOTIVATED MAN'S FIRST SIN! It is the attitude of "I'LL FIND OUT FOR MYSELF." Here is what occurred in the *first scientific experiment!*

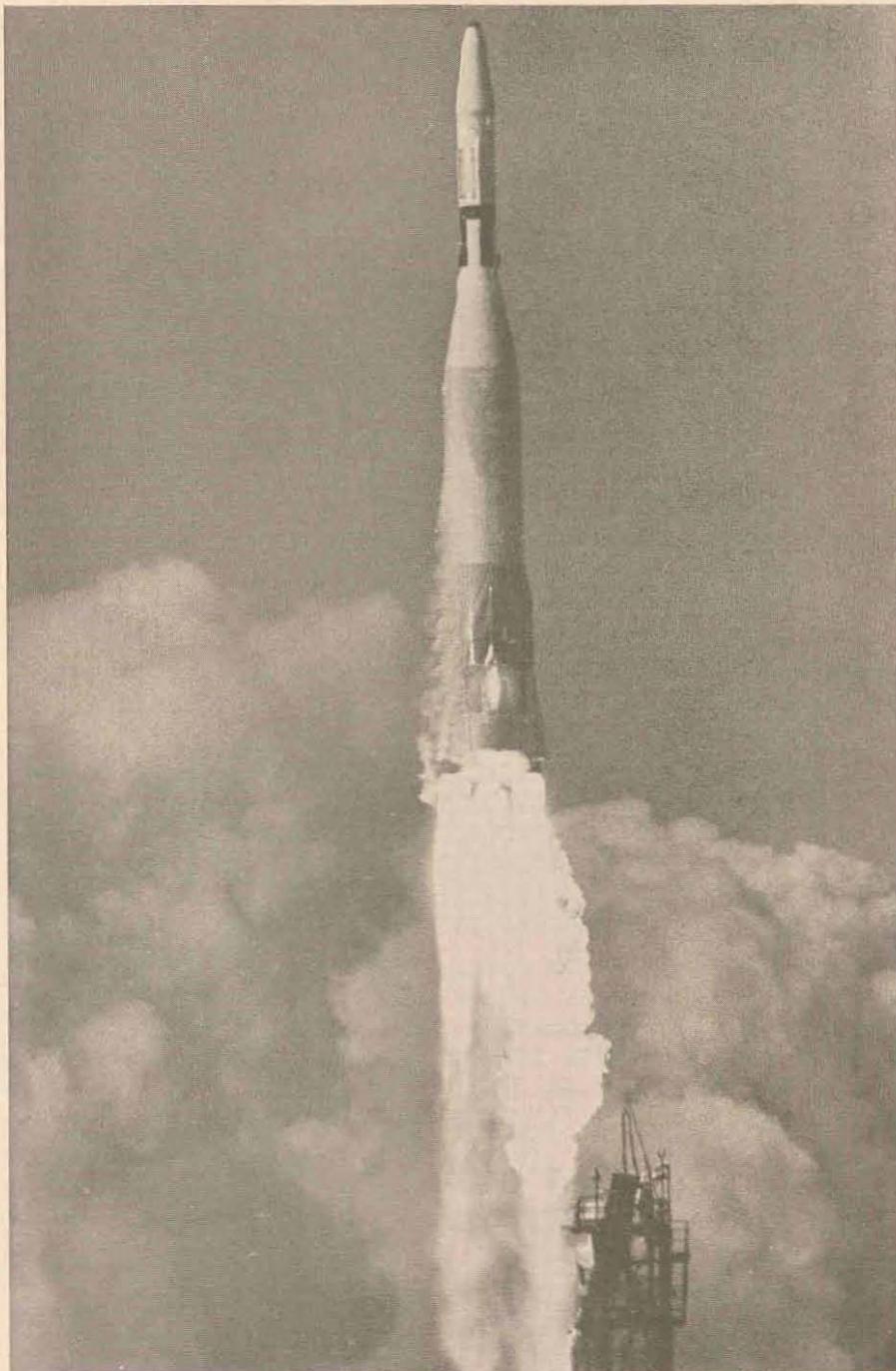
It all began when the first woman was convinced that *she could not trust God to give her RIGHT KNOWLEDGE.* She immediately assumed the attitude of FINDING OUT FOR HERSELF. She EXPERIMENTED and found that the fruit of the tree looked good and tasted good, and was desirable. So she, BEING SELF-SUFFICIENT, took and ate of the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:6).

She had PERFORMED AN EXPERIMENT and had drawn her own conclusion. She had SCIENTIFIC PROOF which was DEMONSTRABLE in that she was able to repeat the experiment to Adam's satisfaction. He also looked, tasted, and found that it was desirable. He, too, LET SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTATION DECIDE HIS COURSE OF ACTION. The result: both died!

Science, by experimenting, carefully measuring, and cataloguing its findings has come upon much physical knowledge. Much of it is helpful to you and me. But science, like Adam and Eve, IS UNABLE TO DISCOVER ALL KNOWLEDGE BY EXPERIMENTATION. There is VITAL knowledge left which experimentation will not uncover.

Where adequate, provable knowledge is not at first available by experiment, science must first speculate what might be the answer, then experiment to prove

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Wide World Photo
In a world that is threatened with annihilation through scientific weapons, man finds himself in a new war to conquer space. Here you see the Atlas-Agena rocket, using approximately 360,000 pounds of thrust, aimed at the moon. It rises skyward to boost the Ranger 4 spacecraft to a predetermined position and velocity in space. The spacecraft required about 60 hours before it hit the moon.

or disprove the *imagined theory*.

This is exactly what Adam and Eve did. And like Adam and Eve's experiment, science's conclusions often incorporate *irreparable error*.

Scientific Achievement

Scientists have brought about a push-button age. They have unleashed POWER that is astonishing.

Even so, *something is wrong!* Mankind is more unhappy than ever before, and *MORALS* are at an *all-time low*. The very power they have discovered threatens to destroy mankind. THIS GENERATION LIVES IN FEAR.

Science, which has promised a *twentieth-century utopia*, is actually bringing about a *twentieth-century catastrophe*.

This is because science has rejected vital knowledge—knowledge which is every bit as important as the technological and inventive knowledge which science did uncover.

This knowledge is THE INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO USE HUMAN INVENTIONS AND HOW TO USE THE KNOWLEDGE MEN HAVE OBTAINED.

Just as Adam and Eve (Genesis 3), scientists have rejected instructions from THE CREATOR. And, like Adam and Eve, this action is causing misery and woe.

THIS vital knowledge is available only from the Creator—the God who created all laws, all life, and all material. He is the One who set life in motion. Only He knows the purpose for its creation and how it can be used correctly. This knowledge from God is necessary to guide and direct scientific knowledge and power into a happy, peaceful, long and wholesome life. Without this knowledge all increase of power only heightens the tension and anxiety of impending chaos.

Science has, without scientific proof, arbitrarily rejected the Creator God and His vital knowledge which it so desperately needs. It has arbitrarily rejected the *Word of God*—The Holy Bible—without even so much as considering it (Rom. 1:18-22).

Instead of science being *all-wise* as the world is prone to think, it is only *part-wise*, having rejected spiritual knowledge. This one-sided—half-witted

—action is the root of today's trouble (Hosea 4:6).

Science Robs God

In their zeal to uncover knowledge, to broadcast it, and to claim credit for the discovery, MEN HAVE MADE AN IDOL OF SCIENCE. It is a creature of their own invention (Rom. 1:25, 28).

It claims that it does not need God. In fact, science takes the place of God, and assumes the position of telling mankind how to live. That is a direct insult to God!

Anyone who has honestly looked into the marvels of nature and seen the varieties of animals, plants, and insects together with the intricacy, complexity, and beauty of this creation—has to acknowledge God as Creator. Even the SIMPLEST item is AWE-INSPIRING! One tiny leaf of a tree, for example, is made up of millions of tiny cells, all intricately and perfectly organized. It is similar in shape to the other leaves on the same tree, but it is never exactly the same. It has its own individuality.

What marvelous laws STARTED it to form and GUIDED its development on the branch? Slowly and logically it developed to LIVE out its season as it

was intended! God did it!

Man would consider himself greatly exalted if he could only find out *how* a tiny leaf forms and *why* a tiny leaf grows. How much more his ego would be exalted if he could have invented it, designed it in all its beauty, and given it LIFE.

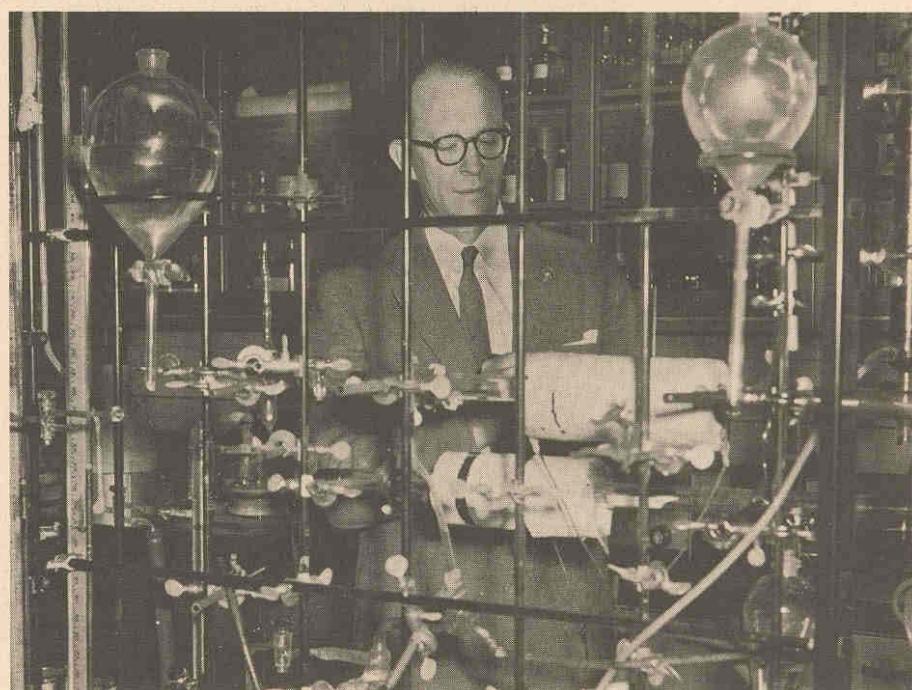
These apparently insignificant leaves also have a vital function for you and me. They transform solar energy into food and fuel.

By the process of *photosynthesis* the whole tree receives an important part of its nourishment and, in turn, animals, insects, and even man, gain good from its branches.

Furthermore, these tiny leaves absorb carbon dioxide which is a harmful waste product of man and animals. They utilize it through photosynthesis and return vitally needed oxygen to the air.

Leaves come on the plant at the appropriate time of the year. They spread their refreshing shade, perform their many vital functions, and then, turning into beautiful shades of red and gold, finally drop to the ground in autumn to become humus and fertilizer for the roots of hungry plants next season.

Has science ever made an invention which has served mankind as much as



Wide World Photo

Dr. Willard Frank Libby, University of Chicago atomic scientist, in his laboratory, at a vacuum line for distilling carbon. Science can discover only physical knowledge. It cannot discover the spiritual laws that regulate human life and make man happy.

even the tiny leaf?

God's creations are marvelously beautiful, intricately complex, and vital to mankind. They are drawn up and set in motion by an all-wise Creator. He is our wonderful God, whom most of mankind chooses to *ignore*. Though *scientists cannot fully understand the how and why* of leaves, they have attached the impressive name "photosynthesis" to their living, manufacturing processes and the world *ignorantly thinks science knows all about it.*

The world forgets God and reverently GIVES SCIENCE THE GLORY.

Faith in Science

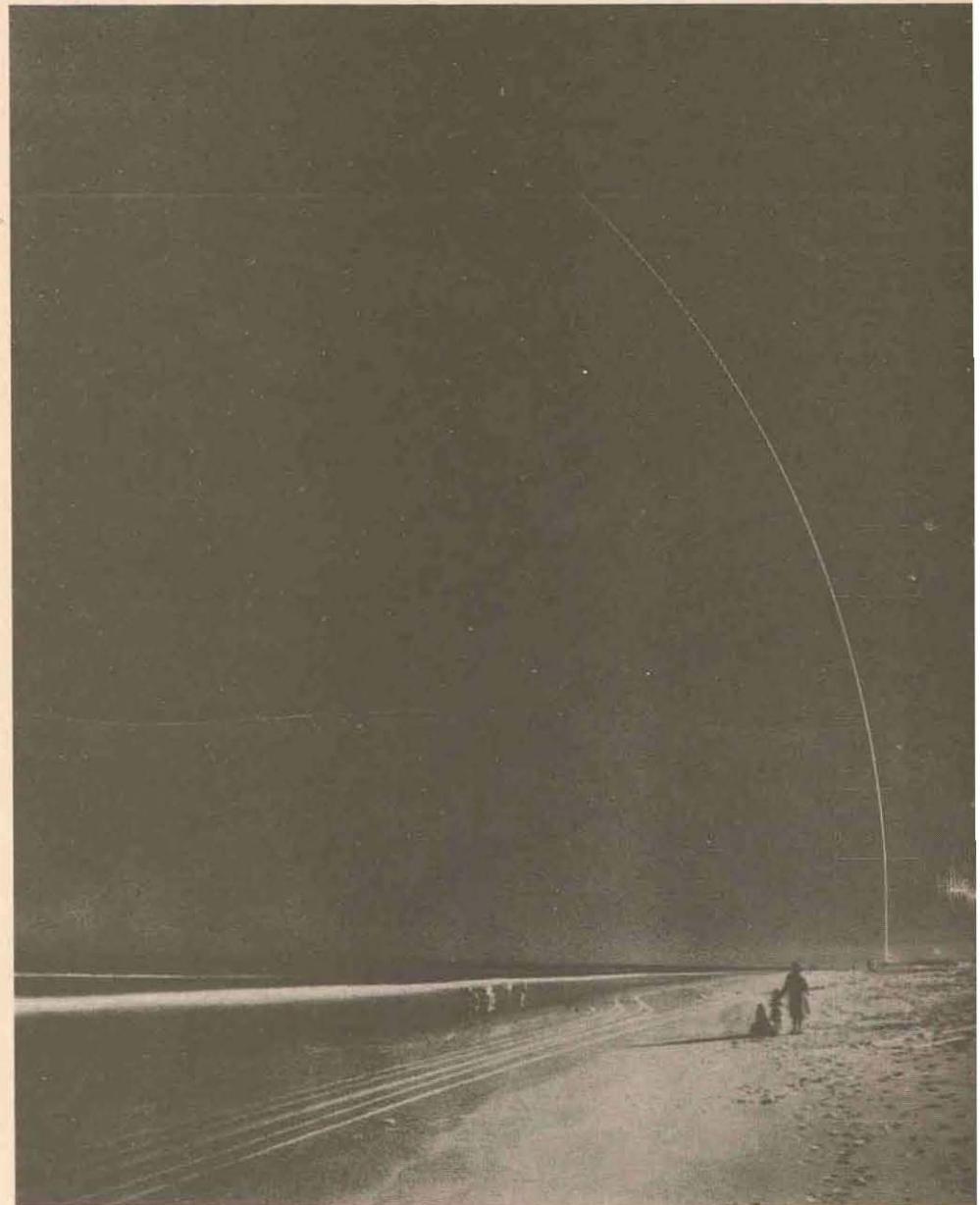
In this world, scientists' hypotheses, theories, or speculations are looked upon as being ALL-WISE. Men and women everywhere ACCEPT THEIR STATEMENTS IN EXPLICIT FAITH. All one needs to say is, ". . . according to the latest scientific thinking thus and so is true." Actually all this *jargon* means is that SCIENCE IS IGNORANT OF THE REAL ANSWER BUT IT ASSUMES or IMAGINES that "such and such is true."

Newspapers grab this scientific *imagination* and flash it around the world as "*the latest scientific discovery.*"

Later it may be disproved by subsequent FACT from actual discovery, but somehow, in respect to its god (science), newspapermen are too often discreetly quiet as to SCIENTIFIC BLUNDER.

The Bible says that a day is coming when God will again intervene and save this world from destroying itself. Then science will be put in its proper place. This intervention will come suddenly, at a time and in a way which science does not expect. One day, ALL SCIENTISTS shall come face to face with their CREATOR and suddenly be forced to receive KNOWLEDGE which they have deliberately ignored. Mouths will drop open, knees will shake, sphincter muscles (which scientists have been so careful to *discover, define and classify*) will relax, and SCIENTISTS WILL BE IN A MESS.

If God has chosen to hide Himself from His creation because that creation refuses to acknowledge and obey Him, DOES THAT MAKE HIM ANY LESS THE CREATOR AND THE ONE IN CONTROL?



Wide World Photo

STREAKING FOR THE MOON—Time exposure and infrared film were used to record the flame of the Atlas-Agena B rocket as it was launched at Cape Canaveral. The Ranger III package is on its way toward the moon after launching from the orbiting Atlas rocket. This picture was made looking south toward the missile site.

See Isaiah 8:17 and 45:14-15 and 54:8.

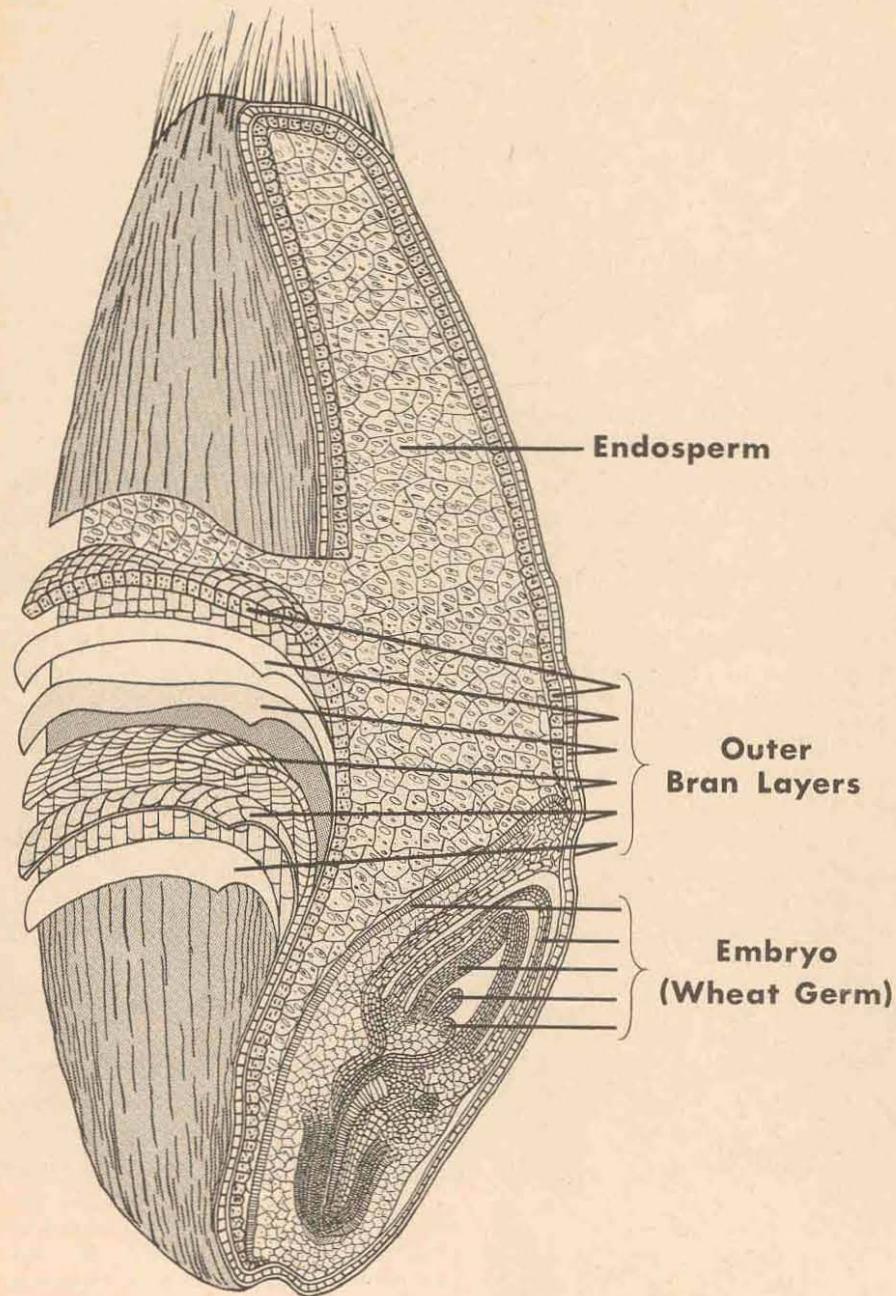
God has revealed in many places throughout the Bible that in an appointed time HE IS GOING TO RETURN and forcibly TAKE OVER THE CONTROL of this earth. He will smash all opposition and utterly do away with all those who DESPISE Him and REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE who He is and what He is (Rev. 19:11-21).

And that means narrow-minded scientists, who, in their GREAT EXALTED VANITY, declare that none can know whether God exists—men who like to

believe they themselves possess the highest intelligence in this universe—men so busy STRUGGLING TO EXALT THEMSELVES that they refuse to acknowledge that these wonderful, complicated, involved, but perfectly orderly, beautiful laws which they are discovering had to be created and set in motion BY A MIND INFINITELY GREATER THAN THEIRS.

God Is Still Creating

As is pointed out in Isaiah 64:8, WE ARE THE CLAY, and GOD IS OUR POT-



A grain of wheat, highly magnified, shows God's creative power. Science can only discover, not duplicate, this marvel.

TER. We are the works of His hand, and, as Ephesians 2:10 shows, "For we are HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ORDAINED that we should walk in them."

Shouldn't you be as moist, pliable, workable clay in the Master POTTER'S hands so that GOD MAY FORM YOUR LIFE AND SHAPE YOU into the very character which is in Jesus Christ? Or shall you be STIFF-NECKED and REBEL

AGAINST THAT CREATOR, and say to the Potter who would shape our lives, "Keep your hands off! I'll shape MYSELF the way I want to be. I WILL EXPERIMENT and I WILL FIND OUT FOR MYSELF what I think is good, and I will DIRECT MY OWN PATHS IN THE WAY I CHOOSE TO GO." There is a way that seems good to man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death (Prov. 14:12).

Ignorant men, wise in their own conceits, reject true knowledge and are

DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE because they are rejected of God (Hosea 4:6). As Romans 1:20 clearly shows, the invisible, nonmeasurable, nondiscoverable things of God are CLEARLY EVIDENCED by the things which we DO SEE and which required a CREATOR.

Verse 18 and onward reveals that men who suppress the truth in their unrighteousness, ignoring the fact that this marvelous creation had to have a Creator, became vain in their imaginations, and their *foolish hearts are darkened*. "PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS."

How about You

WHERE WILL YOU BE in the day that God reveals Himself? Will you be as the kings, the great men, the rich men, the generals, the politicians—yes, the bondmen and the scientists—who are to be so terrified that they *scream out* to the very rocks and the mountains to fall on them and HIDE THEM FROM THE FACE OF THEIR CREATOR and from His WRATH in the day when it comes? (Rev. 6:14-17).

Or, will you be the one who has SURRENDERED YOURSELF FULLY TO YOUR CREATOR to be CORRECTED, to be SHAPED, to be TRAINED and LED in the ways of life so that you will be able to stand in that day? (Eph. 6:13).

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

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

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

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

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

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

The ANSWER to Increasing Mental Sickness!

Why are ONE-HALF of all hospital beds occupied by the mentally sick? Why, despite latest methods, is the number of mentally deranged constantly increasing? What is the real SOLUTION?

by Roderick C. Meredith

AMERICA and Britain are now beginning to feel the full impact of a new, modern-day PLAGUE. For while we hear talk of *progress* and increased *knowledge* in every field, we also need to face the FACT that more people are literally *losing their minds* in our "civilization" than ever before in recorded human history!

The shocking book, *Every Other Bed*, by Mike Gorman, Executive Director of the National Association of Mental Health, took its title from the statistical FACT that *one-half* of ALL hospital beds in the U.S. are now occupied by *mental patients*. It is estimated that one American out of every ten is destined to become a *mental patient* during his lifetime!

WHY?

Yes, *why* should this situation exist in our supposedly "advanced" society?

REASON for Mental Sickness

It has been wisely observed that there is a *cause* for every effect. In attempting to solve the problem of mental and nervous breakdowns, those responsible for the health of our nation have *missed the mark*. Instead of getting at the real *root* of the problem—the CAUSE—they have attempted to remove the *effect* by the psychiatrist's couch, "pep talk" psychology, "peace of mind" pills and even stronger tranquilizing drugs.

The real CAUSE of the neurotic and the mental patient is found in the underlying *fear* and sense of *helplessness* and *frustration* that plague the minds of most men and women in today's world. Living in a world where hydrogen "hell" war can break loose at any moment and *destroy all humanity*, where intense competition and *strife* between individuals

has become an accepted way of life, where one's relationship with his wife, family or friends may be shattered at any time—living in such a world where there are no lasting values, where *speed* and *ruthlessness* seem to predominate—it is no wonder that many people "crack up" under mental and emotional strain.

Also, now that the frontiers of America and the British Empire have been conquered and the "soft" life has come into being for so many millions of people, there is no real GOAL or incentive ahead for some. More and more, many Western peoples have been coddled and petted and expect the *Government* to take care of them like a foster father. They have not learned how to DISCIPLINE their minds and their emotions! They have not learned to channel their thoughts and energies into the JOB TO BE DONE. Rather, their thoughts turn *inward*—toward the SELF—and their emotional frustration increases accordingly.

The reaction of *fear*, *frustration* and *helplessness* in the face of these trying situations is the major CAUSE of *mental breakdown*—and of the deep sense of *insecurity* that plagues nearly everyone. Then HOW can these deep-rooted tensions and fears be overcome? Did the Almighty God intend us to live in *FEAR*—or in *FAITH*?

Part of the answer to this question is that very few people on earth today have any real knowledge of the true God or of His PURPOSE. They do not know *why* they were born. They do not know *where* they're going after death. They do not have the right *goal* in life and they do not understand the LAWS OF LIFE which would produce success and happiness and lead them to that

ultimate goal—the resurrection.

The PURPOSE of Your Life

You did not just "happen" to be here. The evolutionary myth of a creation without a creator is NOT true—as we have proved time and again in this magazine. You were put here for a great purpose. After creating this earth and all the varieties of plants and animals upon it, 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" (Gen. 1:26).

Did you notice that God said "us" and "our"? Even the original Hebrew word for God in this entire account is "Elohim"—a uniplural noun meaning *more than one*. It is a word like "church" or "family." One family but several members. One church—but many members.

As explained in John 1:1-4 and Colossians 1:13-18, God created all things by and through Jesus Christ—the Divine "Word" or Spokesman of the Old Testament.

So God the Father and the Eternal Christ were saying: "Let us make man in *our* image." Man is made in the *form* and *shape* of those spiritual Beings who make up the God family—the God Kingdom. Man is given *dominion* over all the dumb creatures and over all the plants and elements here on earth.

The human structure—particularly the *hand* of man—enables man to build, construct and accomplish things completely beyond the capabilities of any other creature.

But far more important than that, the *mind* of man is made in a limited sense like God's mind. Of all creatures on earth, only man is able to think,

reason, plan and bring into existence new ideas, concepts or material structures. *Only* man has what we call "conscience"—that faculty of mind wherein resides the impressions of right and wrong, of spiritual values and principles.

Man Can Develop CHARACTER

While animals have limited brain capacity and are guided mainly by instinct which God placed in their brains, man *alone* has a mind capable of understanding spiritual principles, capable of choosing between right and wrong, of resisting the physical desires and obeying instead a higher spiritual law.

In a word, man *alone* has the potential of developing righteous, spiritual, holy CHARACTER.

At creation, the God family brought into existence beings made in their *form* and *shape*, having to a limited degree their type of creative *mind*, and having the potentiality—with outside help—of developing holy, righteous CHARACTER as possessed by God Himself. In plain language, God was beginning the process of *reproducing* Himself!

God was bringing into existence beings who had the possibility of acquiring the kind of righteous *character* which would ultimately qualify them to become members of God's *family*—God's *Kingdom*. God was starting human beings on a road which would lead them to eventually share in the *love*, the *wisdom*, the *glory*, the *power* and the *responsibility* of the God family.

When you come to understand this supreme PURPOSE of human existence, you can then appreciate fully the fact that God Himself has not only made it possible but will even *intervene supernaturally* to help you use your mind correctly to fulfill His purpose. For the *human mind*—with all its capacities—is one of the main things that separates us from the dumb brutes. It is the thing that makes possible our REALIZATION of God—and our CONTACT with the Creator of heaven and earth through His Spirit operating in our minds!

Do YOUR PART to Maintain A Balanced Mind

Prove to yourself from reading and studying your Bible and The PLAIN

TRUTH that there is a REAL GOD and that you were put here for a definite PURPOSE as has just been described. Then, bearing in mind this wonderful goal which we are put here to attain, be sure you have definite intermediate goals throughout your life. Begin to use your mind to decide—if you have not already done so—what kind of job will best suit you and your abilities, how best you can develop your personality, your physical health and your mind by outside interests and adult education programs.

Learn to USE your mind positively and constructively. Learn to discipline your emotions and moods. Cultivate a POSITIVE outlook—having proper ambition and zeal within the framework of a desire to serve God and your fellow man.

Take inventory of yourself and your surroundings from time to time. Seek the right environment. Many people become frustrated and mentally sick partially because of the city in which they live, the job where they are employed, living with irritating in-laws or relatives, or other such reasons which they have the power to CHANGE if they will take positive action to do so.

Remember that your companionships and associations play an important part in determining your mental attitudes. Learn to associate with people who are forward-looking, progressive, happy and balanced. God says in His Word: "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Prov. 13:20).

Build a HAPPY Marriage

Another matter of great importance to everyone's mental health is building a happy marriage and happy home. Happy marriages don't just "happen"—they are the fruit of dedicated effort on the part of two individuals! In marriage as in all your life, remember Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive" (Acts 20:35). In marriage especially, each partner should see how much he or she can GIVE and love and inspire and help the other partner.

If you are not already married, remember that it is a statistical fact that a much higher percentage of bachelors and spinsters become mental cases than

those people who are married—especially happily married! But be sure you find the RIGHT mate for you—someone whom you really LOVE, and that you know loves you and wishes to share his or her hopes, dreams, plans and entire future with you. If you can fully and joyfully participate in a happy marriage based on LOVE and mutual admiration and respect, it will be difficult indeed for you ever to become mentally ill!

In ALL areas of your life, then, be OUT-GOING—toward God and your fellow man. Use your mind, discipline your emotions into right channels, and live a FULL LIFE of love, giving and sharing with your fellow man—and of worship, adoration and OBEDIENCE to your Maker.

As the wisest man who ever lived summarized: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole man" (Ecc. 12:13, Jewish Trans.).

After you have done all these things, there is only one more thing lacking—you need the extra help, inspiration and guidance of God's Holy Spirit!

You NEED God's Spirit

Man was born incomplete both physically and spiritually. Physically every normal man really needs a wife—whether or not he will admit this. His life will tend to be somewhat empty, drab and purposeless without the right type of helpmeet with which to share at least most of the adult years of his life on this earth.

But even with a wonderful wife, every man is still INCOMPLETE! Mentally and spiritually, he will feel a certain emptiness and uneasiness and a lack of real KNOWING why he is here, where he is going and what life is all about. He NEEDS the direct contact with God which can only be gained through Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Your Bible reveals that the Creator God literally puts His nature in you through His Spirit. Thus, you become His literal son by having the very NATURE of God placed within you just as your children share in your physical, human nature.

In His Word, God states: "The LOVE
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Now—U.S. in Debt ONE TRILLION Dollars

Never before in history have so many people owed so much money!

by Herman L. Hoeh

LATEST U.S. Chamber of Commerce figures should have shocked government officials and the public alike. The U.S. is now in debt ONE TRILLION DOLLARS—in public, corporate and private debt.

The interest alone is tens of billions of dollars each year! No nation in history with a comparable debt load has survived more than 10 years. The financial handwriting is on the wall of America now!

No Laughing Matter

Our shocking debt—generally kept hush-hush—our constant hemorrhaging of the gold supply, our foreign aid programs have been too long dismissed as of no concern of ours. It is time we became concerned. The bounce is already out of the recovery. The bumps are here again. Unemployment is here to stay as a chronic economic illness.

We receive thousands of letters each week from people who ought to be prosperous, but who are unemployed and often destitute. This in a land abounding in *apparent* prosperity. But *that* is the very problem. Our prosperity is artificial. We haven't really earned it by hard diligent work. We have borrowed it from future generations by running up huge debts so staggeringly high that the human mind cannot comprehend their significance.

More and more money is being pumped into the public sluices to keep the economy afloat. People are encouraged to borrow on credit by every possible advertising gimmick. Doesn't anyone stop to think who is going to pay for all this? Have we no concern for our children and grandchildren? Have we no concern for the constantly increasing national, county, city tax rates?—no concern for the mounting interest?

Yet in all this *you* can be prosperous by following one simple rule that most

Staggering U.S. public and private debt frightens President and Treasury officials. Nearly 40% of average family's income is spent in taxes and interest! This article reveals how YOU can be free of financial worries.

people know nothing about. There is a way to honest prosperity and to job security.

Why So Deep in Debt

Last year—1961—the Federal government debt limit was pushed to \$300 billion!

This ballooning of debt has shocked foreign nations. They are amazed to see us borrowing from *future* generations in order to enjoy the material pleasures of the moment. But the day of reckoning is *fast approaching*.

Our total debt—public and private—is over \$1,000,000,000,000! Put in other terms, each living American's share is

a \$5400 debt—not including interest!

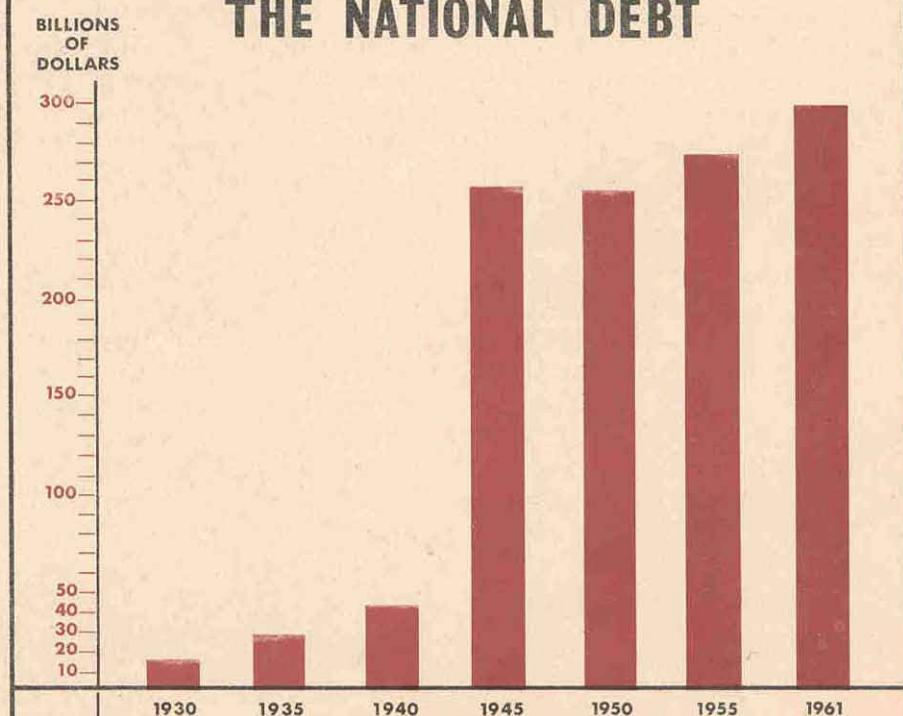
BUT THIS IS NOT ALL! During last year *alone* Americans have accumulated—beside their public and private debt—another \$41 billion dollar debt to God which the nation apparently knows nothing about. *And this annually unpaid debt is climbing at a faster rate than all other debts combined!*

In England and elsewhere the same story is being repeated. The world owed every Briton, prior to World War I, the equivalent of \$500. Today, forty-eight years later, Great Britain is in debt to the rest of the world far more than \$500 for each Briton. That means a net loss of well over \$1000 per person for the entire nation in forty-eight years! And this does not include the debt every Briton owes to God!

Who Owns Gold at Fort Knox?

Americans take for granted that we
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THE NATIONAL DEBT



RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS— Heard over wide areas

East

WHN—New York—1050 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
 WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

Central States

WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
 WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon., thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)
 CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

KRLD—Dallas—1080 on dial, 8:10 p.m. daily.
 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 WGBS—Miami—710 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 KTHS—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

Mountain States

CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 9 p.m. daily.
 KFRE—Fresno—940 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Sun., 8 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily; 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

WJRZ—New York area—970 on dial, 9 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 WWIN—Baltimore—1400 on dial, 12 noon Sun., 12:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 7:00 a.m. daily.
 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 11:00 p.m. Sun., 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

Central

WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 9:05 p.m. daily.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
 WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. daily.
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.; 105.1 FM, 9:30 p.m. Sun.; 7 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.

South

KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.
 KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KENS—San Antonio—680 on dial, 9:00 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 KTLU—Rusk, Texas—1580 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Sun.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.
 KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

West Coast

KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
 KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.
 KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 KBZY—Salem, Oregon—1490 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

KTMS—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1250 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.

KHJ—Los Angeles—930 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun.

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

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.

KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 on dial, 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KNEZ—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

In Spanish—

KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial, 4:45 p.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

Canada (in French)

CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

TO EUROPE

In English—

*RADIO LUXEMBOURG—208 metres (1439 kc.)—Mondays and Tuesdays: 19:00 G.M.T.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon.

EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1622 m.)—5:45 a.m. Wed.

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) and 208 metres (1439 kc.)—Sun., 6:05 a.m.; Wed., 7:00 a.m., M.E.T.

TO MIDDLE EAST

RADIO JERUSALEM—9008 kc., 333 m., English—5:30 p.m. Mon. and Sat.; French—5:45 p.m. Tues. and Fri.

TO AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE—3301 kc. and 4925 kc.—10:30 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays; 10:00 p.m., Saturdays.

*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs., 10:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:03 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:50 p.m. Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2MW—Murwillumbah, NSW—1440 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3CV—Maryborough, Vic.—1440 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3HA—Hamilton, Vic.—1000 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.

3SH—Swanhill, Vic.—1330 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3SR—Shepparton, Vic.—1260 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3UL—Warragul, Vic.—880 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3YB—Warrnambool, Vic.—1210 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1290 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

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

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6GE—Geraldton, WA—1010 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

2XM—Gisborne, New Zealand—1180 kc.—8:30 p.m. Wed.; 9:15 p.m. Thurs.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

TO ASIA

RADIO BANGKOK—HSIJS—461.5 metres (651 kc.), Monday—10:35-11:05 p.m.

RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)

"The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—

BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;

BED55 960 kc.;

BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;

BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;

BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.;

—18:00 T.S.T., Wed. and Fri.

RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880 kc. Sundays: 12:06 noon.

ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM
—PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

DZAQ, Manila—620 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sunday.

DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sunday.

DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sunday.

DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sunday.

TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—

RADIO AMERICAS—Swan Island—1160 kc.—6:30 p.m., E.S.T. Sun.

RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.

HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In Spanish—

RADIO AMERICAS—Swan Island—1160 kc.—8:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun. (C.S.T.)

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO COMUNEROS—Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

Now—Trillion-Dollar Debt!

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could never again have a financial crisis. It is time we quit taking things for granted!

True, we have 16.5 billion in gold on reserve. But foreign individuals and nations hold claims against our gold totaling 20.4 billion! That leaves us owing \$3.9 billion. And this does not include the \$11.7 billion required by law to back our paper currency!

Most of the \$20.4 billions which others claim has been given to other nations.

Why Such a Stupendous Debt?

Something is wrong in our economic planning. We have lost all sense of the value of money and labor. Notice, for example, what we did with our income last year:

In round figures America had a net income of \$416,000,000,000—that is 416 billion dollars. It averages about \$2,200 per person—man, woman and child.

How do we spend it? The government takes away approximately 35% in taxes—many of them hidden. Out of what was left, Americans spent nearly 40% in personal services. How much did we spend on *all* religious and *all* welfare activities? *Only 2%*!

That is *part* of the reason why we are in such tremendous debt. Most people are so far removed from God that they don't realize that the Eternal Creator set definite LAWS in motion—invisible, yet inexorable laws, which regulate our personal economic conditions. A KNOWLEDGE of these *laws* would teach us to recognize the right value of money—would KEEP US OUT OF DEBT—and would give us life-long financial security! These laws have been tried and proved.

But that is only *part* of the reason. The rest of the answer will surprise you.

Over 400 Religious Counterfeits

Out of the \$4.43 billion which Americans spent for all types of religious work—that is just over 1% of the

national income—99.87% did not go to God for His Work! God's Work received only $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1% of all the money spent for religious purposes. The remainder was given to religious organizations and worldly institutions masquerading as God's Church and as the Work of God.

Did you know that there are over 400 competing denominations and sects in the United States—all claiming, one way or another, to be the Church that Jesus built? Each of them claims a right to God's money. But unless they are all the churches that Christ built, most of them have been taking money under false pretenses!

Is it any wonder that we still owe God a debt of \$41 billion for last year alone? That is only 10% of our national income.

Think of it! Out of every \$1,000 spent for religious purposes, God's Work—*His one and only Work*—received \$1.24. That's all!

Let's put it another way. Out of every \$1,000 earned, God was paid 1.3¢! God's Work should have received 7,700 times as much! And God is going to collect that amount in about 10 years. This nation is going to pay and pay dearly for *stealing* from God. Whatever amount we have refused to pay God He is going to deprive us of until we learn our lesson and pay our debts!

It is time we opened our eyes to see WHICH is the *only Work on earth* that is carrying out Jesus' commission to preach and publish the "gospel of the Kingdom of God to all nations." There are many counterfeits preaching about another gospel—a perverted gospel—but there is *only one Work*, God's Work, which is performing the task Jesus said must be done before the end of this age closes in upon humanity. THIS IS THAT WORK—bringing you the good news of *The World Tomorrow*—the gospel of the Kingdom and the rule of God.

Many are not yet hearing God's message because God's treasury on earth is being robbed by a pleasure-mad, sensual

generation that's going deeper into debt every hour because it can't lay its hands on money fast enough!

Man's first debt is to God, yet He is the last one we want to pay. How much better off we would have been had we paid the 10% we owed God instead of paying about 35% in direct and hidden taxes to support a bureaucratic government and a gigantic armaments race that is destined to boomerang on human civilization and obliterate it, if God would not intervene in world affairs to save us from ourselves.

People Deprive Themselves of Blessings

Happiness and joy cannot be purchased by money. Money can increase them, but it cannot create them. What this entire generation needs to realize is that we are spending our money at the wrong end. Instead of squandering money in a mad rush to "buy happiness," we need to pay only a fraction of what we are now spending and we would find the source of happiness, as well as the source of national protection.

Many of you are right now heavily in debt because you have cut yourselves off from the only source that could have given you wisdom to keep out of debt—God. And you are not going to deliver yourself from debt until you make direct contact with God. You will never learn the laws that regulate your financial prosperity until you begin to practice them.

Yes, strange as it seems, we can prosper and be free from debt if we acknowledge God to be our financial partner. In this partnership God gives you 90% of the income. Think of how much this country would have saved if we made God our national partner!

The 10%, which God has reserved for Himself since the creation of the world, is called a tithe. It is an old English word meaning "tenth." The tithe belongs to God. Since God uses His—not "your"—tithe for the furtherance of His Work on earth, it ought to be paid to His Work. God's ministers are merely the agents who receive God's tithe and who, as God directs, spend it for the good of the people.

If this nation had been faithful in tithe paying, God's work would have

literally grown 2,200 times faster last year than it did. Everyone could then have been able to hear and understand the laws that regulate our financial and spiritual well-being. Private and national debt would soon have been wiped out! God would fight our battles and cause the communist menace threatening the free world to perish at its own hands. All the nations would see our prosperity and tremble at our feet for help. Today, because we have failed to pay God His tithe, we seek Gentile nations as partners and we tremble before them whenever they slap us in the face for meddling in their internal affairs.

Why can't we learn what a Friend God is? Notice what God says of the tithe-payer Abraham: "And he—Abraham—believed God, . . . and he was called *God's friend*" (James 2:23). Abraham believed God meant what He said. God said the first tenth is His. Therefore Abraham "gave Him"—God's high priest Melchizedek—"a TENTH of all" (Genesis 14:20). Abraham paid God's tithe to God's representative. God was Abraham's partner. Abraham was blessed.

It Pays to be God's Friend

"Fear not, Abram," God said, "I am thy shield, thy reward shall be exceeding great" (Gen. 15:1). There is a REWARD that comes of tithing. God prospers the tither and delivers him out of debt. Do you believe God can do for you what He did for Abraham? Or are you a doubter? or a robber of God's treasury? Do you want His blessings or His curses? Notice Malachi 3:9-12: "Ye are cursed with a curse, Yet ye rob Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse," says God. "Try Me now herewith, saith the Eternal of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall be more than sufficiency . . . And all nations shall call you happy; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Eternal of hosts."

That is God's promise—and God cannot lie. Isn't it about time you take God up on His promise? Here is what happened to some of our readers who did:

"A good few weeks ago I stopped tithing. What happened? I've been in

financial difficulties ever since, which caused me no end of worry. Especially this week I can't afford to send and will be broke when I send them BUT I am sending them because I realize I have been literally robbing God and even if I have to starve this week it will serve me right as I don't deserve to get the chance I'm getting from God."

That is from London, England. Another writes from Jackson, Ohio:

"I didn't think I could spare \$50 tithe, but later I decided to pay it. Three days later I received a check from my son for \$50. I am sure it pays."

Another man from Chicago, Illinois put God to the test:

"I am now experiencing material prosperity that I have NEVER known before as a result of paying tithes. I have good health and strength. I have a good job. I have just purchased some income property (something I thought I would NEVER be able to do this early in life.) The investment is small, but good and sound. All of these blessings (they are a lot to me) because I tithed and do my BEST TO LIVE BY EVERY WORD OF GOD."

This Work Must Grow Hundreds of Times LARGER

This work of God, carrying God's message to the nations, must grow hundreds of times bigger before our job in this age is completed. It cannot do that job unless hundreds and thousands of people like you begin to *pay your debt to God* and ask for God's mercy to be shown to the rest of the nation before it is too late. Time is fast running out! God holds you financially responsible for doing your part in bringing His Message to this tottering world!

As a financial partner, God is not interested in money for money's sake. He is interested in *your welfare*—"that in all things you prosper and be in health" (III John 1). Whatever you owe God as a past debt, HE IS WILLING TO FORGIVE AND CANCEL OUT. But what God does expect is *your obedience from here on*. When the knowledge of God's ways reaches your mind, He holds you accountable.

Anyone who refuses to obey God will have to pay Him every debt, material and spiritually, by eternal death. But for those who REPENT of transgressing

God's spiritual and physical laws, there is forgiveness through the death of Christ, and the promise of material and spiritual blessings without end.

What are you going to do about it?

Personal from the Editor

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Truth, in the near future.

It is right and proper that we read a certain number of these popular, large-circulation magazines—especially the NEWS magazines, and those with thought-provoking articles. But it is IMPORTANT that we THINK about what we read while we are reading it, from God's viewpoint, and with discrimination about WHAT we read.

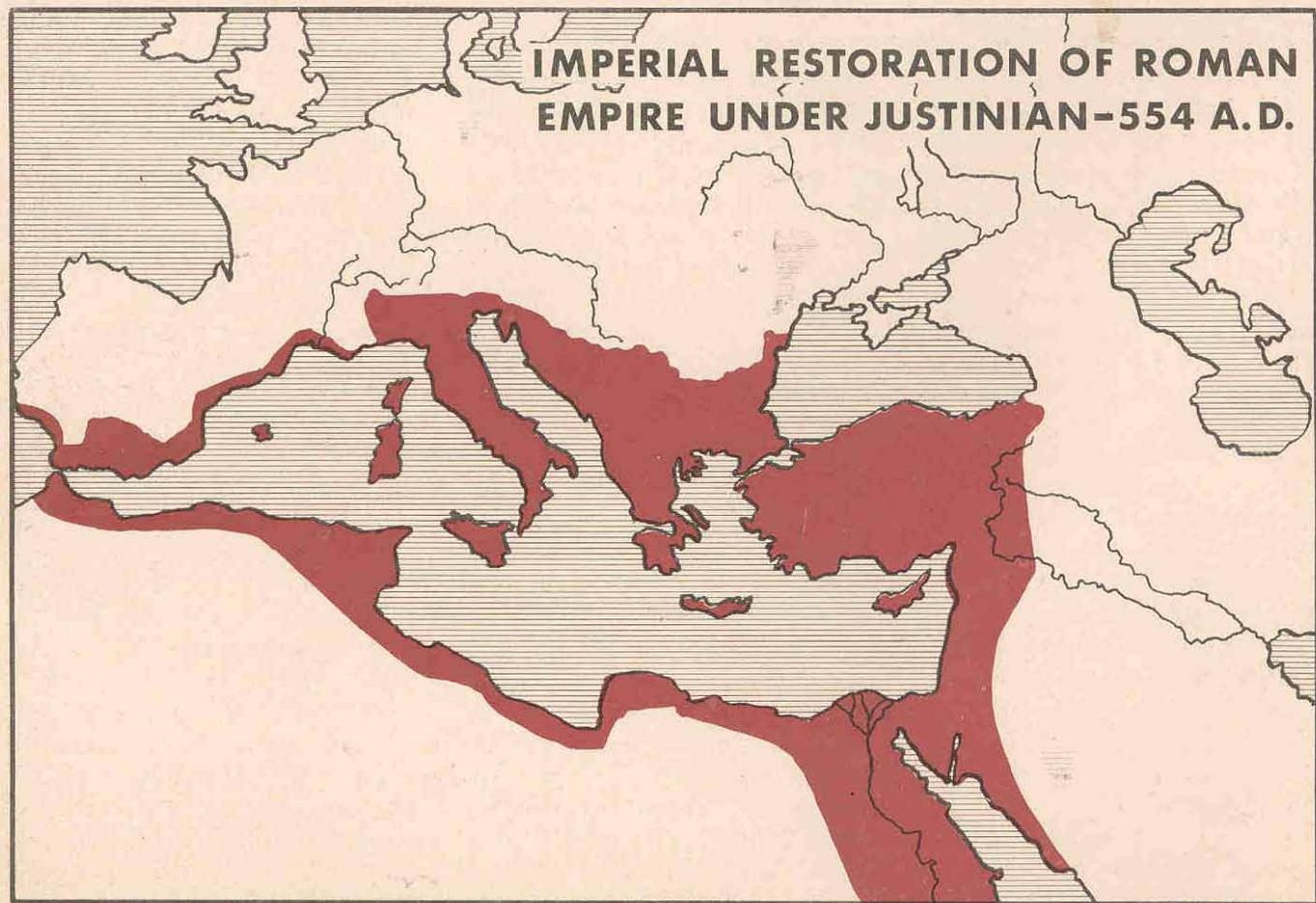
Even so, the main point I wanted to get across to our readers is this: You'll find, if you are not careful and very selective in your reading of such magazines, that if you devote too much time to them, they do leave you EMPTY! You'll feel you have fed your mind on a lot of chaff, with just a few kernels of wheat. And, if you let your mind drift along with the article, absorbing without question the ideas and theories expressed by the writer, you can be really "brain-washed" into accepting, and coming to BELIEVE many errors, fables and lies.

But when you read *The Plain Truth* you are reading the very Word of God made plain, or informative facts about world conditions fulfilling prophecy—news Christ commanded us to watch for, or challenging, thought-provoking, eye-opening articles correcting many false assumptions and delusions that have deceived this misguided, empty world.

Nevertheless, even in reading *The Plain Truth*, I say—as I say on the air—"DON'T BELIEVE ME—or our writers, BELIEVE WHAT YOU SEE IN YOUR BIBLE." You'll find *The Plain Truth* interesting, stimulating, and the more so if you really THINK about what you read while you are reading it. And, when you have read it, you won't have the feeling that you've wasted your time! You'll feel rewarded!



OLD ROMAN EMPIRE-117 A.D.



**IMPERIAL RESTORATION OF ROMAN
EMPIRE UNDER JUSTINIAN-554 A.D.**

Khrushchev Losing in East Germany?

(Continued from page 5)

gest force in a rapidly developing UNITED STATES OF EUROPE—the seventh and last revival of the old ROMAN EMPIRE!

(The history of the six previous revivals of Roman Empire is given on accompanying pages—with the last revival, Euromart, already forming.)

For YEARS, I have been shouting to the world, and writing in The PLAIN TRUTH of the coming end-time resurrection of the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE—this time a MODERN empire, fulfilling the prophecies of Revelation 17 and the last of Daniel 7. It will be a UNION of nations, forming a greater single power than either the United States or Russia—the greatest single power the world has ever seen!

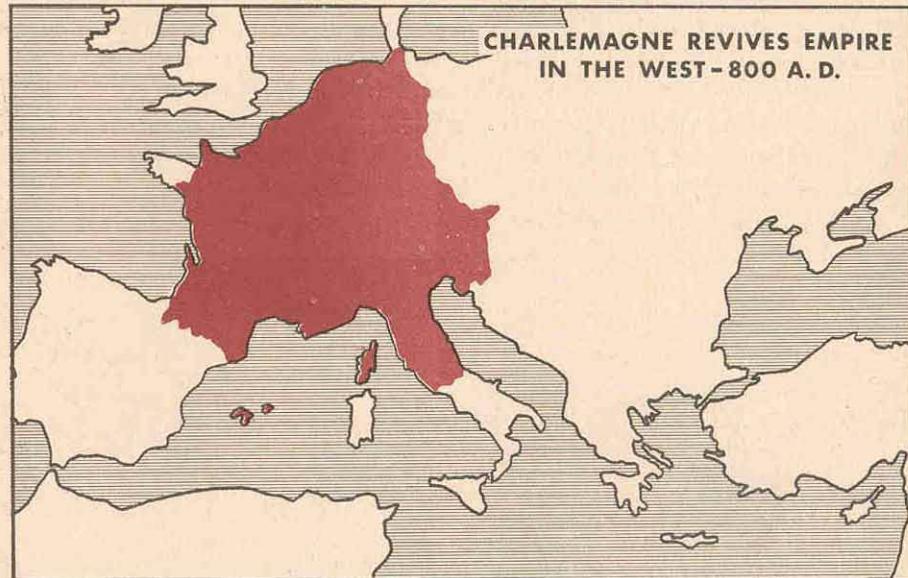
It will ultimately be a union of TEN nations or groups of nations.

It's taking shape NOW—and FAST!

United States of Europe Prophesied

Yes, I know there are those who say the Roman Empire can never be revived. They claim, too, that it has never been revived since it fell to the barbarians in 476 A. D. But these people apparently have never dared open a history book to find out what has happened!

If they had, they would have read that there were five revivals of the Roman



Empire from 554 to 1814—just as your Bible said there would be! And they would have read in their history books that even Mussolini's Empire was called by Il Duce the Roman Empire! The maps on these pages make this history plain.

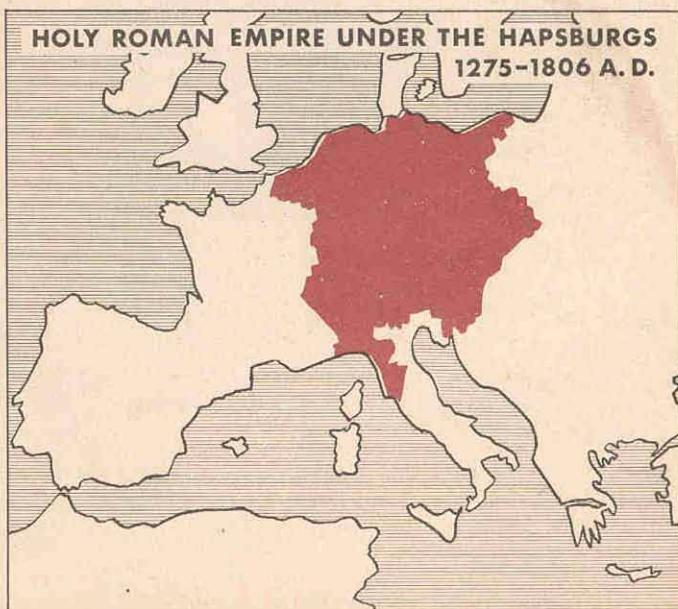
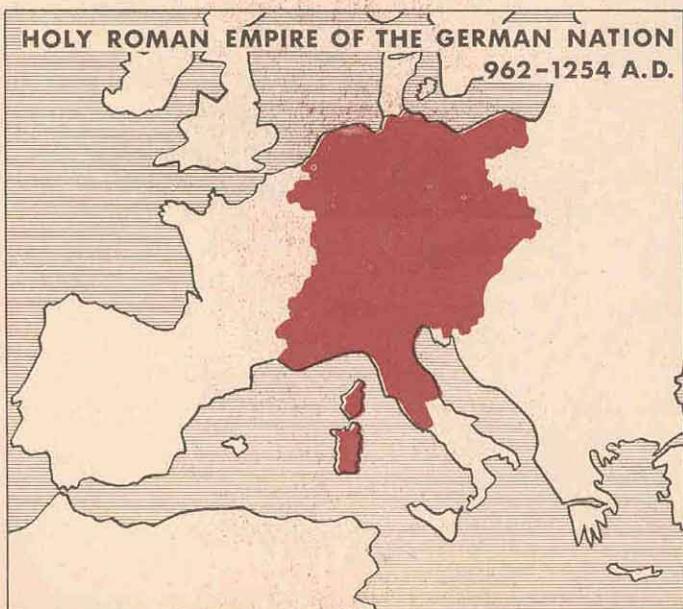
And if they would open their eyes they would see forming in Europe today the beginning of the seventh and last revival of the Roman system of Government—to be smashed by Jesus Christ when He returns to take over the governments of this world. But before Christ does return, this revived Roman

Empire—a political-religious union—will have conquered the whole Western World and will be in possession of Palestine!

All this is prophesied in your Bible.

But most have never understood the Bible or prophecy! You can understand it—if you want to. It's all made plain, crystal-clear in our 16-page booklet "Who Is the 'Beast'?" You have never read anything like it. It makes the prophecies of the Bible understandable—it reveals the meaning of today's world news and what is happening to

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day in Europe. And it's free!

A Final Warning!

A United States of Europe is right now being reborn. It is a Franco-German union, with Italy and the Benelux countries. Your Bible reveals that the present Euromart powers are to be only part of the gigantic European combine destined to form the United States of Europe. It frightens Khrushchev! And it ought to frighten us!

Almost week by week other European nations are clamoring for entrance into the burgeoning prosperity of the COMMON MARKET—the actual forerunner of the UNITED STATES OF EUROPE! Other nations, such as Spain and Portugal, are talking of UNITING, forming ONE nation, and entering Euromart.

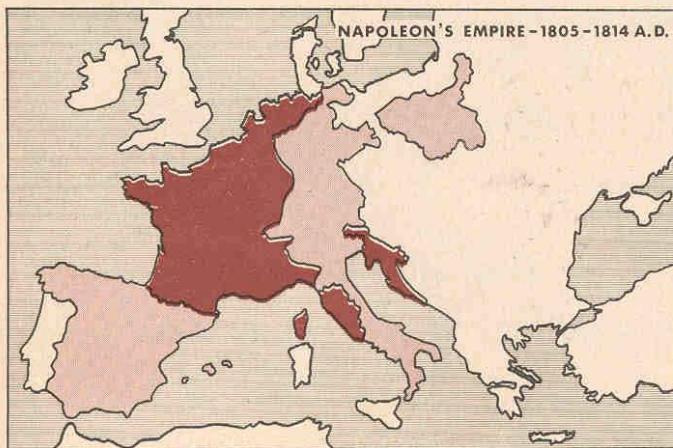
And now, another VITAL part of Europe seems edging from the Communist orbit—its citizens now stalling production awaiting the moment to

REVOLT against Moscow, rejoining their own brothers in West Germany!

You need to WATCH world news, as never before!

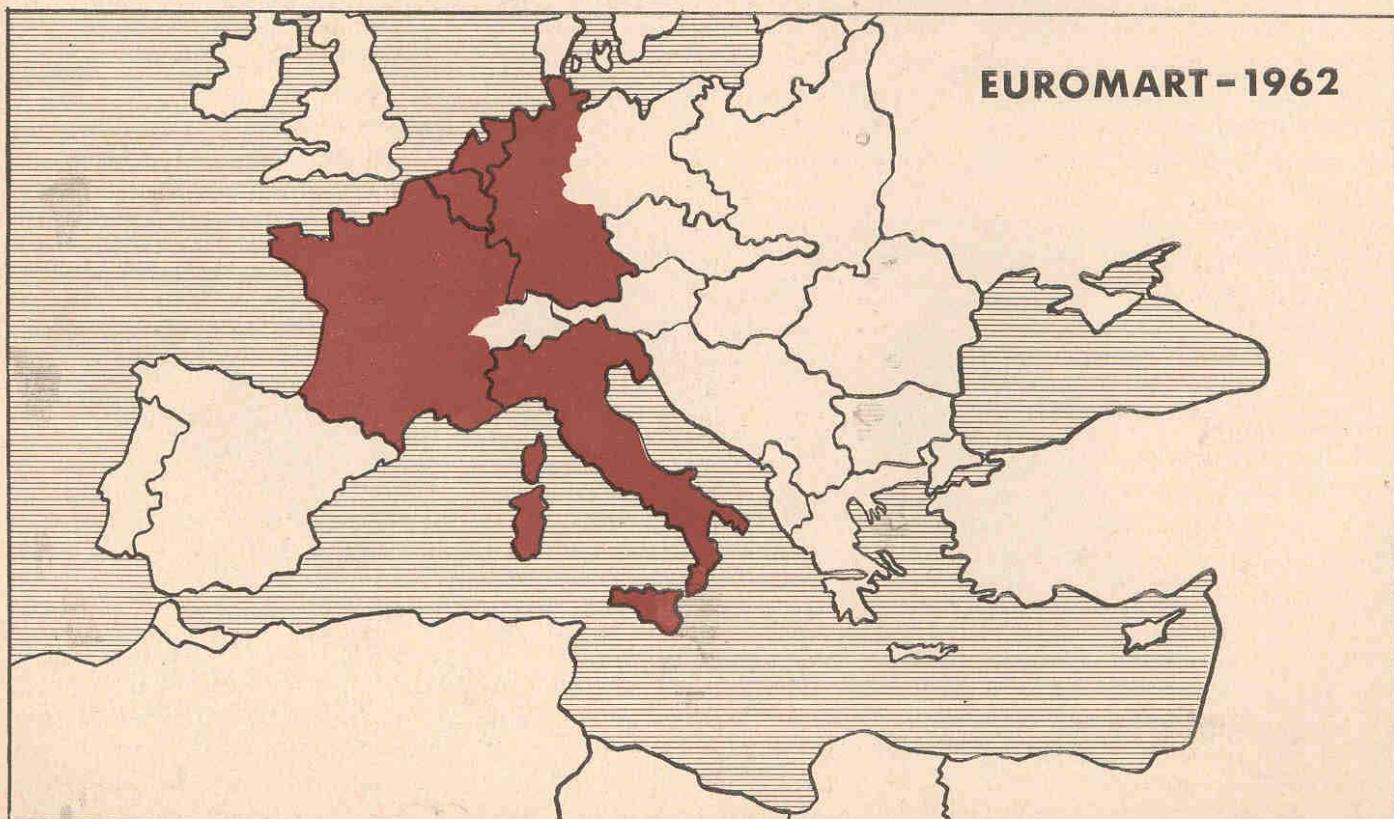
You need to heed, and OBEY the words of Christ who said, "WATCH ye, therefore, and PRAY ALWAYS, that ye may be accounted worthy to *escape* all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

Prophecy RACES on!



The beginning of the seventh and final revival of the Roman Empire

EUROMART-1962



All in FUN!

Childish PLAY can be mighty serious! You can let seemingly innocent "FUN" destroy your children! Read, in this article, what kind of play is best, what kind of toys, and how children's play can be a vital part of child training.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"BANG! BANG!" yells a little toddler, fully equipped with Stetson hat, cowboy boots and chaps—waving two six-guns in the general direction of a playmate. "BANG! BANG!" shouts his playful opponent, bedecked with glittering two-gun holsters and badge.

Adults chuckle to themselves, as they see their little children imitating their favorite TV heroes—they don't see any harm in it—the boys are "just playing!"

But what about children's play? What KIND of games should children play? What kind of toys should they use? Where should they play, and with whom? Can play possibly be harmful? Can it be used as a teaching method?

First, let's answer the question about the most popular form of child play today, GUN-play!

"I Didn't Mean It!"

How many times have you read or heard of tragic accidents involving firearms?

How many of those times were those accidents involving children?

Perhaps you have heard of a great many—because they occur almost daily in one part of our nation or another. Little toddlers, barely able to walk, are fully equipped by naive parents with the very latest in today's largest selling toys—GUNS—and are busily pretending to kill one another!

In hundreds of cases, little children have been allowed freely to play with "toys" which are, in some cases, difficult to distinguish from the *real thing*. As a result, when playing with a *real gun*, they have SHOT their own brothers, sisters, playmates, or even their own parents!

Today there are thousands of different varieties of modern, gleaming, beautifully designed and fantastic electronic gadgets and toys available for children.

But perhaps no toy will excite the imagination of little toddlers (especially boys!) such as a GUN!

Today's toy stores display dozens of models and varieties, all the way from a tiny replica of a cowboy's six-shooter right up to a deadly looking submachine gun that "shoots real bullets!" Complete with some of these sets will even come electronic gadgets such as real-life targets, in the shape of a MAN, which will fall over when struck, and then spring back up to be shot at again!

And what a pity! What a pity it is that naive and gullible parents seemingly take for granted or carelessly assume whatever is manufactured and produced, and therefore offered for sale designed "for children," must be all right for their children to use!

Why the furor over guns? Simply because guns are not for children! One especially sickening example was that of a nine- or ten-year-old boy who had been allowed to play with toy guns freely, and who was playing in the upstairs bedroom of his parents' home while guests were visiting in the living room downstairs. The grandchild of one of the guests, a sweet, pretty little five-year-old girl, and a cousin of the boy upstairs, started to go upstairs to find out what her cousin was doing. However, the boy upstairs had found several rifles in a closet, which were war trophies father had brought home from overseas. As the little girl's head appeared at the top of the landing, the guests downstairs were startled out of their chairs by a loud roar, a series of sickening thumps, and were shocked to complete disbelief and incomprehension at the sight of what had once been a sweet, living, five-year-old girl lying in a sickening huddle at the bottom of the stairs! She had been shot through the head.

"I didn't mean it!" sobbed the boy—

"I was ONLY PLAYING!"

WHO really was the culprit in this case? The misguided boy who had been allowed to freely shoot at his playmates with toy guns *all his life*? The boy who didn't know a real gun from a toy one—who had never been taught about guns—and who had been allowed free access to his father's guns? Or the parents, who in the first place had NEVER taught their child a healthy respect and fear for guns—their proper usage and proper place—and had never taught their child he should never point any kind of a gun at anyone under any circumstances at any time—the parents who had left loaded guns in the closet?

What about it?

Is it really right, by any stretch of the imagination, for a child to play with toy guns at any time?

Almighty God has contained as one of the primary principles of His inviolate and spiritual law "Thou shalt not KILL!" Jesus, when magnifying this law, said even wanting to kill, or pretending to kill, by entertaining a feeling of hate in your heart one toward another, was in direct violation of God's law.

And yet you live in a time when parents are actively TEACHING their children to KILL and HATE—to break every principle of God's sacred law while they are still little toddlers barely able to walk!

Children Like to Imitate

A great deal of space has already been consumed in this series of articles regarding the habits of children in mimicking things they see and hear.

A great deal of time has also been spent on the tremendous pressures of a berserk modern society plunging on a greased slide toward its own oblivion! However, for the purpose of this article, a good deal more needs to be said about

the pressures of society from the comics, books, movies, and **ESPECIALLY** television!

Need it be repeated here again that the "children's hours" on television are truly some of the most monstrously frightening, hideously sadistic, ghastly shows to be found at any hour?

Surveys have been made to determine the number of shootings, knifings, strangulations, occurrences of rape, armed assaults, muggings, beatings, and other sadistic forms of torture, such as burning humans alive, grinding them to bits in machinery, or driving over them with speeding cars and trucks that appear during the "children's hours." The results were shocking!

Even the *cartoons*—supposedly "harmless" short little skits that are apparently hilariously funny to children are not exempt from terribly damaging forms of violence!

In a cartoon, one character can be chasing another, shooting anything from a huge cannon to a small gun, and if the other character does not outrun the bullets, he apparently never suffers any ill effects. An explosion? Perhaps the cat is standing bereft of his fur, looking like a charred matchstick with a hideous expression on his face in one hilariously funny scene, but in the very next scene he is completely equipped with fur and a grin on his face again as he chases the mouse! He has apparently suffered *no harm* from being *blown up*!

From this little children "learn" that there is no real **HARM** in shooting a person, knifing a person, or even blowing him to bits in an explosion!

A little toddler, allowed to handle a gun in a store, turned and shot his mother in the stomach. A look of incredibility crossed his face when he saw the slowly spreading pool of blood, and the writhing body of his mother on the floor! He simply couldn't comprehend it! Hadn't "other people" in the TV shows and the movies he'd always seen gotten up and run about just as actively as before?

What about it? Do YOUR children play with guns? Do you allow your children to vicariously **KILL** one another and do it all "in fun?"

If you do—it's time to take stock.

It's time to think really seriously, and to think *rightly* in the light of the sacred word of God, about the play habits of your children!

Boy vs. Girl

"What are little boys made of?" went the old poem. Children are deeply impressed with the idea, practically from birth, that little boys are "devils," "monsters," and *inherently evil*—while little girls are "nice," "sweet," and inherently little angels!

Little boys are told they are made of dirt, snails, and even puppy dogs' tails, while little girls are made of "sugar, spice, and everything that's nice!"

Actually, this is nothing more than a childish fable-like replica of what Satan the Devil has been trying to do with and through woman-kind ever since the Garden of Eden!

The naive boy, growing up to mature adulthood, marries, and finally tells his son "There's no use, son—you'll never understand 'em!" He means the boy must swallow the same line that has been handed down for generations and centuries that there is something "mysterious," and incomprehensible about women!

Don't you believe it!

The only "mystery" of which the Bible speaks surrounding women is the mystery of *Babylon the Great*, the great fallen woman described in the seventeenth chapter of Revelation; It is the ancient *Babylonian mysteries*, coming right down into our society today in *yet another guise*, that of childhood fables, and the naive teaching of gullible parents.

Yet—surprising as it may sound—much of the *play* of children, and the *toys* that are provided for them, is bent toward accomplishing the same evil purpose of waging the age-old "battle of the sexes" even from the cradle!

At a very early age, children begin to be *segregated* by their parents, or their teachers.

Girls are told they "do not play 'that way' or 'so rough' as do the boys" and boys are told "that's a **GIRLS' game!**" Normal children who would play happily together in active sports and games are instead instilled with a deep sense of the *difference* between the sexes at

a *very early age*!

Thus—boys play with guns. Girls play with dolls. Whenever boys and girls play *together* it is either in the *earliest* years of their schooling (later, gym periods are segregated) or, when still of pre-school age, they play such games as "Mom and Dad," "Nurse" or "Keeping House!" These imaginative games of child fantasy seem harmless to most parents at first glance—and yet, little do they even *begin to realize* how children, forced into an *unnatural* type play activity by poor guidance, will begin to "imitate" parents—even beginning sex experimentation as a direct result of this type play!

As was covered in the last number, many parents try to force their children *out of* the child's age as soon as possible. They want them to act more "grown-up" and *talk* more "grown-up." Therefore, many parents fully approve of their children playing more "grown-up" type games.

Left to themselves (at least as to choice of playmates) boys and girls would play with no self-consciousness *together* in **MANY** really beneficial, and really *interesting* type games. They would remain, for many years, and even up until beginning into puberty, in an open *acceptance* of each other, and in somewhat blissful *ignorance* of any sense of **GREAT DIFFERENCE** in them—with girls enjoying the soft-ball game just as much as boys, racing together, playing "tag" together, and engaging in dozens of the active, healthful, out-of-door type sports and games for children.

However, when children are inescapably made aware of supposed basic psychological and physiological *differences* at a *very early age*, it leads toward completely false and harmful concepts toward members of the opposite sex.

Boys become "afraid" around girls—and girls become "shy" around boys. Why? Yes—*why*, when in large family after family with *several* children of both sexes, children play in many active, beneficial games together with a selfless enthusiasm, with complete spontaneity, and with a total lack of any feeling of "difference" between them.

It is only by adults trying to make adults out of *children* that many harm-

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THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

"Why do people in the Bible never seem to have last names?"

God gave the first man but one name—"Adam." He didn't need another. Yet today people have at least two names and many times three or more. And still there are individuals with exactly the same names.

WHEN and BY WHOM additional names were added is a surprising—and fascinating—story.

From Adam until shortly before the time of Christ, each person usually received but a single name at birth or shortly thereafter. These names were largely borrowed from nature or from some incident connected with the birth of an individual. Later in life, when character had developed, a new name was sometimes given as expressive of it. God Himself did this on several occasions as when He changed Abram's name to Abraham (Gen. 17:5) and Jacob's name to Israel (Gen. 32:28).

It was also possible to receive an additional name or what we today would call a "nickname." These were "very widely applied and used, and served much the same purpose that family names now serve" declares the *Britannica*, Vol. 16, art., "Names."

These names generally fell into five categories: (1) they were descriptive of one's appearance or character; (2) they recorded an incident or exploit; (3) they identified the individual by his connection with some other person—usually his father; (4) they gave his residence or former residence; and (5) they specified his occupation.

Biblical examples of these are many. In the Greek of the New Testament the added names are called "surnames." A few are Simon surnamed Peter (Mark 3:16; John 1:42), Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 15:43), Jesus of Nazareth (John

1:45), Simon Zelotes (Acts 1:13), and Matthew the publican, James of Alpheus, Simon the Canaanite and Judas Iscariot all found in Matthew 10:3-4. These surnames were the equivalent of our last names today because it was from these names that family names gradually developed. These names—whether they happened to be meaningful and complimentary or odd and embarrassing—were the starting point for our last names today. "The family name is a comparatively recent development in European tradition" (*Britannica*, Vol. 16, "Names").

The Romans are considered the first Europeans to have made regular use of family names. Every Roman had three names: (1) a *praenomen*, which was his personal name and stood first; (2) a *nomen*, which was that of his *gens* or house and stood second; and (3) a *cognomen* or *surname* which was that of his family and came last. This system was at first bitterly opposed by Catholics. But in the Middle Ages this old Roman naming system revived—this time to stay.

"Its modern development began with the royal and noble families of that time, and the modern revolution in naming thus seems to stem from feudalism and the family pride associated with it" (*Britannica*, Vol. 16, "Names"). Once started, the growth of the use of hereditary names proceeded steadily. Greatly aiding this trend was the growth in population and the more careful keeping of written records.

So today, first names—as well as any middle names—are usually given shortly after birth as has always been the custom. But in addition, we today have also inherited a family or "last" name which was once a nickname often descriptive of a feature or event in the

life of a forefather who lived many generations ago. Because the need for a family or last name came into existence long after the Bible was completed, the Bible does not give last names. However, it does give surnames from which our last names of today developed.

Having read your articles on world trade, the Common Market and the impending financial crisis facing the United States, I would like to know more about the American Foreign Aid Program. How much has the Government given or loaned to other nations since the end of World War II?

Government officials are deeply concerned about the American trade balance with foreign nations. Americans are continually spending more abroad than we are able to sell abroad. The result is that at the present moment the American Government does not have enough gold left to cover foreign obligations and back the paper dollars in circulation.

Much of this condition developed from having lavishly given or loaned—in many instances without expecting to be repaid—nearly \$85,000,000,000 since the end of World War II. This vast sum has partly been spent in Communist countries and in so-called "neutrals" that are ashamed to be called friends of the United States! Here are the official figures, from Government sources, covering money spent only since the end of World War II to date:

Austria	\$ 1,170,100,000
Belgium	
Luxembourg	1,935,200,000
Denmark	822,200,000
France	9,423,600,000
Germany	4,993,900,000
Berlin	127,000,000
Iceland	62,600,000
Ireland	146,200,000
Italy (including Trieste)	5,517,000,000
Netherlands	2,416,000,000
Norway	1,024,500,000
Poland	509,400,000
Portugal	370,600,000
Spain	1,470,300,000
Sweden	108,900,000
United Kingdom (Gt. Britain) ..	8,668,300,000
Yugoslavia	2,132,400,000
Regional	2,237,300,000
Burma	\$ 93,900,000
Cambodia	263,600,000
China	
Republic of	3,894,500,000
Indochina (undistributed) ..	1,535,000,000

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Indonesia	558,000,000
Japan	3,462,500,000
Korea	4,486,600,000
Laos	301,200,000
Malaya	21,800,000
Philippines	\$1,555,700,000
Thailand	571,800,000
Vietnam	1,895,900,000
Regional	316,100,000
Greece	\$3,073,500,000
Iran	1,012,500,000
Iraq	65,300,000
Israel	709,100,000
Jordan	230,900,000
Lebanon	86,100,000
Saudi Arabia	46,600,000
Turkey	3,094,900,000
United Arab Republic	295,000,000
Yemen	11,300,000
CENTO	23,200,000
Afghanistan	145,700,000
Ceylon	65,300,000

India	2,383,900,000
Nepal	39,400,000
Pakistan	1,255,700,000
Regional	854,200,000
Argentina	\$460,500,000
Bolivia	191,700,000
Brazil	1,376,500,000
Chile	364,600,000
Colombia	249,500,000
Costa Rica	68,700,000
Cuba	52,000,000
Dominican Republic	8,800,000
Ecuador	84,300,000
El Salvador	10,000,000
Guatemala	117,400,000
Haiti	80,400,000
Honduras	34,900,000
Mexico	600,000,000
Nicaragua	42,500,000
Panama	58,600,000
Paraguay	39,500,000
Peru	334,300,000

Uruguay	72,300,000
Venezuela	73,300,000
West Indies Federation	11,500,000
Overseas Territories	4,800,000
Regional	111,100,000
Ethiopia	\$ 115,000,000
Ghana	4,000,000
Guinea	3,800,000
Liberia	73,300,000
Libya	154,000,000
Morocco	194,700,000
Nigeria	6,200,000
Somali Republic	9,100,000
Sudan	44,100,000
Tunisia	135,200,000
Overseas Territories	60,900,000
Regional	21,600,000
Nonregional	3,336,200,000
Total, all countries	\$84,090,800,000

Source: Congressional Record

Steel Crisis

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Which Way to Turn?

Businessmen and politicians agree something has to be done. But they are divided on which policy to take. The battle lines in Congress are being drawn. Those whose industries back home are being hit with imports favor higher tariffs, even at the risk of economic isolation. Others advocate lower tariffs, chancing competition at home in hopes of keeping the trade lines open

to Europe. The sobering truth of the matter is that *neither* alternative will work. America has already gone too far down the disastrous road of high-cost production.

As foreign trade analyst Henry Gemmill reported in the *Wall Street Journal*, "Whichever direction the U. S. turns in trade policy, it encounters an *entirely unprecedented economic prospect*. For the first time since it became an industrial society, this nation will find its factories AT WAR ALONG AN ENORMOUS FRONT against an overseas industry which before long should have an essential capability for fabricating any

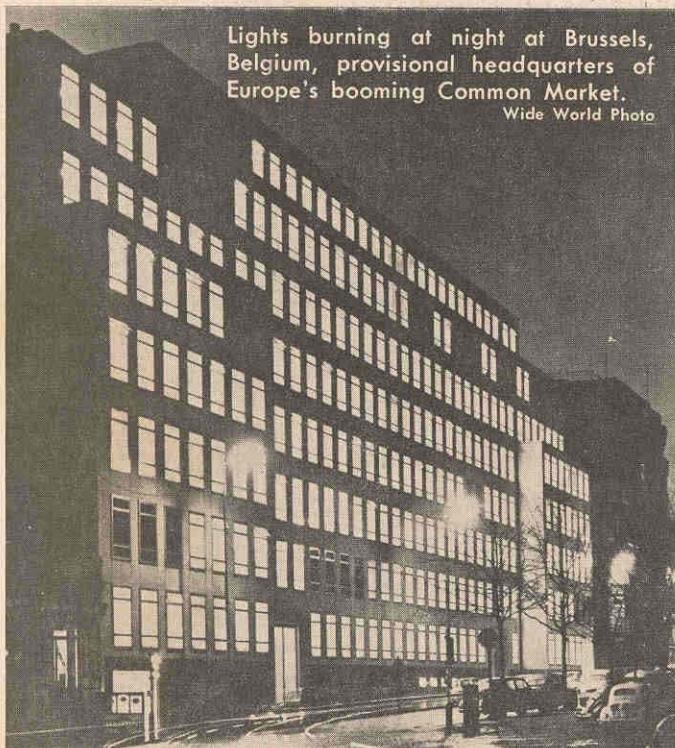
product, almost without exception, at lower cost. That is the meaning of the Common Market—LOW COSTS, written in giant letters, not merely over the map of West Europe but the map of world markets."

Mr. Gemmill continued, "The planned and unplanned responses America will make as it first senses and then suffers SO SMASHING AN ECONOMIC IMPACT elude full comprehension!"

Startling words! The effects of the coming TRADE WAR will be almost beyond belief. This trade expert then concluded, "It seems unlikely that either lower tariffs or higher protectionism will serve as a sufficient response to the unprecedented challenge of WESTERN EUROPE" (*Wall Street Journal*, December 6, 1961).

You now know what is just ahead for this country. It's bad news—but the best news is that you don't have to experience any of it if you will start now to obey the laws God indicts our people for not keeping.

Are you concerned about your job in the face of the worsening trade picture? Well, here's more good news! You don't need to worry about that either if you will get in harmony with God's financial laws. We'll send you the booklet "Ending Your Financial Worries" upon request. God absolutely promises to bless and protect you even in the hectic days ahead if you'll humbly obey and serve Him. Take Him up on His promise! And be sure to read the accompanying article in this issue "Now—One Trillion Dollars in Debt!"



The CURSE of Television

America—and now Europe—is becoming addicted to a powerful habit-forming DRUG—putting Television to a wrong use! Perhaps YOU are being ensnared. Check up and SEE!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

YOU LIVE in a society gone mad! Statesmen are worried. Scientists are frankly frightened!

They know monstrous technological developments are making it possible to *blow all human-kind to oblivion!* They know there are MAD-men in seats of absolute power, responsible to nobody—in the Kremlin, in China and other foreign aggressor nations—and it is in their power to lay waste our entire continent overnight, without warning!

And yet—in the face of the awesome possibilities of TOTAL WAR—our nation has gone to sleep! The lethargic, drowsy spirit of SLUMBER that is drugging the minds of hundreds of thousands makes them utterly OBLIVIOUS to the stark, terrifying DANGER they face!

Society's Dizzying Pace

In the modern world of such breathtaking scientific inventions—capable of imagination-defying destruction, the development of the society, and of its very foundation, *the family*, has not kept pace.

Increasingly more terrible weapons of hate and war have served to build a calloused resistance against shock in the minds of most "civilized" peoples. Our great-grandparents would have been AWE-STRICKEN to see jet airplanes whipping across the skies at speeds faster than sound. But in this modern society, guided missiles, atom and hydrogen bombs, poisonous gases and rumors of even more POTENT weapons fail to disturb the self-satisfied complacency settling down like a blanket over a nation bent on PLEASURE-SEEKING!

Our people have found an avenue of escape. By *not thinking about it*, the average person somehow manages to convince himself that the reality does not exist!

Methods of Escape

The urgent demand of the senses seeking satisfaction has led society through a

maze of amusements, so the aching thirst for diversion can be temporarily assuaged. Man has invented dozens of effective blindfolds against realism. First came the novels of illicit love, hate and killing with their soothing visions of pseudo-situations designed to entrance the reader.

Then, in more modern times, came the motion pictures. The development of talking films swept the nation with a new era of entertainment like a rampaging prairie fire! The hundreds of minor diversions kept growing, too! The individual began inventing his own types of amusements. And the new home, the new automobile, the sports world, and the gambling, gaming and gay world of thousands of night clubs added their voices to the already deafening shout of "enjoy yourself!"

Idolatry from Afar

On the heels of the tremendous popularity of motion pictures came hundreds of fan clubs and movie magazines; as eager Americans devoured hungrily the false exterior details of their newfound idols—the movie stars. Thousands of Americans who couldn't have told you which end of the Bible contained the book of Revelation could answer readily any question about their movie favorites—with the height, weight, color of hair and eyes, personal habits, likes and dislikes and latest divorce and remarriage data.

Yes—Hollywood had captured the imagination of the nation.

Quick to catch the vision, the big commercial interests began cashing in by telling the public which kind of cigarette their personal idol smoked, or which type of hand cream, deodorant, hair set or soap lay handily in the house of their idol.

Then suddenly, a new craze began sweeping the nation. The invention of television had lowered the level of class

entertainment. The factory workers, common laborers, farmers and pensioners could be co-owners, together with the appliance store, of a television set!

Idolatry from Closer Up

Hollywood was suddenly a lot closer! Now it was possible to bring America's most popular form of entertainment right into the living room!

There were no cover charges, no nice suits and neckties required, no tipping of waiters, no standing in lines, and no tickets to buy. The truck driver and the millionaire sat in their respective homes and watched with fascinated interest the same shows.

No longer was it a matter of week-end pleasure-seeking! The glitter of self-satisfaction and sensual enjoyment could be had EVERY SINGLE DAY AND NIGHT for a small monthly payment.

Television began changing America's habits! The motion picture industry began fighting for survival. Hundreds of theatres closed—hundreds frantically lowered prices, cried for better movies, while hundreds more were seriously threatened. The movies fought back. They invented cinemascope, cinerama. They had technicolor.

In the midst of it all, the blank-minded citizen watched the giant industries combat each other in a duel for his personal favor. The horror of a world in turbulent revolution, about to plunge itself into one last gigantic eruption of war, could be forgotten for a while, as the pleasure-mad public continued to poke at itself whatever medium of temporary diversion and sensual thrill was available.

Millions of Americans are being LULLED TO DREAMLAND! Perhaps YOU are SOUND ASLEEP to the awful reality of world-shaking events around you! One of the major national listener-surveying organizations reported that during the month of February, the average

television viewer sat hunched in front of the blazing parade of entertainment for almost SIX SOLID HOURS EVERY DAY.

THINK OF IT!

Addiction to a Drug

The *misuse* of television has blended itself into a diabolical DRUG! MILLIONS of people filled with the LUST of the flesh sit complacently before their glittering parades of nonsense as the big commercial interests shove dozens of products at them—designed to further SATISFY THE SENSES!

The major TV sponsors represent the big tobacco, liquor and cosmetic companies, with every TV "commercial" aimed at PLEASING THE SELF!

Scientists have revealed that thousands of children—allowed to sit in ghoulishly deformed positions for HOURS and HOURS EVERY SINGLE DAY are actually becoming DEFORMED in their bodies from watching television! Many parents regard television as an excellent "automatic baby sitter!"

ANYTHING to ESCAPE their God-given responsibility of teaching, chastising and training their children! Yes—children who *should* be out in the fresh air and sunshine, building *up* their bodies, are allowed—even ENCOURAGED by their parents to sit for HOURS before a series of programs featuring ROBBING, FIGHTING, ILLICIT LOVE, HATE, VIOLENCE AND MURDER—STUFFING their minds with absolute nonsense!

Scientists have warned this nation's irresponsible parents of future generations' acquiring pitiful deformities due to the abject STUPIDITY of parents who allow their children to slump into bent-backed positions for hours watching television!

Wrong Use

Television of itself is not a sin! It is the wrong *use* of television that is a sin!

Television could be one of the greatest BLESSINGS we have ever experienced. Used *rightly* in extreme MODERATION and depicting the *true values* of life, showing methods to IMPROVE our habits, our way of life—yes, used to impart the knowledge of God to a nation that has TOTALLY FORGOTTEN God—television could truly be a wonderful blessing.

But think for a moment. Is TV USED

IN THIS WAY? DO children receive admonition, constructive and upbuilding EDUCATIONAL benefits from their hours of television watching? No!

Instead they are swept through varying degrees of violence, hate and murder in make-believe situations—*filling* their innocent, undeveloped minds with a HAZE OF LETHARGY AND DROWSY UNREALITY!

The programs presented for the older viewers are concerned with useless panel shows, crazy, slapstick comedy and variety shows, murder mysteries and divorce, adultery, violence, and all kinds of vice. There are very few programs on television devoted to upbuilding—to constructive thought!

The few news programs and useful shows presented on TV are usually sponsored by the big tobacco, liquor and cosmetic interests—offering the same degrading products, designed to please self and to satisfy the physical senses!

Does Television Have a Right Use?

Educators know the most effective single method of teaching is through the medium of both sound and sight at the same time. Television answers these requirements.

Used correctly, it could be a valuable tool of education. Used wrongly, it can be terribly *damaging* to both mind and body.

In some instances, television permits the public to *see*, first hand, right on the scene, such enlightening and really interesting events as Astronaut John Glenn Jr.'s launching from Cape Canaveral, and other really newsworthy events.

It permits the viewer to see enlightening panel discussions with important figures in world affairs. It can also be a form of *pleasant relaxation*, in moderation, and when such relaxation is really required, and then viewing the KIND of program that is UPLIFTING and BENEFICIAL, and that does NOT appeal to the base motives! Used RIGHTLY, this powerful medium of expression could be such a real BLESSING that mankind cannot grasp the tremendous benefit it could become.

But—the fact remains that television, in the main, is being used exactly CONTRARY to the way it should be! Instead

of *building up*, enlightening, educating—television programs on the whole are designed to DESTROY, to DARKEN MINDS, giving MIS-EDUCATION to the innocent-unaware viewers.

What Does God Say About Television?

God commands every Christian to COME OUT—to have NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS WORLD! (James 4:4). Instead, thousands of professing Christians have found a new method of bringing the ways of this world right into their living rooms!

The protection offered by the CREATOR-RULER of this universe to those who really SEEK HIM comes from having DRAWN APART—having separated themselves from this present Babylonish world! (Rev. 18:4). Many people put their television sets ahead of the Almighty God! THIS WRONG USE OF TELEVISION IS AN ABOMINABLE IDOLATRY.

The real *hungering* and *thirsting* Christian who is eagerly trying to learn more of God's way of life will not have TIME to spend SIX HOURS A DAY—OR EVEN ONE HOUR A DAY—hunched in the gloomy darkness of his living room in avid admiration before his television set—soaking up the knowledge of THIS WORLD with its totally FALSE values—its WARPED and TWISTED WAYS OF LIFE that are contrary to the commands of God!

God says, "If you then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. . . . Set your affection on things above, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH!" (Col. 3:1-2). Are you thinking of spiritual things—getting closer to God while you view a crime-thriller or a panel show?

NO—you're allowing yourself to think with a CARNAL MIND! You're plunging yourself into the CARNAL, PHYSICAL WAYS OF THIS WORLD! "For to be carnally minded is DEATH; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

Is DEATH the result you're looking for? Do you really *hunger* and *thirst* for ultimate, everlasting DEATH? Or ought you to be seeking to become more spiritually minded—more like GOD?

You are told in Philippians 2:12 to
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Is SIN Becoming Obsolete?

In the past 50 years society has plummeted to its greatest depths of degeneration and lawlessness. Crime, perverseness and evil are at an all time high! The trend is for more and more of the same. Read WHY in this eye-opening article!

by Albert J. Fortune

HUMAN society seems to be fast "losing its balance" and teetering on the brink of collapse into moral depravity and decay unprecedented in the history of the world. This trend toward lawlessness is becoming so shocking that criminologists, educators and religious leaders are gravely concerned and alarmed. If present trends continue, our American way of life will soon collapse into a dog-eat-dog era of cheating, lying, stealing, and general lawlessness that could bring national collapse more surely than hydrogen bomb attack!

Although we have always had crime, degeneration and lawlessness, there is something far more ominous and destructive underlying this new shocking situation, which—when understood—becomes a cause for GRAVE CONCERN—FOR YOU.

You need to understand!

What Is the Cause?

Whenever and wherever you find a LAW-ABIDING society—whether present today or historic—you will find present among its people an INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITY toward proper conduct that becomes a DETERRENT against crime and lawlessness. When a man—because of his OWN personal convictions—wills to be lawful, then law enforcement ceases to be a problem.

On the other hand, when you find a society composed of *individuals* who relax in their personal spiritual codes and responsibilities, you will find a lawless community. When a man—with himself—no longer WILLS to be law-abiding—trouble begins.

The reason our modern society is becoming decadent is because the ONE

GREAT FIRST CAUSE and reason for man to feel a spiritual responsibility is being removed. Our personal responsibility toward an all-powerful, omnipotent GOD who is RULER, LAWGIVER and SUPREME Judge has all but disappeared!

When man FORGETS that GOD is watching, he no longer worries if society or law enforcement is watching—because he can HIDE from society and law enforcement! When a man no longer is concerned with SINNING against his Maker, he is little concerned with sinning against his culture—especially if that culture allows a loose interpretation of the term sin!

Sin as a REAL factor is increasingly being ignored and made light of in modern society. The American public is learning to relax its MORAL CODES and no longer includes SPIRITUAL SIN as a positive element.

SIN—which is the breach of God's laws of conduct—is becoming OBSOLETE!

Our society has become so permeated with relaxed barriers, let-down attitudes, loose moral codes and inappropriety that a man who censors his conduct based on the rules of ALMIGHTY God is becoming an extreme oddity if not a *freak* today.

The Real Key

The real key to our present social decay is that we are losing our sense of awareness of SIN as a factor in human conduct. We no longer fear that our conduct—although CONDONED by society—might incur the WRATH and PENALTY of an all-powerful God; and for this cause America is on the slippery precipice of moral disaster.

A Warning

God warns us of the *exact condition* into which our American culture is racing. God tells us when we remove the awareness of HIM as a factor in human conduct the inevitable result is degeneration. Notice: "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 proper" (Rom. 1:28). The fruits of our society today are dramatic proof of the reprobate minds our people are developing. Yet, Almighty God foresaw these *exact symptoms*. NOTICE IT! "Being filled with unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity . . . haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS . . ." (Verses 29-30).

Statistics Prove It

In a recent study of the students enrolled in major colleges and universities in this nation the amazing, NAKED TRUTH of the attitudes and character of our young adults was revealed. The majority of the students interviewed took the view that: "Truth and honesty, far from being *absolutes*, are matters that can be interpreted only in terms of a specific situation at a specific time in a specific place." Any reference to comparisons with the codes of a Creator—God, were not even mentioned nor held in their understanding.

These young men and women—who will become the backbone of our American society in the next few years—all frankly admitted that the evidences of corruption, trickery, deceit and oppor-

tunism were *everywhere*—on the international scene, shot through our national and political functions, in our social activities and even in the home. These students had to admit that the inevitable result was that this same tarnish is not only rubbing off on the younger generation, but is fast becoming the *impetus* of a "new way" of life.

One student's frank comment was, "Honesty and truth just don't seem to have a place in anyone's life anymore. Most people's code of ethics shifts from day to day. It changes to fit the condition of that particular day's situation." Another senior from a prominent college in the East said, "Nothing is black and white anymore, most everything is gray. It's hard to say what's right or wrong. . . ."

"Truth, honesty, honor, loyalty, they're nice words, but they're difficult things to come by nowadays." This was a comment of a graduate student from a prominent university now working on his master's degree in psychology.

A sophomore in a Brooklyn university defined his startling concept of life in our modern society in the following terms, "This is a dog-eat-dog world—and if you have a chance of doing a little better than the next fellow, you should take advantage of it. Cheating goes on all over. People cheat on their taxes. There's cheating on health plans. Big corporations engage in rigging bids and contracts. It's part of our society. Everybody does it. *I'd definitely do the same!* Otherwise I'd be at a *disadvantage*. It's being done. And I conform to it."

Why This Attitude?

In every walk of life—government, business, sports, recreation and just down-to-earth living—the modern approach is one of *determinism*.

Determinism is the outgrowth of so-called "advanced knowledge" and is beginning to drastically affect and mold the American scene.

This attitude of determinism, which states that a man is able to dictate his own conduct based solely upon each specific situation, time and place, does not leave room for the concept of SIN against an all-powerful God. Modern education and science is rapidly relegat-

ing God to the limbo of the superstitious or at best the antiquated and now unnecessary.

A dramatic proof of this is revealed in a recent survey published in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* of Dec. 1957. This shocking article revealed that only FIVE PERCENT of the American population admitted the slightest concern or any fear about an Eternal God sending them to hell. This outstanding article also revealed the shocking answer to the question asked, "Would you say that your religious beliefs have any effect on your ideas on politics and business?" Fifty-four percent said, "NO."

When mankind elects to determine his own fate—to "think for himself"—and to decide his own future and his own patterns of conduct, he discards and leaves behind the concept of transgression against eternal law. SIN, as a factor of human conduct, has become old fashioned and even childish.

As an individual in our modern society walks up and down the paths of social conduct today, his self-determining thoughts are not in terms of "Is my conduct right and proper in God's sight so that I am not incurring His wrath and penalty?" but rather on the basis of "Is this going to 'pay off' and am I 'getting away' with it?"

What Is the Answer?

God says, "The FEAR of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10). In a Godless society where there is no fear of an Eternal God, there is lawlessness and evil. Our churches and religious groups today are taking the teeth out of religion and removing the fear of the Eternal. At a recent convention of one of the leading Protestant denominations in this country, the following conclusions were advanced:

"Christianity must shed its pious pretenses, and admit it doesn't have all the answers, if it expects to uphold spiritual reality in a science-dominated age. A new aestheticism must be practiced. The modern era has abandoned religion as a basis for real life and put its confidence in science instead. The new dimensions of our life make the image of God which we have inherited at least questionable, perhaps irrelevant or even ridiculous. We do not repu-

diate Him—we merely cease to live by Him." (The Denver Post.)

Can Christian concepts such as these inspire a man to have a moral awareness of his God and to feel a spiritual responsibility toward right moral conduct?

America no longer fears God! AMERICA HAS LOST ITS AWARENESS OF SIN! The American public is being given a spiritual "sleeping pill" which is lulling their minds to the subject of God and religion. As one courageous religious leader recently put it, "The Christian message is no longer played on a trumpet but on a violin. It is a soothing, gentle lullaby. From too many pulpits we are being told that God is concerned primarily with keeping us from worry and discomfort. Religion becomes a spiritual aspirin tablet or a glass of divine ovaltine. The blame falls upon us who are the religious leaders of this generation. The crisis facing us is moral and spiritual. We will either get tougher in this realm, or we will lose our heritage." (Los Angeles Examiner).

While this lullaby of dying religion and spiritual responsibility in America continues, the growing fad of self-determinism and dog-eat-dog survival of the craftiest is inoculating the minds of the American people. Moral conduct is being based on an entirely new set of rules. These rules do not include the concept of "this is the way, walk ye in it" (Isa. 30:21).

The Answer

Unless we WAKE UP and heed the warning of the Eternal God, we are on a collision course with the most chaotic and lawless times that have ever occurred in the history of this nation. Our national leaders know and are fearful of this seemingly inevitable conclusion. We need God's answer! We need the solution that comes only from the Word of God.

America's only hope is to "earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). We need to put the knowledge of God back in our understanding and learn once again to FEAR HIM. We need to *wake up* and realize there is an all-powerful, omnipotent and mighty God who rules in heaven and in earth and

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FORTY-FOUR

THE TROUBLESOME ROAD TO CANAAN

WHEN Moses struck the rock at Kadesh and no water came out, painful moments passed.

Some of the people began to hoot and jeer. Moses and Aaron glanced nervously at each other. Vexed and impatient, Moses did the very next thing that came to his mind. He lifted the rod and again whacked it down on the rock with even greater force.

The crowd went silent, waiting for something to happen. Moses was almost crushed by a heavy feeling of embarrassment because no water was forthcoming from the rock.

In his strong feeling against the mob, he had either forgotten or ignored the instructions God had given him. He had chosen his own way, and now he seemed to be unable to make good his boast that he had power to supply water to the Israelites.

God Brings Water

"If water doesn't come out of this rock after what you've promised," Aaron shakily remarked to Moses, "the people will be so angry that they'll probably go completely out of control. If a miracle doesn't occur within the next minute or two, there'll be plenty of trouble!"

Moses knew Aaron was right. In his unhappy situation all he could think to do was strike the rock a third time. Before he could do so, however, the boulder shook as though an explosion had taken place within it. Moses, Aaron and the few officers stand-

ing farther back on the rock were all but thrown off their feet. When they recovered their balance, they realized that a strong stream of clear water was noisily gushing from the base of the boulder below them! (Numbers 20:7-11.)

A tremendous shout came from the crowd. People rushed toward the rock to dip into the cool water, but were forced back as it surged speedily forth to spread into a swift stream that coursed toward the camps of the Israelites. Even before the stream had flowed into a definite course and had lost its muddiness, people and livestock thronged to it to get their fill. Then started the task of filling millions of pots, jars and goatskin bags with the precious fluid.

Moses and Aaron were greatly relieved to see the life-giving water flowing from the rock. Another crisis had passed. One more rough spot had been smoothed out.

Nevertheless, Moses knew that all was far from right. Now that water had come to the people, he had a gnawing feeling of guilt.

"We should return to the tabernacle to thank God," Moses muttered uneasily to Aaron.

At the tabernacle God's voice spoke out in such an angry tone that Moses and Aaron trembled as they bowed their heads to the ground.

God's Just Punishment

"You have failed to act with wisdom," God told them. "You, Moses, let your temper get the better of you in front of the people. Then, instead of speaking to the rock as you were instructed, you struck it. In fact, you struck it *twice*, as though it were necessary to keep on flogging it in order for something to happen. You also gave the people the impression that it was through your power, and not Mine, that a miracle would produce water. And you, Aaron, spoke and acted in agreement with your brother's wrong attitude.

"Because you have acted with such independence, and have tried to take credit for a miracle that only your Creator could perform, you have failed to honor Me before the people. Therefore neither of you shall be permitted to reach Canaan with your people!" (Numbers 20:12-13, 23-24 and Numbers 27:12-14.)

Moses and Aaron remained kneeling in stunned, painful silence. This pronouncement from God felt like a sudden death sentence! It meant that they would not be allowed to enter the promised land for which they had been striving for so many years. Moses and Aaron repented of what they had done. God forgave them. But that did not mean God would remove the penalty in this life. Some sins we still must suffer from even though God has forgiven us.

A few minutes later, when they were certain that God had nothing more to say on the matter, they got up and trudged off to their tents. It was plain to them that God had no favorites, and that He would punish the disobedient in high offices no less than He would punish the disobedient of the lowest rank.

A fact worth remembering is that the more one is educated and trained in God's service, the more God requires of that person.

Greater responsibility goes with greater Bible understanding. (James 4:17.) True Christians can't afford to stare piously down their noses at anyone—even the most brutal dictator or the drunken skid row character lying in the gutter. Instead, they should pause to thank God for choosing them to be given understanding, but not in such a way as to compare their real or fancied "righteousness" with the conduct of others. (II Corinthians 10:12.) Christians should have compassion and understanding for those whom God has not yet chosen to be allowed to understand, but that compassion should never mean that there is any approval of their sins.

Moses and Aaron Repent

Even though Moses and Aaron were denied the privilege of entering Canaan with their people, they repented and will undoubtedly reach a much richer promised land—that of the future. When Christ comes to rule the world only a few years from the time this is written, those resurrected for service under Christ will surely include Moses and Aaron.

Whatever Moses and Aaron thought about their future, their duties still existed. Aaron faithfully continued as high priest. Moses had to make daily decisions as usual.

The greatest decision while the people were in Kadesh was how the Israelites should proceed toward Canaan from that point.

There were three routes to Canaan from Kadesh in Mt. Seir. One way had been attempted almost four decades earlier by many of the Israelites when they had been set upon by Amalekites and Canaanites, and when so many Israelites had lost their lives. Another way was to cross to the southwest over the Mt. Seir range of mountains and then proceed north between the Mt. Seir range and the Arabah range. The third way was to proceed eastward and then north into Edom by way of what was referred to as the king's highway.

This great highway was a major road leading up east of the Dead Sea. It had been constructed across swamps and deserts and mountains hundreds of years previously by local governments, and had since been used and kept in fair condition as a route for armies and merchant caravans.

Moses already knew God would not lead Israel by the way where so many had

been slaughtered years before, even though it was the most direct route. Neither did he think it wise to pass to the west and struggle north through the cradle of heat between two mountain ranges.

Even though it was a longer route, Moses recognized it would be to the advantage of the Israelites to travel north by east on the king's highway through the land of Edom. Once they were through Edom and Moab, they could enter Canaan by turning westward.

Opposition from Edom

Realizing that it was necessary to receive permission to pass through the nation to the north, Moses sent messengers to the ruler of Edom. The letter carried by the messengers pointed out that the Israelites, as cousins of the people of the Arabian desert, had struggled through many years of hardships in their efforts to come out of Egypt, and that they would like to be regarded as friendly relatives passing through the territory of the Edomites.

"Please let us pass through your country," Moses continued in the letter. "We promise not to tramp through your fields nor through your vineyards. We won't use even your water. Our desire is simply to reach the king's highway and proceed northward." (Numbers 20:14-17.)

The Israelite messengers returned only a few hours later with word from the ruler of Edom.

"The Edomite king told us to tell you," the messengers reported to Moses, "that if we start through his land his army will attack us!" (Verse 18.)

Moses was disappointed. He hadn't expected such a hostile reply.

"Perhaps the Edomites don't believe that we won't use their water," Aaron suggested. "They might agree to our moving through their land if we would offer to pay for any water we should use."

"The idea is worth trying," Moses remarked after pondering a few moments.

Later, another set of Israelite messengers returned from Edom with an answer to Moses' second request.

"The king wants you to know," the men reported to Moses, "that our people can't come through his land under any circumstances. He said that while he is king two million strange people and their animals won't go stamping across Edom."

Moses was again disappointed. He had hoped that his second appeal to the ruler of Edom would result in success. Before he could express his thoughts however, an officer arrived to excitedly announce that Edomite troops were approaching from the north. (Verses 19-20.)

Right after the messengers returned, one of Moses' officers shouted to look back to the northeast. Moses and those about him turned to see a vast line of figures silhouetted against the sky atop the ridge in the area where the pass trail led into Edom and toward the king's highway. Sunlight reflected in strong glints from those distant figures indicated that they had swords, spears and armor.

The Edomite army had arrived!



An army of Edomites, brandishing swords, spears and bows, suddenly appeared on the horizon.

A Narrow Escape

"Sound the signal to break camp!" Moses ordered. "Tell the people to be ready to leave in order within the hour—to move into the mountainous defiles near Kadesh. Warn the men to prepare themselves for a possible attack!"

There was sudden action among the Israelites. The same scene, strangely, had been enacted by them or their ancestors almost two generations before when a part of them had tried to get into Canaan against God's will. Now, however, they were not divided, and they worked faster than before to get ready to leave.

Once again the more than two millions of people and their flocks and herds moved westward off on the trail that led into the desert valley between the Arabah range and the long, lofty ridge of rock and soil known as Mt. Seir.

Whether the Edomites planned to attack or whether they intended only to protect their borders is something we probably won't learn until God makes it known

in the future when He will undoubtedly reveal all the facts of the past history of man. In any event, Israel managed to leave Kadesh in time to avoid any trouble with the army of Edom.

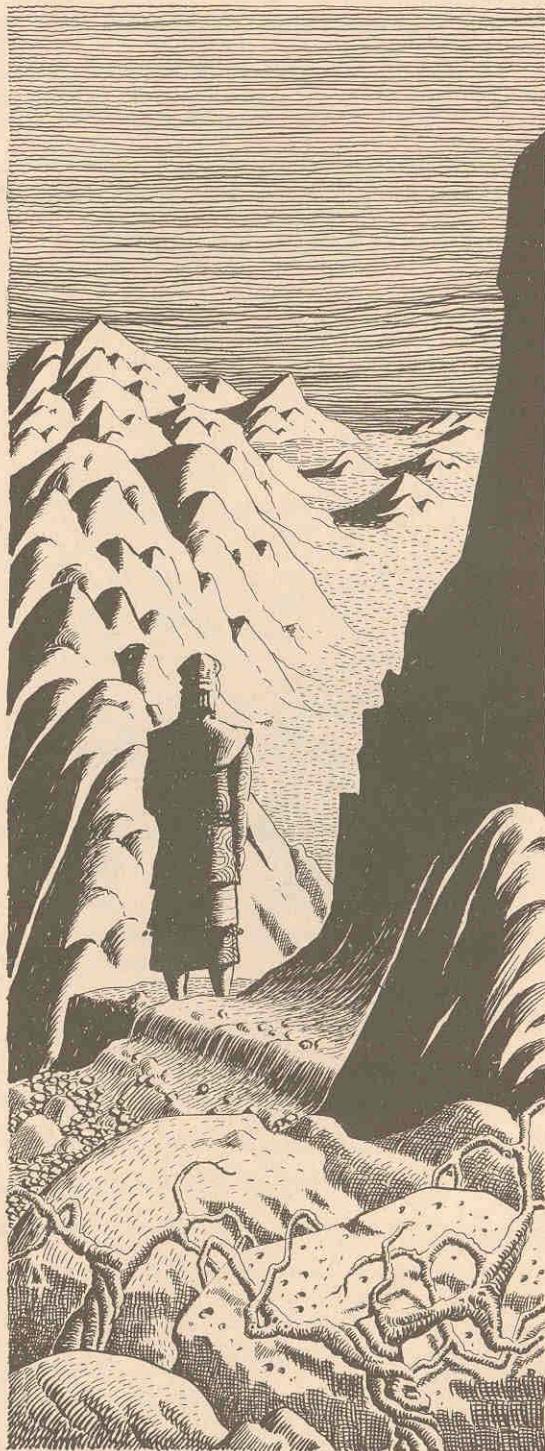
The first stopping point after leaving Kadesh was at Mt. Hor, a high peak of the Seir range just west of Kadesh, or Petra. There God gave a special message to Moses and Aaron. He instructed them to come up to the top of the mountain. Aaron was to dress in his priestly robes, and was to bring one of his sons, Eleazar. (Numbers 20:22-25.)

The people quickly sensed that some special event was to take place on the mountain, and many of them watched the three men ascend the sandstone mountain to its height of six thousand feet.

Aaron Dies on Mount Hor

After the three arrived atop Mt. Hor, Aaron gazed silently down on the Israelite camp he knew he would never join again. Looking upward, he could see to the south a part of the mountains and deserts through which the people had struggled. He turned his gaze to the northwest, but could not quite see the promised land just over a range of mountains. Regretfully he remembered God's pronouncement that he and Moses would not go into that promised land because of their wrong attitude when they sought to bring water to the people out of a rock. He realized that he had come to the end of his life.

According to God's instructions,



Dressed in his priestly robes, Aaron stood on the mountain and gazed toward Canaan, the promised land he knew he would not live to enter.

Moses removed the priestly attire from Aaron and put it on Aaron's son Eleazar. As soon as this was done and Eleazar was anointed into Aaron's office, Aaron sat down, leaned back on a ledge and closed his eyes. It was at that moment that he drew his last breath. There was nothing to be done to prevent him from the peaceful and painless death that came to one of God's servants at the age of one hundred and twenty-three years. (Verses 27-28; Numbers 33:37-39.)

There was great mourning among the Israelites when they learned of Aaron's death and burial. The mourning continued for thirty days—the length of time spent in expressing grief in those days—because of the passing of a person of high rank. (Numbers 20:29.)

Under Attack Again

Meanwhile, a Canaanite king whose small domain included an area of south Canaan heard that the Israelites were about to invade his territory to the northwest of the Mt. Hor region. This king felt that it was wiser to attack than to be attacked. Not to be outdone, he sent mounted troops to the south to rush in on the camps of the Israelites.

So swift was the attack that some of the Israelites were whisked away as prisoners before anything could be done. The Israelites were so upset by what had taken place that they made vows to God that they would wipe out the towns from which the attackers had come if only God would help them. God quickly answered their pleas and Israel proceeded safely northward in the Arabah. (Numbers 21:1-3.)

After leaving the Mt. Hor area and defeating the Canaanites, the Israelites turned north to move through the valley between the Arabah range and the Mt. Seir range. This route was called the way of the Red Sea because it led southward to the gulf of Aqaba.

Traveling through this huge desert cradle was difficult because of the heat and the arid conditions. A number of people began to complain, especially because of the manna, which they disliked because of their bad attitude. Their state of mind was like a contagious disease. It spread so swiftly that it was only a matter of hours before a pounding wave of discontent disrupted the camps. (Verses 4-5.)

As usual, the head complainers organized throngs to gather before Moses' tent with their loud and childish demonstrations. Their remarks were so profane against Moses and against God that God was angrily moved at once to punish the offenders.

Even as noisy crowds shouted against their Creator, screams of pain and terror began to rise from all parts of the camp. Thousands of snakes were suddenly wriggling into the tents, angrily biting the people on the feet and legs, injecting a death-



God was so angry with the complainers that He sent deadly poisonous snakes into the camps to attack the people.

dealing poison that would quickly mean the end of life for their victims! (Verse 6.)

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Is SIN Obsolete?

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who has the power of life and death, and that He is REAL and LITERAL and ACTUAL! We need to FEAR and TREMBLE before that God and realize He has the power of eternal life and eternal death.

What Is Sin?

This great and all-powerful God tells us what sin is! Man is not left to his own devices to decide what is right and what is wrong! God says, through His apostle John, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresses also the law: FOR SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW" (I John 3:4).

God's ten commandments—the real and true basis for human moral conduct—are still and always will be the order of the day. And the sooner we return to

obedience to God's moral code of ethics and fear to disobey them, the sooner this nation will return to the peaceful, law-abiding society it so sorely needs.

We need to put God back into our knowledge and to measure every social act and thought by God's standards. *Sin* needs to again become a factor in human everyday life. When we begin to produce in the colleges, universities and schools of our country young men and women who will censor their conduct based upon the precepts of God's law, we will begin to have the solution to our country's ills.

Our Personal Responsibility

Although these terrible pronouncements will surely come to pass upon this nation unless we turn from our evil way and begin to walk in God's commandments, our personal responsibility is even more important! We need to realize our personal need to put back

the concept of SIN into our awareness. Otherwise, the most dreadful of all eventualities may occur to us!

God says, "For the WAGES of SIN is DEATH!" (Rom. 6:23.) Unless we personally WAKE UP and realize what sin is and begin to fear our Eternal God, we could end up eternally damned! Notice the stern warning of God, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God and he shall be my son. BUT—the fearful, the unbeliefing, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:7-8).

The only hope of a nation on the brink of a black era of lawlessness and chaos is to put God back into our knowledge and wake up once again to the awareness that SIN is the transgression of the law of the Eternal God.

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong talks to businessmen; "wolves" enter and devour flock—but the amazing growth of God's Work continues.

INSTALLMENT 45

IN THE preceding installment we had come to the year 1943. By the spring of that year we were broadcasting on eight radio stations. A year before we had been on only three—covering only the Pacific Northwest. But now Christ's own Message was going out, although only once a week, on two stations in Southern California, and on two Midwest super-power 50,000-watt stations, each of which had listeners in every state in the U.S.A.

Beside this, during that 12-month period, we had moved up from 500-watt KWJJ in Portland to 10,000-watt KXL, and now during 1943 had added 5,000-watt KVI in Seattle, increasing the number of stations to nine.

First Meetings in Texas

About February 1, 1943, *The World Tomorrow program* started on the powerful WOAI in San Antonio. Later that year, after we had been on the station a few months, I went again to San Antonio to put the program on the station "live." It must have been the next night, Monday, that I held my first meeting in Texas.

This was announced on the air over WOAI on Sunday night. I had engaged a banquet or lecture-hall on the ground floor of the St. Anthony Hotel. Every seat was filled. Several businessmen and their wives came.

On another occasion Mrs. Armstrong and I traveled to San Antonio, and on the Sunday night broadcast I announced we would be holding "Open House" through the following afternoon and evening in our hotel suite. It was encouraging and inspiring to receive a continuous stream of new Texas friends—some coming just to meet us—others with problems for counselling.

As mentioned in the preceding installment, I was invited to speak before

the Businessmen's Bible Class of San Antonio. It was nondenominational, and met in a club room of a leading hotel for coffee and a short service before the Sunday School hour. Those who were members of various denominations proceeded on to their own Sunday Schools or Church services after this earlier Bible Class.

As I wrote the above paragraph, I supposed this talk to the Businessmen's Bible Class was a little later than same year—1943. But I remembered that I have with me the abbreviated notes from which I spoke to that class of businessmen. I am a little surprised to find it dated Sunday morning, November 9, 1944, toward the close of the

war. So I am now getting ahead of myself by more than a year.

However, I felt our readers might like to read, now, a very brief summary of what I said to these businessmen on that occasion. Remember, this was only about a half year before the end of the war.

Talk to Businessmen

First I read from verse 1 of the 127th Psalm: "Except the ETERNAL build the house, they labor in vain that build it." "That," I said to that class, "is a basic truth that applies to human activities generally—building a house for a home, building a city, a nation, or a business. We are prone to take things for grant-

It was near the beginning of summer, 1944, that the Allied landing in Normandy occurred. Many broadcasts were made on those momentous events.

Wide World Photo



ed—even this WAR, as well as the economic system in which we find ourselves. We've been in the war about three years now—we've gotten used to it. You've been in this system of business quite a while—and naturally take it for granted.

"But there is *tremendous significance* to world events right now! They are fraught with meaning far deeper than realized. Let's look at it from the standpoint of BUSINESS. Basic and far-reaching changes are occurring in the industrial, distribution, and commercial structure as a direct result of the war—and changes have been shaping during the past forty years unrealized by most businessmen.

"Back in the years 1912-1915 I was making surveys of business conditions for a national magazine, which brought these changes into bold relief. This country was founded on the basis of decentralization. Today there is a rapid shift toward centralization in all fields—not only business, but government. But even in those years the little man in business was being squeezed out.

"The big headache then, in retail circles, was the encroachments of the giant mail-order houses; and chain stores were beginning rapid development. World War I put impetus to the centralization trend. As an aftermath of that war the flash depression of 1920 shook America, economic collapse rumbled through forty other nations, finally producing our Great Depression of 1929-1936. All this time the MACHINE AGE was developing rapidly in America, making possible three to thirty times the output per man-hour as compared to hand labor. There was sufficient raw material in the ground to have provided luxury for all the people.

"Yet no economic utopia came. Instead, we've had troubles, wars, depressions. WHY? Unequal division of the proceeds of production is the reason. The profit system has been *selfishly exercised!*

Capital and Labor

"First, capital and management, being greedy, retained *most* of the increased wealth of mass machine production. Labor was not given its rightful share. Read the prophecy of this, in James

5:1-5: Come now, you rich men, weep and shriek over your impending miseries! You have been storing up treasure in the very last days . . . See, the wages of which you have defrauded the workmen who mowed your fields (or worked in your factories) call out. . . Verses 2 and 3 show the final fate yet to come on businessmen guilty of this unfair practice.

"But, second, organizers appeared and began to organize labor, with the equally wrong philosophy that capital and management is the enemy of labor, and that by organization LABOR ought to exact more than its fair share.

"Meanwhile, World War I spawned the Soviet power dedicated to overthrowing every other nation, government, and economic system and ruling the world with atheistic Communism. Now we are fighting to stop the Nazi onslaught to conquer and rule the world with *National Socialism*. It all adds up to WORLD REVOLUTION—CHAOS—DESTRUCTION! They are producing the robot bomb and the rocket bomb—and working on constantly more powerful destructive forces. *Mankind cannot stop!* Mankind has now gone *past* the point of NO RETURN! Man will plunge on fanatically toward DESTRUCTION, unless God Almighty intervenes—which He PROMISES TO DO!

"WHAT'S WRONG?

"God did not build this world's house!" Therefore they labor in VAIN that struggle to build it. They are reaping DESTRUCTION. This world is *not* of God's making. It is *basically* WRONG! It is built on principles diametrically opposite to those RIGHT principles and laws set in motion by the living God.

"The basis of GOD'S LAW is LOVE. It is love toward God, and love toward neighbor. This is the principle of "GIVE" and "SERVE," not of "GET" and "BE SERVED." This world's business is based on the foundation of competition. The competitive system is the relentless effort to *take from* competitors—to get the best of a deal.

"Also, the SYSTEM underlying the world's whole civilization is based on concentration in CITIES. We are now beginning to see the *destruction of cities*. They are not built on God's pattern. God says He will destroy them—tear them down! (Micah 5:14 and Isaiah

14:16-17 were quoted and expounded as prophecies, among many others, foretelling this.)

"God set apart 6,000 years to *allow mankind* to make his own choice—go his own way—to write in human EXPERIENCE the lesson that only GOD'S WAYS can bring us the happiness, prosperity and joy we all want." I then explained a little of God's economic laws, and gave a glimpse into the *World Tomorrow* when Christ puts down this world's systems, and establishes the WORLD RULE of the KINGDOM OF GOD. There my talk ended.

The talk seemed to be well received, and I was presented with a card which I have before me now, conferring honorary life membership of the Businessmen's Bible Class of San Antonio.

Also I notice, on the back of the paper on which my notes were written, the following, which I remember one of the men of the class wrote there for me: "*A city is an artificial development of an imperfect distribution system.*"

The Work Grows

By late August, 1943, our year's contract with station WHO was completed. We had then had 6½ months of broadcasting on WOAI, in addition to WHO. By this time most of our regular WHO listeners knew that *The World Tomorrow* could be heard on WOAI, so that going off WHO gave us no noticeable setback or loss of audience.

Station WOAI had not brought as much mail from listeners as WHO, but that did not mean, necessarily, that its actual number of listeners was correspondingly less. Merely that its programming was different, and was not designed to stimulate habitual mail-response.

However, at the time we went off WHO, or just before, I decided to put the program on one of the two leading local stations in Des Moines. Station KRNT had opened a 45-minute earlier time, at 10:15 P.M. Sunday nights. This was a 5,000-watt station.

Also, station KMA, a 5,000-watt station at Shenandoah, Iowa, had gained a reputation for having a very wide and responsive audience. This station cleared the same time—10:15 Sunday nights.

About this time, a smaller station,

KNET, in Palestine, Texas, solicited the program. It was so unusual to have a radio station actually *come to us* with an offer of time, that I took it—at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

And so it was that the November-December issue of *The Plain Truth*, for 1943, listed a log of ten stations.

However, the three smaller stations, KRNT, KMA, and KNET, gave local coverage only, and we were not big enough yet to carry them long enough to make them voluntary self-supporting. Remember, we never solicited contributions from the public—either over the air, or in any of our literature which was always all FREE. After one or two years, these stations were dropped.

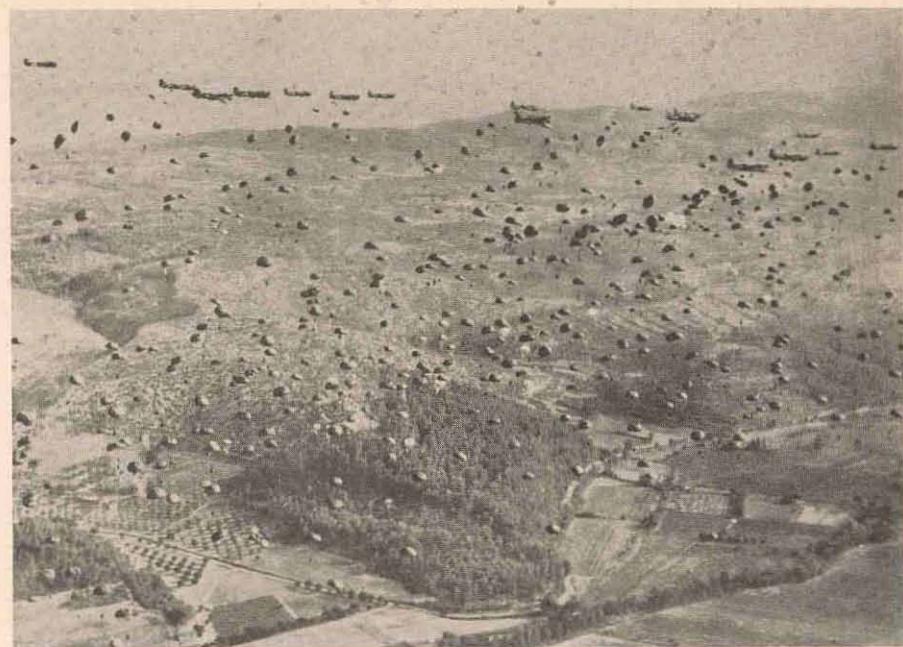
Coming into the year of 1944, Bulletins in old files show that mail response and other methods of checking indicated the radio audience had grown to between a half and three-quarters of a million in the war years. That was a big jump from our small and humble start ten years before.

The circulation of *The Plain Truth* had climbed to 35,000 copies, now reaching every state and province in English-speaking North America.

From the approximately \$5 cost¹ of printing the first issue of *The Plain Truth*, the first page of which we reproduced in the February number from the only copy we still have, the printing cost in ten years had mounted to \$1,000 per issue.

A short decade before, just starting in 1934, our cost of radio time was \$2.50 per week. In early 1944 it had soared to one hundred times the original cost—an expenditure of \$250 per week. That seemed like a huge mountain of obligation to be constantly met. But it was a tiny ant hill compared to the still-mounting expenditures for reaching some 20 million people daily—a cumulative weekly audience of some 140 million people, world-wide, today!

The growth of this Work of God has continued to soar at the rate of 30% a year—doubling in scope and power every 2 years, 7½ months. Today the cost of printing one issue of *The Plain Truth*, Los Angeles edition alone, is many thousands of dollars—to say nothing of the editions printed in London and in Melbourne—a world circulation,



Wide World Photo

Hundreds of paratroopers fill the air during the Riviera Invasion in late summer of 1944. Hitler's defeat made possible the present opportunity for preaching the gospel around the world.

now, of about 400,000! And still climbing! And, more—*The Plain Truth* in 1944, published only every two months, was a mere 12 pages, whereas today's monthly publication is 48 pages in two colors. Today's world-wide broadcasting costs many thousands of dollars weekly.

In my talk to the businessmen at San Antonio, I read the Scripture that unless GOD builds the house, it is a vain effort. *This work is the building of GOD'S OWN HOUSE—His own Work. He is its Builder! That is why it grows—and GROWS—and GROWS!*

When it started, in 1934, we were using 100 watts of radio power per week. A decade later, early 1944, we were using 91,000 watts a week. Radio power was multiplied more than 900 times in ten years. Today it is more than 22 million watts of radio power weekly, or 240 times as much as 1944, less than two additional decades later.

Fierce Wolves Enter

It was during these years—1943 and 1944—that we encountered another experience to teach us that the Apostle Paul was prophetically inspired of GOD when he warned the elders and ministers of the Church of God at Ephesus: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed

the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore, watch . . ." (Acts 20:28-31). The Moffatt translation renders it "fierce wolves."

During those years I made occasional visits to Hollywood to resume *daily broadcasting* for a period of two to six weeks each time, on station KMTR. Also, when there, I continued holding Sunday afternoon services frequently at the Biltmore theatre or other large halls in Los Angeles. A former minister frequently called at the studio. He continually assured me that he certainly did fully accept and agree with everything I was preaching. As time went on, we became well acquainted.

I shall not mention this man's name. I do not wish to say anything that might reflect against any person—even though entirely true. This man has been dead several years now, anyway. As a result of the broadcasting, *The Plain Truth*, and the personal meetings, a number of people were baptized in Los Angeles, and I formed them into a small local church. There were 23 at the start. I made this former preacher pastor of the

tiny flock. This, I believe, was in the autumn of 1943.

Also our work paid his expenses up to Eugene, Oregon, and return, to assist me in an annual fall Festival of meetings we were holding in our little church building in Eugene. This man had good personality, was friendly, flattered parents about their babies and children, and seemed well liked.

A year later I found the little "church" I had gathered together and turned over to his shepherding had disintegrated—except for one young woman who, I found, was no longer living a Christian life. I tried to follow up some of the people, but those I was able to contact had formed an extreme dislike for this "pastor" and refused to attend his services. Nevertheless, he came once again in the fall of 1944 to Eugene for our fall Festival.

I have mentioned before that the Sunday night evangelistic services held beginning late 1941 in Seattle and Everett, and personal work Mrs. Armstrong and I did in that area, had raised up a small church group, which met in Everett. They purchased a fairly old small church building there. These Seattle and Everett people seemed to like the minister from Los Angeles, and during the 1944 Festival, attended by this entire group as well as our local Oregon people, he succeeded in worming his way into their affections.

We had learned that this man was physically lazy. His wife, we learned just prior to this Festival, had been supporting him. She told Mrs. Armstrong that he *would* condescend to water the lawn with the hose, *provided* he could sit while holding the hose! Apparently she had given him an ultimatum to get a job preaching and support her, or she was going to refuse to support him longer. She had been professionally employed at rather good salary. So this man went on up to Everett, Washington, to become the Pastor of this little flock.

No sooner had he ingratiated himself in the affections of the "sheep" than he began "devouring" them. It began appearing he did not believe very much of the BIBLE truths I had been preaching, after all. One thing he had firmly believed—before going to Everett—was the Biblical teaching on tithing. This Everett group were all tithers. They

averaged considerably better incomes than the others who were Co-Workers with me, supporting God's Work. In fact, about 25% of the entire income of the work was being supplied by them.

But, once established in Everett as their local Pastor, this man did a reverse-twist in his doctrinal beliefs. Suddenly he did not believe in tithing any more. The proportionately big lump of income that kept God's Work alive suddenly stopped. By now, of course, I only received news from there indirectly, perhaps not 100% accurately, but the indication was that the new "Pastor" did another reverse-twist, and did once again revive the tithing system among these people—only this time it all went to him.

Soon weird and fanatical beliefs and practices, it was reported, were being embraced among this group of people. The "wolf" had been real hungry, and had devoured the sheep.

... But God's Work Marches On

But when this large portion of the financial support for the nation-wide work was cut off, we suffered no pangs of consternation or fear. We did pray and commit the problem to the HEAD of our work, the *living* Jesus Christ. And, somehow, the income for God's Work did not drop. It kept right on climbing—just as if we had never lost the Everett income.

This experience did cause Mrs. Armstrong and me real sorrow to see those we had come to love so dearly—among whom we had labored diligently for approximately three years—fall by the wayside—cutting themselves off from GOD'S PRECIOUS WORK and thus from His true Church, which is His instrument carrying on GOD'S WORK.

GOD has been building THIS structure which thunders His Message over every continent. Jesus Christ said: "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." But HE began this great Work, and of it we read: "Thou wilt not drop the work thou hast begun." Jesus Christ has never left nor forsaken us—He never will!

I ought to add, in connection with this Everett episode, that it has come to our attention that there are some—

not necessarily connected with those here referred to, in the Seattle area, who have claimed to be connected with this work, but who are not.

We do have a minister in that area—a competent and fully ordained minister, a graduate of Ambassador College—who is there to minister personally to any who desire counseling or Biblical explanation—but he is properly identified, and contact can be made through our Pasadena World Headquarters.

I might also mention, in this connection, that we are gradually establishing fully consecrated, called, trained and ordained ministers—Ambassador College trained—in most areas of the United States, Canada, Britain and Australia.

But always BE SURE they are really representatives of THIS WORK, for truly many false prophets are gone out into the world—and it is the MANY who are deceived. If any reader desires to have a true Minister of Jesus Christ to call, write to me, at any of the addresses for your part of the world listed on page 2, bottom right-hand column.

Next installment, you will read of how *The World Tomorrow* finally went on a DAILY broadcasting basis, nation-wide; also of the end of World War II, and our attending the historic San Francisco Conference, as an accredited Press representative, with credentials from the State Department. Soon we shall be coming to the establishment of Ambassador College—and then we reach some truly thrilling experiences. However, such experiences as the one just related, the disintegration of the little church in Los Angeles, and others previously, because there were no other shepherds to feed and protect the flocks, were heavily instrumental in forcing the decision to found the college. We still had many lessons to learn, and we learned rapidly from 1945 on.

All in FUN!

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ful attitudes are developed.

What ARE The Real Differences?

There really *are* differences, of course! But those differences are purely PHYSI-

LOGICAL. They are in the physical make-up and muscular development, rather than really deep emotional and psychological differences! Let's understand! It is only when children have been made *aware* of some fabled "mystery" about the opposite sex that they become apprehensive of it.

Normally innocent childish PLAY becomes, instead of open, friendly, enthusiastic and carefree *enjoyment*, an INTRIGUE! It becomes burdened with wonderment, with fears and embarrassment, and with a natural desire to SATISFY CURIOSITY!

Make no mistake! FAR from being a mere *punctuation* mark in the day of a child, his play periods (and the younger he is, the more heightened is the intensity of it) are, *to him*, the most important part of his day!

A child will *reveal* himself in his play. His inner motives—his attitudes about his parents, his friends, toward many situations will spontaneously burst forth—*while he's playing!*

That's why it is so important to GUIDE your children in HOW they play, in WHAT they play with, and with WHOM they play, and WHERE!

If there is a truly normal, natural, and GOD-LIKE attitude toward the sexes in the home, and if the parents realize that children should be CHILDREN, and are not trying to force a little girl to be a "lady" or a mature woman, or a little boy to be a "big man," then the children will play happily together in a really healthy, wholesome attitude.

WHAT KIND OF PLAY?

But let's get down to cases. What KIND of play should your children engage in?

Let's speak plainly! It is, believe it or not—and shocking though it may sound to many of us in this "modern world"—an ABOMINATION in God's sight to see little children playing WAR! To see a little child pointing ANYTHING, whether real gun, toy replica, or a simple piece of wood he picks up, at another person, and *pretending to shoot* him is a heinous SIN! It's WRONG! It should be STOPPED by parents who have any sense of love and responsibility toward their children!

Further, the source of such play, such

as the TV and magazines that *inspire* it should be removed! Then, the parents should really EXPLAIN God's principles regarding killing. They should really *impress* upon the child the deadly SERIOUSNESS of ever even playfully PRETENDING to point a gun at someone!

Then, AFTER ample instruction and guidance, infractions should be punished. The lesson must be learned!

There are hundreds of varieties of play-THINGS being manufactured today. Perhaps it is not always true, but truly the greatest enjoyment a child seems to experience comes from play—NOT just with "things" but with OTHER CHILDREN! Therefore, the group type games are certainly to be desired. There is not space to name all the games, or the various toys and manufactured articles available for children's play—but let's understand the underlying principles!

God is not the author of CONFUSION (I Cor. 14:33). Satan the Devil is! Remember, then, that the carnal tendency in children will naturally tend toward confusion, toward garrulousness, toward destruction!

Certainly children will break things, make mistakes, become confused. But the type play in which they indulge should be ORDERLY! It should make sense. It should have an object to it—and not merely be aimless wanderings, and hideous noises!

Notice! How often have you observed children laughing in a silly fashion or making noises that are excessive? Noises that are not CONTROLLED, that are "silly" and that lead toward nervous, upset, CONFUSION? Perhaps you have not given it much thought before—but trivial as it may seem to some, this is another very important opportunity to teach your children a lasting lesson!

Let them know it's good to express themselves—to laugh loudly, openly, freely! It's GOOD to be ENTHUSIASTIC about their play! But even for children—it is NOT good to be in CONFUSION, to be "silly" or to be making hideous, uncontrollable noises!

Remember, God says "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15).

So remember to encourage your children to PLAY IN A MANNER that is

orderly. Play orderly games—games with RULES to be followed, such as hide-and-seek, tag, and numerous others which children invent themselves!

The kind of play should always be CONSTRUCTIVE. It should be ORDERLY. It should be beneficial both to the child's mind and his body. It should never be DANGEROUS, and it should NEVER BE UNSUPERVISED.

WHEN Should Children Be Left To Themselves?

Some parents reason children need a time when they can get "off by themselves!" But do they, really?

Most assume the PLAY period is the time when children get together BY THEMSELVES! It is a "sacred" kind of "children's hour" in which adults are not to interfere!

Not true! There is NEVER a time when a child should be LEFT TO HIMSELF!

Notice it. "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov. 29:15).

When a child is PLAYING is when he will *evidence* traits of selfishness, of vanity, of "foolishness" and other traits which should be corrected. It is only when the parent can observe, guide, and really control even the child's PLAY that the parent can be AWARE of certain problems, or certain areas in which his (the parent's) training has been deficient!

Athletic directors are conscious of the fact that the heat of vigorous sports and games, especially the competitive ones, will quickly reveal basic attitudes. A person with NO BASIC DRIVE, with a lack of real ZEAL in tackling his problems will inevitably show that lack, and show it PLAINLY in sports and games.

So it is with children.

Basic traits of selfishness which may never be seen over the dinner table will be observed readily in children's play.

Nearly all child's games are at least mildly competitive. It is in the spirit of RIGHT competition, the kind where one player does not PREVENT the other from doing his best, that many really GOOD and constructive habits can be taught.

Realizing, then, that simple PLAY

can be a *very valuable* method of TEACHING your children—let's understand that children should not simply be turned out of doors, and left to fend for themselves!

This is perhaps one of the greatest infractions of good child-rearing principles!

Of course a parent cannot "watch" a child **CONSTANTLY!** But supervision does not mean merely *watching* constantly—it means *starting* their play in the right direction—it means *instructing* in *where* to play, *how* to play, with *whom* to play, and *when* to *quit playing*. It means having the parent look in on the children from time to time *during* their play—it means **CHECKING UP** on them frequently.

But, sad to say, there are millions upon millions of children learning abominable practices today, because instead of really *supervised* play, they are merely "turned out to pasture" like any animal! Their parents don't know WHERE THEY ARE during major portions of the day or night. They don't know WITH WHOM they are, or WHAT they are doing!

No—even in PLAY, a child should never be left to himself!

Is Play Only For Children?

Another false concept is that children's play cannot be encroached upon by adults!

Misguided psychologists assume children want to get away from their parents—that they wish "Daddy wouldn't interfere" in their games.

This is simply untrue! Children should be able to *play*, and play OFTEN with their own parents!

The father who will frolic with his children, play hide-and-seek with them, run with them, play catch and various forms of ball with them, will find his children really LOVE to play with "Dad!" Not ALL the time, or to the exclusion of other children their own age, of course—but from time to time, they will actually CHOOSE to play with their parents instead of children their own age!

Parents should not play *like* children. They should not descend in dignity. But they certainly SHOULD play with their children. They'll find their chil-

dren will love them even more for it.

When is the *time* for Dad to play with his children? Well—certainly not by calling them home from the middle of an interesting game with a few neighbor children (IF all other considerations are normal, such as type game, type children, etc.).

The *time* should be *spontaneous*—whenever Dad really *feels* like it—and when he wants to *enjoy* playing with his children, not just fulfill a "duty" toward them, and it should be *often*!

WHERE Should Children Play?

Thousands of parents do not *know* where their children play during the day. They *could* be on the railroad tracks, on a raft in the river, on the parapet of a high building, or in the street, for all the parents know.

Can we get the point? Children should play in an area where their parents *can* supervise them, an area that is CLOSE to their home, or, if farther away, a completely SAFE area, and one that is supervised by competent personnel, such as playground managers, teachers, or other responsible adults.

Too often, the child comes home tired from play, and Mother asks, "Where *WERE* you all afternoon?" The child gives half an answer, and the mother seems satisfied.

Probably, the child was with neighbor children—and so "Mom" assumes all is well.

But is it, really? WHERE was the child playing? Was it in an area conducive to wholesome, healthy, orderly games and sports? Or was it in an area, and with the type children, that would result in serious trouble?

If children want to go to a public park or playground, the parents should accompany them there the first time, LOOK OVER the area, and instruct the children on HOW to play there. The child should never be allowed to play there alone, or even with a group of children, unless the play area is supervised by responsible personnel the parent KNOWS!

How many kidnappings, with sadistic, beastial SEX crimes have there been lately, involving little children, who were allowed to BE OUT ON THEIR OWN, away from their parents, in a public

area? *What a tragedy!* Make sure it doesn't happen to YOUR child. KNOW where he is playing at all times!

WITH WHOM Should Children Play?

Your child should play with the children whose parents you KNOW, or else with other school children AT SCHOOL, and in supervised areas at specified times!

When it is purely "neighborhood" children with whom your child wants to play—you should make it a point to KNOW the other children. KNOW their parents. Know something of their moral character, and their principles.

Many people are **VERY CAREFUL** about the kind of DOGS their favorite purebred pet is around, but they will indiscriminately allow their precious children to play with practically ANYONE—in a place they know not where!

If your child wants to go to the neighbor's yard to play—*let him*—IF you *know* the neighbors, you KNOW their children, and you KNOW the area in which they'll be playing!

And then, ONLY IF YOU KNOW THE PARENTS OF THE OTHER CHILD WILL BE SUPERVISING THEIR PLAY!

If you do NOT know these things—then invite the neighbor children to YOUR yard!

It's a whole lot safer!

Why not be careful with YOUR children—and *know* where they are, and what they're doing—and know the same things about the neighbors' children as well, rather than be in ignorance of the whole thing?

We all know that MOST children learn MOST of what they supposedly "know" about the "facts of life" from OTHER CHILDREN of slightly older age!

WHY? Simply because they are indiscriminately allowed to be in areas, and with the type children, where they have access to smut, and sex experimentation. What a shameful pity to see the twisted pervert peddle his pornography, his heinous habit of DOPE ADDICTION right on the high-school grounds in our United States—and parents finding their children are PERVERTED, or DOPE addicts, barely in their teens!

Can we understand? PROTECT your children. Don't be "overprotective" to

the point of suppressing ALL independence as they gradually grow and become capable of *being* a little more self-reliant. But don't go to the other extreme, and leave them to shift for themselves in a rotten, hideous jungle of a society filled with terrifying horrors unrealized in your worst nightmares!

In summary, then, begin to look upon your child's PLAY period as a VITAL PART OF HIS TRAINING!

USE the play times to teach valuable lessons. Teach unselfishness, sportsmanship, cleanliness, orderliness, self-reliance (with special emphasis on reliance on GOD over self!) and real dependability!

Get your children interested in constructive crafts and hobbies as they grow.

Help them to become interested in animals and wildlife. Help them to become interested in growing things—in the helpful, constructive, interesting activities that are in every way UPbuilding, and not just whiling away of time!

Then, WATCH your children play. Frequently, they'll want to show you some new thing they've learned—whether how to throw a ball or how to play hopscotch—and YOU will learn more about your children, and you'll learn even more about where they need your help and instruction!

Curse of Television

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WORK out your own salvation with FEAR and TREMBLING! Are you glorifying Christ—WORKING out your salvation—as you sit in front of MURDER STORIES, ENVY, HATE, JEALOUSY, DIVORCE TRIANGLES, WORLDLY SITUATIONS?

Television in Prophecy

The Apostle Paul, in writing to Timothy, foretold of these exact times! "For know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For MEN SHALL BE LOVERS OF THEIR OWN SELVES . . ." Yes, a pleasure-mad nation bent on utter depravity is engrossed in the love of SELF as they seek satisfaction of the sensual lusts!

"*Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God*

. . ." PUTTING TELEVISION AND SATISFACTION OF THE SENSES IN THE PLACE OF GOD—which God labels IDOLATRY and the committing of spiritual ADULTERY with this present world—this Babylonish system of confusion in which you live!

"Having a form of Godliness, but DENYING THE POWER thereof!" (II Timothy 3:1-5). Yes, people profess Christianity—they attend Church—they have a FORM of Godliness, but that mere outward FORM and CEREMONY is not enough! "How shall we escape, if we NEGLECT so GREAT SALVATION?" asks God, in Hebrews 2:3.

"Love NOT the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the *lust of the flesh*, and the LUST of the EYES, and the pride of life, is NOT OF THE FATHER, but is OF THE WORLD. And the world passes away, and the *lust* thereof; but he that DOETH the WILL OF GOD abideth FOREVER!" (I John 2:15-17).

Are you NEGLECTING your salvation—throwing away with impunity your opportunity for ETERNAL LIFE—for the shoddy, corrupt, temporary lusts of the flesh?

What to Do About It

The biggest question in *your life* could be—what are you going to DO about it? "Be ye DOERS of the word, and not bearers only" (James 1:22).

Is your mind attuned to the things of God? "Let this *mind* be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). If you have the mind of Christ, will you sit and soak up the ways of *this world* for hour after hour when you should be studying your Bible—training your children—spending your time in real earnest PRAYER, helping others, being busy and productive?

NO, of course you won't! But is the LUST inherent within you too strong for your will power to overcome? "For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage" (II Peter 2:19). Are you a SLAVE—a WHIPPED SERVANT OF YOUR TV SET? God warns you, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the LUSTS thereof!" (Rom. 13:

14). The *real test* is, WHAT ARE YOU—yes, YOU, GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Jesus Christ explained the condition of many MILLIONS of Americans when He gave the parable of the sower. Read it in your own Bible! In Matthew the 13th chapter, beginning with the 18th verse. And in verse 22, "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that HEARETH the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." God asked, through Elijah, "HOW LONG HALT YE BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS? if the LORD be God, FOLLOW HIM!" (I Kings 18:21).

How to Overcome Your Problem

If you are *honest* with yourself, and with God, you will be able to see very clearly the great PRINCIPLE of character behind this television craze that is sweeping the nation.

But—simply agreeing in PRINCIPLE will gain you *nothing*. Putting a decision, once the right decision has been reached, into ACTION is where the real character is necessary.

If you can MASTER yourself and CONQUER the TV habit—beginning to watch only the constructive, thought-provoking programs—asking yourself, "Would Jesus watch this?" at all times; if you can keep your TV viewing in extreme MODERATION according to the word of God, then you will have learned a valuable lesson—one that will strengthen you and add to your character.

One man in Great Britain, thoroughly fed up with TV commercials and bad programming, came rushing downstairs one evening, and, in front of his frightened wife and shocked children, SHOT his television set with a rifle!

We don't advocate such violent solutions, of course! But it illustrates a point!

This man was going to solve the problem! Even though *unwise* in HOW he did it, he was going to DO something about it!

What about YOU? Can you really conquer the problem—using your TV properly?

Or will you have to *sell* your set to help you overcome your weakness?

PRAY about it. THINK about it. Then DO something about it. Your very eternity COULD be at stake!

Mental Sickness

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OF GOD is shed abroad in our hearts BY the Holy Spirit which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5). We receive not just human love and affection, but GOD's love and out-going concern through His Spirit.

Peter speaks of the great spiritual promises we have, "that by these ye might be *partakers* of the DIVINE NATURE" (II Pet. 1:4).

The *nature* of God which is imparted to us—the "fruits" of God's Spirit in the human personality—are listed in Galatians 5:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Is the world in need of more LOVE? OF JOY? OF PEACE?

It certainly is! And every individual desperately NEEDS every one of these characteristics of *God's nature*—His character implanted within us through a begetting of His Spirit. This is the ONLY way to *joyous, happy, ABUNDANT* living!

We should also note that the last-mentioned characteristic of God's Spirit, "temperance," is better translated "self-control." God's Spirit gives us the *will* and the *power* to CONTROL the self. This spirit of SELF-MASTERY enables us to rise above the human plain and exercise the very character of God!

Another description of the characteristics imparted by God's Spirit is found in II Timothy 1:7. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Paul is speaking of *spiritual* power to OVERCOME our problems and MASTER the self. God's Spirit gives us HIS love—a *spiritual* love that fulfills God's law as summarized in the Ten Commandments (I John 5:3). And the Holy Spirit gives us a SOUND mind—a balanced mind—a deep understanding of our real *purpose* and *goal* in life which will prevent us from "cracking up."

Indeed, the very reason so many millions are having mental and emotional breakdowns is that they lack that vital contact with God and the POWER of His Spirit within them. They all NEED God's

Holy Spirit and the very "fruits" in their own lives prove beyond question that *they do not have it!*

The WAY to Christ's Mind

The WAY to receive God's Spirit was more fully explained in the article on baptism in last month's PLAIN TRUTH. It involves your heartfelt *willingness* to fulfill the supreme PURPOSE for which you were placed on this earth by your Creator. It involves your readiness to REPENT of your sins and rebellion against the God of creation and His living spiritual laws. Indeed, this very *repentance* and *putting down* of human stubbornness and rebellion is in itself a great step forward in clearing the human mind of frustrations, anxieties and mental blocks.

Speaking through the Apostle Peter, God has promised: "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).

Remember that God gives His Spirit "to them that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32). If you are willing to *obey* your Maker, willing to *surrender* your will to "live by every word of God" and let the Bible be the AUTHORITY in your life, then God will certainly grant you His Spirit—His POWER—in your life.

You were put here for an awesome PURPOSE. Continue to *study* ALL the articles in The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. Learn to USE your God-given mind in a positive way to achieve that purpose for which you were placed here. Discipline your emotions, carefully choose your associates and determine your environment and regulate it rather than being blown about by the winds of circumstance. Work and pray to make your marriage and your home life supremely HAPPY. Learn that it is more blessed to GIVE than to receive!

As you seek to give and to serve your fellow man, and to worship and GLORIFY your Creator—you will come to have a spiritual *wisdom* and *soundness of mind* far surpassing that of most men in a world cut off from its Maker, "and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

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