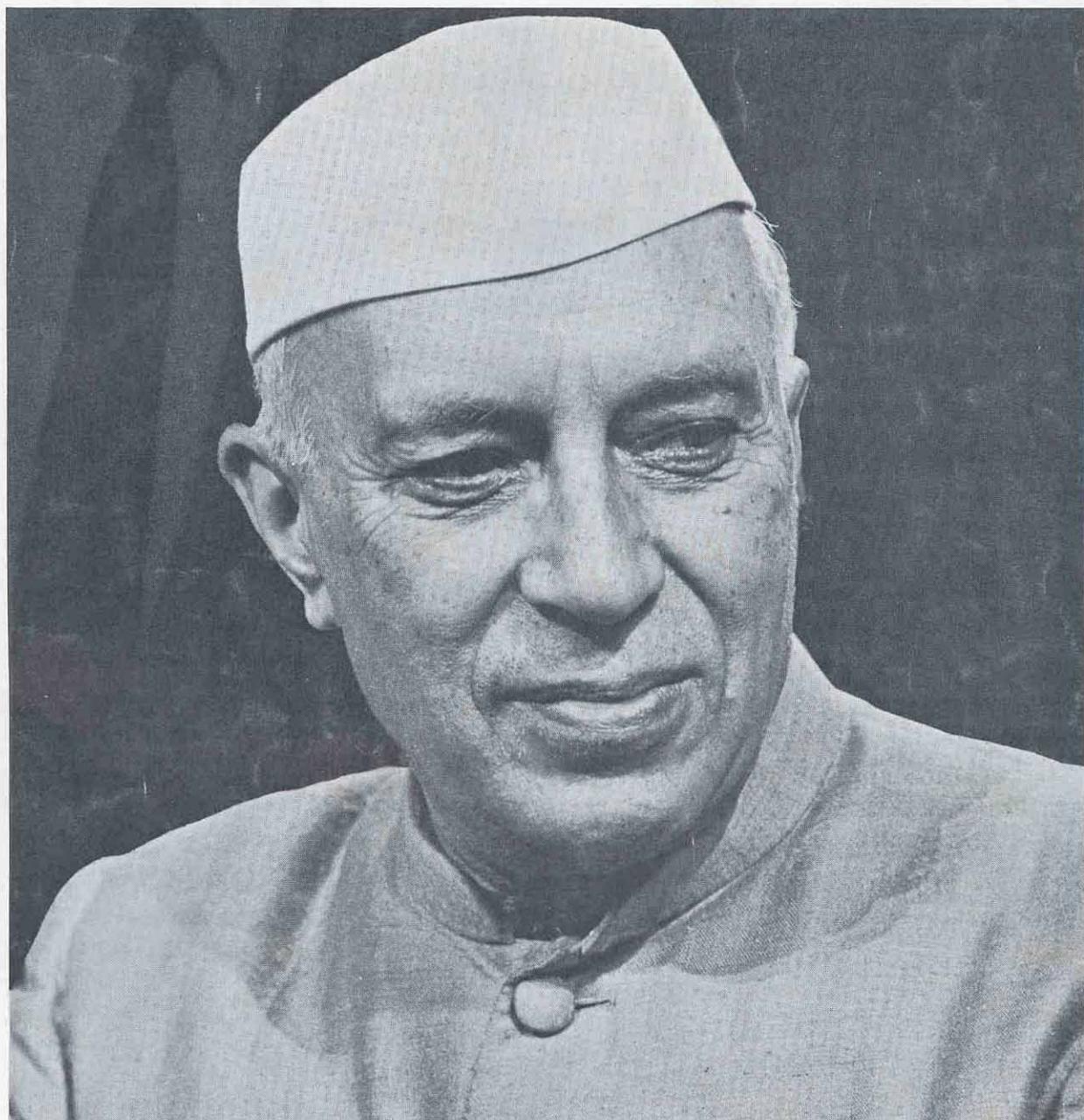


*the*  
**PLAIN TRUTH**

*a magazine of understanding*

VOLUME XXIX, NUMBER 7

JULY, 1964



INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER NEHRU—1889-1964

Wide World Photo

# What our READERS SAY

## Best Age for Marriage

"I just got married recently. Although I am not quite 18 as opposed to the 23 recommended in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, now that I am married I will do the best I can."

Barbara H.,  
Yuma, Arizona

## To Smoke or NOT to Smoke?

"Please send me 'What Kind of Cigarettes Should a Christian Smoke.'"

Will M.,  
Baltimore, Maryland

• NOT ANY KIND! Read the article, "Smoking is a Sin" in this issue.

## Eye-Witness of Child Vandalism

"I have been listening to you tell how some people raise children, and I just felt like telling you about something that happened to me. A woman with a four-year-old boy came to see me yesterday. The boy ran wildly around the rooms to see what he could do. My little girl, who is five, got a cheap record player when she was three, and had never harmed it. In a few minutes the boy had the record player torn up. My little girl started crying, but the boy didn't get a spanking. The boy then stomped repeatedly on the pedal of my electric sewing machine. I had to put it away. Then I had to fix him something to eat. Then he broke the tail off a china bird. Then he unfolded the clothes I had been ironing. His mother just smoked cigarettes. He told her once while she was talking, 'You always open your big mouth when I have something to say.' His mother has marriage, financial, legal and health problems, but she tells anyone what she thinks of them if they give her advice."

Mrs. J. V.,  
Buchanan, Georgia

"Our little boy, age three, almost rushed headlong into an oncoming car last week. My wife shouted and I yelled, 'David, stop!' Instantly he turned around and came back to us. If we had

not trained him to come immediately when called we might have had a dead boy. I am certainly glad that my wife and I have listened to you rather than some 'learned' child-psychologist."

Mr. and Mrs. J. D.,  
Keene, New Hampshire

• *It's in a moment like this when you can be thankful God has revealed His child rearing laws to you! Our booklet—The PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT CHILD REARING—revealing these laws is free for the asking—write for your copy NOW!*

## Once an Agnostic

"I am a senior college student with a major in biological science. I was an agnostic, but your radio programs made me believe in God. This year I will begin to teach Biology from a creation point of view and not from an evolutionary point of view. You never ask for funds and this is very unusual.

R. H., New Jersey

• *Terrific—now at least a few students will get right teaching in Biology!*

## An Honest Evolutionist?

"Since subscribing to your magazine last year I have been very much impressed by your series of articles denouncing evolutionary ideas. For my term paper this year I decided to write a paper disproving Darwin's theory. I received invaluable information from *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and got an 'A' on the paper. After hearing of my paper, my biology teacher, a devout evolutionist, asked if he could read it. I consented, and since then he has asked me to let him read my magazine every month."

J. D., Pennington, Alabama

## Good Thinking

"Will you please help me out on this? . . . I don't see where Paul, John or Peter were called Reverend and they were all ministers of the Gospel. I am

*(Please continue on next page)*

## the PLAIN TRUTH a magazine of understanding

VOL. XXIX

NO. 7

Circulation: 500,000

Published monthly at Pasadena, California; London, England; and Melbourne, Australia, by Ambassador College. German and French editions published monthly at London, England. © 1964, Ambassador College.

### EDITOR

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

### EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Garner Ted Armstrong

### MANAGING EDITOR

Herman L. Hoeh

### SENIOR EDITOR

Roderick C. Meredith

### Associate Editors

Albert J. Portune David Jon Hill

### Contributing Editors

C. Paul Meredith Basil Wolverton  
Lynn E. Torrance Charles V. Dorothy  
Jack R. Elliott Robert E. Gentet  
Ernest L. Martin Robert C. Boraker  
L. Leroy Neff Gerhard O. Marx  
Clint C. Zimmerman

### News Bureau Director

Gene H. Hogberg

### Research Staff

Donald D. Schroeder  
Ronald D. McNeil

### Editorial and Production Assistants

James W. Robinson Paul Kroll

### Regional Editors Abroad

United Kingdom: Raymond F. McNair  
Australia: C. Wayne Cole  
South America: Benjamin L. Rea  
South Africa: Gerald Waterhouse  
Germany: Frank Schnee

### Business Manager

Albert J. Portune

### Circulation Managers

United States: Hugh Mauck  
United Kingdom: Charles F. Hunting  
Canada: Dean Wilson  
Australia: Gene R. Hughes  
Philippines: Guy Ames  
South America: Leon Walker

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION has been paid by others. Bulk copies for distribution not given or sold. ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS to the Editor, Box 111, Pasadena, California 91109.

Canadian readers should address Post Office Box 44, Station A, Vancouver 1, B.C., Canada.

Our readers in United Kingdom, Europe, and Africa should address the Editor, BCM Ambassador, London, W.C.1, England.

Readers in Australia, China and southeastern Asia should address the Editor, Box 345, North Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

Readers in the Philippines should address the Editor, Post Office Box 2603, Manila, Philippines.

SECOND CLASS POSTAGE paid at Pasadena, California.

BE SURE TO NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY of any change in your address. Please inclose both old and new address. IMPORTANT!

# Personal from the Editor

**J**UST a brief editor's note this month from Ambassador College in England. Due to urgency of completing my forthcoming book on *The Plain Truth About Sex and Marriage*, I am compelled to forego the pleasure of a monthly talk with our readers.

Thousands have requested this book. Hundreds of thousands anxiously await its completion. I am devoting every available moment to it, and omitting the "Autobiography" and other new articles this issue.

Very shortly all readers on our subscription list will receive a letter from me giving full details and offering you free a copy of this *frank, plain-speaking, tragically needed* book. Never has there been a book like it. Its immediate completion is now the greatest need in this world-wide Work of God.

---

just kind of scared to call [anyone] Reverend. I was brought up to respect, but I find lots of things that I was told were wrong, so I want the plain truth from now on and nothing else."

Anna B.,  
Omaha, Nebraska

- *You are absolutely right! The Bible says Reverend is one of God's titles! (Ps. 111:9.)*

### Policeman Wants Plain Truth

"Please excuse the paper, but if I wait until I secure some I'm afraid I'll put off writing to you. Please send me *The PLAIN TRUTH* and whatever else you may have. I find your talks very inspiring . . . I'm a Police Officer with the Fort Worth Police Department. I have a curious mind and a reverence for God. Some of the banal dissertations I've received from some have not quenched my thirst. I believe you are capable of doing this."

Officer, Fort Worth, Texas

- *The kind of paper you used is OK with us—as long as we can read an*

*address we send The PLAIN TRUTH free as long as you want it!*

### What Is Sin?

"I hear several religious programs over the air, all against sin but not making plain what sin is. I am very grateful for your making plain what it is. I particularly like Mr. Armstrong's 'Personal from the Editor' articles."

R. V. B.,  
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

- *Keep listening to The WORLD TOMORROW and get more plain answers!*

### Travels 100 Miles for *The Plain Truth*

"Please send *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I have been reading my brother-in-law's magazine for some time, but I have to return them to him. I travel over 100 miles once a month to get them. He says he is glad to see me, but it would be easier on the magazines if I were to have my own subscription. Nothing I have ever read in my life has made the Bible come to life like *The PLAIN TRUTH*."

Robert R.,  
Vincennes, Indiana

- *If any of the rest of you reading this comment have a friend or relative like this—have him ask for his own—IT'S FREE!*

### Vietnam Report

"I have been in Vietnam for the past three months on temporary duty near the city of Hue, from which I hope to return to my unit at Clark Air Base in the Philippines next month. The first week in May finds us all restricted to the post as the Viet Cong celebrate May Day by killing Americans. On other holidays such as the Chinese New Year Americans have prices on their heads, and the Viet Cong unit which kills the most of us is nationally acclaimed."

Sp/4 R. M.

- *What a shameful, pitiful and needless waste of life—a world without God, without purpose, without answers—"Thy kingdom come" needs to be our continuing prayer!*

(Please continue on next page)

# In This Issue:

What Our Readers Say.....	Inside Front Cover
Personal from the Editor.....	1
What Is Freedom? .....	3
Jesus—God, Man, or Myth? .....	7
Truth about "Speaking in Tongues" .....	9
Universal Prosperity in 15 Years!.....	13
What Makes the Bible Different?.....	17
Radio Log.....	20
Short Questions From Our Readers .....	22
Smoking Is a SIN .....	25
Putting the Evolution Concept Into Your Child's Mind .....	29
How to be an Overcomer .....	32
The Bible Story .....	33
Alcoholism—a World-Wide CURSE! .....	45
"Zinjanthropus"—No Missing Link	Inside Back Cover



OUR COVER

Jawaharlal Pandit Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, died May 27, 1964, age 74. India and the world mourned the loss of one of its most remarkable statesmen. The question is: Where will India drift to now? Since India's independence in 1947, Nehru used his remarkable influence to hold together and mold the nation's differing political ideologies. Will his successor—Shastri—be able to do the same?

## What our READERS SAY

(Continued from page 1)

### Earthquake

"The earthquake in Alaska in March was felt in Vicksburg. People were aboard the Sprague on Friday night watching 'Gold in the Hills.' The Sprague was anchored on the waterfront in the Yazoo Canal, and the water tore the boat loose, causing it to drift downstream, and bent the iron walkway at a 40° angle."

Miss Marjorie S.,  
Vicksburg, Mississippi

- *And this is only the finger-tip touch of God's unlimited POWER!*

### Prophecy

"An uncle of mine from England was over to my home last Sunday. My husband had been reading 'The U.S. and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy.' My uncle sat glancing sideways at the booklet until finally he got so curious that he picked it up and started looking through it. Finally he was reading it and all conversation stopped. Then he started reading parts of it out loud. He said it was what he had been wanting to read for a long time."

Mrs. Clayton R.,  
Goodyear, Arizona

- *If you haven't received this booklet yet, be sure to write for it immediately!*

### No More Goiter

"I received the June PLAIN TRUTH today. Your article on what is the best age for marriage was real good. I was married at age 20, but feel I was ready for marriage. An article I would like to see in *The PLAIN TRUTH* is when to tell a child the facts of life. I have two small children I know will soon be asking questions. I want them to be told in the right way. I was told nothing when I was growing. All I learned was from other children, which I feel is not the way for a child to learn. I wrote to Mr. Armstrong about 7 years ago for prayer. I had a goiter and sometimes

I felt like it was choking me. I haven't been bothered since."

Mrs. Ralph V. F.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

### Happy Children

"The book 'Child Rearing' has helped me solve many problems. 'No' has a great deal of effect. I took my children to the Bronx Zoo for an excursion. I have four children ranging from eleven to three. The bus was crowded, and other children were hollering and moving from their parents. My three-year-old daughter was watching them and said, 'Daddy, I can't do that because it's not nice.' Thank you kindly for the knowledge I have gained, and thank God He has given you this wisdom."

Man from New Jersey

- *The child rearing booklet has made many parents and children happier, healthier and more thankful—have you got your free copy yet?*

"I was astonished the other night listening to some 'men of the cloth,' as they were called, and they said Jesus was an illegitimate child. I never heard a so-called minister say such a thing. I thought just atheists believed that."

Womah  
Lincoln Park, Michigan

### "1975 in Prophecy"

"Just received my June PLAIN TRUTH, and it gives me great pleasure to read it. I have learned more by reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* than any other magazine. I just finished reading about the 'German War Crimes, Who Was to Blame?' I would like very much to get the booklet that lays bare all these major prophetic events for the next few years, '1975 in Prophecy.'"

Mrs. Sadie A.,  
Woodland, California

### Bible Story Helpful

"Mr. Wolverton certainly deserves honorable mention for his outstanding writing ability. The Bible Story has helped my family more than any single piece of literature we have ever received."

Robert W.,  
Springfield, Colorado

### Plain Truth Changes Lives

"I have received five booklets and *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine from you. I can't express the tremendous change in my thoughts since receiving this literature. I have always believed in God, but the god I had been seeking and serving was one that I had created in my mind and was unpredictable as I was. I have given up this idol that I may know God and have His guidance in everything concerning my life. For this reason I would like to enroll in the Bible Correspondence Course."

Harold W.,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

### Bible Reading Made Interesting

"I am a 16-year-old sophomore boy. I heard your broadcast and I thought you made some pretty strong statements. . . . The next night I found myself listening again. It was then I decided to look into my Bible and see if you were telling the truth. . . . I couldn't stop reading for I had found the most interesting book ever written. Now I carry it with me wherever I go and read it every spare moment I have. I would like to thank you for making me see the light and for making the Bible the best friend ever."

G. M., Indianola, Iowa

- *The Bible IS interesting IF you want to understand it!*

### What About Christmas?

"I have never found anything in the Bible about Christmas, have you? Surely other preachers know about pagan holidays. Why do they mislead people? For what is the ministry all about if not to preach the word of God? I had no idea I was celebrating pagan holidays until I became interested in your magazine. I handed your magazine to one preacher and he acted like I had just handed him a plague. Why?"

Mrs. B. S.,  
Bowdon, Georgia

- *Sometimes the real truth is hard to live by—and the whole world is deceived (Rev. 12:9). To understand about Christmas write for our free booklet, *The PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS.**

# What Is FREEDOM?

*This month of July commemorates the independence of the United States of America. But how much real freedom is there in a nation which leads the world in crime, divorce and degenerative diseases? This article shows the only source of REAL AND LASTING FREEDOM!*

by David Jon Hill

“UHURU!” That’s the word that means *freedom* to the natives of the Congo, Rwanda, Kenya and most of the rest of the newly independent nations of Africa.

As the rhythmic, swelling chant of “UHURU” rises from the throats of thousands of excited natives, often wild thoughts of lust surge in their minds. To the average African, “uhuru”—freedom—means that he will now be able to take what the white man has—his car, his business, his house, even his wife!

RAPE, PILLAGE, PLUNDER, BURN, DESTROY AND TAKE—that’s all FREEDOM means to many thousands, even millions,

of the restless people of Africa—especially in the Congo.

## Today’s Headlines

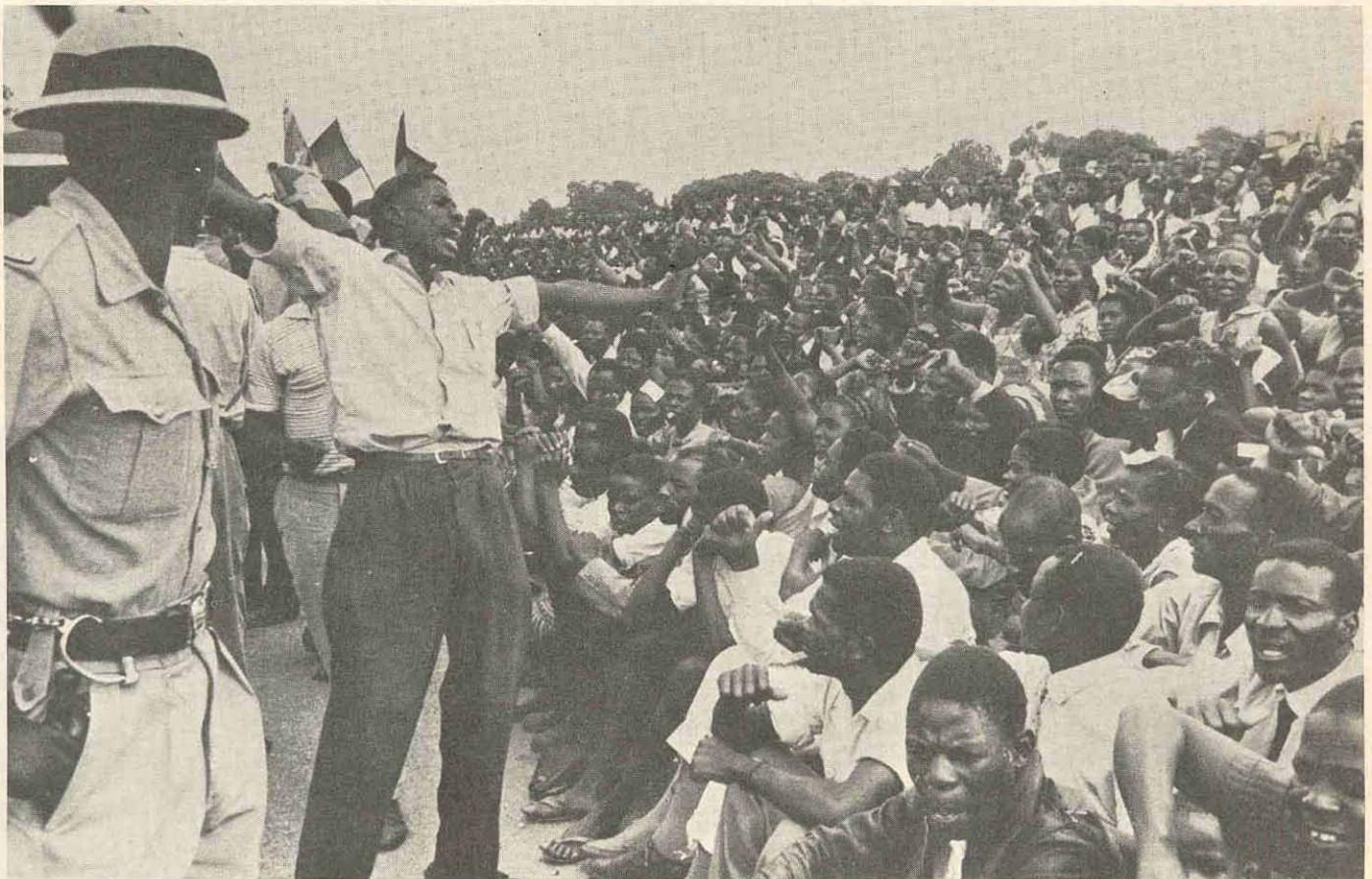
*This* idea of freedom is not history, it is *today’s news*—and it is *prophesied* to get MUCH WORSE!

In 1960, when the Congo was given its independence, the daily newspaper stories read like the most grotesque of horror stories. One woman who fled to Brazzaville, the French Republic of the Congo, stated with revulsion the stark reality of the situation: “How many times the Africans said before Independence Day, ‘That white woman will be mine, that house will be mine, that

car will be mine’—NOW IT HAS HAPPENED AS THEY SAID!”

This woman was one of those fortunate enough to have escaped the Congo with her life.

Others were not so fortunate! Among the U.N. personnel sent to police the Congo, 16 Italians were surrounded and massacred—but *killing them was not enough!* As each one was shot, he was *cut up into pieces* and these pieces were passed out to the crowd. Still other pieces were saved and sold in the Kindu market place! A few days later no remnants of any of these bodies could be found—except one solitary hand which was given to a World Health Organiza-



UHURU! African Nationalist Party leaders whip up emotions—promise independence will bring FREEDOM, prosperity. DPA Photo

tion doctor in a sadistically mock ceremony.

How many of these pieces were actually eaten by the citizens of the Congo, reveling in their new-found "freedom," is not known. It is a documented fact, however, that at least one Irish soldier—among eight captured in a Northern Katanga ambush—was *eaten in a cannibal ritual!*

Those who shout "uhuru" want to be *independent* of the white man's justice and judgment—and some of them want to be free to eat anybody they choose! It is their *belief* that if they eat their enemy, they will be strengthened by it. In fact, some believe that the more dreaded and hated the enemy is the more powerful the magic will be when they have consumed the body of that person. They **DEVOUTLY BELIEVE** that eating the legs of their enemy will give them increased speed—that eating the brain will give them increased intelligence—that eating the heart will bring courage! **AND SOME WANT TO BE FREE TO PRACTICE THIS BELIEF!**

#### Natives Suffer Also

It is not only the white man who has suffered in this chaotic explosion of "freedom" throughout Africa. Actually, the number of white persons being killed or mutilated or eaten is far less than the number of blacks who suffered at the hands of their own! The reason you hear more about the white man suffering, is that the white man has control of most of the news media—and because it seems to western minds that it is more of an explosive headline crime when a *white* man suffers than when equal pain and indignity is executed on a colored person.

Since 1960, well more than 100,000 natives throughout Africa have suffered most violent and gruesome deaths at the hands of their fellow natives. As was reported in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* of March of this year—"In Rwanda—a former Belgian colony—the now-independent Bahutu tribesmen, given 'freedom,' are literally butchering like animals the famed Watusi (their average height nearly 6'6") by the thousands! The current toll of the Watusi lives may well be approaching 20,000!" Those 20,000 human beings

butchered in an inter-tribal blood bath were not warriors and soldiers. Many men were included, but also thousands of *women and children!*

The object of the Bahutus was to completely do away with all of the Watusi in their realm! The Bahutus could not consider themselves truly *free*—living in the spirit of "uhuru"—until they had deprived the last Watusi of the breath of life! One of the favorite modes of killing the Watusi was to tie their forearms and their forelegs together, behind their backs, and throw them into a river—and watch the crocodiles devour them.

#### Uhuru—Freedom's TORTURE!

It is not enough for these primitive peoples to merely kill a human being. "A detachment of this army [the native Congo Peace Force] herded over 60 men, women and children into the Mission of St. Jean de Bakwa near Bakwanga, then murdered them. Machine gunners blasted tiny tots huddled in terror under school desks. Swinging machetes, the Central Government Force butchered many of those who escaped the fusillade. After the massacre, the Congolese detachment retired to its camp for a repast of canned fish—supplied by the U.N.!" (by Ray Vicker, *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 8, 1960).

Space does not permit—and I do not have the heart to go on—telling of the thousands of bloody atrocities that have taken place in the last four years! When Angola revolted against its stern colonial rulers, news sources revealed that *both* sides were guilty of some of the most heinous crimes of man against man ever recorded—pregnant women, little children, old men were *backed to pieces* in a blood-lust, "*freedom*" frenzy!

#### Yet Relatively Few Die by Violence

Despite these statistics of horror, the news becomes *even more alarming* when you realize that many more thousands of individuals have died, since the cry of "uhuru" burst forth on the black continent, from the pangs of HUNGER and the ravages of DISEASE! And no wonder! Whole chapters of the Bible are devoted to four basic catastrophies that befall *any* people which seek to have *freedom without law!*

Those four basic plagues are

1) *The ravages of wild animals:* beasts gone mad and destroying the population of the countryside. Africa has long suffered from this, and the nights of terror spent by natives are innumerable!

2) *Famine:* When law and order go out the window—when there is no central authority to govern and rule the actions of mankind—each man lives in fear of the other. This has happened in the Congo—crops have gone untended. And now, since years have passed, crops are *not even planted* any more. As a result, thousands are losing their lives by *starvation*. The United States and the United Nations are sending millions of tons of food to supply the need—but the need is far greater than the supply!

3) *Pestilence:* Always in the wake of malnutrition—and as a result of not knowing the laws which govern even common sanitation—*disease* rears its ugly head. You yourself have probably seen heart-rending and stomach-turning pictures in *Life*, *Look* and *Post* magazines of the poor, disease-ridden bodies of natives suffering with every disease known to mankind, from rickets to small-pox! Under present conditions these disease epidemics can only continue and grow worse.

4) *The sword!* WAR: And so the vicious cycle continues. (See Lev. 26; Deut. 28; Ezek. 14.)

*These conditions are real TODAY!*

They exist throughout vast areas of

Diplomats fear freedom will end in chaos when U.N. troops leave Congo.

Wide World Photo



the continent of Africa, of Asia—and they are PROPHESED to exist in *North America and throughout the British Commonwealth!* These conditions are the inevitable result of striving to have freedom without law!

### No Liberty Without Law

Most of today's responsible political leaders realize that there is one real, absolute truth—that *you cannot have liberty and freedom without law!* These leaders have publicly expressed the fact that mankind's only salvation from a nuclear holocaust lies in a world-governing body capable of *executing LAW* throughout the world and punishing offenders!

While the Congo was being governed by the Belgians, the natives were *free* to plant and harvest. They were *free* to travel from one area to another. They were *free* to build homes, to hunt animals—they were *free* to learn more in the schools—*free* to educate themselves! Then they began to shout for "freedom!"

*But their idea of freedom was to do away with the laws which provided that freedom!*

Immediately after they gained their "freedom" they were *no longer free* to plant and harvest—to build homes and to educate themselves! When they began to *disobey* the laws of order, those laws brought the inevitable and brutal punishment of chaos! What freedom they had, was wiped out completely.

### The Real Trouble

You can plainly see that the *real* trouble in the Congo is not primitive agriculture or a backward people, alone—the *key* to the situation is the fact that the Congo is *no longer GOVERNED* at all! In the Congo especially, and in other areas, the only word for the political situation is CHAOS! The people wanted to become *independent*—wanted to govern themselves—wanted to have "freedom!"

But they did not realize the price one has to pay for freedom! They did not realize that you cannot *have* freedom without law and the exercise of self-discipline.

You yourself may realize this to be true. You yourself have rejected the law



Wide World Photo

Independence brought this to Cyprus. Now only the pigs are free!

of the jungle. *What you may not realize* is how precipitously close to this same law of the jungle THIS WHOLE WORLD IS!

In the African chaos the means of inflicting injury on fellow human beings is rather primitive and restricted. The frightful weapons now in the hands of *technically* educated rulers of this world are capable of WORLD DESTRUCTION! Communist leaders have *the same basic human nature that the natives of Africa has*. Each has HIS OWN interpretation of what freedom is. Each wants HIS OWN liberty to pursue what HE feels is the right way of life. Yet each is just as completely separated from true freedom as are the primitive peoples of Africa.

### The Modern Trend

The more one understands this world's ways the more one can see that humanity has not found the answer to how to live—*why* we are here on this earth and *what the purpose of life is!*

The most sophisticated of today's schools of learning blatantly instruct their students that the only thing that is consistent is *inconsistency*. They teach that there is *no basic truth*, that truth varies with time and occasion. Yet they diligently strive to learn the laws of chemistry and physics—realizing that *these* are ABSOLUTE PHYSICAL TRUTHS—they teach that there are *no such laws for human conduct*. This is ignorance in the highest degree!

They teach that each man must *find his own moral code*—that each man

must *decide for himself* what is right and what is wrong! *Don't you see that this is exactly what they are doing in the Congo!*

### Listen to Wisdom

In modern man's headlong rush toward anarchy and chaos, he is even ignoring the wisdom of *mankind!* Read here what wise men of the past have written, and recognized to be true: "Anarchy is the choking, sweltering, deadly, and killing rule of no rule" (*Carlyle*). "Anarchy is hatred of *human* authority; *atheism of divine* authority—two sides of the same whole" (*MacPherson*). "WHERE LAW ENDS, TYRANNY BEGINS" (*Wilkes*). "True freedom consists with the observance of law" (*Thornton*). "*Liberty* is the right to do *what the law permits*" (*Montesquieu*).

These men and many others like them—responsible, thinking men—realize that you cannot have freedom or liberty in a society where each man does what is right in his own eyes! And God Himself thunders at this generation: "There is a way that *seemeth* right unto a man, but the END THEREOF *are the ways of death*" (Prov. 14:12 and Prov. 16:25).

What has the teaching that there is no absolute truth—that there is no divine governing law that brings freedom, peace and liberty—produced? You will find the answer in the conduct of the men of the United States Armed Forces taken captive in the Korean conflict. Many of them were guilty of collaborating with the enemy on a scale never

known before in United States history! *One out of every three of the American prisoners in that war collaborated with the Communist enemy!*

Government authorities later established that the reason was basically one of education—that these soldiers *had not been taught* what was *right* and what was *wrong* by their mothers and fathers. These same young men, when they went to *school*, were not told by their teachers that there is a right and a wrong way to do things. They were rather taught permissively and allowed to do as they pleased, each seeking "his own moral code." And these young men's *church affiliation* did not help them either—because they were told from their pulpits that God's grace and mercy does away with any necessity to obey law.

When these mis-educated young men were faced with a new set of circumstances—when a Communist government was in control of them—they decided that what *HAD been right* back in the United States was *NOT right* in a prisoner-of-war camp; and what *HAD been wrong* in the United States was *NOT wrong* in a prisoner-of-war camp.

*They responded in exact proportion to the teachings they had received!*

They had been taught there are no absolute truths—that each occasion demands a separate code of ethics! And that's why one third became traitors to their own country!

### Washington's Advice Forgotten

The United States of America has gone a long way from the principles of its founding fathers. Today, in a public campaign sanctioned by the highest court in the land, the name of God is being systematically erased from buildings, schools and human minds. Yet George Washington, the first president of the United States, said, "It is *impossible to govern the world without God*. He must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more than wicked that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligation."

Perhaps it is easy for us to see that the atheistic communist concept of freedom is in error. But what of the possibility of world law under the aegis of the United Nations?

Will the U.N. provide the answer? It certainly *DID NOT* provide the answer for the natives of West New Guinea when it turned them over to the covetous rule of Sukarno! It *DID NOT* provide the answer in the Congo where chaos continues! It is *NOT* helping soothe the hatred between Greek and Turk on the island of Cyprus!

Perhaps if we could get the *laws of the United States*—where there is true freedom of individual action—to be the laws of the world, we would then have freedom. But what about the growing chaos within our own borders?

What about the *rising crime rates* that make the United States a leader in crime around the world? What about the fact that many of our cities have become *concrete jungles!*? Our women and children are afraid to go out even during the *daytime*, and grown men must go by twos or threes and even then avoid certain sections at night. What about the accumulating effect of our sin against the very air we breathe by belching forth millions of tons of waste into it every single day? What about the *waters* which suffer from every pollutant from human excrement to dangerous insecticides to radioactive waste?

No, evidently the *thirty-two million* laws which are on the statute books of the United States in Federal, State and local governments are not sufficient to bring peace and prosperity, the liberty and freedom that every man wants. We have become a giant in the world—but we are a *blind* giant, stumbling, weak from cancer within, trying to fend off blows from without from every other nation on the face of the earth!

**NO ONE CAN REVEAL WHAT LAWS GOVERN LIFE EXCEPT THE ONE WHO GAVE LIFE!**

God gives life—and only *HIS LAWS* can govern its freedom. Yet mankind continues to write his rejection of *GOD'S LAWS* in pain, suffering and the shackles of disobedience and rebellion.

### Satan's Example

Satan made this mistake originally. Despite the fact that he was a great cherub (Ezek. 28:14)—despite the fact that he had the freedom to travel from one end of the universe to the other,

the freedom to stand at the right hand of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son in the very throne room of heaven—despite all these freedoms and more, he *REBELLED!* (Ezek. 28:15.)

Satan reasoned he could not be *FREE and still have God rule over him!* So, as with all who feel they cannot be free while they are living *under* authority and *in accord with* laws, he rebelled directly against the only authority that existed which was greater than himself! He reasoned in his own mind, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; *I will be like the most High!*" (Isa. 14:13-14).

This first instance of rebellion against law and authority graphically illustrates what happens to those who do not understand what true freedom is. Satan could not succeed in his rebellion against God, because God is *ALL-powerful*. Jesus, who was present at the time of his rebellion, records for us what happened: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven!" (Luke 10:18). Immediately Satan's *dream of liberty and freedom under HIS OWN TERMS* faded into the nothingness that it really was in the first place. His *action*, contrary to the law of love, had a direct *REACTION* which began immediately to strip away what freedom he had! Satan and his rebellious angels with him are now imprisoned by spiritual bonds in darkness waiting their day of judgment! (Jude 6).

Now, instead of having the freedom to enjoy the magnificent creation that God has made in the star-spangled heavens, Satan and his angels—now become demons—are bitter and frustrated, spiritually bound and sick—like ". . . wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever" (Jude 13). Satan and his demons soon will be chained literally in *one small place* for a thousand years—*THIS IS THE RESULT OF THEIR SEARCH FOR FREEDOM WITHOUT LAW!* (Rev. 20:1-3.)

### How About Adam?

Satan the Devil, Jesus Christ tells us in John 8:44, was the original liar and murderer. When Adam was created

*(Continued on page 41)*

# Jesus—God, Man, or Myth?

*Agnostics allow Jesus to be, at most, a human philosopher. Atheists insist He never lived! Modernist theologians are still searching for "the historical Jesus"! Can it be proved that Jesus Christ lived?*

by Herman L. Hoeh

**M**OST people take the existence of Jesus of Nazareth for granted. They have never stopped to *prove* whether the New Testament gospel records of Jesus are really true!

Recently I received a vehement letter from a presumed skeptic. He did not like what I wrote about Jesus and the twelve apostles in the *MAY PLAIN TRUTH*. His challenge deserves a public answer.

Here is his letter.

"After reading your effusion 'Where Did The Twelve Apostles Go?' I feel it would be wrong to let it pass unchallenged even though this letter will be like a cry at the North Pole. But at least you will know not all your readers are illiterates who swallow the mystical nonsense that clutters the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

"The answer is the Twelve Apostles did not go anywhere because they, like Jesus, are fictional characters like Hamlet and Don Quixote. And to wipe out that sneer I see distorting your face, here is an offer and a challenge I have presented to the most eminent theologians and historians without results. If you produce genuine historical evidence of the existence of Jesus Christ I will forfeit all my savings, some \$3,000, to your magazine and eat this letter. . . .

"Anyone who had read the Gospels with an analytical mind knows they are brimful of lies, contradictions, errors and events that could not have happened in Galilee under Roman and Jewish laws and customs in force when Jesus is alleged to have walked the streets of Jerusalem and have performed his miracles. Nor would contemporary historians, both Roman and Jewish, have ignored him completely as they did. And neither could Christianity have been such a colossal and tragic failure if it had been founded by God. . . ."

M. N., Miami, Florida.

I am answering this challenge, not because I think this would-be skeptic will open his mind to truth, but because our readers ought to understand the clever arguments of atheists and doubters.

## The Atheists' Argument

I have had for some time in my library a daring book entitled *Jesus—God, Man or Myth?* It is by a professed atheist, Herbert Cutner. It presents all the common arguments for atheism. According to its publisher, this book by Cutner is "the result of extensive research [and] proves that Jesus never lived. The nonhistorical character of the Bible Jesus is established," claims the publisher, "by carefully-sifted data that will surprise those who have given little thought to the subject.

"The cumulative evidence that Jesus is an *invented* character," concludes the write-up, "is presented with telling force and the book shows also that the Jesus, the man who went around 'doing good,' was no . . . flesh-and-blood man. . . ."

Bold statements, these! But what of the proof? How honest have atheists and critics been with the facts of history? How analytical is our would-be skeptic from Miami, Florida?

It is time we examined the evidence. If, as atheists claim, it can be demonstrated that Jesus never lived, then the Bible is indeed a fraud and the gospel of the Kingdom of God a hoax. *But*, if the facts of history prove Jesus did live—if His contemporaries and enemies give evidence of His Message and of His miracles—then no atheist, no agnostic, no modernist doubter has any excuse!

What proof is there, *outside the Bible*, that Jesus lived? that He performed miracles? that He brought Good News—the Gospel—to the world? that He was condemned to death under Roman governor Pilate?

And what proof is there that He was

born of a young virgin?

The Bible, of course, states these as facts. But the atheist and agnostic—and most modern theologians—do not believe the Bible. So, instead, let's examine the secular pagan Roman records. Let's look into the Jewish Talmud to see what the Rabbis admitted about Jesus who is called the Christ.

## Did the Romans Know of Jesus?

There were no newspapers in ancient Rome. Even if there had been, the pagan Romans would have taken no note of the teachings of Jesus. They weren't interested in anything "Jewish." What did the Kingdom of God mean to them? The world was theirs already—or so they thought!

Then, unexpectedly, an event occurred in Judaea which did make news. The Roman government was involved. So was Pontius Pilate, the Roman procurator for Palestine.

Jewish leaders, early one spring morning—on April 25, A.D. 31—brought before Pilate a Jewish teacher whom they wanted the Romans to crucify. His name was Jesus. "He has tried to make himself a king," cried the Jews. Pilate was concerned. He examined the man Jesus and found the Jews' accusations groundless.

Before we turn to Roman historians to discover what happened, first notice the claims of the Bible: "I, having examined him before you"—Luke is quoting Pilate's speech to the Jewish leaders—"have found no fault in this man [Jesus] touching those things whereof ye accuse him. . . . I will therefore chastise him, and release him."

The mob that had gathered was angry. "And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be *crucified*. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And *Pilate gave sentence* that it should be as they re-

quired" (Luke 23:14-24).

Now the skeptic will say: "But all this is from the Bible. How do we know that the entire story hasn't been fabricated? You haven't quoted one bit of evidence from Roman history that Jesus ever lived or was crucified under the governorship of Pilate."

Of course I haven't—*yet!* What we have examined are the *claims* of the Bible. What we are about to prove is whether those claims are true!

Pilate had to make out a report of such events as a crucifixion to Roman officials. The records were kept in the imperial archives in Rome. Historians had access to these archives when compiling their annals.

One of Rome's most famous historians was Tacitus. When writing the life of emperor Nero, Tacitus came to the account of the burning of Rome in A.D. 64. The belief rapidly circulated that Nero had ordered the city burned. To draw away attention from himself Nero sought out scapegoats.

Who were these scapegoats? Open your eyes and read the record of Tacitus. Here is the proof that Jesus Christ is no myth!

"But all human efforts, all the lavish gifts of the emperor, and the propitiations of the gods, did not banish the sinister belief that the conflagration was the result of an order. Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. *Christus* [the Latin spelling of "Christ"], *from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty [crucifixion] during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular. . . .*" (*Annals*, xv, 44.)

There is the *proof* Jesus lived!

This was not a Christian writing, but a pagan Roman historian who hated everything Christian! Tacitus had access to the government records. He had the *PROOF* Christ was crucified!

Tacitus' evidence would stand in any court of law! Only a fool would reject it! Jesus is no myth! The claim of atheists that Jesus Christ is an invention—a fictitious character—is absurd!

### The Jews' Testimony

Josephus, the non-Christian Jewish historian of the first century, also admits the historicity of Jesus and His disciples, as he does also of John the Baptist. He calls John the Baptist "the good man" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, xviii: 5, 2). Scholars recognize the genuineness of Josephus' account about the death of James, "the brother of Jesus who was called Christ" (*Ant.*, xx: 9, 1).

If Jesus did not exist, the Jews would have had no reason to reject Him! *Although the Jews disliked Christ, they were forced by the very circumstance of His power, to take recognition of Him in their records.* What do the Jewish records admit? What do atheists purposely overlook when they pretend to deny the reality of Jesus the Christ?

JESUS IS OFTEN MENTIONED IN THE JEWISH TALMUD! The *Talmud* is a record of Jewish debates, doctrines, stories and traditions covering a period from before the birth of Christ to the centuries immediately following. These references have been known in detail by many scholars. Jesus Christ is never mentioned by name, excepting perhaps once or twice, where He is said to have been an idolator who worshipped a brickbat (*Sanh.*, 107B). He is called "THAT MAN" or "Son of Pandera," or "dead dog," and "the hanged one," "the sorcerer," "Balaam," and "Seducer."

The *JEWISH ENCYCLOPAEDIA* tabulates the places where Jesus is mentioned in the Talmud. This Encyclopaedia terms as a mere "subterfuge" the attempt of atheists to run from these references which apply to Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus is called, in the Talmud, "Son of Pandera" to hide the fact that He was born of a young virgin! "Pandera"—a word meaning panther or leopard—is an anagram (a word made by transposing letters) for the Greek word *parthenos* meaning "virgin"! The Jews twisted Jesus' virgin birth to make it appear that He was figuratively the son of a panther or leopard!—for the Greek

for "panther" is *panther* which the Jews corrupted by Jewish idiom into *pandera*.

Here is *proof* of Jesus' virgin birth! But modern theologians, like agnostics and atheists, persist in rejecting it!

The miracles of Jesus were not denied by the Jews. *Instead the Jews who saw Jesus perform those miracles said He learned sorcery in Egypt*—which is merely another way of stating what we read in Matthew 12:24: "But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This man doth not cast out demons but by Beelzebub, prince of the demons."

The Talmud records Jesus' healing of the blind, the halt and the leprous. It also mentions His walking on the sea! There is also a full list of references to Jesus' mother, the virgin Mary. These events are therefore *proved* to be historical *fact*—they are recorded by Jesus' own enemies!

Jesus not only lived, but the Jews, in the Talmud, are witness to His miracles! Let the ignorant atheist deny that!

The Talmud subtly calls the gospel which Jesus preached an *avengil*, meaning a "blank paper." They did not want to use the original word *evangel*, meaning good news. They did not like the good news of the Kingdom which Jesus brought. They did not want the Kingdom of God to rule over them—to tell them what to do. And—shocking though it may sound—most professing Christians today do not want the Kingdom of God to rule over them! They don't want God telling them what to do. Theirs is a gospel of permissiveness!

*Here is the proof OUTSIDE of the Bible—proof that Jesus was born of a virgin—that His miracles did happen—that He preached the gospel of the Kingdom—that He did call disciples—that He did have brothers!*

These are actual facts *outside the Bible* proving the existence of Christ, Mary—Christ's mother, Christ's brothers, and John the Baptist. They have been recorded by contemporary non-Christian historians. It stands irrefutable that the person Jesus Christ is *NOT* a myth and that the New Testament record is *TRUE!*

No wonder Nicodemus privately confessed: "Rabbi, we know that thou [Jesus] art a teacher come from God:

(Continue on page 23)

# TRUTH about "Speaking in Tongues"!

*What is the meaning of the so-called "Charismatic Renewal" sweeping the churches today? Here is the shocking TRUTH about a fast-growing movement fooling thousands!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

"SOMETHING like a series of bolts of lightning went down my spine," confessed a Protestant minister. He was telling what happened when he took part in a religious service seeking "Charismatic" manifestations or "tongues-speaking."

A recent article in *"The Saturday Evening Post"* disclosed that this type of religious activity is sweeping through many major Protestant denominations. It is a SHOCKING new religious trend. Few ministers understand its significance!

Formerly confined to what are known as "Pentecostal" churches, "tongues-speaking" has now broken the barriers. Interestingly, it first leaped past the middle-class Protestant churches and made a startling appearance in the staid Episcopal Church—whose membership comes largely from the better economic, social and educational level.

## Strange Manifestations

Most unusual sensations and manifestations accompany the "tongues movement." After describing the "series of bolts of lightning," the above-mentioned Protestant minister—quoted in the *Post* article—described other manifestations which occurred later.

"The next morning," he recalled, "I woke up just soaked with perspiration. I did not know then that it was the heat of the Holy Spirit . . . but then I had a vision of ticker tape and I saw 'Sa-dama-li' printed. As I spoke this, a few more syllables came vocally."

Soon this minister was using many other strange words and phrases—utterances *not part of any known human language*.

"A while later," he said, "I put my hands up and began to praise the Lord in these words He'd given me—and

my tongue took wings. I just worshipped Jesus."

But was it true worship?

## A New "Pentecostal" Movement

Several years ago—mainly as a matter of curiosity—your author attended some of these so-called "Pentecostal" meetings. They were conducted by some of the well-known Pentecostal evangelists—a few of whom still command a following.

Let me tell you my *personal* observation.

I found—and this was true in EVERY meeting of this type I attended—that the appeal was almost one hundred per cent to *human emotion*. The "Pentecostal" ministers were obviously quite proficient at mass psychology—especially when directed, in this case, toward the backward or uneducated types of people.

In one such meeting where everyone was exhorted to "seek the spirit," I happened to be sitting just in front of a Negro woman who was suddenly *seized* with strange convulsions. She began to throw her body forward and backward, her head shaking and her neck almost snapping with the ferocity of these convulsions. She was *literally* foaming at the mouth, gnashing her teeth, groaning with strange, guttural, mournful-sounding moans, and her eyes were rolled back in her head and had a strange, glazed appearance.

I have been in hospital wards and seen people dying and near death. But I have never seen a more *revolting* sight in my life than the type of convulsive "fit" which suddenly seized this poor woman!

I have seen couples in these meetings "dancing in the spirit." This takes place while the "Pentecostal" song leader is leading the emotionally aroused crowd

in a jazzy, bouncy-type of religious hymn. The couples or persons involved hold hands facing each other and—in a disjointed sort of way—shuffle and "dance" about with a fixed and rather weird or silly-looking smile on their faces—gazing upward in a type of ecstatic leer as they bounce around to the jazzy hymn music. Some individuals—dancing alone by themselves—seem to be just shuffling around as though lost in a trance. They might easily be mistaken for being drunk if they were doing the same thing out on a street corner.

In every one of these "Pentecostal" meetings, there was no sermon or discussion of how to love and serve God or your fellow man. There was no appeal to *study* and *understand* the Bible. *No effort whatsoever* was devoted to explaining how to master the weaknesses and temptations of human nature so as to become more like Christ.

Rather, the *entire effort* in these meetings was devoted to *whipping up human emotion!*

The people were exhorted to try to "receive" feelings, manifestations, and strange-sounding utterances which the Pentecostal leaders labeled "tongues." Constantly—over and over again—the ministers, song leaders and congregation repeat certain key phrases such as: "Glory!" or "Jesus!" or "Hallelujah!"

With the jazzy-type of hymn-singing, the rhythmic, emotion-filled chant of these repeated utterances, the congregation is gradually whipped up into an emotional frenzy.

Casting aside all caution and mental control, the people—through emotional frenzy—desperately try to "get" or "receive" what they believe is the Holy Spirit—or "the baptism of the Holy

Ghost"—or "speaking in tongues."

Yes, they are trying only to "receive" or GET!

They are *not* trying to GIVE their lives as a living sacrifice in service to God and their fellow man (Rom. 12:1). They are NOT trying to really *study* and show themselves approved to God by *understanding* and LIVING BY His revealed Word in the Bible (II Tim. 2:15; Mat. 4:4).

In these "Pentecostal" meetings, people are not taught to live God's WAY OF LIFE and to follow the *example* of Jesus Christ. The emphasis is rather upon human emotions and sensations which are systematically "worked up" by those who are experts at mass psychology.

### What About the Day of Pentecost?

"But," many will ask, "what about the Day of Pentecost when the original disciples of Christ spoke with tongues?"

"All right," I answer, "WHAT ABOUT IT?"

Have you really STUDIED this chapter? Have you read ALL of it in context—and sincerely and objectively compared it with the *other* examples of God's blessing and power from the lives of John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, Peter and Paul?

Let's *notice carefully* what the description of the Day of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts really DOES say!

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1).

As any interlinear or Greek text will show, the original Greek is better translated: "And when the Day of Pentecost was being fulfilled"—or "being accomplished."

The point is that Pentecost is NOT an *experience*, but a DAY!

Any real Biblical scholar understands that this day was given to ancient Israel as the "Feast of Weeks" or "Firstfruits." Since its observance involves *counting fifty* from a certain point—the New Testament designation became the "Day of Pentecost." This is because, in Greek, "pente" means *fifty* and "cost" means *count*. In other words—the very name of this Day means "Count fifty" or was referring to the "fiftieth day."

This day came around *every year* in the late spring and celebrated the com-

pletion of the smaller spring harvest of "firstfruits." Notice that this day was observed several years *after* the one mentioned in Acts 2 by the Apostle Paul, in Acts 20:16. Also, on yet another occasion it was observed by Paul in the city of Ephesus as described in I Corinthians 16:8.

Strangely, and *significantly*, the very people who call themselves "Pentecostal" do NOT even observe the Biblically commanded Day of Pentecost!

But now, let's continue with the account in Acts 2 to see what DID happen on this *particular* Day of Pentecost which came just after Christ's resurrection.

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting" (verse 2).

Notice that the sound did not come from a smirking, "jazzy" Pentecostal song leader gradually and systematically whipping up the congregation with emotional songs and sayings. Rather, it came "from heaven." It sounded NOT like the moans and squeals emanating from the mouths of excited human beings, but rather like a powerful wind rushing through the temple.

"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them" (verse 3).

Observe that literal *tongues* of FLAME quite evidently came down from above and hovered over each of Christ's disciples on this occasion. Absolutely NOTHING like this ever occurs in the "Pentecostal" meetings.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (verse 4).

There is no mention whatsoever of them being *gradually* worked up to an emotional pitch by special songs, shouts and other methods of crowd psychology, but rather that they were filled with God's Holy Spirit—"whom God hath given to them that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32).

Now notice verses 5-8. Here the Bible reveals that the "tongues" or *languages* spoken by these apostles were literal, living LANGUAGES of that day which were clearly understood by the Jews who were meeting there in the temple

also observing the Day of Pentecost and had come from *many nations* all over the world in order to do so. It says that, "Every man heard them speak in his *own language*" (verse 6).

The Jews asked one another, "And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" (verse 8).

Yes, completely CONTRARY to the ideas of the "Pentecostal" people and even that of the *Post* article referred to above, the languages spoken by Christ's disciples were definitely NOT some "spiritual language" or "language of the angels," but literal *human dialects* in use in THAT DAY. They were clearly UNDERSTOOD by the people from other countries who were listening.

That, of course, was their PURPOSE!

### Then What About the "Unknown Tongues" of I Corinthians 14?

Being clearly repudiated in their *wrong interpretation* and MISapplication of Acts 2, many "Pentecostal" believers will quickly turn to I Corinthians 14. For here is a chapter that speaks about "unknown tongues."

Or DOES IT?

The simple and obvious answer is that the word "unknown" is ALWAYS in finer or *italic* print in the King James Version of your Bible—designated in this way to show you that this word was NOT in the original inspired Greek but has rather been inserted by men!

Of course, then, there is *no such thing* as an "unknown" tongue!

Rather, if prayerfully and intelligently read, this chapter is definitely speaking—as Acts 2—about the supernaturally imparted ability to speak in a *foreign language*. But the Apostle Paul—warning of the MISUSE of this gift—spends most of his argument in warning the Corinthians NOT to speak in such a language *unless there are people present who can understand*.

He shows that if a man speaks in a "tongue" so that no one around him understands, he is only speaking to God (verse 2). He shows (verse 4) that this man would then only edify *himself*—whereas one who preaches would edify the church.

In verse 12, he exhorts the Corinthians to speak to *edify the church*—not to

Speak in tongues or foreign languages unless they are translated into the language of the majority of the congregation.

In verse 14, Paul says that if he prays in a foreign language his "spirit" or *mind* prays—but the *understanding* or *significance* of what he is saying is "unfruitful" so far as others are concerned. He then goes on to show that a man who has this gift may "bless" or return thanks in a supernaturally imparted foreign tongue, but an uneducated person would not benefit from his prayer and would be unable to say "Amen" at his thanksgiving.

Thus, this type of praying or giving of thanks is *unfruitful*—UNPROFITABLE!

The Apostle Paul concludes this inspired section of his instruction by stating: "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might TEACH OTHERS ALSO, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (verse 19).

### "Tongues" a Sign to UNBELIEVERS

Then, in verse 21, he proceeds to quote directly from Isaiah 28:11. Here God warned ancient Israel that He was going to have to PUNISH them through *foreign-tongued invaders!* Clearly, this also shows that "tongues" are *human languages* understood by the people of the nationalities involved!

Paul then concludes in verse 22: "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, NOT to them that believe, but to them that BELIEVE NOT: but prophesying [*inspired preaching*, see verse 3] serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe."

Therefore, although the modern "Pentecostal" people ALWAYS want to "show off" their tongues even among their own church brethren, Paul was inspired by God to state that tongues are ONLY a sign for the *unbelievers!* And, in EVERY instance where the gift of tongues was granted, the lookers-on or unbelievers included FOREIGNERS who spoke in a *different language* and could therefore *understand* what was being spoken!

To make it plain, there was NEVER an example of the gift of "tongues" being employed in *Palestine* among converted Palestinian Jews who all spoke the same language anyway!

The inspired record of the gift of "tongues" in the New Testament includes ONLY the following accounts:

First, the account in Acts 2 at the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem when foreign-born Jews from ALL nations were present.

Secondly, the account of Cornelius' baptism in Acts 10. This took place at the seaport of Caesarea—and clearly included not only Cornelius, but his Italian family and other "Gentiles" (verse 45) who would have understood the foreign languages spoken on that occasion.

Thirdly, the account in Acts 19:1-6 took place at *Ephesus*—a great Gentile commercial center wherein were constantly MANY different types of people speaking the *different dialects* of Asia Minor.

Finally, the account we have just discussed in I Corinthians 14 again involves a MAJOR seaport of the ancient Roman world. Here again, the constant usage of foreign languages and dialects of the various seamen and merchantmen was a common thing.

In this and ALL these occurrences, the gift of *foreign languages* would have a definite PURPOSE. The unbelievers attending the church meeting wherein they were manifested would be able to *understand* what was spoken, and—knowing the background of the speakers—come to realize the POWER of the True God.

### "Tongues" Normally NOT Employed

It is significant to note that although TREMENDOUS miracles were worked throughout the Old Testament through Moses, Elijah, Elisha and others, the gift of "tongues" was NEVER imparted.

The REASON?

It is *obvious* for one who understands. The Old Testament Israelites were *never* commanded to preach to or proselyte the Gentiles—people of *foreign languages!* Therefore, they simply had *no reason whatsoever* to "witness" to these people in this way.

The same is true of the ministry of John the Baptist. John preached ONLY to the children of Israel in Palestine *who all spoke the same language.* Therefore, he NEVER spoke in "tongues," although Jesus Christ said of him: "Verily I say

unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Mat. 11:11).

Most important of all, Christ Himself NEVER spoke in "tongues"! For—just as John—Jesus preached only in Palestine where the Jews *all spoke the same language.* There was *no need* for Him to speak a foreign language.

Who, then, will accuse CHRIST of "lacking" in spiritual gifts? Who will try to refute the inspired statement of John: "God giveth not the spirit by measure unto him" (John 3:34).

Who has the audacity to say that Jesus Christ did not set us a *perfect example* in this aspect of Christianity as well as in every other?

Yet Jesus Christ is NEVER recorded to have spoken with "tongues"!

### Do You Receive the Holy Spirit Through "Speaking in Tongues"?

Christ *never spoke with tongues*—yet the Holy Spirit was given to Him "without measure"! John the Baptist never spoke with tongues! Nowhere in the Bible do you find—by example or command—that all Christians are to "speak in tongues"!

Rather, on the very Day of Pentecost when the *true* gift of supernaturally speaking in foreign languages was imparted, the Apostle Peter was inspired by God to reveal HOW we can receive the Holy Spirit.

What is the BIBLE way to receive the Holy Spirit?

Under inspiration, Peter stated: "*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).

Peter said that you were to be baptized for the *remission of sins.* Then it is SIN that you *repent of!*

And what is the BIBLE definition of sin?

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for *sin IS the transgression of the law.*" (I John 3:4).

Yes, sin is *breaking* God's law—the Ten Commandments as they are magnified in the New Testament!

James was inspired to state: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in *one point*, he is guilty of

all. For he that said, do not commit adultery, said also, do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law" (Jas. 2:10-11).

Bible-believing Christians must obey every point of God's law—and two of those points include the commands against adultery and murder. Obviously and honestly, therefore, the law spoken of is the Ten Commandments.

To receive God's Spirit, then, you must REPENT of breaking God's law as contained in the Ten Commandments. You must "be baptized" as the symbol of your willingness to BURY the old self and rise up to walk in newness of life in an obedient life [see Romans 6:1-4].

### You Must OBEY Your Maker

As we have seen, God gives the Holy Spirit "to them that OBEY Him" (Acts 5:32).

This is one thing most "Pentecostal" people simply WON'T do!

They and their leaders are interested in seeking physical and sensual thrills and sensations. These human emotions and tinglings of the spine give them a snippy, proud, *self-righteous* attitude.

Through these emotional manifestations, they feel they have—as they would put it—the "baptism of the Holy Ghost." Through these strange manifestations and electric shocks up and down their spines in "Pentecostal" meetings, they feel they are "born again." They are proud. They are self-righteous. They *resent* the teaching that they must OBEY their Maker before they will ever be allowed to enter His Kingdom or receive the *real* Spirit of God.

When such a person is told he must obey God's commandments, he sets his jaw like a rebellious child and shouts: "I WON'T!"

Yet when a young man came to Christ and asked the way to eternal life, Jesus said: "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Mat. 19:16-17).

John, the disciple "Jesus loved," wrote: "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him [God's Spirit or His blessings], because we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (I John 3:22).

Does the "Pentecostal" person claim to have the love of God which is shed

abroad in our hearts? (Rom. 5:5).

Of course he does!

Then why doesn't he BELIEVE John's inspired statement: "For this is *the love of God*, that we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

### God's Divine Warning

Their lives filled with emptiness and wretchedness, multiplied *thousands* of people are beginning to "seek" for spiritual manifestations, for revelations, for some sort of escape or outlet for their pent-up frustrations. As reported in a recent PLAIN TRUTH article, many in England are turning to *sorcery* in their search for something to satisfy, something to fill the EMPTINESS of their wretched lives.

Although the modern "Charismatic Renewal" and "tongues-speaking" movement now sweeping many of the respectable churches may not as yet have reached the point of the old line "Pentecostal" movement, it is nevertheless very definitely *headed in that direction!*

Ministers admit that their modern churches and rituals are *empty* and DEAD. In their desperation to find something that has "life," they are seizing upon the manifestations accompanying the "tongues" movement and the orgies of "seeking after the Spirit" which accompany it.

Very frankly, they are jumping from the frying pan into the FIRE!

Your Bible warns: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but TRY THE SPIRITS whether they are of God: because *many false prophets* are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1).

But HOW do you try the spirits?

Compare them with the basic *commands* and *examples* in the inspired Word of God! See if, for example, their ministers and adherents understand and obey THIS scripture: "He that saith, I know him, and *keepeth not his commandments*, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

Do they really KEEP God's Ten Commandments?

Do they advocate and practice the WAY OF LIFE advocated by Jesus Christ and His apostles in the New Testament? Are they *studying* and *understanding* the Bible and constantly GROWING to become more like Jesus Christ in their

*personalities*, their *mental development*, and their character? (Eph. 4:11-13).

God's Word warns: "And when they shall say unto you, seek ye unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? To the LAW and to the TESTIMONY [the teaching and example of the Bible]: *if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is NO LIGHT in them*" (Isa. 8:19-20).

The modern "seeking" after weird, guttural sounds and gibberish [incorrectly referred to as "tongues" by deceived men] certainly fits this description.

Your Bible reveals that the Holy Spirit imparts *wisdom*, *knowledge* and *faith* (I Cor. 12:8-9). It reveals that God's Spirit is the Spirit of a SOUND MIND (II Tim. 1:7).

But the blatant display of *uncontrolled emotions*, the raucous, guttural gibberish palmed off as "tongues," the shouting, screaming, sobbing, moaning and foaming at the mouth so commonly seen in "Pentecostal" meetings—these are the exact OPPOSITE to the fruits of the true Spirit of God!

In plain fact, many of these manifestations are directly from Satan the DEVIL! These literal "seizures" which cause human beings to LOSE CONTROL of their minds and bodies are the seizures of *demon spirits*—grasping for control over human beings made in the image of God!

I know! Many "Pentecostal" people won't like to hear this! But for the sake of your *eternal life* God help you to open your minds and UNDERSTAND!

Be willing to *wake up* and face the TRUTH!

### UNDERSTAND What God Requires

Do you believe in God—in "tongues"—in *visions*—in sensations running up and down your spine?

So does SATAN THE DEVIL!

In fact, he KNOWS that these things are real!

Satan KNOWS that God exists and created all things! (Jas. 2:19). But his faith is *devoid of works* (verse 20).

Satan *won't* OBEY!

God can never again entrust him with  
(Please continue on page 40)

# UNIVERSAL PROSPERITY in 15 Years!

*Can you imagine a world at peace—without poverty, disease, or human misery? It's coming—sooner than you think, but not in the way you would expect!*

by Herman L. Hoeh

**P**RESIDENT JOHNSON recently declared war on poverty. He promised "a rug on the floor, a picture on the wall, and a little music in the house" of every American.

Perhaps he forgot that about 35 years before, another American President—Herbert Hoover—predicted Americans would have "a chicken in every pot, a car in every garage."

Then the great depression struck! Unparalleled human misery overflowed the world. The golden dream vanished amidst the clouds of World War II.

## Can Money Buy Prosperity?

What you are not being told is this. *In America alone* it would cost over 250 billion dollars and countless decades to lift the blight of poverty. No one has ever guessed the astronomical figure it would cost to bring prosperity to the wretched, starving billions in Asia, Africa and South America.

Ever since World War II the United States has attempted to lift the standard of living in the backward nations. What has happened? In most nations today living costs are rising faster than income. More children are being born than there is food being raised to feed them!

All the money in the world cannot solve the population explosion!

## The Cause of Poverty

Almost no one, it seems, understands the real *cause* of poverty.

Poverty is the result of *broken laws*. Many people are poor because of costly illnesses. But why the illnesses? Because they have broken the physical laws which God set in motion to maintain our health. Others are poor because of mismanagement. They have broken God's financial laws that regulate our economic well being.



Wide World Photo

This famous picture of a Washington D.C. slum has been used extensively in Soviet publications, including the Soviet Encyclopedia, as a sample of life in America. Though this site since has been redeveloped it is typical of many areas in the U.S. What Communist propaganda does not say is that other nations, including the U.S.S.R., have slums far worse. In some nations not even a shack is available to live in. Such poverty is soon going to vanish, but not until man learns he cannot solve the problem of poverty by himself!

To break or transgress God's physical and spiritual laws is SIN. "Sin is the transgression of law" (I John 3:4).

To remove poverty requires the forgiveness of sin!

No politician can do that! That is why no man alive today is able to abolish poverty! It will take God to do it.

And He has promised to. In fact, God the Father sent Jesus Christ with the good news that poverty will be abolished. That good news is Christ's gospel.

The gospel Christ brought is the good news of the Kingdom of God—the reign of God that will end war and bring peace and prosperity to all the world.

But the world rejected that gospel.

The world wants to find its own solutions to war and poverty. God has allowed 6000 years—now almost up—in which man could experiment with his own ideas. That experiment has led us to the brink of world suicide. If God would not intervene in another 15 years mankind would commit cosmocide! But God has promised to intervene in human affairs and cut short this mad experiment. A Utopia is just around the corner—but it will not be of man's devising. It will be of God's making!

## Where Mentioned in the Bible

God has allowed a six-thousand-year period for MAN to rule himself. During this time God has kept hands off

the affairs of the world. Man has pursued the course that "seemeth right" to him. BUT this time is now almost up! The new order—THE WORLD TOMORROW—is about to begin! A 1000 years of peace and prosperity is just around the corner.

In Micah, the fourth chapter, a graphic description is given us concerning the soon-coming Utopia. Verse one shows God's rulership established over the nations. Then what happens? "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain [government] of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

In less than 15 years all nations are going to live in a Utopia! They will be forced to learn the ways of peace and prosperity!

What's wrong with this millennial Utopia? Why don't people want it?

It is time you knew about the coming Utopia—a MILLENNIUM of plush and happy living as you may never have dreamed of!

Actually, the word "millennium" is derived from the Latin which simply means a thousand years. Instead of finding the word "millennium" in the scriptures, you will read of the "thousand years." The only scriptures in all the Bible mentioning this specific period of time are in Revelation 20:1-9.

Here is the TIME SETTING for the coming Utopia or millennium.

The apostle John wrote that he saw an angel who "laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years . . . and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled" (Rev. 20:2-3).

Did you notice that? During the millennium [the thousand years], the devil does not deceive the nations. This age we are now in couldn't be the millennium,

because the devil is STILL DECEIVING THE NATIONS. The millennium must still be in the future—a time when the devil will not be deceiving the whole world any longer.

Notice what else the apostle John says about the thousand years.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Rev. 20:6).

So the millennium is a time when the saints reign with Christ. The saints help abolish poverty and create the millennial Utopia.

Did you ever notice before that those in the first resurrection will reign with Christ a thousand years? (Rev. 20:4.) This means that the millennium can't begin until AFTER the first resurrection, because it is those in the first resurrection who do the ruling.

#### WHEN Will the Millennium Occur?

Now when does the first resurrection occur?

I Thes. 4:14-17 declares that the first resurrection occurs at the second coming of Christ. "The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." This first resurrection occurs "at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:52).

Since the saints do not rise until the second coming of Christ, and since they rule with Christ during the millennium, then the thousand years must occur after the second coming of Christ, and NOT before. This is vitally important because some teach that Jesus does not come until the end of the thousand years. Your Bible says Jesus comes at the beginning of the thousand years.

Christ is returning to make a UTOPIA possible!

But what else happens when the last trumpet sounds?

In Revelation 11:15-19, when the last or seventh trumpet blows, the dead are raised AND "the kingdoms of this

world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

This is when the millennium begins! Christ is starting to reign and the saints are already resurrected to rule with Christ.

But where shall we rule?

#### WHERE Will the Millennium Be Spent?

The last phrase of I Thessalonians 4:17 tells us. After all the saints meet the Lord in the air they shall "ever be with the Lord." Since the saints shall always be with Jesus Christ, then any scripture that tells us where Christ will be, will also explain where those resurrected saints shall be during the thousand years. Also a verse that says where the saints shall rule during the thousand years, explains the place where Christ must be ruling, too!

Now consider this. In order to reign during the millennium, there must be someone for the saints to reign over. Over whom does Christ give the saints power and authority to rule?

Notice Revelation 2:26-27. Jesus promises: "And he that overcometh . . . to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall RULE them with a rod of iron." So the saints will rule over the nations. And these nations will be ruled with a rod of iron.

In the last days of the kings or rulers of this present civilization, "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people [not to human beings, but to the sons of God], but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever" (Dan. 2:44).

Notice, that it is "in the days of these kings," not a thousand years later, that God sets up His kingdom under Christ—pictured by the stone that smote the image (Dan. 2:34,35)—which "became a great mountain, and FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH." It doesn't fill heaven, BUT IT DOES FILL THE EARTH.

To say that these nations are in heaven is absurd. Are there such sinful nations in heaven that the saints have to rule them with an iron rod? Of course not. These are the nations of this earth.

Now let's find scriptures telling us that Christ WILL rule on this earth. In

Rev. 3:21, Jesus said: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne." So the resurrected saints will sit with Christ ON HIS THRONE while ruling the nations.

At the present moment Christ is sitting on His Father's throne in heaven (Rev. 3:21). He is NOT sitting on His own throne. But when Jesus leaves heaven (Acts 3:21) to come for the saints, they are promised a place with Him on His throne. Jesus does not promise them a place on the Father's throne in heaven, but a place on His own throne, from which they, with Jesus, shall rule the nations with a rod of iron.

Where will Jesus' throne be?

### The Throne of David Is NOT in Heaven!

The throne of Jesus Christ could not be in heaven. If Jesus' throne were the Father's throne in heaven, then He would not need His own throne because He is already sitting on the Father's throne. But what throne will Jesus have?

Gabriel said, as recorded in Luke 1:30-33, that Jesus "shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

So Jesus' throne will be the throne of David. David's throne is on this earth! (Jer. 33:17.) The Father's throne is in heaven. During the millennium, the saints shall sit with Christ on the throne of David and rule the nations of this earth.

Not only will Christ rule over the house of Jacob forever, as Gabriel said, but it is also written: "Thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel" (Psalm 2:7-9).

Here the Psalmist says that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, will do the very same things that He promised those in the first resurrection shall do. Of course,

for the saints shall rule WITH HIM and carry out His will and authority over the nations. This is when the Kingdom will be restored to Israel and when Christ shall rule the house of Jacob on the throne of David (Acts 1:6).

When the Kingdom of God is established on earth, then we shall have peace—and not until then. Yes, a wonderful UTOPIA is coming in the WORLD TOMORROW!

If all these scriptures are not proof enough that we shall reign with Christ on this earth, and not in heaven, during the millennium, then turn to Revelation 5:9. The proper translation of this verse, from the original Greek, is that Christ purchased with His blood "men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and madest them a kingdom and priests to our God; and THEY SHALL REIGN UPON THE EARTH."

Here it is in the plainest of language. The saints shall reign, not in heaven, but on the earth. Do you believe what the Bible says?

### HOW and WHEN Jesus Returns to Earth

In Acts 1:9-11 the account of Jesus' departure nineteen hundred years ago is given. "While they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men . . . said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

How did Jesus leave? He ascended from the Mount of Olives and was received by the clouds of heaven. And He is going to return in like manner. Let's find a scripture explaining this.

In Revelation 19 we read that, at the second coming of Christ, all nations are gathered to battle against Jerusalem. This same time, the second coming of Christ, is described in Zechariah 14:1-3. It is in the Day of the Lord when all nations are warring against Jerusalem.

"THEN shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations . . . AND HIS FEET SHALL STAND IN THAT DAY UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES" (Zech. 14:3,4).

Notice it. Jesus is coming in the

clouds of heaven (Rev. 1:7) and shall fight against the nations AND HIS FEET SHALL STAND IN THAT DAY UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES which is on this earth. It does not say that Jesus will stand on the Mount a thousand years later, but in that day as He returns to receive the throne of David and to rule the nations with a rod of iron.

### He Remains ON THE EARTH

When Jesus returns to earth, the saints will be with Him—they will "ever be with the Lord." He comes in the clouds of this earth's atmosphere where in they meet Him and then accompany Him to this earth. That is where the saints shall be.

But some contend that we return to heaven immediately. The Bible nowhere teaches any such doctrine. Let's continue reading what Zechariah wrote.

"And it shall be in that day [notice, it is still the same day, not seven years or a thousand years later], that living waters [salvation] shall go out from Jerusalem . . . in summer and in winter shall it be. And the Lord shall be king over ALL THE EARTH . . . and the land shall be turned as a plain . . . AND INHABITED . . . And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited" (Zechariah 14:8-11). Here is the promise of the coming Utopia.

In the day that Christ returns, not a thousand years later, but in that very day, when the nations that battled against Jerusalem are subdued, the land shall be inhabited and MEN SHALL LIVE THERE. And the Gentile nations, after their entire armies have been destroyed (Zech. 14:12-15), shall come to serve Jesus Christ. "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zech. 14:16).

The people that shall be left are going to worship the Lord year by year in Jerusalem, which is on this earth, not in heaven. The Lord shall be King over all the earth. (Zech. 14:9). The next verses show Him punishing nations for disobedience. The saints are also going to judge and correct the nations as they sit with Jesus on His throne.

None of these events can occur be-

fore the thousand years, and none can occur in heaven because there are no disobedient nations there.

Neither will disobedient nations be in the New Earth *after* the millennium. Therefore these events must happen DURING THE MILLENNIUM AND ON THIS EARTH. These are the plain statements of Scripture.

#### The Earth Is Not to Be Desolate

In the book of Isaiah, chapter 24, there are verses which some seize upon in a feeble effort to contradict the plain statements of Scripture. These verses are quite often misquoted to substantiate theories of men. The time setting of this chapter is near the *beginning* of the millennial period. The first verse is often quoted as: "Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down. . . ."

Just quoting this much, one is left with the impression that there are no inhabitants on the earth, that the millennium will be a period of complete desolation. But why not quote the whole verse? What does God mean by the earth being made empty? Did He mean that there are no inhabitants?

NOT AT ALL! Let's not stop at this verse, as some denominations do, but continue reading this entire chapter.

What will God do? He "scattereth abroad *the inhabitants thereof*. And it shall be, as with *the people*, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with the master . . . The *land* shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled . . . The haughty *people of the earth* do languish . . . *They that dwell therein are desolate*: therefore *the inhabitants of the earth* are burned, and FEW MEN LEFT."

Read this *entire* twenty-fourth chapter of Isaiah. It shows the punishments to be meted out on this earth just prior to the *beginning* of the thousand years—the complete destruction of civilization and "*few men left*."

A Utopia can come only when international gangsters in high offices are removed from their seats of power and when their armies are wiped out.

Remember also what Zechariah said about *those who shall be left*. They shall go up to Jerusalem from year to year and worship the Eternal who shall be King over all the earth. Isaiah says that those few who are left "shall lift up

their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord (verse 14) . . . when the Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem." (Verse 23). Yes, Christ will reign in Jerusalem, not heaven, and there will be inhabitants who shall REPOPULATE the earth.

Again Jeremiah 4:23-31 is often lifted out of its context and misapplied to the thousand years. If you will study the book of Jeremiah from the beginning you will notice that these verses are NOT referring to the thousand years. The prophet warns Judah that Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon is coming "to make **THY LAND DESOLATE**; and **THY CITIES** shall be laid waste without an inhabitant" (verse 7). This is speaking of Judah, not the whole earth. The "**WHOLE LAND SHALL BE DESOLATE; YET WILL I NOT MAKE A FULL END**" (verse 27).

The same word in the original Hebrew is often used to mean either "earth" or "land." It actually should be translated "land" in verse twenty-three, because God is speaking of the land of Judah. It shows, too, that there are Gentiles still on the earth who will *not* be allowed by God to make a full end of Judah, even though they desolate the *land* completely. Verse twenty-nine shows that not a man shall dwell in the cities. Why? Because there are no human beings on the earth? No! But because *whole cities shall flee* before the horsemen of the Gentiles.

This prophecy is NOT referring to the millennium.

Together with these two misquoted texts, people who hate God's Utopia turn to II Thess. 1:8 and 2:8.

The first of these verses is speaking of angels who will take vengeance on those that know not God and obey not the gospel. It is *assumed* that this text says that *all people* will be destroyed, but it *doesn't* say that. It is *only* those who refuse to obey that will perish. But there will be many other Gentiles who shall repent of their wrong ways and admit that their "fathers have inherited lies" (Jer. 16:19).

The other verse often mentioned (II Thess. 2:8) nowhere speaks of ALL THE WICKED. It mentions "THAT WICKED" whom Christ shall destroy, "even HIM, whose coming is after the working of Satan" (verse 9). So it is

not all the wicked, but one person, even *him*, that is to be destroyed. This Wicked one is that false prophet whose destruction is described in Revelation 19:20.

None of the preceding texts describe an earth without inhabitants for a thousand years. But some people just don't want to believe the plain statements in God's Word!

#### WHAT Will the Millennium Be Like?

Isaiah 11 tells us of the millennium. The Gentiles are going to seek God (verse 10) and Israel and Judah are going to be gathered THE SECOND TIME from the heathen nations (verse 11). This could not be speaking of any "spiritual Israel." The last verses in this chapter speak of men crossing rivers and highways as they leave the Gentile nations and return the second time to the land of promise.

This is the time spoken of by Paul. "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, *until* the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins" (Romans 11:25-27).

Here is GOOD NEWS! Here is part of the gospel message. Blindness is happened to Israel, *not forever*, but *until* the full number of Gentiles who are to be converted in this age comes into the Kingdom. Then Israel shall be forgiven and the vast majority of Gentiles shall seek God.

Returning to Isaiah 11, verse 4: Christ "shall smite the earth with the *rod* of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." At this very time *when* He is punishing the wicked and "reproving with equity the meek of the earth"—at this very time, notice it—"the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . . and a little child shall lead them. And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the *sucking child* shall play on the hole of the asp, and the *weaned child* shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters

(Continued on page 43)

# What Makes The Bible Different?

*The Bible is acknowledged by many as divinely inspired—yet others, including theologians, condemn it as unbelievable myth! If YOU have ever doubted, wondered or taken for granted God's Word—this message from our Correspondence Course Staff is for YOU!*

by William H. Ellis

**T**HERE is no other book on earth like your Bible! The Bible IS DIFFERENT! But do you know *why*?

Bible societies distributed 31 MILLION COPIES of the Bible last year, and plan to give away 150 MILLION COPIES per year by 1966! The Bible has been translated into at least 1,181 different dialects and languages, yet recent surveys indicate that 29%—NEARLY ONE THIRD—of Bible owners consider it *irrelevant in this modern 20th Century!*

The plain fact is most people have simply taken their Bibles for granted!

Attempts to discredit the Bible as a source of *divine truth* are made by theologians as well as atheists, by politicians as well as scientists and agnostics. Economists would deny the Bible is *relevant* to problems of finance and business. Ministers frankly state they think the Bible is NO HELP in solving marital problems!

People have come to regard the Bible with superstitious awe, yet they never take it off their shelves and let it speak for itself! As a result, the faith of millions—perhaps YOUR FAITH—is on *mighty shaky ground!*

## What Is Your Bible?

What is it that makes the Bible different? Is it the quality of paper and ink, and a fine leather binding? Or is it the *message* that is conveyed to your mind by the *words* of the Bible that distinguishes this book from all others?

Of course, there is nothing sacred about the pages of gold-edged paper and printer's ink of your Bible.

Actually the word, "Bible" comes from the Greek word, "biblios" which means "books." The Bible, in our common versions, contains 66 books. The reason it is called the "HOLY Bible" is that the *message* conveyed to our minds by the words of those 66 books is HOLY!

The Bible is actually the Message of

God written down in print!

Yet most people venerate the paper and ink of the Bible, but *still refuse to live by it!*

## What Ministers Say About the Bible

You would be *shocked* to know what today's *religious leaders* have to say PUBLICLY about your Bible!

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote in his book, *The Modern Use of the Bible*:

"We know now that every idea in the Bible started from primitive and childlike origins . . ." and that it is an "impossible attempt to harmonize the Bible with itself, to make it speak with unanimous voice, to resolve its conflicts and contradictions. . . ."

Dr. Fosdick believes the Bible to be anything but God's inspired word. In his earlier writings he said, "But we do not need to apologize for their crudities. . . . Their lack is a lack of maturity. . . ."

Dr. Fosdick, a leading American minister, labels the Bible CRUDE! Its writers, he says, ARE IMMATURE!

Dr. Fosdick's voice is not the only one in this chorus of religious leaders who have become the LEADING DETRAC-



Wide World Photo

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, famous liberal Baptist minister.

TORS of the Bible. He is joined by Dr. James Moffatt and Dr. Edgar Goodspeed—supposedly "learned" men—who reject the DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE.

Dr. Moffatt labels earlier portions of the Bible, "the natural desire to gather up the primitive traditions of the people." You need to know whether the Bible is merely a collection of PRIMITIVE HUMAN TRADITIONS or whether it is God's INSPIRED WORD.

Dr. Goodspeed says of the first twelve books of the Bible: "It is man's first attempt to organize his knowledge of his past into what we would call an outline of history."

What you need to ask yourself is: "Is the Bible what it claims to be—the *inspired revelation* of Almighty God to mankind? And does it have any *authority*—should YOU be expected to LIVE BY IT?"

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "All scripture is given by INSPIRATION OF GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16).

Jesus Christ said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God!" (Matt. 4:4.) Actually Jesus was quoting this vital statement of Biblical authority in your life from the Old Testament. You can read it in Deuteronomy 8:3.

Jesus Christ said man should LIVE BY every word of God—both New and Old Testaments!

## Bible Reveals Invisible Laws!

Have you ever asked yourself what would happen if all the Bibles in the world were stacked together and burned? Would the truth change at all—simply because it wasn't written down?

Of course not!

Just as the invisible laws of the uni-

verse operate perfectly without being written in science books, so the spiritual principles and laws of your Bible are inexorable. They would still be *living, acting principles* whether they were written down or not.

Homes broken by divorce would still be unhappy, eroding the moral strength of a nation, even if the seventh commandment had not been written down for us to read. Without a *written* command, the worship of idols—any manufactured product that man puts ahead of God in importance—would still produce a society of empty materialism based on a "get-for-self" principle—and the complete frustration of man's search for peace of mind.

God has preserved the written Bible so that man could know of these invisible principles and not have to suffer the lessons of cruel experience through disobedience. The Bible reveals in print the inexorable, immutable, *but invisible* spiritual principles governing the universe. The Bible is a handbook—a guide so that you can really enjoy life by living within its laws.

But even more than that the Bible is the expression of God's mind—in print.

Jesus Christ came to live the principles of the Bible as an example of the way man ought to be living. Christ lived in absolute harmony with and in absolute obedience to God's will. Christ's life was a perfect reflection of God's laws as they are expressed in your Bible. He is therefore called the "Word of God!" (Rev. 19:13.)

Perhaps you never thought of it that way before.

Well, it is high time you did. Because the Bible has a great deal to say TO YOU about how you ought to be living!

Jesus Christ was God's Word made flesh and blood—He was the exact expression of God's mind IN ACTION—just as the Bible is God's Word on paper and in ink! Speaking of Jesus Christ, John said, "And the Word was *made flesh* and dwelt among us!" (John 1:14.) John explains further, "that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life!" (I John 1:1.)

The apostle Paul said, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past to the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken to us by a son . . . who being the brightness of His glory and the EXPRESS IMAGE of His person . . . sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High" (Heb. 1:1-3).

Jesus Christ was *stamped with the impress of God's own character*—and His actions are preserved for us in the Bible.

Your Bible is the Word of God in paper and ink. It is the mind, attitude, outlook, goals, rules and plans of Almighty God put down on paper for you to *read, study and LIVE BY!*

Because the Bible is God's mind in print it is HOLY!

The Bible is the LIVING Word of God. It is full of active living principles—as definite yet invisible as the law of gravity—which have been preserved so that man would not break them and suffer because of it. Because the Bible describes the living principles of the universe which are UNSEEN but *very real*, it is DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER BOOKS!

The Bible is God's revelation to man of those basic principles, truths and laws that man couldn't otherwise discover for himself.

#### The Bible Offers Proof!

Did you know that God actually wants you to prove for yourself whether or not the Bible is His inspired Word?

Moreover, in I Thessalonians 5:21, *He challenges you to put Him to the test!*

"Prove all things!"

Enclosed within these three simple words is the most unique, yet *absolutely irrefutable* way to "check up" on your Bible!

For hundreds of years the visible "academic" proofs of God and the Bible have been available to mankind. They are still available today, but some people consider them "inconclusive." However, the simple method God proposes in I Thessalonians 5:21 can convince even the *most cautious student*.

Checking and studying the scripture in an academic way is only one method you can use to prove all things. The real *personal* confirmation of God's Word *must come in another way!*

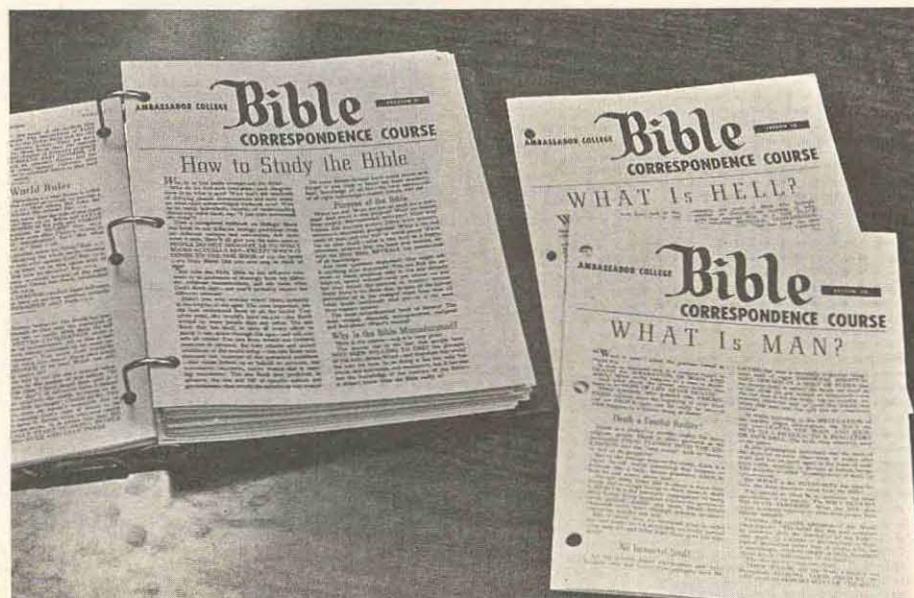
God has written the Bible so that you can prove it to be true! You can test its veracity for yourself. That's why the Bible IS DIFFERENT. Almighty God wants you to know that He stands behind every line of scripture. He will bring to pass the principles, the laws and the prophecies written in its pages.

#### Put the Bible to Work

The Bible itself answers the question, "How can you 'prove all things?'" The KEY lies in the word, "prove" used in I Thessalonians 5:21.

Let's understand.

In Luke 14:19 you will find the *very same* Greek word used and translated "prove" that is used in I Thessalo-



Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course answers the big questions of life.

nians 5:21. The word is "dokimazo" in Greek, and means "to test by doing." Luke is writing of a man who excuses himself from a great supper because he was going out into his field and "prove" five yoke of new oxen by putting them to work. The oxen would be *tested* by doing some work!

That is exactly what God challenges you to do with His Bible. He challenges you to "prove" His word by **PUTTING IT INTO ACTION.**

In Malachi 3:10, the Hebrew counterpart of this Greek word is used. The Hebrew word for "prove" in verse 10 is "bachan," and means to "try or test by doing."

If you want to **PROVE** your Bible, put it to the test by **DOING** what it says. This is God's challenge to anyone seeking to know the truth. Notice **HOW** to do it.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and **PROVE ME NOW HEREWITH**, saith the Lord of Hosts, *if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it!*"

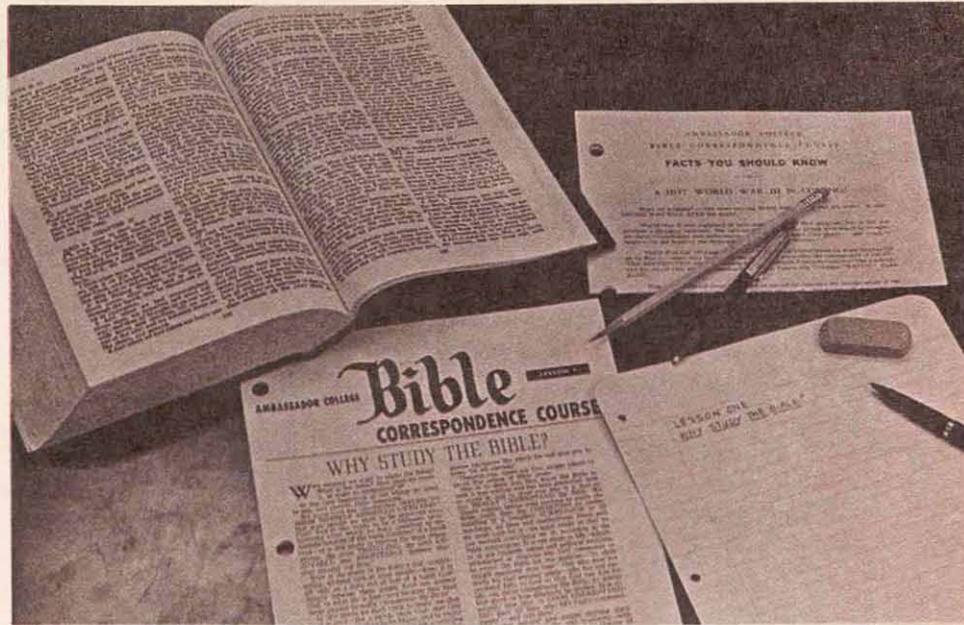
God offers to prove He exists and that He stands behind His Word—the Bible. All He wants you to do is to take Him at His word!

God's Word must be tested by putting it into action. By taking it out into the "field" of daily living to see whether it will work in a down-to-earth situation. God gives the example of *tithing*—paying one-tenth of your income to God—because tithing is a *law of finance* that man couldn't learn for himself by observation and experimentation. Tithing is a law that God has revealed to mankind only through the pages of the Bible! And man can't begin to understand the real **ECONOMY** of tithing—by making God your business partner—until he begins to tithe!

(If you would like to know more about God's way to solve your financial problems and relieve your financial worries, write immediately for the free booklet, "Ending Your Financial Worries.")

Notice Jesus Christ's personal instruction to those who might question doctrine!

"If any man will **DO HIS WILL**, he shall *know* of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of My-



Students find Bible study a challenge. Only textbook required is your Bible.

self." (John 7:17.) To really prove doctrine, Jesus said, **PUT IT TO THE TEST!** Do God's will and you will experience the proof of God's Word!

The Bible is the **ONLY BOOK** that will stand up to this sort of test!

#### Follow the Bereans' Example

Acts 17:11 gives the concrete example of the Berean converts. With what sort of an attitude did the Bereans search the scripture?

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they *received the word with all readiness of mind*, and searched the scriptures *daily*, whether these things *were so*" (Acts 17:11.)

Notice what it was that the Bereans studied. Not the ideas of men *about* the Bible, not the traditions of their ancestors, but they "*searched THE SCRIPTURES DAILY!*"

Their approach to the Bible was not critical, not skeptical, they didn't have a negative attitude—seeking to *find fault* with God's Word. They were truly *open-minded!* They were willing to accept the Bible for what it said—to take God at His Word!

Read again Luke's evaluation of them, "These were **MORE NOBLE** than those in Thessalonica. . . ." It was the Thessalonians who needed Paul's admonition to "prove all things."

The Bereans sought the **PLAIN TRUTH** with a positive mental attitude, willing to accept the challenge of God—to put

the Bible into action in their lives. They were willing to accept the instruction, correction and reproof of the Bible (II Tim. 3:16).

If you have the courage and the faith to *act on* what you are learning, through the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, as the Bereans did, then it can be written of you, "therefore **MANY OF THEM BELIEVED!**" (Acts 17:12.)

Almighty God has challenged you to put His Word to the test by putting it into action *in your life!*

"Be ye *doers* of the word, and not hearers only . . . !" (James 1:22.)

If you would like to really study your Bible as you never have before, *enroll immediately* in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.

There is *no charge* for this unique Bible Study Course! It is offered *free of tuition cost*—and the only textbook you must have is your own Bible! You will find it interesting, engrossing, and *surprisingly easy!*

The Bible Correspondence Course is not at all difficult. Many of the over 60,000 students already enrolled are people who have never completed high school. Yet they are learning the plain truth of God's Word and the meaning to life they have never before understood. You can enroll today!

Address your request to: Bible Correspondence Course Department, in care of your regional Editor (see inside front cover).

# 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, 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 5 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)  
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.  
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.  
 \*WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:30 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 11:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., E.S.T. (Times will vary.)  
 \*CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 93.9 FM, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.; 11:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 CKY—Winnipeg, Manitoba—580 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WJJD—Chicago—1160 on dial, 104.3 FM, 11:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru 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, 92.5 FM, 8:15 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.  
 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 101.1 FM, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 \*KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 94.5 FM, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 1:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 8:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. & pm. Sat.  
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KAAV—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. daily.  
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun.

\*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

### Mountain States

- CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 100.3 FM, 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

- KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 100.7 FM, 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, 8 p.m. daily.  
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

## LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

### East

- WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 11:00 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.  
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 101.5 FM, 7:00 a.m. daily.  
 WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.  
 WCHS—Charleston, W. Va.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.  
 CFMB—Montreal—1410 on dial, 1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat. and Sun.  
 CKLB—Oshawa, Ontario—1350 on dial, 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun.  
 CKCR—Kitchener, Ontario—1490 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.  
 \*WWNH—Rochester, N.H.—930 on dial, 9:05 a.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WDEV—Waterbury, Vt.—550 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WPOR—Portland, Maine—1490 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WCOU—Lewiston, Maine—1240 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun.  
 WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 on dial, 107.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 \*WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 on dial, 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.  
 WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.  
 WNLC—New London, Conn.—1490 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

### Central

- \*WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 101.5 FM, 9:00 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 93.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.  
 WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 104.1 FM, 10 a.m. Sun.  
 WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.  
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.  
 WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 105.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (also 8:00 p.m. Sun., FM), 8:00 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat. AM and 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. FM.  
 WAAP—Peoria—1350 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.  
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.  
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.  
 KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.  
 KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m., Sun., 6:30 p.m. daily.  
 WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 on dial, 11:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KEVE—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.  
 WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 on dial, 95.7 FM, 4:30 p.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily except Fri. at 6:45 p.m.  
 \*CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.

### 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.  
 KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KGNC—Amarillo—710 on dial, 9:00 p.m. daily.  
 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.  
 WDEF—Chattanooga, Tenn.—1370 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.  
 WAKE—Atlanta—1340 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.

- WBRC—Birmingham, Ala.—960 on dial, 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.  
 WYDE—Birmingham, Ala.—850 on dial, 12 noon Sun.  
 WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 93.3 FM, 12 noon daily.

#### Mountain States

- KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.  
 KFIF—Tucson—1550 on dial, 5:00 p.m. daily.  
 KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 106.7 FM, 10:45 p.m. Sun., 8:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.  
 KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 98.7 FM, 7 p.m. daily.  
 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

#### West Coast

- \*CJOR—Vancouver, B.C.—600 on dial, 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.  
 CKLG—Vancouver, B.C.—730 on dial, 7:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.  
 KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.  
 KBLE—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.  
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.  
 \*KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.  
 KAGO—Klamath Falls, Oregon—1150 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.  
 \*KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 106.1 FM, 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KFAX—San Francisco—1100 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 4:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KGMS—Sacramento—1380 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 93.7 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily.  
 KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 96.3 FM, 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., daily; 12:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Fri.  
 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, 9:00 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)

- CFMB—Montreal—1410 kc., 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun.  
 CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

#### TO EUROPE

##### In English—

- RADIO LUXEMBOURG—208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave and 49 metres (6090 kc.) short wave—7:00 p.m. Mon. and Tues., B.S.T.

##### In French—

- RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon.  
 EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1647 m.)—6:00 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Wed. and Sat.

##### In German—

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

#### TO AFRICA

- RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE—3301 kc., 92 metres and 4925 kc., 60 metres—10:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., and Fri.  
 RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE—OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.)—6:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
 WNBS—Lagos—602 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.  
 WNBS—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc. and 9500 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

#### TO AUSTRALIA

- 2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:45 p.m. Fri.; 11 p.m. Sat.  
 2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
 2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 6:30 p.m. Fri.  
 2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.  
 3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 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.  
 3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon., 10:30 p.m. Tues. 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.—1300 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.

- 4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.  
 4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 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.  
 7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
 7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

#### TO ASIA

- RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)  
 "The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—  
 BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;  
 BED55 Taipei 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.—8:30 p.m. daily.  
 DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;  
 DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;  
 DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—  
 9:00 p.m. Sunday.  
 DYCB, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30 p.m. Friday.  
 RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6 p.m. daily.

#### TO LATIN AMERICA

##### In English—

- RADIO REDIFFUSION—Bridge-town, Barbados—975 kc.—9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 9:30 p.m. Sat.  
 RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.  
 HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.;  
 HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.;  
 HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.;  
 HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—  
 7:00 p.m., Sundays.

##### 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.  
 RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 a.m., Mon. and Tues.

##### In Spanish—

- RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 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.

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

*Short Questions*

## FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. *Send in your questions.* While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

"In the May *Plain Truth* in the article on the twelve apostles you used Matthew 10:5-6 to prove the twelve apostles were not commissioned to take the Gospel to the Gentile nations, and that Paul was commissioned to that responsibility. If Paul was the one to take the Gospel to the Gentiles, then who was Jesus commissioning in Matthew 28:19, when He said: 'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?'"

C. M., Centre, Alabama

Christ's parting command—to take the gospel to *all the world*—is a command to the whole Church for all time. Any other command of lesser scope—to take the Gospel to *any part* of the world—must then of necessity be only a part of the over-all commission of the Church.

The earlier command to the twelve: "Go not into the way of the Gentiles . . . but go rather to the lost sheep of the *house of Israel*," is a part of the over-all commission.

It was impossible for any one apostle or even twelve apostles to go to all the world in those days. There had to be divisions of responsibility in fulfilling the commission of the Church.

Paul clearly showed this division of responsibility in Galatians 2:9, ". . . they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen [Gentiles], and they unto the circumcision [Judah and Israel]."

This account in Galatians proves that

certain apostles (Paul and Barnabas) were to go to the Gentiles (in the Greek-speaking Roman world) while others—the twelve—were to carry the gospel to Israel. Both commissions were fulfilled in apostolic days by this division of labor.

Today Jesus' parting commission is being thundered over Israel and the Gentiles by radio (on *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast) and in the printed page (*The PLAIN TRUTH*). Mr. Armstrong and his son Garner Ted broadcast in the English language to all inhabited continents. Others on our staff broadcast in French, German and Spanish. Jesus is keeping His promise to His Work: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mat. 28:20).

"Would you please explain what 'not under the law, but under grace' (Romans 6:15) means? Does grace do away with the law? I have long puzzled over this verse."

J. D., Johannesburg, So. Africa

You have probably heard the saying: "If you keep the law, you have 'fallen' from grace." Is a Christian free to sin?

Let's understand what "grace" means. Webster defines it as "*mercy, favor, unmerited kindness, an exemption or pardon as from a penalty.*"

It is by *grace*, the undeserved *pardon* of God, that you are delivered from the penalty of sin (Rom. 6:23). Christ paid the penalty in your stead. If you accept the grace of God, who permitted His

Son to die in your stead to free you from sin, then you are under grace. You are under unmerited pardon, not "under the law," no longer under its penalty. It no longer has a claim on your life. Christ took the penalty in your stead. He volunteered to come under the penalty of the law to redeem you from death!

"What then?" asks Paul, "shall we sin (that is, *transgress the law*—I John 3:4), because we are *not under the law*, but under grace?" (Romans 6:15.)

Shall we sin—shall we break the law? Remember, sin is the transgression of the law—the Ten Commandments (I John 3:4).

What is the Bible answer? "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin (transgressing God's law), live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1,2.)

If we are under grace, the pardon of God, we are not to live in sin. We are not to continue breaking God's law. If we break God's law by sinning, then we again come *under the law*. It is *over* us. It again has a claim on our lives. *It is only those who*—through Christ—*keep the law that are NOT under the law*. The law has no claim over their lives.

"Under the law" does NOT mean under its jurisdiction. This erroneous idea arose from a MISTRANSLATION in I Corinthians 9:21. Notice verse 21. To the Gentiles who did not know God's law—"to them that are without law"—Paul said he approached them without mentioning the points of God's law. Not until they recognized God as Creator and Ruler and Lawgiver did he show them from the Scripture what law they had been breaking in ignorance, and why they needed to repent of that sin.

But was Paul breaking the law? No! Paul says he was "NOT without law to God, but WITHIN the law to Christ."

This verse is nearly always *mistranslated*. The inspired, original Greek is improperly translated "under the law to Christ." It ought to be translated "WITHIN the law to Christ." Through Christ, Paul was *within* the law—Christ enabled him to keep it. To be within the law means to obey it!

Grace does not do away with the law. Grace is God's unmerited *pardon* for our sins, making it possible for us to *keep the law* through the Holy Spirit that is given *only* to those who obey God

—who keep His Law (Acts 5:32).

Wouldn't it be ridiculous for a judge to grant a pardon to a criminal and then tell him to commit the same crime again? Yet, that is exactly how ridiculous most people make God's grace. They turn the grace, the pardon of God, into lasciviousness—license to do evil.

If grace could abolish the law, then there would be no more sin—because there is no sin where there is no law (Rom. 4:15). And if there were no sin, there would be no more need of grace!

Christ died in your stead and mine to free us from sin, so that we quit sinning and to make it possible for us to *obey* God's law according to its spiritual intent. As long as we were under the claim of the law because of transgression, sin had dominion over us; we were its slaves. But now, if we repent and accept God's unmerited pardon, we are free to obey the law "unto righteousness" (Rom. 6:16).

"Would you please explain why there seems to be a contradiction between Acts 9:7 and Acts 22:9?"

P.K., New York

The occasion, about which the questioner asks, is the conversion of the Apostle Paul. He was journeying to Damascus. Suddenly a tremendously brilliant light filled the sky. Paul fell to the earth.

There were other men with Paul when this happened. "And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, HEARING A VOICE, but seeing no man" (Acts 9:7).

The apparent contradiction arises when we compare another scripture with it. This other scripture records the *same event*. "And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but THEY HEARD NOT THE VOICE of him that spake to me" (Acts 22:9).

In one scripture, we plainly read that *these men heard* a voice. But then another scripture—in the same book—seems to say the opposite.

First, realize that it is possible to *hear* a voice—and *not understand* the words spoken! That is a common occurrence. Sometimes a person speaks to us. We hear his voice—but we are NOT SURE of just what he said. The

Bible records a similar example to the one in Acts 9.

"Then came there A VOICE from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again"—notice, this was a voice . . . speaking INTELLIGIBLE SPEECH—"The people therefore, that stood by and *heard it*"—note, they *heard* this voice . . . but these same people—"SAID THAT IT THUNDERED: others said, An angel spake to him" (John 12:28, 29).

This is what happened in Acts 9. The people heard the voice—but they *did not understand it!*

Both the verses are *complementary* to each other—rather than contradictory. In Acts 9:7, we find that the people heard only the *sound* of a voice speaking to the Apostle Paul. Later Luke (Please continue on page 48)

## Jesus—God, Man, or Myth?

(Continued from page 8)

for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:2).

And why not write for the surprising facts behind Jesus' trial. It's in a free article: "Twelve Reasons Why Jesus' Trial Was Illegal."

### Christianity a Failure?

Our skeptic from Florida presented one more challenge: "And neither could Christianity"—I am quoting from his letter—"have been such a colossal and tragic failure if it had been founded by God. . . ."

This fellow probably assumes—as do most of you!—that Jesus founded today's organized Christianity with its babylon of sects and denominations!

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

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

What is a "sect"? According to Web-

ster, it is "a group that has *broken away* from the established Church." Who established the Church?—Christ! Today's host of sects or demoninations have BROKEN AWAY from that established parent Church—they teach different doctrines and observe different practices!

The religious sects of Jesus' day were the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Essenes, the Samaritans. They had *broken away* from the true parent Old Testament Church established by God through Moses. Jesus joined none of them. On the contrary, He called His disciples *out of them!* The Greek word "ecclesia," translated "church" in English, has the meaning of "called-out ones."

### The Church in History

Surprise number one, for our skeptic and for most people today, is this:

While most people today suppose that the true CHURCH was rapidly to grow BIG, to become a powerful organization, exerting powerful influence on the world, making this a better world, becoming the stabilizing influence of the world's civilization, actually *Christ founded His Church for no such purpose!*

Christ's instruction to His Church through the New Testament, was NOT to participate in this world's politics and affairs in an effort to make *this world* a better world. Instead, His command to His Church is, "*Come out from among them, and be ye separate*" (II Corinthians 6:17).

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

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

which is *foreign* to the world—yet never being OF the world!

### To Be Scattered

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

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

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

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

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

The prophet Ezekiel foretold this scattering—chapter 34. Daniel again foretold it: "When he shall have accomplished to *scatter* the power of the *holy people* (Church), all these things shall be finished." That is, the end of the age! (Dan. 12:7).

Nowhere is there any prophecy that the one true Church should become great and powerful, exerting influence in this world. Rather, Jesus called it the "Little Flock" (Luke 12:32), despised, persecuted, scattered BY the world—separate FROM the world! Scattered, but NEVER DIVIDED! Always ONE Church, speaking the SAME thing—*never* many differing sects!

You have not read much of the history

of THAT Church! Even the historians never knew where to look for the TRUE Church—for they did not even know WHAT the true Church *is*!

### WORLD'S Churches Deceived

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

And no wonder! For Satan himself is pictured in the Bible as the "god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4). He appears—*not* as a devil, but as a GOD—as an angel of LIGHT. And in Rev. 12:9, you read of "Satan, which *deceiveth* the WHOLE WORLD."

### Clever Counterfeit

ASTOUNDING? Of course it is!

Hard to believe? Yes, but it's TRUE! How have the MANY been deceived? Simply by a preaching about the PERSON of Christ—extolling His virtues, worshipping Him, yet denying His MESSAGE—His GOSPEL—by substituting pagan beliefs while preaching ABOUT Christ!

What a clever counterfeit! And many—perhaps most—of those so preaching in Christ's name are sincere—*themselves*

deceived! It is SATAN who has deceived even *them*! It is SATAN who has made himself the "GOD OF THIS WORLD"—and thus is worshipped AS God. This world *doesn't know* the true God, strange as that may seem! This world believes that if one "accepts Christ"—"makes his decision for Christ"—"WORSHIPS Christ"—he is saved!

That is what many preach today! But what did JESUS preach? Did He say it was possible to WORSHIP Him, and still be unsaved?

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

That is difficult to believe, isn't it? You have been so drugged, so poisoned, so deceived by this world's deceptions—Satan's COUNTERFEITS—that even the words of Jesus are difficult to believe! May GOD HELP YOU TO BELIEVE CHRIST! It is one thing to believe ON Christ—that is, in His Person—and something altogether different to BELIEVE CHRIST—to believe what He SAYS.

Shocking though it is, the overwhelming majority *have been deceived* by ministers who come in the name of Jesus Christ, proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ, but who teach a different Gospel and a different faith! They are those who, themselves being deceived from childhood, brought up in these deceptive beliefs, enter the ministry to earn a living, who choose it as their vocation or job, who decide to appoint *themselves* as Christ's representatives, yet who were *not* called by Christ to be His ministers!

They have hired themselves out to the people, and therefore must preach what the PEOPLE want to hear! They do *not* correct or prove their congregations for rejecting the doctrines JESUS taught and for transgressing God's law, which the Bible defines as SIN!

Very few really know what the true Church is.

You will find the answer in our free booklet "A True History of the True Church." And to make it doubly plain, you should read a companion article: "Is this the Only Day of Salvation?" They will make the truth plain, understandable. Our skeptic from Florida will find in them the surprise of his life!

# Smoking is a SIN!

*It's true—smoking DOES cause cancer! Smoking IS injurious to health! Read, in this article, backed up by plenty of statistical PROOF, what your Creator says about smoking!*

by Garner Ted Armstrong

**L**AST year, Americans alone smoked 523 BILLION cigarettes—a staggering 120 billion more than 7 years ago!

This increase represents more than double what the rise in population alone could have caused. Some 70 MILLION Americans use tobacco—3 out of every 5 men and 1 in every 3 women!

## It's BIG BUSINESS

Tobacco is the nation's fifth largest cash crop, and the third largest crop for export. It is grown on 750,000 farms and, for most of these families, provides their major cash income.

The tobacco weed is processed in 550 factories in 30 states, employing more than 96,000 people, drawing an estimated payroll of 379 million dollars per year.

All this does not mention the obvious consumption of paper, aluminum foil, cellophane, cardboard and use of trucking services, promotions, writers, designers, advertisers, and the tremendous sums (running into the multiple millions of dollars per year) spent through the commercial advertising media to encourage people to smoke.

And all this still does not mention the more than 4500 wholesalers and 1,500,000 retailers involved in moving the weed, now carefully packaged into some "special blend" or another (perhaps, according to one claim, with the cut tobacco even laid "end to end!"), from the growing patch to the stained forefingers of the consumer.

Smoking is truly BIG business! It's part and parcel with social custom, part of the fond recollections of every family, a little bit of our history—and a huge, billowing, gray and ash-filled cloud that blinds our eyes, strangles our lungs, pollutes our cities, and kills hundreds of thousands of us every year!

Think of it!

How many times do families reminisce about granddad and his fireside

pipe? How many acquaintances were begun over the question, "Gotta match?" To how many millions of human individuals is the act of taking a cigarette from a pack, tamping it on the thumb-nail, and expertly lighting it in one manner or another the epitome of all social graces?

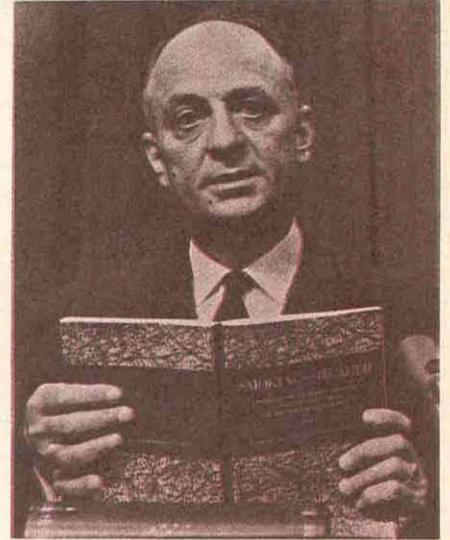
To how many Americans, Britons, Australians, Europeans, and, for that matter, members of all races, is the "cigarette break" a consummate desire in their lives?

The dollars' volume of the sign painting industry alone, providing all the "smoking" or "no smoking" signs would be staggering!

The average non-smoker, who returns home from ANY restaurant, sports event, plane trip or shoeshine parlor with his clothes and his hair *reeking* with a blend of dozens of cigarettes and cigars knows that smoking IS truly BIG BUSINESS!

But is it *good* business? Is it *right* business? Is it *profitable* business—*physically* and *spiritually*?

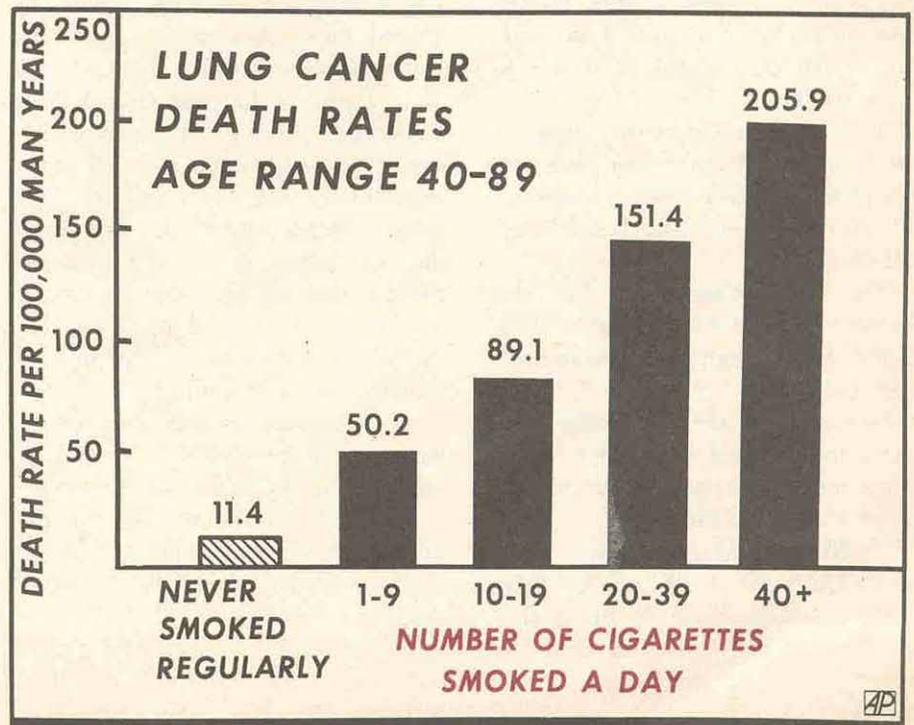
There is no question about its profit-



Wide World Photo

U. S. Surgeon General Luther Terry holds copy of 387-page report of the Advisory Committee of the Public Health Service. It warned that smoking is a health hazard calling for corrective action!

ableness to those who raise it, package and promote it, and those who slap taxes



upon it! The question is: Should YOU smoke it? Should YOU buy it? Is it a SIN for you to smoke?

### Smoking DOES Cause Cancer!

The facts are in. Smoking really DOES cause cancer. Incontrovertible facts have been laboriously compiled over many YEARS, by many different researchers. The British Government was first to publicly state smoking caused cancer. Canada followed—and, finally, the United States.

No need to quote here the monumental case histories which factually PROVE smoking causes cancer.

But what has been the public reaction to the government report? A survey conducted by United Press International showed the public reaction ranged all the way from some who said, "I'm going to quit," to those who said, "I'd like to see them MAKE me quit!"

But far more prevalent were those who took the usual philosophical view of their personal lusts and pleasures.

"I'm not going to give up smoking," said Lupe Gonzales, Los Angeles cashier. "I may die young, but I'll die happy." Edward J. Tighe, Cleveland, Ohio, Linotype operator, said, "You gotta die from something, don't you?"

According to the United Press Report, many smokers indicated they would continue right on smoking cigarettes, or maybe just cut down a little, because they got *too much pleasure from smoking* or felt they would be unable to shake the habit.

"Smoking is one of the few things in life I can possibly enjoy any place outside of church. I will continue smoking," St. Louis radio announcer James Paszerek said.

"I'm not planning to quit. I've been smoking 30 years and I enjoy it," E. J. Dollhopf, Pittsburgh jewelry store manager, said.

Richard Obermaier, 19, Chicago telephoto operator, said, "the report doesn't worry me. I'm in fairly good physical shape. I won't cut back."

"I'd like to give up cigarettes, but I can't. The habit is too strong," New York housewife Saralee G. Braun said. "My husband quit cigarettes, but it was easy for him; he had cigars to fall back on."

Another housewife, Mrs. Geraldine Hodson, 19, Des Moines, Iowa, said "I'm concerned about the reports, but I've tried to stop and I couldn't."

"I really don't believe there's anything to this lung cancer stuff," said Walter Jaworski, Des Moines Jewelry store operator.

"I really think I shouldn't smoke, but it's kind of hard to quit. I'm going to think about it," said Mrs. Norman G. Nelson, Hopkins, Minn.

Mrs. Dominic Gianasi, Cleveland bookkeeper, said she smokes at least three packs a day and "I'm scared. I don't know if I can stop, but I will try—for the Nth time."

*Think of it!*

The "what me worry?" nonchalance in the face of proven *danger* in cigarette smoking is one of the many paradoxes of our time!

Faced with the biggest issues in the history of mankind; faced with the possibility of annihilation of every man, woman and child on the face of the earth; most people are on a *pleasure binge*—seeking only to *satisfy* the lusts of the flesh!

### What Do the Churches Say About It?

When many religionists were asked the question, "Is smoking a *sin*?" the answers ranged from "yes" to "no" to "sometimes." Some even said "maybe."

According to another report by United Press, the opinions of various church leaders "cut across sect lines." As a matter of fact, the United Press Report said "a few noted church officials *smoked* as they voiced their views on the subject," and *that's just it!* They voiced "THEIR VIEWS" but apparently did not bother to research into *the Bible* to find out what GOD says about smoking! One man said those who "fail to make a reasonable attempt to stop smoking are committing a sin." Another theologian said if a person is warned by a physician to stop smoking "and fails to do so, the sin is mortal."

Still another, commenting on the previous quotation, said that he couldn't go along with most of what the other theologian had said.

He continued, "I am smoking a cigar right now and believe there is nothing fundamentally wrong—that's not a sin."

A prominent pastor of a church for 52 years, and a pipe smoker, said "smoking and the use of tobacco are not moral issues but the *personal* business of the individual." He continued, "If it affects his health, *as it undoubtedly does*, and he continues to smoke, I don't think it is a sin but I think it's downright FOOLISH!" (Emphasis mine.) Amazing! With a pipe clamped firmly between his teeth, he stated, "someone continuing to smoke, if it affects his health, is downright foolish!"

Still another leading pastor said, "Smoking is not a sin until it is abused and becomes an uncontrollable habit." (Have you ever seen a smoker who does NOT smoke from habit?)

Some are terribly hard to convince! One minister said, for example, "If smoking is harmful, it is sinful. The question, of course, is whether we have the total proof of its harmfulness."

Still another said, "I would be inclined to say it is up to the individual conscience."

Still another said, "Maybe ministers will have to start smoking behind the barn!" Could YOU base your personal habits on the personal opinions, conflicting points of view, and "watered-down theological approaches you have just read?"

Hardly!

But forgetting, for a moment, the various opinions of people—the way "they look at it"—let's find out what the great Creator in heaven above, who gives you every breath of air you breathe, says about it.

### What Does GOD Say About Smoking?

The conclusive facts concerning cigarette smoking stand firm! There is a PROVED relationship between smoking and lung cancer—and no amount of "reasoning" and "rationalizing" will change, alter, or do away with it.

These plain facts mean if YOU are a smoker—you are smoking *in spite of* grave warnings about the possible consequences. It means you are *deliberately* subjecting *your body* which is meant to be the temple of God's Holy Spirit, to punishment and possible agonizing death!

"But *surely*," one might reason, "the BIBLE doesn't say anything in plain

language about smoking, does it?"

No, the Bible *does not* contain a direct command—"THOU SHALT NOT SMOKE!" But, for that matter, *would men stop smoking if it did?*

The Bible, says, "THOU SHALT NOT KILL!"

Have men everywhere stopped killing?

Notice! God is just as concerned about the motive behind the act as He is about the act itself!

When Jesus Christ *magnified* the inexorable laws of God, He said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery! But I say unto you, that whosoever *looketh* on a woman to *lust* after her HATH COMMITTED ADULTERY WITH HER ALREADY *in his heart!*' (Matt. 5:27-28.)

Jesus said what happened *in the heart* constituted the sin—AS MUCH AS the literal act itself!

The law of God says, "THOU SHALT NOT COVET" or "THOU SHALT NOT LUST!" This point demands of you NOT to do a certain thing! By *doing*, or *committing* the act—you become guilty of *sin!*

To LUST after something—to lust after ANYTHING—constitutes sin! And what *is* sin? "For sin is the *transgression of the law!*" (I John 3:4.)

James, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said: "For whosoever shall keep the *whole law* and yet offend in *one point*, he is guilty of all!" (Jas. 2:10.)

Remember! "... to him that knoweth to *do good*, and doeth it *not*, to him it is *sin!*" (Jas. 4:17.)

*And remember further!* It is Almighty GOD who tells you, in His Word, *WHAT* is sin!

God does not allow any man to decide *WHAT* is sin. He merely allows each individual to choose for himself *WHETHER* he will obey God's law—or commit sin!

The Bible is a *book of law!* There are laws of health, laws of farming, laws of diet, laws of marriage, laws covering every facet of life REVEALED in the Bible!

Jesus said we are to live by EVERY WORD OF GOD! He said any who break even the *least* of God's commandments will be called LEAST in the Kingdom of heaven!

## Why Smokers Smoke

*Why* do people want to smoke? Dr. Heller, Director of the National Cancer Institute, U.S. Public Health Service, said, "Nobody has ever contended that smoking is good for one from a health point of view."

No, they never have! The normal function of the human lungs is drastically impaired by smoking! Not only does smoking prohibit the giving off of poisons which should normally be *exhaled* through the respiratory system, but it takes *in* heavy chemicals and tars, placing them on the walls of the lungs, where they are absorbed into the blood stream. This means your physical health is being impaired—REGARDLESS of the arguments of "long-lived" men who smoked until they were 90!

After the cancer scare, cigarette manufacturers tried to successfully remove the "tars" from the cigarette smoke. They tried to produce an effective "filtering process" that would completely remove the "harmful tars" from the smoke. These tars were found to have been carcinogenic in certain rats, and therefore were linked as a possible irritant which would produce cancer in the human lungs.

BUT! If the cigarette manufacturers *were* to design the "perfect" filter, NO SMOKE WOULD GET THROUGH—THEN WHY SMOKE?

Dr. Heller was asked, "If you had a perfect filter you really wouldn't be smoking, would you?" To this he replied, "Taken to its ultimate conclusion, that's correct. With a perfect filter *no smoke would get through—just hot air!*" (emphasis mine).

People assume smokers use the tobacco weed because they desire merely the effects of the nicotine—the drug contained in the tobacco leaf. But, the findings of the American Cancer Society prove otherwise!

Dr. Heller said, "... Apparently it's the *tars* that give him (the smoker) that sense of *satisfaction!*" (emphasis mine).

With the inhalation of the tar-laden smoke, these tiny particles attach themselves to the cellular walls of the myriad tiny "bubbles" of membrane, or air pockets, in the lungs. Through the entire lungs, an extensive system of capillaries

constantly picks up the oxygen and quickly carries it to all parts of the body. The returning blood is *supposed* to carry waste material, which is then *expelled* through the lungs. These tars, affixing themselves to the walls of the lungs, are absorbed (chemically) into the blood stream. The actual "pleasure" derived by the smoker is the supplying of these tars, carrying nicotine and various chemicals, to every cell of his body!

I used to smoke. I KNOW all the arguments about *why* a person thinks he should go on smoking. I tried to use them all—and even tried to make up some original ones of my own.

But now, years later, I also *know* smoking is not only PHYSICALLY harmful, and now proved deadly dangerous, but that the DESIRE to smoke—the LUST for the smell of burning tobacco—the URGE to SATISFY the body and its carnal, physical desires, is a SPIRITUAL sin as well!

Since smoking is plainly and admittedly seeking gratification of the sensual, physical desires of the SELF—it violates the command of God against coveting, and against idolatry!

Smokers LUST for satisfaction. Perhaps you feel that's an "ugly" word! But it's TRUE! And, even if YOU are *not* a heavy smoker—you *cannot* argue around it, or reason it away, YOU KNOW IT IS LUST!

Your Bible says you should become "*obedient* children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former LUSTS in your ignorance" (I Pet. 1:14).

## Smoking a Double Sin

*Smoking is a physical sin!* Let's understand why.

Christ showed it was *sin* that had crippled the man at the pool called Bethesda, in Jerusalem. In *healing* the man, Jesus said, "SIN NO MORE!" (John 5:14.) Healing, revealed your Savior, is the forgiveness of sin! (Matt. 9:2-7.) But what kind of sin?

*Physical sin!*

There are certain *physical* laws which God has set in motion. Those laws regulate your body, your health, your life! Take, for an example, the law of gravity. It is *real*—although you can't *see* it, you KNOW you'll get hurt if you violate it by a sudden fall! The penalty is *physical*

pain and possible injury.

And so it is with your health! If you put *wrong foods* into your body, or even too much of the **RIGHT** foods, you **SIN** against your body—and there is a penalty exacted! In some cases, the penalty is only temporary—but in others, it may mean permanent injury, or death!

Smoking stands **PROVED** to be a definite **HARM** to the body, as well as a definite **RISK** of getting lung cancer!

But notice further: "What? know ye not that *your body* is the temple of the Holy Spirit . . . and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price, therefore **GLORIFY** God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:19-20). Does it glorify God—honor God our Creator and the One who gives us every *clean* breath of air we breathe—are we being obedient to Him, serving Him, glorifying HIM when we lust for the smell of a burning weed?

God says, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or **WHATSOEVER** ye do, **DO ALL** to the glory of God!" (I Cor. 10:31.) Far from glorifying God, the use of tobacco—**IN ANY FORM**—harms the body, and is offensive, not pleasing, to others around you! Your Bible shows such an act to be *sin!*

But there is **ANOTHER** sin involved!

Just as Dr. Heller said, a smoker can hardly claim he smokes to satisfy *others!* He does it, admittedly, to **SATISFY THE SELF!** It is a desire, a thirst for **SELF-gratification**. It is **LUST!**

It is the *popular* way, the "way of the crowd" to **SATISFY** the self! As the article already quoted said, ". . . It's the tars that give him that sense of *satisfaction* . . . They seem to be the important constituent in the *satisfaction* to the user" (emphasis mine).

But God demands of every Christian that they *come out* of this pleasure-mad, **SELF-satisfying** age! (Rev. 18:4; Rom. 12:2.)

Your Bible describes today's citizen as a person who is a "lover" of **HIS OWN SELF, MORE** than a lover of God (II Tim. 3:2-4). But remember, Jesus plainly showed it was the attitude of the heart that was important—as well as the act itself! What is the *attitude*, the *desire* of one who lusts for the effects of tobacco? It is one of covering, of inordinately desiring that which is harmful!

Paul sternly warned the Christians at Ephesus, "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, *nor covetous man*, who is an *idolater*, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Eph. 5:5). Notice it! Covetousness is also idolatry—putting an object in place of God! And James tells us if we break even **ONE** point we're guilty of all!

The evil desire of the mind—**LUSTING** after tobacco—becomes a matter of spiritual sin—of sin against *character*, as well as harm to the physical body!

Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, showed how Moses chose to suffer the affliction with God's people rather than enjoy the *pleasures* of sin for a season (Heb. 11:25). **WHY?** Because Moses knew that by choosing to forsake the *temporary* pleasures that *seemed* so desirable he could obtain that longer-lasting, satisfying **HAPPINESS** that lies on beyond. Those who seek after the temporary sensual **PLEASURES** are to *howl* for the miseries they reap! (James 5:1-5.) Peter exhorted Christians **NOT** to go according to their former **LUSTS** in **IGNORANCE**, but to be as obedient children! (I Pet. 1:14.) The Christian is commanded to *turn away* from the pleasure-seeking world! (Rev. 18:4.)

#### Forsake All Pleasure?

Does this mean that God has designed that all Christians shall live unhappy, uneventful and devoid-of-pleasure lives? Of course not! Christ said He came *not only* to bring us life—but **LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY!** (John 10:10.)

We were *intended* by the **RULER** of this universe to live happy, eventful, fruitful lives! There are many things which we may **ENJOY** through our senses. The proper enjoyment of the senses is not wrong—but right! But *proper* enjoyment *builds up*—it never dissipates! We derive pleasure from delicious healthful foods—we enjoy seeing beautiful things, we enjoy hearing beautiful music. We were intended to **CULTIVATE** and *use* our senses, but for the *constructive* purposes—*not destructive!* It is the **UPBUILDING** of our health and character for which we seek, not the tearing down—the destruction. *God wants us to be happy and healthy!*

#### Can We Smoke?

The converted child of God has absolutely **FORSAKEN** his own way (Isa. 55:7) and has come to realize that the **WAY** of man is **WRONG** (Prov. 16:25). Then, after conforming with the *conditions*, the repentant sinner is **PROMISED** the Holy Spirit—which is the very *nature* of God. (Acts 2:38; II Pet. 1:4.) If we call ourselves Christians, we're to **GROW DAILY** more like God (Matt. 5:48). Then, instead of seeking to please ourselves by temporary sensual pleasures which dissipate and injure, we are to *forsake* the degenerating habits, and give our lives over to God (Rom. 12:1). We are bought with a price (I Cor. 6:20), and are commanded to **GLORIFY** God in our physical bodies! Are you glorifying God with a cigarette in your mouth?

We should live in **HARMONY** with the laws God has set in motion—not go contrary to them. *Physical* as well as spiritual laws are included. After God has implanted within us that *gift* which we **LACK** to *start* us toward eternal life (Luke 11:13), He tells us **WE ARE HIS TEMPLE!** We have His Holy Spirit abiding within us—*are bought with a price*, and we literally **BELONG** to God!

#### Yes, You CAN Quit!

"Sonny," counseled the elderly man to his grandchild, "don't *ever* take up smoking!"

"But **WHY**, Grandpa?" asked the child, "YOU smoke!"

"I know it, I know it!" he snapped out, "but that's exactly why you should never *start*. I *can't* quit!"

Thousands have said the same thing. Many smokers would *like* to quit, but feel they are unable! God labels smoking as a **SIN**, and tells us, "Let not **SIN** therefore **REIGN** [rule] in your mortal body, that ye should *obey* it in the **LUSTS** thereof" (Rom. 6:12). God has decreed that "**SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER YOU**" (Rom. 6:14).

And by ordering that **NO** sin, *regardless* of what it may be, can "lord it over" you, God extends a definite, specific **PROMISE** to any person who really **WANTS** to quit!

"If we *confess* our sins, He is faithful and just to *forgive* us our sins, *and* to (Please continue on page 43)

# Putting the **EVOLUTION** Concept Into YOUR CHILD'S MIND

(Editor's note: This is the first article ever written for *The PLAIN TRUTH*. This was written five years before the first issue was published in 1934, and by that time it had been forgotten in an old file. We thought, since Mr. Armstrong has not had the time to complete the *Autobiography*, that our readers would enjoy this article.)

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**M**OST of us are outraged when we hear of the wrong being inflicted upon Russian childhood by Russian propagandists. The Soviet Government has compelled the teaching of Communism to Russian children. Thus the Bolsheviks expect to make Russia safe for their particular beliefs.

Yet we give our silent assent to the practice of far more dangerous methods upon our own children.

## In Our Own Schools

This device of controlling education, so that the citizen's ideas are fixed long before he arrives at the years of discretion, is one of the oldest of human customs. If children are caught young enough, their minds can be definitely shaped to accept partisan propaganda for truth.

And now the propagandists for evolutionary science—a theory utterly unproved and by its very nature not subject to definite proof—a theory which makes it impossible to believe the Bible—a theory which strikes at the very roots of fundamental Christian doctrine—have succeeded in having their doctrine taught as established truth in our colleges not only, **BUT THEY ARE PUTTING THE BASIC FOUNDATION OF THE EVOLUTIONARY CONCEPT INTO YOUR CHILD'S MIND IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS, AND EVEN IN THE GRADES.**

So subtly is this done that few, indeed, have realized it. We have simply failed to realize the deep-rooted nature of the doctrine of evolution. And so we left wide open the door of our own children's minds to receive teachings which, later, lead to an easy acceptance of evolution as truth—and a consequent rejection of fundamental Christianity.

It is highly important for us to realize

that evolution is the very basis upon which most of the natural sciences have been developed.

## Concept of Naturalism

Evolution is, in fact, itself a basic CONCEPT. It is a POINT OF VIEW, directly antagonistic to the fundamental Christian point of view. It is the concept that life has developed and advanced, over long ages of time—millions of years—from the simple to the complex—from unintelligence to modern civilization. It is the point of view that we are always *advancing*—everything growing better and better. It is the antithesis of a belief in the fall of man, the need of redemption, or of any sudden supernatural Creation. It is the concept of NATURALISM—the viewpoint that miracles and all things supernatural are an utter impossibility. It is the concept which discards every miracle—every mention of the supernatural—in the Bible as the silly superstitious folklore of an undeveloped past. It is the concept which looks upon man as sufficient unto himself—which denies the possibility of any interference from God—**WHICH HOLDS THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH MAN, BUT NOTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD.**

That is the evolutionary concept. That is the point of view from which every orthodox scientist proceeds. That, then, has become the *approach* by which all subjects are studied and *scientific* (so-called) dogmas fixed. That is the concept—the viewpoint—which is injected INTO THE TEXTBOOKS USED IN HIGH SCHOOLS, AND EVEN IN THE GRADES. That is the concept which our tax-supported public schools are injecting subtly into the immature young minds of our children. Even grade school text-

books are written from this point of view. You'll find it in the geographies, and the histories. It is time for us to awake to the danger.

Listen to the words of Maynard Shipley, [then] president of the Science League of America, and a foremost evolutionist. Evolution, says Mr. Shipley, is the very root of the entire tree of modern natural science. "If you destroy the root," says Shipley, "the tree will fall." Let us realize, too, that evolution strikes at the very ROOT of the entire tree of true Christianity. And if we permit evolution to destroy the root, the entire tree will fall.

"What the friends of science are really supporting, or trying to protect," says Shipley, in a [then] recent article in which he defends the teaching of evolution in tax-supported schools, "is the validity of the *method of science*, and the moral right and duty of the workers in field and laboratory to make known to the students in our tax-supported educational institutions the full results of their researches."

In other words, science is fighting for the right to indoctrinate our children, in the tax-supported schools, "the full results of their researches," which means, simply, the evolutionary concept—the anti-Bible point of view—the Antichrist doctrine with which Satan is poisoning the minds of millions.

## What Is "The Method of Science?"

By that harmless-sounding phrase "the method of science," Shipley means human investigation and research, proceeding from this anti-Bible point of view. "Science commands our respect," he proceeds, "on the ground that its *method* is for all time true—the method, not of tradition or revelation or authority (that

is, not of belief in the authority of the Scriptures or of revelation) but of discovery, careful observation, research, experimentation, comparison, testing, analysis, synthesis. We want to know, not what somebody said that somebody else said, many centuries ago (what Moses said God said), but precisely: 'What are the present facts in the case?' These facts, as fast as discovered, must be set in order, then *interpreted* and accounted for: (according to the evolutionary concept, of course), not in accordance with tradition or unsupported logic, but in accordance with all the knowledge at the moment available. OUR BOYS AND GIRLS ARE ENTITLED TO THE FULL BENEFITS OF THIS METHOD—THE METHOD OF SCIENCE.

"Why, indeed," continues Shipley, "should not all boys and girls be taught at least the elementary principles of biology and geology and astronomy, all of which, I repeat, *are dependent on evolution for their proper understanding?* . . . Perhaps few would deny that we owe the best that modern culture affords to 'all the children of all the people.' TOMORROW THEY WILL BE VOTERS, who may be called upon to decide whether Biology and Geology, *which necessarily involve processes of evolution*, shall be taught at all in Twentieth Century America. Above all, OUR CHILDREN MUST LEARN THAT ALL CONTEMPORARY INVESTIGATION IS FIRMLY BASED UPON THE EVOLUTIONARY CONCEPT."

Does the overwhelming significance of Mr. Shipley's remarks break upon your mind? Surely Mr. Shipley, [then] president of the Science League of America, has thrown down the challenge. His statements should prove a stirring call to arms to every Christian.

By way of illustrating further the Satanic spirit back of the whole movement, the same issue of the same magazine which printed Mr. Shipley's article also printed an excellent outline of fundamental Christian belief, under the glaring caption "FUNNYMENTALS," in a spirit of ridicule.

### A War of the Mind

The forces of Antichrist are organized. The war is on. Not a war of flesh and blood—of firearms and armies and navies

—but a subtle, insidious war ON OUR CHILDREN'S MINDS. Better a thousand times to have our children's bodies slain in a physical war, than have their minds destroyed in this intellectual war of Satan. I repeat, that EVOLUTION IS SATAN'S MOST POWERFUL MODERN WEAPON. It is Christianity's greatest enemy.

I want you to note briefly, now, a few examples of the method of attack upon our children. I quote from the opening paragraphs of the *Ancient History* textbook of Myers, used in many high schools [at the time this article was first written]:

"1. *The Antiquity of Man.*—We do not know when man first appeared upon the earth. We only know that in ages long past, when both the climate and the outline of the continents were very different from what they are at present, primitive man roamed over them with animals now extinct; and that, about 5000 B.C., when the historic curtain first rises, in some favored regions there were nations and civilizations already venerable with age, and possessing arts, governments, and institutions that bear evidence of slow growth through very long periods of time.

"2. *The Prehistoric and the Historic Age.*—The uncounted milleniums which lie back of the time when man began to keep written records of what he thought and did, and of what befell him, are called the Prehistoric Age. The comparatively few centuries of human life which are made known to us through written records comprise the Historic Age.

"3. *How We Learn About Prehistoric Man.*—How, in the absence of written records, are we to find out anything about prehistoric man? In many ways we are able to learn much about him. Thus, for instance, we may regard existing savage and semi-savage races as representing the prehistoric state of the advanced races. As it has been put, what they now are, we once were.

"4. *Divisions of Prehistoric Times.*—The long period of prehistoric times is divided into different ages which are named from the material which man used in the manufacture of his weapons and tools. The earliest epoch is known as the Paleolithic, or Old Stone Age;

the following as the Neolithic, or New Stone Age; and the later period as the Age of Metals. . . . The man of the Old Stone Age saw the retreating glaciers of the last great ice age, of which geology tells us. . . . The length of the Old Stone Age no one knows; we do not attempt to reckon its duration by centuries or milleniums even, but by geological epochs. But we do know—and this is something of vastly greater moment than a knowledge of the duration of the age—that the long slow epochs did not pass away without some progress having been made by primeval man, which assures us that though so lowly a creature, he was a creature endowed with capacity for growth and improvement. Before the end of the age man had learned to use fire."

### Acceptance of Dogma

Can you reconcile these teachings with the veracity of Holy Scripture? Here, in a high-school textbook, is a common example of the evolutionary concept as the basis of knowledge. The high school student is taught, not as theory, but as indisputable *fact*, the imaginary existence of long geological ages—that our forefathers were low savage and semi-savage races, from which modern civilization has developed.

Does the high-school youth question the authority of such statements? Naturally not. He accepts them as truth. And thus the evolutionary point of view is planted securely in his mind. He takes this concept for granted. A young mind in which such basic ideas have been grounded is well prepared to accept evolution as such when he reaches his freshman year in college.

The tools of modern science are OBSERVATION, and REASON. Science, especially the natural and philosophical branches, is largely occupied with *explaining* things observed. The errors of science lie not in inaccurate observation and measurement. The mistakes and absurdities of science may be traced to its uniform insistence of explaining and interpreting everything observed from the evolutionary concept. Dr. More, in his book, "The Dogma of Evolution," well says: "Scientific men do carefully sift the accuracy of observations and measurements, while they are at the

same time *singularly indifferent toward the manifest absurdity of many of the 'scientific' hypotheses.*"

I do not say that all science is false. Indeed, there is no conflict whatever between TRUE science and TRUE religion, or a true interpretation of the Bible. True science is Truth. True religion is Truth. And the word of God is Truth. Truth does not contradict itself. Religion, indeed, owes much to modern science. The more practical and mechanical branches of science have produced much which contributes toward our daily comfort, happiness, and well-being.

We may well realize that, insofar as the modern scientist confines his efforts to pure observation and measurement, he is invariably careful, cautious, accurate, and trustworthy. His tremendous mistake consists in his false REASONING, from the viewpoint which rejects the power of God, and the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God. "The fear of the ETERNAL is the BEGINNING of wisdom," and of knowledge. When our learned scientist scoffs at the miracles of the Bible; when he denies to God the power to interfere in any supernatural way with the works of His own Creation, and "receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God," which "are foolishness unto him;"—then his vaunted "wisdom of this world is FOOLISHNESS with God." That, as nearly as I can express it, is the Bible definition of when we may accept the findings of science, and when they should be rejected.

It is well for us to bear in mind that all of the phenomena of nature which our modern scientists explain from the evolutionary viewpoint are more rationally explained from the viewpoint of "the fear of the ETERNAL," which is the BEGINNING of wisdom and knowledge.

### Why Scientists Rejected the Bible

The pity of it all is that, when the modern scientific movement was generated by such men as Copernicus and Galileo, humanity was groping in a degenerated age of darkness, ignorance, and superstition. Paganism, falsely labeled "CHRISTIANITY" held a deceived world in ignorance. The world was supposed to be flat. The sun and the moon were thought to be only a few

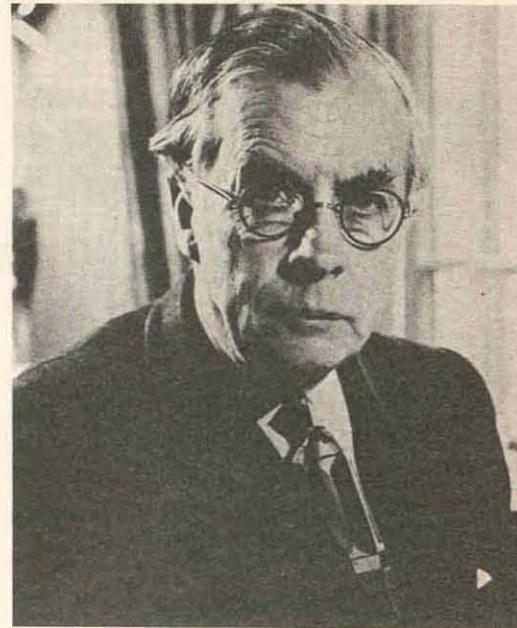
Right, Sir Julian Huxley, world-famous British author and evolutionary biologist. He, perhaps more than any other living scientist, has propelled education down the road of evolutionary speculation.

Wide World Photo

miles distant. Religion revolved on a concept of God as literally near to the earth. Such ignorant conceptions were taught as Bible doctrine. Indeed, many scientists today believe such ridiculous notions *to be* the teaching of the Bible. But the Bible nowhere says the earth is flat. Job knew the earth was round, and he knew of the distance from the earth of the various planets and the stars. The ignorant conceptions associated with a flat earth were merely the heritage of the medieval dark ages, under a degenerate, apostate, and paganized religious domination.

Yet, today science holds up the example of how, in the day of Copernicus, Religion fought the development of a true knowledge of astronomy by science, and how today we realize that Religion was wrong, and Science was right. This is held up as an example of the present struggle between Science and Religion over the question of Evolution, and Science assures us we will one day look back with the same amusement at present-day fundamental conceptions of a Creating God, that we now look back upon the Dark-Age belief in a flat earth. The fact is, that, developing in an age of ignorance and mental degeneration, the exponents of modern science have accepted the Middle-Age concept of religion which was pure paganism, the antithesis of the BIBLE teaching, and proceeded upon their present evolutionary concept *more* because of their reluctance to accept the religious doctrines of ignorant paganism falsely *calling* itself Christian, and the BIBLE doctrine of Special Creation, than because of any *evidence of evolution*. Evolution is wholly the result of inductive processes of reasoning.

The greatest weapon against the insidious poison of evolutionary propaganda is sound Bible TRUTH. Not the ridiculous ideas of the ignorant Middle Ages—but SOUND BIBLE TRUTH. It is *lack* of sound Bible teaching which alone must be blamed for the spread of the Devil's greatest intellectual weapon.



Science never has, and never will discover any evidences in nature which contradict *sound* Bible Truth. They may find much which disputes careless, willful, and false interpretations of the Bible. And the ASSUMPTIONS, GUESSES, HYPOTHESES, THEORIES, and INTERPRETATIONS and CONCLUSIONS placed by science upon its observed and measured findings may run diametrically counter to sound Bible doctrine, and to Truth. But a true UNDERSTANDING of the Bible—a rare thing, indeed—will always prove the key and the very basis for the understanding of all things. Truly, of all the things in which human man falls short, he has no greater shortcoming than a lack of UNDERSTANDING.

We come, now, to the question:

What can we do about it?

### The Need for Ambassador Colleges

Our schools and our colleges are handicapping our children, before they start out in life, by substituting false propaganda for Truth—by implanting the ready-made doctrines of Antichrist in the plastic minds of youth. Virtually every college graduate is an evolutionist, today. The evolutionist confidently assures us that only the ignorant and the superstitious reject the "truth" of evolution.

Science is fighting for the right to teach all children—the FUTURE VOTERS, as Mr. Shipley so significantly remarks—the atheistic, Bible-rejecting ev-

(Please continue on page 48)

# How to be an OVERCOMER

*WHY are we not more successful in living up to God's standard? WHY do we slip and fall occasionally? Here is how YOU can overcome where you are weakest and hardest tempted!*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**D**O YOU have some "besetting sin"—some point of weakness, perhaps secret, you have been unable to overcome?

Have *you* ever met temptation, struggled with it, only to wake up a little later to the remorseful fact that you had slipped, and failed to overcome?

Or perhaps you are struggling with some habit that holds you as its slave—struggling, wrestling, always fighting it, yet somehow never able to conquer it.

## Only the Overcomers

These things are serious. We *must* overcome these sins, these habits, these sudden temptations—be cleansed of them thoroughly—if we expect to inherit eternal life.

"To him that OVERCOMETH," says Jesus, "will I grant to sit with me in my throne."

"He that OVERCOMETH, and keepeth my works unto the end, *to HIM* will I give power over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21.)

Not all are even called, now. Many, tho they may have *heard* the true message, have never received a conscious convicting KNOWLEDGE of the truth. This is not the time when God is calling them.

But God is now calling *SOME* to a life of separation—to a new and different and Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life—in order that they may be wholly CLEANSED of sin, and that they may GROW in grace and knowledge, thus being prepared, trained, fitted for a position of solemn responsibility—that of king or priest—in God's KINGDOM! And it is *only* those who qualify by the training, the overcoming, the spiritual development and growth, DURING THIS PRESENT LIFE, who shall thus reign with Christ. Study the parable of the pounds, in Luke 19:11-27.

So the Christian life is a new and a different life—an OVERCOMING life. Sin

must be torn out, root and branch. We must be made righteous, holy.

## Why We Stumble and Fall

Why, then, do so many of us continually stumble and fall? Yes, even those who do strive, struggle, and even PRAY, and PRAY for help, for victory, over some vicious habit? WHY?

First, notice a portion of Paul's instruction to the Philippians.

"And be found in Him, not having mine OWN righteousness, which is of the law, but *that which is through the faith of Christ*, the righteousness WHICH IS OF GOD *by faith.*" (Phil. 3:9.)

Notice, it is not OUR righteousness, but GOD'S.

David was inspired to write: "All thy Commandments are righteousness." (Ps. 119:172.) Yes, and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law. (Rom. 13:10.)

## The Kind of Love Required

Right here is one trouble. Too many Commandment-keepers are struggling along, trying to keep the Commandments in their own power and strength—thinking it is THEIR own personal human love that fulfills the Law!

Too many "Commandment-keepers" have only been converted to the ARGUMENT of keeping God's Commandments, and have never really EXPERIENCED definite salvation—for a real conversion is a DEFINITE EXPERIENCE! Such people need to go to a private place, alone with God, and get to their knees, and pour out their hearts to God, and stay with it until they really KNOW they are converted by GOD'S POWER, and have received His blessed Holy Spirit!

No wonder so many become continually discouraged, and feel like giving up!

We do not even HAVE the kind of love that fulfills God's law and makes us righteous! LOVE is of God, for God IS love! And it takes "the love of God," shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5), to fulfill the law,

make us Commandment-keepers, and give us GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). We are carnal. It takes a SPIRITUAL love to fulfill a spiritual law. The Holy Spirit within us is merely GOD'S LAW IN ACTION! And since God alone can supply the LOVE that makes us righteous, it becomes GOD'S righteousness, not ours.

## How to Get Faith

But how do we receive this LOVE? Note again the Scripture quoted above: "... the righteousness which is of God BY FAITH."

It comes, then, by FAITH. Now most people seem to believe that the FAITH, by which we must receive everything God gives us, is something that we, ourselves, must work up and supply, by some kind of hard effort. And it does become *such an effort*, doesn't it, trying to strive to have FAITH?

Foolish babes in Christ! Can't we see that if WE were able to supply the faith which brings all else that we, ourselves, would earn our own salvation by WORKS? It would be the kind of righteousness that is only FILTHY RAGS to God!

Stop trying to work up faith. YOU have no faith. The Scripture above speaks only of "THE FAITH OF CHRIST!" Not *your* faith—CHRIST'S faith. Jesus had REAL FAITH! He performed miracles! And he rose from the dead—and HE LIVES.

Here is the secret! He gives—He imparts—HIS strong faith to you and to me! Yes, even FAITH is a gift of God—one of the spiritual GIFTS. (Eph. 2:8; and I Cor. 12:9.)

Then how shall we go about getting more of it? By yielding, submitting our desires, our purposes, our wills, to HIM, by ASKING Him in real earnest persevering prayer, and by trusting Him to give it!

*(Please continue on page 44)*

# The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

## CHAPTER SIXTY-NINE

### THOSE INFAMOUS PHILISTINES

**W**HEN Jephthah returned to Mizpah after his victory over the Ammonites, he approached his home to see his only child dance out of his house to meet him! (Judges 11:34.)

#### Doing What Seems Right

He remembered then the vow he had made to God before the battle. Jephthah was so upset that he tore his coat to shreds. As his daughter rushed to meet him, he seized her in a fond embrace. Then he told her of the vow he had made. It was a shock to her, but she didn't complain.

"If you have made a vow to God," she told her father, "then you must keep it. God has given you a victory over the Ammonites, as you asked, so do with me according to your promise in this matter."

A vow to God is something that should be made very seldom—if ever. Jephthah began to realize that he had been very foolish in making such a rash vow. But, thinking any vow was binding, he was determined to carry it out, even though God certainly disapproved of such an act. The lesson God wants us to learn from the book



Jephthah sadly told his daughter, while he held her, of the terrible vow he had made.

of Judges is recorded in the last chapter: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." (Judges 21:25.) God had forbidden them to do what was right in their own eyes. (Deuteronomy 12:8.)

"Before I go," Jephthah's daughter told him, "I should like to take two months to visit my friends who live in various places in the nearby mountains, as I shall probably never see them again!"

Jephthah readily agreed. (Judges 11:35-38.) At the end of two months she dutifully returned home. The Bible doesn't explain the details of what happened. It merely concludes: ". . . she returned unto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed . . ." (Judges 11:39.) Though some commentators have thought Jephthah kept his daughter a perpetual virgin, the Jews and most commentators have understood this tragic story as it is explained in the King James translation of the Bible.

Jephthah learned a mighty lesson. He discovered, through this tragedy, the real lesson of faith—that one does not have to vow to God in order to have Him perform what He has promised. What God expects is that we learn to trust Him in everything. When Jephthah finally learned that lesson, he became an outstanding example of faith. Paul even referred to him in Hebrews 11:32 as one of the outstanding examples of faith in the Old Testament.

It later became a custom in Israel for the young women to spend four days of every year in expressing sorrow for Jephthah's daughter. (Judges 11:40.)

When the other tribes of Israel heard that their brothers east of the Jordan had freed themselves from the Ammonites, they reacted in various ways. It should have been a cause for happy celebration, but the people of Ephraim didn't see it that way. They were offended because they hadn't been given part of the glory Jephthah's army earned in fighting the Ammonites. In fact, they were so irked that they formed an army and marched northward to a spot where they could cross the Jordan river and then headed eastward to confront Jephthah.

"Why didn't you let us in on your battle with the Ammonites?" they angrily asked. "Were you trying to take all the glory of winning for yourself? You have acted in an unbrotherly and selfish manner, and for that we should set fire to your home and burn it down on you!"

This was an unfair charge and a ridiculous threat, but Jephthah didn't lose his temper.

"There was no time to lose in preparation against the Ammonites," he explained. "If you had wanted to help, you could have volunteered whatever number of men you might have quickly gotten together when I asked you for help. But you sent no

one. So now you have no good reason to complain. Thousands of men, including myself, risked their lives against the enemy, but God delivered us and the matter is over. What, therefore, is your reason for bringing an army to fight me?" (Judges 12:1-3.)

Jephthah's words only served to stir the Ephraimites to greater anger. They began shouting childish insults at the eastern Israelites.

### Where Brotherly Envy Leads

"You men of the Gilead area have no national pride!" they yelled. "You are trying to establish a country all of your own, but you won't succeed because you are only the outcasts and the scum of Israel!"

These groundless affronts stung the Gileadites, and though Jephthah tried to keep them under control, the continued yells of contempt soon developed into the action of attack. It wasn't long before a battle was raging.

The Ephraimites had come as the angry ones, but Jephthah's men, after all those insulting remarks, had greater anger, and they fell against their brothers with such power that they quickly defeated the men of Ephraim, who broke ranks and fled in fear and confusion in all directions. Jephthah knew that eventually they would all move to cross the Jordan westward to get back to their home territory to the south, so he ordered his men to rush to the places at the river where it was possible to ford it. He felt that people who had such a miserable attitude should be punished, and God allowed him to do just that.

At first the Gileadites had difficulty in identifying people because there were so many crossing the Jordan. To get safely across, the Ephraimites tried to pose as people from east of the Jordan so that they wouldn't be attacked. Then someone thought of a good way to determine which were Ephraimites. Each man, as he approached the river, was asked to pronounce the word "shibboleth." Persons who were east of the Jordan could pronounce it correctly, but Ephraimites, because of their particular manner of speaking, couldn't bring themselves to say "shibboleth" but insisted it was "sibboleth." All those who mispronounced the word were slain. By the time the matter was finished, forty-



Strangers who tried to cross westward over the Jordan were stopped by the Gileadites, who slew them if they were unable to pronounce the word *Shibboleth*.

two thousand Ephraimites were dead! (Judges 12:4-6.)

As the elders of Gilead had promised, Jephthah was made judge of northern Israel. He died after being in power for six years. During the next twenty-five years three other judges ruled that part of Israel. None of them did anything particularly eventful, but in those years there was a degree of peace and prosperity in that region. (Judges 12:7-15.)

While all this was taking place, the state of affairs in other parts of Israel varied from fair to miserable. When the Ammonites, years previously, had moved in from the east, the Philistines had come into Canaan from the southwest. All during the time the northern Israelites were troubled by the Ammonites, and during the time of peace that followed Jephthah's victory, most of the rest of Israel was suffering from the inroads by the Philistines. By the time Gideon had died, the people of northern Israel had begun again to fall toward idolatry. Soon northern Israel had fallen away from God's ways to a great extent, and curses were beginning to fall on them. With southern Israel almost completely in the hands of the Philistines, all of the Israelites were once again embroiled in calamity of their own making.

In those days there was a Danite named Manoah who lived in the town of Zorah, which was in the tribe of Dan near the border between the territories of Dan and Judah. It was about twenty miles west of Jerusalem, and in the land occupied by the Philistines.

#### Christ Was No Nazarite

Manoah had been married for several years, and though he hoped to rear a large family, his wife had no children. As time went on, the couple had to face the discouraging possibility that Manoah's wife was incapable of bearing children.

One day when Manoah's wife was alone, a strange man came to speak to her. She was startled at the sight of the stranger because of his outstanding appearance. He had unusually expressive and piercing eyes, and gave the impression that he was a man of exceptional and even terrible power.

"I know that you haven't been able to have children," he said to Manoah's wife, "but now I want you to know that soon you shall give birth to a son. Listen to my instructions. This son of yours shall be under the vow of a nazirite from the time he is born till his death. Therefore you should not drink wine or strong drink while your son is on the way. And don't eat any food that is unclean. This son of yours shall grow up to be a special person who shall start to deliver Israel out of the power of the Philistines! (Judges 13:1-5.)

What Manoah's wife did then will be related a few paragraphs later. The vow

of a nazirite should first be explained. When the Israelites camped at Mt. Sinai and received from God complete instructions on how to conduct themselves rightly, those directions included what should be done if one decided to give himself or herself over to special service to God for any chosen period of time, whether it was for a month, a year, or several years. This promise to go into such special service was known as the vow of a nazirite.

Anyone who made such a vow was to do three things: Drink no alcoholic drink nor consume grapes or any product of grapes such as vinegar or raisins; touch no dead body; refrain from cutting the hair. (Numbers 6.) Manoah's son was to observe these rules all his life, and Manoah's wife was to observe them until her son was weaned.

Because Christ was born in the town of Nazareth in the land of Galilee, the word nazirite is sometimes erroneously connected with the place of Jesus' birth. For this reason Christ is sometimes referred to as a nazirite. Inasmuch as the Son of God led a perfect life while in human form, there was hardly any necessity for his making a vow to be of special service. And not having made such a vow, there was no reason for Him to observe the three rules that a nazirite was obliged to follow.

Nevertheless, some insist that Christ lived the role of a nazirite. The truth is that Christ didn't have long hair as he is so often pictured. He wasn't averse to drinking wine or grape juice. The New Testament several times mentions the fact that Christ drank wine. (Matthew 11:18-19; Luke 5:29-30.) He also had no aversion to touching a dead body. He was a Nazarene, a native of Nazareth, but never a nazirite. Christ did not live by the rules of the nazirite vow, for these things Jesus did would have broken the nazirite vow. That would have been sin. If Christ had sinned, He could not have become our Savior. (II Corinthians 5:20-21.)

The stranger who had appeared to Manoah's wife left as suddenly and mysteriously as he had arrived. Manoah's wife immediately went to him and excitedly told him what had taken place.

#### An Amazing Visitor

"I asked him his name but he neither answered my question nor told me where he came from!" she exclaimed. "He was such an unusual man that I felt as though I were in the presence of someone holy!" (Judges 13:2-7.)

Manoah was at first inclined to believe that his wife's imagination was a bit overactive, but the more he thought about what she had told him the more he came to believe that some person sent by God had spoken to his wife. The matter began to weigh so heavily on his mind that he prayed that God would again send the mysteri-

ous man to give them further instructions as to how they should rear the son who would come to them.

A few days later, when Manoah was working in his fields at a distance from his home, his wife was at the same time working in an area close to their home. She stopped to rest, and it was then that the mysterious stranger suddenly appeared again to her. She was greatly startled, and ran to her husband to tell him that the person who had predicted she would have a son was again present. Manoah hurried back with his wife to find a man who exactly fitted the description she had given him days before.

"Are you the one who spoke to my wife a few days ago?" Manoah asked a bit hesitantly.

"I am the same," the stranger answered.

"You predicted we would have a son," Manoah went on. "We would like to learn in more detail how we should rear him."

"I have already given your wife instructions," the stranger replied. "If you hold to them, you will do well." He then repeated those instructions to refresh their memories. (Judges 13:8-14.)

Manoah believed that this man was some kind of a prophet in whom he could rely, and he was so pleased to know that his wife would have a son that he asked the man to stay until a young goat could be broiled for a special feast. The stranger told Manoah that he wouldn't stay to eat, but that if he wished to cook meat, it should be offered as a sacrifice to God.

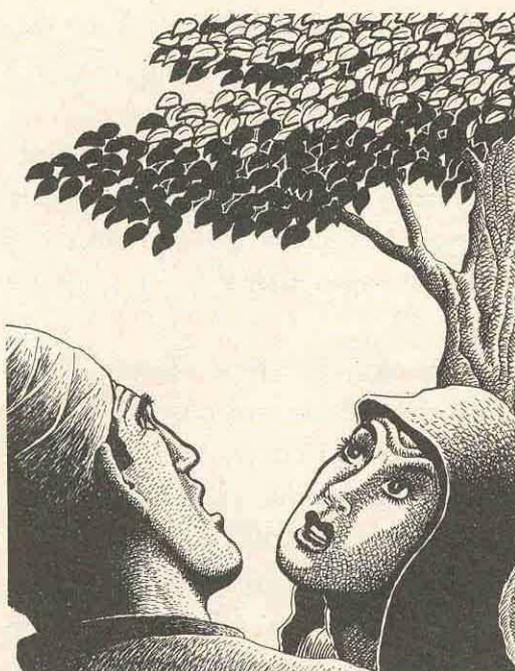
The more Manoah talked with the stranger, the more curious he became about his identity.

"What is your name?" he finally inquired boldly. "We would like to know so that we may rightly honor you when your predictions come true and our son is born."

"By now you should realize that my name should be kept secret," the stranger replied. "Therefore you shouldn't ask about it."

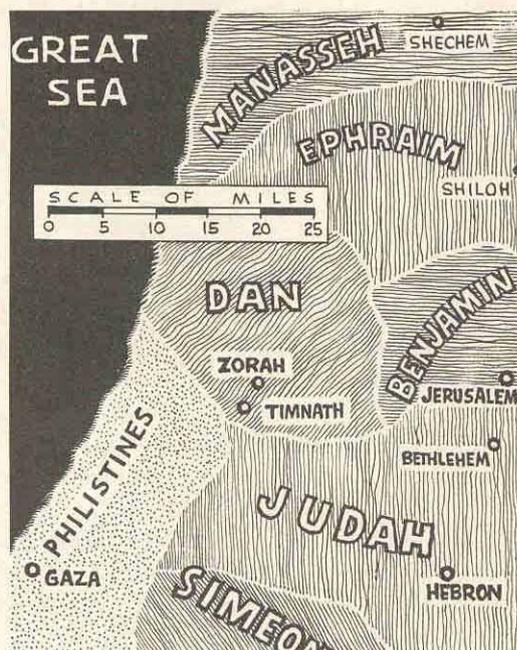


Manoah was startled to meet the unusual man who had previously visited his wife.



When Manoah and his wife looked up again, the stranger had disappeared out of sight in the sky!

Area in southwestern Canaan where Samson spent his unusual life.



Manoah still didn't understand who the man was, but he did as suggested and placed a dressed young goat on a nearby large flat-topped rock. As he stepped back to pick up some sticks to make a fire, the stranger pointed at the rock. Flames shot up out of it! Then, as Manoah and his wife stared, he stepped onto the rock and miraculously shot upward with the flames and smoke!

Manoah and his wife were so startled at the sight and by the sudden realization that this man was a visitor from God that they fell fearfully to the ground. When finally they looked around, they saw no sign of the stranger. (Judges 13:15-20.)

"We must have seen God!" Manoah muttered. "No one can look on God and live! We'll surely be struck dead because of this!"

His wife wasn't so alarmed about the matter. She comforted him by pointing out that if God intended to strike them dead, He wouldn't have accepted their sacrifice and He wouldn't have told them that they would soon have a son. (Judges 13:21-23.)

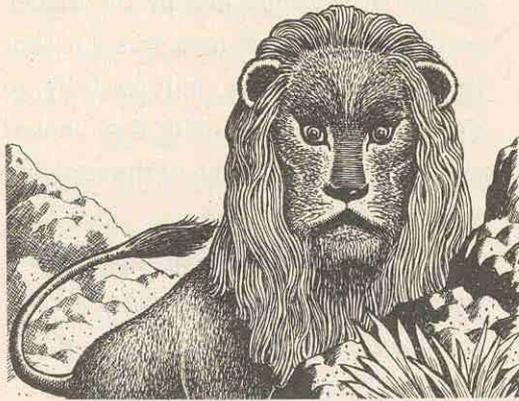
The couple had not actually seen God. The stranger was either an angel or Jesus Christ in human form. If it had been Christ manifesting Himself in His natural spirit state, Manoah and his wife would not have been able to look and live.

Eventually a son was born to Manoah's wife. He was named Samson.

He grew up to be an exceptionally strong young man who felt very forcefully that something should be done to free his people from the control and influence of the Pagan Philistines. (Judges 13:24-25.)

One day when he was in the town of Timnath, a few miles south of his birthplace, he met a Philistine woman and, after becoming better acquainted, they fell in love and decided to marry. He immediately returned home to tell his father and mother that he wanted them to visit the Philistine woman's parents and arrange for his marriage to their daughter.

Manoah and his wife were shocked and disappointed that their only son should choose to marry a foreign woman instead of a daughter of his own people. They did not realize God was using this situation to begin delivering Israel from the Philistines.



Samson was unaware that a hungry lion was waiting for him to come up the trail!

Samson was so insistent that they finally went to Timnath.

Samson went with them. At one point he went on ahead for some distance to see if the trail were safe. Suddenly a large lion came roaring out from behind a boulder! Unarmed, Samson quickly turned to face the fierce beast with his bare hands as it lunged upon him! (Judges 14:1-5.)

*(To be continued next issue)*

## TRUTH about TONGUES!

*(Continued from page 12)*

great authority and power in His Kingdom. For he *refuses to* SUBMIT to his Maker and to God's commandments!

In the *Post* article, one prominent Protestant minister said he was interested in the tongues movement because he was trying to find "the life of the New Testament." He said: "We've got to find this, because if we don't, we're going out of business."

So WHERE does he look for the "life of the New Testament"? At *human emotions* and the actions of literal DEMONS on the spines and bodies of human beings!

When this minister—as others—looked into the New Testament, did he

ever find that Jesus participated in emotion-filled meetings with screaming and shouting, sobbing and throbbing human beings worked up to an emotional pitch of excitement through repetitive songs, phrases and chants? Did he ever find that Peter did this, or Paul?

*Of course not!*

But since mankind has—for nearly six thousand years now—been UNWILLING to accept the plain, clear instruction of God to OBEY His commands, it has had to seek out every weird and devious idea, doctrine and practice conceivable in its vain and desperate search for "something that satisfies"!

WHEN WILL WE WAKE UP?

Jesus came preaching the "Kingdom" or Government of God (Mark 1:14). He clearly revealed that the Message of that Kingdom involved *obedience* to the LAWS contained in the Ten Commandments (Luke 16:16-17).

As we noted, He said to the seeker after eternal life: "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!" (Mat. 19:17).

Even *after* His death and resurrection, Christ taught His disciples the Message of the Kingdom or GOVERNMENT of God (Acts 1:3).

Philip later preached this Message to the Samaritans (Acts 8:12). Paul preached this Message to the *Gentiles* at Ephesus (Acts 20:25). And he—the Apostle to the *Gentiles*—completed his ministry by preaching the "Kingdom of God" to the Gentiles at Rome (Acts 28:31).

God's Kingdom has LAWS—and keep-

ing these laws becomes a WAY OF LIFE.

### God's WAY in Action

In the soon-coming rule of Jesus Christ over this earth: "The LAW shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:2). Then people *everywhere*—ALL peoples and nations—will learn the WAY of peace, happiness and prosperity through *obedience* to the commandments and laws of their Maker!

They will find it is not so weird and difficult, after all, to refrain from killing, stealing, lying, committing adultery and going after various false gods of DEMONISM.

They will learn that God does, indeed, impart POWER. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of *power* and of *love* and of a *sound mind*" (II Tim. 1:7).

Most of all, they will utilize the POWER of God's Holy Spirit to overcome human lusts and emotions so that—through HIS divine nature placed within them (II Pet. 1:4)—they WILL be able to keep the laws of God and live by His ways. They will have the divine LOVE given by God's Spirit (Rom. 5:5) to help them *love* and *worship* God, and to *love* and *serve* their fellow man according to God's commandments (I John 5:3).

Because man is forbidden to kill, they will have PEACE—for the first time in human history!

Because man is forbidden to commit adultery or even to lust after another woman—and because man and wife are commanded to "cleave" together and obey God's instructions for a happy home—they will have HAPPY MARRIAGES brimful and running over with JOY! Because man is forbidden to steal and lie, there will be no trickery and thievery!

This is the WAY OF LIFE which will be produced by the *true* Spirit of God placed in man after Christ's return (Ezek. 36:26-28).

### Strive for a SOUND MIND

This is the "life of the New Testament" if you really want it! THIS is the "fruit" or *result* of God's Holy Spirit inspiring and leading the converted human being!

Oh, yes! The *true* gift of *divine*

*healing*—without a lot of hooplah, fanfare and emotion—is *definitely* one of the gifts of God's Spirit. And, of course, the true gift of "tongues" itself has—at various times in the Christian era—been manifested as a "sign" to the UNBELIEVERS (I Cor. 14:22) who themselves speak a *foreign language*. But this gift—as others—was NEVER accompanied by unbridled human emotion or by selfish, carnal human beings desperately trying to shout and scream and whine and "pray down" God's Spirit in this manner!

*Make no mistake!* The inspired *examples* of your Bible make the above statements abundantly clear to anyone with an open mind and heart!

If you wish *further* information on "speaking in tongues," write *immediately* for our attractive, *free* booklet, "*The TONGUES Question.*" This will give even more complete information and explanation on this subject, and will answer more in detail some of the carnal "arguments" thrown up by people deceived and ensnared in the "tongues" movement.

In addition, write for Mr. Armstrong's important booklet entitled: "*Does God Heal Today?*" It will make clear how—

and in what manner—God does expect us to rely on Him for healing.

Also, on the subject of salvation itself, write for our free booklet: "*Just What Do You Mean—Born Again?*" And its important companion booklet: "*What is Salvation?*"

Meanwhile, let's understand the TRUTH about "bolts of lightning" running up and down people's spines, about strange, unknown utterances called "tongues," about shimmering, dancing lights in dark rooms, scratchings on the walls or voices in the night. If you value your prospect of *eternal life* or even your very SANITY of mind, then learn to heed the Biblical injunction: "Try the spirits whether they are of God. . . ."

If you are sincerely looking for the "life of the New Testament," then by all means STUDY the New Testament itself—not some book of men written about the New Testament! Read carefully the *example* and *practice* of Jesus Christ and His apostles—and *follow it!*

Realize that *true* Christianity is the religion of *Christ*—and that the Holy Spirit is indeed the Spirit of a SOUND MIND, and of a truly *surrendered* and OBEDIENT mind.

## What Is FREEDOM?

(Continued from page 6)

nearly 6000 years ago, he too chose to follow in Satan's footsteps rather than obey the laws of freedom that God offered to him. He went the way of his *human nature*, rather than using God's strength to *overcome* his human nature and live by God's laws of love which bring perfect freedom.

When first created, Adam was for a short moment living a life of complete freedom! He and his wife were the only human beings on earth, and therefore *free from any enemy*. All that they saw was theirs—they were not placed in a primitive jungle. They were given the complete freedom of a beautiful garden, manicured and planted and planned by the Creator God Himself! Food was on every tree—therefore they were *free from hunger and want*.

*The only freedom they did not have was the freedom to cause themselves*

*harm!*

Yet Adam and his wife took the liberty of taking the only thing that was not theirs and, in so doing, opened a Pandora's box of evil that is still producing its fruit to this day!

Immediately after Adam and his wife chose to go *their own way*—as opposed to GOD'S WAY—the TRUE freedoms they had were stripped from them! They were *no longer free* to roam through the garden that God had created for them. They *no longer had free access* to the very tree of life! Now their only freedom was freedom to sweat and toil and labor to produce enough food from an unyielding and thistle-infested ground to feed their mouths and the mouths of their children (Gen. 3:17-19). Their first-born son became a murderer—and that of his own brother. Adam found out the HARD WAY that

sin *confines* and *withholds* and *denies*—that SIN (which I John 3:4 defines as “the transgression of the law”) is NOT *the way to freedom and life’s blessings!*

Adam’s descendants went from bad to worse. God finally had to cut off even the breath of life from the nostrils of all but eight souls. Each man, going *his OWN way*, brought such chaos, pain and agony to this world that God destroyed it with a flood. And God warns us in His Word that, “As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” (Matt. 24:37). Read God’s description of the way things were just before the Flood. It’s like today’s world: “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5).

What happened? “. . . The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to *reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be PUNISHED*; but *CHIEFLY* them that walk after the flesh and the lust of uncleanness, and *DESPISE GOVERNMENT!*” (II Pet. 2:4-10.)

*God will not save any soul He does not govern!* Do not misunderstand—your keeping of the law does not save you—but unless you do keep the law *GOD will not save you!*

### Is There a Way to Freedom?

Perhaps you have been deceived along with the rest of the world into thinking—as Satan did, as Adam did, as the men of Noah’s day did, as Nimrod and every other rebel against the laws of God in all history did—that the laws of God are harsh and unjust! That the laws of God curtail freedom, that the laws of God are pinched and old-fashioned. That the laws of God are evil!

But what does your Creator-God in the New Testament say?

God tells us that He created mankind in the first place with the downward pull of human nature *for a PURPOSE*—“For the creature [creation] was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath *subjected the same in HOPE*” (Rom. 8:20). Did God plan to *leave* us hopelessly entangled in the mess and problems in which we find ourselves? Moffatt’s translation of

the Bible answers: “. . . The hope being that creation as well as man would one day be freed from its thralldom to decay and *gain the GLORIOUS FREEDOM of God’s children*. To this day, we know, the entire creation sighs and throbs with pain [as a result of SIN great deserts cover vast areas of the earth, the air we breathe is polluted, the waters we drink are polluted, etc.] and not only so, but even we ourselves, who have the spirit as a foretaste of the future, even we sigh deeply to ourselves as we wait for the redemption of the body that means our full sonship!” (Rom. 8:21-23, Moffatt Translation.)

Yes, the TRUE FREEDOM that this world is searching for is offered to us by our CREATOR-GOD! If we will learn to be subject to the laws of *His Kingdom*, He will invite us to be very members of that Kingdom! Sons of God in every sense of the meaning of the word *son!* When we come to that point we will be ULTIMATELY FREE!

*The glorious liberty that Paul talks about in this book of Romans is the abundant, joy-filled, law-abiding life—the life that God Himself lives!*

But as even the wise men of our world have pointed out, you cannot have freedom without law. The question to ask is: WHOSE LAW? By now you must see that only God who is the original Law-giver can be the One to answer that question!

*And He does answer it!*

James, the brother of Jesus Christ and an Apostle of the New Testament church, writes, “ACT on the word, instead of *merely listening* to it and *de-luding* yourselves, for whoever listens and does nothing, is like a man who glances at his natural face in a mirror; he glances at himself, goes on, and at once forgets what he is like. Whereas he who gazes into the FAULTLESS LAW OF FREEDOM and remains in that position, proving himself to be no forgetful listener but an ACTIVE AGENT, *he will be blessed in his activity*” (Jas. 1:22-25, Moffatt Translation).

### New Testament Law Different?

Many people today think that Jesus Christ was included among the rebels against the law of God—that He came to do away with the harsh judgments

of His Father! Yet by His own words He stated—“Think NOT that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am NOT come to destroy, but to fulfill” (Matt. 5:17.) You might have thought before that this law of liberty that James, Jesus’ brother, is talking about is some nebulous “law of love” that doesn’t really have any definition—perhaps a moral code that each individual must find on his own!

But that is not the case—James *explains very specifically* which law that law of liberty is! “For whoever obeys the whole of the law, and only makes a single slip, is guilty of everything. He who said, *Do not commit adultery* also said, *Do not kill*. Now if you do not commit adultery but if you kill, you have transgressed the law!” (Jas. 2:10-11, Moffatt Translation.) Very plainly the law being spoken of here is the TEN COMMANDMENTS.

THESE ARE THE LAWS OF LIBERTY THAT EXPRESS GOD’S CHARACTER. These are the laws of liberty that God is going to require YOU to follow if YOU are ever going to be His Son! “Speak, act, as those who are to be judged by the law of freedom!” (Jas. 2:12, Moffatt Translation.)

### This IS the Gospel

The Gospel that Jesus Christ taught was NOT a gospel of *rebellion!* It was NOT a gospel of *doing away with law and order* that His Father had established! It is NOT a new preachment of *freedom without law!*

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD!* A Kingdom must have four basic things: *First* of all it must have a king or governing leader; *second*, it must have subjects or inhabitants; *third*, it must have an area or territory for the subjects to inhabit; and *fourth*, it must have laws to govern those subjects or inhabitants.

God’s Kingdom is very real—not some figment of the imagination! The Kingdom of God has all of the attributes of any kingdom. The KING of God’s Kingdom is God Himself! (Rev. 19:16). The SUBJECTS in God’s Kingdom are those individuals who *repent* of and *change from* THEIR ways of living, and begin to live the way that this great King prescribes (Rev. 20:4). The LAWS

of that Kingdom are the Ten Commandments of God and many other laws mentioned in the Bible which magnify those Ten Commandments (Jas. 1:25). The TERRITORY of that Kingdom is this entire earth (Rev. 5:10).

To understand this more fully write immediately for our free article, "*Just What Do You Mean—Kingdom of God?*" and also our very thorough booklet—"*The Ten Commandments*"—explaining how *each* of the Ten Commandments is applicable today.

Because of rebellion against God's laws this world is teetering on the brink of *cosmocide*—*YOU KNOW IT IS!* As far as YOU know the *next moment* could bring oblivion to every man, woman and child on the face of the earth! Fortunately God reveals in His Word that there are a *few* years left yet before this fury of destruction will be unleashed on mankind by mankind! Jesus pointed out this time almost 2000 years ago when He said, "And except those days should be shortened, there should NO FLESH be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matt. 24:22).

MERCIFULLY God is not going to allow mankind to destroy himself! LOVINGLY God is going to intervene very soon! But when He intervenes it will be only to save those who have chosen to live His way—to be judged by the law of liberty—to come out from the chains and bondage of sin (the breaking of God's laws) and step into the glorious liberty that God offers to those who keep the laws of His Kingdom!

The choice is yours! Will you choose *uburu*—or GOD'S TRUE FREEDOM?

## SMOKING

(Continued from page 28)

*CLEANSE us from all unrighteousness*" (I John 1:9). GOD HAS OBLIGATED HIMSELF TO *CLEANSE US FROM SMOKING* when we repent, acknowledge our sin, and CALL ON HIM for the extra help we need!

YES, YOU CAN QUIT!

God says He'll HELP you quit—if you sincerely *want* to, and realize He *commands* you to! But always remember Lot's wife! Once God HAS intervened, as He has promised He would, and you

have SUCCEEDED in rooting out the sin of smoking, *don't ever turn to it again!* "For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and *overcome*, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning" (II Pet. 2:20).

May God grant YOU will *take action*, and *obey* the laws He has given for our GOOD!

## PROSPERITY

(Continued from page 16)

cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-9).

This is a real Utopia.

This can't be in heaven. There are no wicked human beings in heaven. Children are not being suckled and weaned in heaven.

AND THIS CAN'T BE IN THE NEW EARTH BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO WICKED PERSONS THERE (Rev. 21:1-4). These events must occur *on this earth* during the millennium. It can't happen in heaven, nor in the New Earth, nor during this age before the millennium begins. No wild, carnivorous animals are going to be tamed before the 1000 years to eat straw like the ox. This is a prophecy of the millennium!

The thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah contains other descriptions of the reign of Christ and His saints for the thousand years. In the preceding chapter the destruction of this present world's civilization is depicted as a bloody catastrophe; but thanks to God, the world won't long be in the throes of destruction. For the wilderness shall blossom as the rose, the blind will see and the lame shall walk, because Christ is going to heal the afflicted just as He did in His ministry nineteen hundred years ago.

This is what the millennium will be like. And each of us can have a part in making possible the glorious age to come. This is the message of the gospel which Jesus preached—the Kingdom of God.

Satan Is to Be Bound

The Bible teaches that the millennium is the reign of the Kingdom of God ON THIS EARTH—the millennium is not the Kingdom, it is merely the first thousand years' reign of that Kingdom on this

earth. Yet some people try to tell you that during the millennium Satan will be bound by circumstances—supposedly there will be no human beings alive for him to tempt! The Bible says no such thing. Satan is taken from the people and bound LEST he should deceive the nations. If there were no nations to deceive, he would not have to be BOUND AND SHUT UP IN A PLACE OF RESTRAINT (Rev. 20:1-3).

When Satan and his demons are restrained from their work of deception, the earth shall at last have its millennial "sabbath of rest." The resurrected saints will judge the world with Christ and all nations shall have peace at last, because they will for the first time be following that "law which shall go forth out of Zion."

Will the Dead Be Resurrected  
During the Millennium?

Some groups know that the millennium will occur on this earth. But they teach that there will be resurrections during the entire period. Is this true?

They falsely claim that Revelation 20:5 is not a part of the Bible. This verse says: "BUT THE REST OF THE DEAD LIVED NOT AGAIN UNTIL THE THOUSAND YEARS WERE FINISHED."

The greatest scholars admit that this text belongs in the Bible. It is found in the overwhelming majority of Greek manuscripts.

It is *after* the millennium (Rev. 20:11-15) that the rest of the dead are raised. If they were raised from their graves during the millennium, there would be no need of a time of resurrection after the thousand years.

It is important that we do not follow this error by removing this verse. Jesus said: "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life" (Rev. 22:19).

Let's not follow the heresy that denies the rule of the Kingdom of God ON THIS EARTH during the millennium. If any man preaches a gospel that denies this, he shall be *cursed* of God.

Yes, a Utopia is coming—the wonderful World of Tomorrow is just around the corner. You can be there and help make it possible if you yield NOW your life to God and OBEY Him!

What a glorious age that will be!

# How to be an OVERCOMER

(Continued from page 32)

God's Word promises: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; *but will, with the temptation, also MAKE A WAY OF ESCAPE*, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13.)

But has it not often seemed, in your experience, that God has failed to keep this promise? Temptation has come. You have struggled, even prayed, yet you were overpowered, and you did not find the way of escape! Then what is wrong?

Jesus said "I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you." "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." God's Word promises, "Sin shall NOT have dominion over you." Yet have you not found that sin has had DOMINION over you, holding you its slave? Have you not fought it desperately, even with tears streaming down your face—only to fail?

## How to Apply and Use Faith

WHY? What is wrong? Simply that we have not known how to receive, apply, and use the FAITH God promises to give!

First, there is something WE must do. Some go to one extreme and try to do it all. Others swing to the opposite extreme, plead with God, make little effort themselves, and expect Him to do it all.

James says "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (Jas. 4:7.)

Submit! Resist! This takes effort.

Peter says to humble ourselves, casting ALL our care upon the Lord, and to be sober and VIGILANT; because the devil is walking about, watching for the chance to tempt us when we are off our guard: "whom RESIST, steadfast in the faith" (1 Pet. 5:6-9). We are to resist Satan, and do it in the faith of Christ—but HOW?

The key to it all is "BE VIGILANT." Be on your guard! Be ever watchful! Be prepared! That's where we fall down! It takes constant, continuous, vigilant effort, never letting down!

Unless we, ourselves, had to put forth

some effort we could not be OVERCOMERS! But if we had power to do it all, we should not need God! So it requires our effort—our continuous, watchful, ever VIGILANT effort—*empowered by GOD'S SPIRIT!*

James continues: "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh unto you." (Jas. 4:8.) Now we are getting closer to our answer! When temptation comes, we ARE TOO FAR FROM GOD—and we are then unable, SUDDENLY, on the spur of the moment to get close enough to Him to get the help and the deliverance we need!

It sometimes takes TIME to get CLOSE to God—into that intimate contact with Him so that we can draw on Him for the power we suddenly need!

In other words, when temptation unexpectedly has come, we have found ourselves caught off guard—out of prayer—out of contact with God—OUT OF SPIRITUAL TRAINING!

You were entering a CONTEST with Satan. You tried to wrestle with him, but you were OUT OF TRAINING, out of spiritual condition.

Suppose a prize-fighter would suddenly find himself, untrained and unprepared, in the ring in a contest with the world's heavyweight champion! Do you think any living man could win? How much STRONGER is Satan, by comparison! No wonder we fail! Could such a fighter, who had been dissipating, carousing, weakening himself physically, SUDDENLY summon enough strength and skill to conquer the champion of the world? Could a mile runner run a successful race, and win, unless he trains, and trains, and prepares himself carefully for the race—unless he is IN CONDITION when it comes?

We can no more win these SPIRITUAL battles when out of SPIRITUAL training. All spiritual power and strength must come from God. We can drink it in from Him, only when we are IN CONTACT with Him—close to Him—in communion with Him!

And, when the temptations suddenly assail you, no matter how hard you then try, or cry out to God for help, you are

simply TOO FAR AWAY FROM HIM to get help!

Spiritual training, to get and KEEP in constant vigilant condition to meet the foe of temptation and sin requires *continuous, earnest, persistent PRAYER!* That is why we are commanded so often to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! To KEEP IT UP!

If we draw nigh to God, and then KEEP close to Him, our problem will be solved. We will then have the FAITH. We will then be continually FILLED with His Spirit—His power to overcome.

We can keep in spiritual training only if we keep our affections—our minds—our thoughts—on SPIRITUAL things. Read Col. 3:1-10. Most of us keep our minds filled with earthly, material cares and interests, turning to the spiritual only occasionally! Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Sometimes it takes a siege of FASTING AND PRAYER—*earnest, determined, persevering prayer*—seeking God with all our might—with weeping—staying with it, DETERMINED, until we get thru. Then we must keep in CONTINUOUS prayer. Cast ALL our cares upon HIM. We are not doing that. If you do, there will be many things a day to pray about! And it takes daily PRIVATE prayer, in real earnest, besides family or public prayer. Is eternal life WORTH IT?

## 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 whom 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—an 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!

# Alcoholism—a World-Wide CURSE!

*We receive dozens of letters each month asking for help with this problem. We have asked one of our staff from the Letter Answering Department to explain the one solution that always works if the alcoholic is willing!*

by William F. Dankenbring

**A**LCOHOLISM is the FOURTH-ranking public health problem in the world—and the THIRD major health problem in the United States! Today there are *twenty-five million* alcoholics scattered through all nations—including almost SIX MILLION within the United States. *Three million others are classified as "pre-alcoholics"!*

## Shocking Figures!

In France, the nation with the world's heaviest drinkers, alcoholism is the *worst* health problem. In 1958, 15,843 Frenchmen died from the effects of excessive alcohol—a whopping 10 deaths per 100,000 population! In any French town, alcoholics can be seen huddled together in miserable, pathetic groups around the market places. Alcoholics cost the French government well over one *billion* dollars a year—as much as it costs to fight the Algerian War! So reports the *New York Times*.

Germany also has its alcoholic problem—the SECOND major health problem in that land! In the European population of South Africa, roughly one person out of thirty—counting men, women, and children—*is an ALCOHOLIC!* Great Britain also is plagued by the alcoholic curse, with over 500,000 victims of drunkenness. Even in India, where prohibition was attempted, the plan to halt the march of alcoholism ended in failure!

The problem of alcoholism is a growing, *WORLD-WIDE PLAGUE!*

But *why?* WHY should alcoholism be a growing menace in our supposedly "enlightened" age?

## Alcoholism and YOU

One out of every 36 Americans is a victim of the ravages of alcoholism. This deadly peril trails only cancer and

heart disease in causing suffering and fatalities! Each year, 350,000 individuals gasp out their last, agony-wracked breath because of alcoholism.

According to Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, a University of Illinois professor, another HALF MILLION VICTIMS are added *every year* to the rolls of outright drunks in America! He confessed that this national problem is *destined to grow worse* in the coming years!

Alcoholism directly or indirectly affects *your life!* EVERY STRATUM OF SOCIETY in the United States is touched by this plague. No class is excepted—no group is spared. The amazing fact is that *less than three per cent* of all confirmed alcoholics are the familiar Skid Row bums and gutter derelicts! The tentacles of alcoholism reach out to encom-

pass businessmen, WIVES, and TEEN-AGERS! In every American town, on both sides of the tracks—in respectable neighborhoods and dingy slum districts—the rising tide of alcoholism sweeps over an ever-increasing number of helpless, dazed victims!

Business drinking has become so prevalent in the United States that scientists have coined a new name for the business drinker—"the half man." He is the man who only operates at *half-speed* and has impaired effectiveness due to his morning hang-over and four-martini lunch!

Every major city in the U.S. spends one million dollars yearly—or more—taking care of drunks and alcoholics. More than 1.1 million arrests—SIXTY PER CENT of those arrested for all causes—

Millions of men, women—yes, and even children—are suffering from ALCOHOLISM, just as is this tragic human being.

© Ambassador College



are hauled into U.S. courts each year on charges such as drunkenness, drunken driving, disorderly conduct, and vagrancy. Jails are jammed, courts are clogged, police forces are overburdened.

### The Cost in Individual Lives

The financial burden itself is breathtaking. But *even more appalling* is the tragic cost of drunkenness in the lives of those people affected. Misery, frustration, failure, pain, suffering, and as is often the case—eventual DEATH!

According to authorities, the alcoholic goes through four stages in traveling the bottle-cluttered road to out-and-out alcoholism. The first stage, according to Dr. Rappoport, is *acute inebriation* which he defines as "simple drunkenness seen in the excessive party drinker or spree drinker." This individual is characterized by a flushed face, rapid pulse, slow breathing, slurred speech, red eyes, and unsteady equilibrium.

The second stage is *acute tremulousness*—or the "shakes" caused by steady drinking for different periods and poor eating habits. The third stage is *acute alcoholic hallucinosis* which comes after *prolonged* excessive intake of alcohol. The victim hears voices and often thinks somebody is trying to kill or harm him.

Finally, the fourth stage—*delirium tremens*—comes. Following a long history of constant alcoholic consumption, the alcoholic becomes "terrified, irritable, and confused." He doesn't know what time it is, where he is. He cannot rest or sleep. He runs a fever and may have convulsions!

Once an individual is caught in the grip of alcoholism, he goes down fast. When he reaches the stage of constant drunkenness, he cannot hold a job. He becomes penniless—a shabby, tattered bum—a gaunt wreck of a man. These poor wretches, totally down and out, often cannot afford to buy "respectable liquor."

Consequently, they turn to poisonous chemical mixtures called by such names as:

*Green river*—called this because it turns the lips green. It is a mixture of after-shave lotion fortified with paint thinner;

*Block and tackle*—A potent mixture of paint thinner with denatured alcohol

and canned heat;

*Pink lady*—Canned heat "cut" with water;

*Sneaky pete*—The same as "pink lady," only adding benzedrine or alcohol;

*Rubby dub*—This is the Skid Row name for rubbing alcohol;

*Kerosene and buttermilk*. Only a few of the desperate down-and-outers dare tackle this concoction. It almost completely *wipes out the mind* of its victim!

### Why Alcoholism?

What is the cause of alcoholism? *Why* do MILLIONS wallow in drunkenness? WHY do businessmen, wives, teenagers, young and old, rich and poor, educated and ignorant alike become the *cringing slaves* of alcoholism?

Some people have thought that alcoholism is like any other *disease*. Such is NOT the case! A professor at Northwestern, Jules H. Masserman, declared, "In some 30 years of intensive interest, laboratory experiments, and clinical experience in the field," he did not find "convincingly controlled evidence" which showed any "consistent physiological causes of alcoholism."

Addiction to drink may better be compared to the disease of *gambling!*

Is alcohol itself the cause? Many people think so, and consequently many so-called "temperance" organizations (they really believe in abstinence, *not* temperance) stomp the land preaching the evils of "demon rum" and strong drink. But alcohol itself is NOT the cause!

An expert of alcoholism, A. J. MacLachlan, chaplain of a mental hospital, stated forcefully, "It is now fashionable to think of his [the alcoholic's] difficulty primarily as a medical problem, when *in reality it is predominantly a MORAL AND SPIRITUAL PROBLEM.*"

Let's understand why!

### A Spiritual Problem

At the bottom of the alcoholic abyss lies the root cause of the problem—MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DECAY! Alcoholism is NOT fundamentally a physiological disease which preys upon men. Nor is it due to merely drinking alcoholic beverages. Alcoholism is due to a *spiritual disease*—a disease of CHARACTER!

In an article entitled "Let's Stop Coddling Our Alcoholics," MacLachlan explains: "Unfortunately the disease approach has become a BOOMERANG, producing physiological side effects that were not anticipated. The alcoholic finds it an *easy way out*. If a mysterious invader—a kind of alcoholic virus—can be blamed for his condition, *who can hold him morally responsible?*" He continues, "As a consequence, many alcoholics adopt an attitude that is passive, defeatist and unco-operative. They say to the therapist, 'Here I am, Doctor. I'm your problem. Give me the pill that will cure me.'" (*Macleans Magazine*, July 30, 1960).

"Characteristically," reports Dr. James Roeder Bell, M.D., "the alcoholic does not want help—he *wants alcohol*. And, like all who find their environment cruel, he is so much occupied with himself that he cannot consider others. He is unable to respond to ideas such as how much disturbance he is creating, how much time he is consuming, how unattractive he is, and how many billions of dollars are BEING WASTED in the almost *futile* effort to do something for him" (*New Medical Materia*, May 1961).

Notice! The alcoholic does NOT WANT HELP—HE CRAVES ALCOHOL! His attitude is passive, defeatist, unco-operative! In other words, he does not care about his condition, what other people think of him, or how much money society throws away on him! All he cares about is himself. He is selfish!

In the vast majority of cases, the alcoholic does not want help and is not willing to help himself. He is too fond of his stuporous condition to be conscious of the brutal facts of reality.

### Escapism!

There, if you see it, is one of the reasons millions have become ALCOHOLICS—and millions more turn to drunkenness! Overindulgence in alcoholic beverages becomes a substitute for LIFE ITSELF! Drunkenness produces a dreamland euphoria, a great intoxicated calm, an unconcern for reality!

Millions fall easy prey to alcoholism because they want ESCAPE! They do not have the character to face life on

its own footing. To them life is a *hopeless* stream of futility and frustration, anger and resentment, unwanted trials and bitterness. They seek refuge—a convenient "escape hatch"—A WAY OUT OF IT ALL! They turn to the false bliss of drunkenness in order to drown their problems and wash away their sorrows!

Fleeing the frustrations of business life, seeking relief from a hen-pecking wife, simply being unable to cope with family responsibilities—unable to keep ahead of the bill collectors, having in-law trouble, feeling the pressure of social life, or being plainly addicted to alcohol, ignorant of its potency—millions of men and women succumb to alcoholism!

It is no wonder that the *CURSE OF ALCOHOLISM* plagues the world and stalks every thirty-sixth American!

To millions, the abuse of alcohol has become a FALSE God, an ever-present source of comfort and succour! Whenever they feel defeated, despondent, depressed, or discouraged, they turn to drunkenness—not God—for solace. Alcoholism becomes a species of idolatry!

The result? A fleeting sensation of pleasure—perhaps—but then a *hang-over tomorrow, misery* and finally DEATH!

The wrong use of alcohol is a vicious IDOL which captivates, traps, ensnares, and ENSLAVES! Alcoholism is just another form of SLAVERY!

What is the answer to this horrifying problem?

The Apostle Paul wrote, warning against drunkenness: "*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? BE NOT DECEIVED: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, NOR DRUNKARDS, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God*" (I Cor. 6:9-10).

It takes the fear of God to conquer alcoholism.

Through the power of God, alcoholics *have overcome these temptations!* Paul was able to write to the Corinthians: "*AND SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU*" (Verse 11). Paul exhorted, "There hath NO TEMPTATION taken you but such as is common to man: BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL, who will NOT suffer you to be

tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a WAY TO ESCAPE, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

God's Word *commands*: "Be not filled with wine, *wherein is EXCESS*, but be filled with the Spirit!" (Eph. 5:18.) God allows the presence of alcohol—to TEACH man to control his desires and MASTER his inclinations!

### The Real Solution

The solution to the problem of alcoholism and the way to solve life's constant and endless problems is simply this—LEARN TO KNOW THE TRUE GOD! Yes, God Almighty is the ANSWER! There is a way to escape the clutches of alcoholism—and that is through the power of God!

To any already afflicted with the curse of alcoholism, God offers spiritual help! God offers the power of the Holy Spirit to enable a person to overcome ANY sin! Paul was inspired to write, "I CAN DO ALL THINGS *through Christ which strengtheneth me!*" (Phil. 4:13). So can any man caught in the grip of foul addiction!

### HE CAN OVERCOME!

But *the decision must be made by each individual.* An alcoholic must become thoroughly disgusted with himself and REPENT of his condition. He must call upon God—CONSTANTLY, perseveringly—for HELP. He must draw CLOSE to God in CONSTANT PRAYER, fervent and meaningful BIBLE STUDY and learn to live God's way of life! Then, his life—once a tragic FAILURE—will become a life RENEWED with hope, faith, happiness, love, JOY, scintillating INTEREST AND REJOICING!

There is hope for the alcoholic!

The alcoholic, declares MacLachlan, "*is the architect of his OWN disaster. . . .*" In other words, he created his own predicament—he wasn't shoved into it by one or more outside, invisible forces. Therein lies *hope* for the future. Since the alcoholic maneuvered himself into his present jam, he can extricate himself from it by exercising his free will, by mobilizing his strength."

How true!

No alcoholic can lick his problem until he is willing to face it. He himself must make his decision—and ACT.

But he can have the *help of God*, if he is willing to surrender to Him, trust in Him, and look to Him. The alcoholic must be willing to do his own part—he must DESIRE to conquer the problem—but God's supernatural HELP will give him the *POWER TO OVERCOME!*

In individual lives, the solution to the problem of excessive alcohol is repentance, then turning to GOD for strength to master the temptation of the bottle. Personal counsel is also vital.

But what about the nation, or the world as a whole?

Most alcoholics and drunkards simply don't care about their condition. Consequently, drunkenness increases around the world. Yet, there IS going to be a solution to the problem!

### The World Tomorrow

Jesus Christ is soon coming to establish the KINGDOM OF GOD upon the earth! Yes, Jesus Christ will solve the world-wide problem of alcoholism and drunkenness! There will be *no* alcoholics in the World Tomorrow! There will be temperance, not the fiasco of prohibition! Everybody will live according to God's laws which were ordained to bring us peace, prosperity, abundance, happiness, and joy running over.

There will be no Skid Rows—there will be no gutter derelicts—there will be no toxic chemical concoctions drunk by half-crazed men—there will be no "D.T.'s" or "delirium tremens." God's righteous, holy laws will be ENFORCED. For the first time in the history of the world, men will be radiantly happy, supremely content, leading energetic and industrious lives full of real PURPOSE, deep meaning and security! There will be no "escapism" for there will be nothing to "escape!"

When Jesus Christ returns, the curse of alcoholism will be stamped out completely. No longer will families be broken up, friends torn apart, children grieved, and authorities bewildered at what should be done!

Men will learn temperance in all things. What a world that will be!

### If You Need Help

If you are an alcoholic, the FIRST thing you need to do is *realize* your condition. Too many alcoholics never con-

quer their problem because they refuse to face it! Then, you need to realize there is an Almighty GOD in heaven who wants to HELP you overcome your problem, completely!

But, that is not all! If you sincerely want to overcome, you must decide to QUIT drinking alcoholic beverages, entirely. Too many would-be quitters think within themselves, "Well, one more drink won't hurt me." But, *one more* becomes a never-ending chain of drinks—there is ALWAYS "just one more"!

If you are going to conquer the addiction, you must set yourself to stop drinking, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

Once having made that momentous decision, you must plan your strategy for avoiding all future temptations. You must decide to stop fellowshiping with the same alcoholic friends, the same inebriated crowd. Remember the scriptural principle, ". . . evil communications (*associations*) corrupt good manners (*morals*)" (I Cor. 15:33).

Perhaps, for some, even a change of environment, a change of scenery, will help. The "old familiar setting" will not then be able to *lure* you back to the bottle trail. You will be able to have a FRESH START—this time, with the supernatural help of Almighty God!

If you desire to know in more detail what you can do, please write us for further, *individual* counsel and advice. We are anxious to serve YOU, and help you enter God's Kingdom! When you write, be sure to request the very helpful, inspiring booklets, "Does God Heal Today?" and "What Is Faith?" These booklets will show how YOU can have God's divine INTERVENTION on your behalf so you will not have to remain a cringing, abject *slave* to alcoholism!

## Short Questions

(Continued from page 23)

further clarifies the event. He shows that even though they heard the sound of the voice—they were not able to UNDERSTAND what this voice was saying to Paul. Acts 22:9 should more properly be translated from the original Greek: "And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they *understood* not the voice of him

that spake to me."

The original Greek word *akoúo* has both meanings: "hear" and "understand." In fact in I Corinthians 14:2 it is translated "understand"—"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man *understandeth* him"—his listeners hear (*akoúo*) him, but "understand" (*akoúo*) him not!

"Why malign Simon Magus? Does not Acts 8:24 tell us he repented? If the apostles didn't question his sincerity, why should you?"

Mrs. A. H., Duluth, Minn.

Acts 8 has been grossly misunderstood. This chapter does *not* say Simon the sorcerer was converted. It says he *believed* (vs. 13). The devils (demons—fallen, evil spirits) also believe, and tremble! (Jas. 2:19.)

When Simon was baptized after hearing Philip, he *wondered*, because *he saw the miracles* Philip performed through the power of the Spirit of God (Acts 8:13). But baptism alone does not automatically give anyone the Holy Spirit. You must first repent and begin to obey (Acts 5:32).

Simon wanted the power of the Holy Spirit—and more. He coveted the apostolic office that Peter had (Acts 8:18-19). Coveting is *sin*.

Simon did not repent when Peter rebuked him for his evil attitude and commanded him to repent (verses 20-23).

What did Simon do? Did he confess his guilt? No, he only asked Peter to pray for him so that the doom Peter warned him about would not come upon him (vs. 24). Simon was only interested in avoiding the penalty of his deeds. He did not change his ways.

He did not repent and pray to God for forgiveness. Instead he asked Peter to pray for him because he had no contact with God.

## Evolution and Your Child

(Continued from page 31)

olutionary concept. It is fighting to destroy, in youth, all belief in a Creating God and in the Word of God. Science knows we poor human beings are prone

to formulate our views and opinions according to what we have been taught—we *take for GRANTED* that which we are taught from childhood. It knows that if it succeeds in its present insidious crusade, another generation will take evolution for granted as a pure matter of course. A doctrine unproved and unprovable will thus—and only thus—be universally accepted as Truth. Christianity will be destroyed. Religion will degenerate to the low plane of pure morality—a morality which will be *outmoded*.

This gigantic trend is the latter-day spirit of Antichrist. It is the final, mighty, masterful, crowning thrust of Satan—by far the most effective weapon he ever managed to employ.

Out of it already has sprung the *new* religion of Antichrist, popularly known as Modernism—A religion which accepts the moral teachings of Jesus, but denies everything fundamental in God's Word. A religion which answers the true Bible definition of the religion of Antichrist—that which "denies that Jesus Christ *is come in the flesh*."

(Editor's Note: This situation is one of the reasons for AMBASSADOR COLLEGES.)

\* \* \* \* \*

"CHRISTIANITY," wrote Elbert Hubbard, "supplies a Hell for the people who disagree with you and a Heaven for your friends. The distinguishing feature of Christianity is the hypothesis that . . . thru Adam's fall we sinned all. Christianity is a combination of morality and superstition, and they never form a chemical mixture. Man is the only creature in the animal kingdom that sits in judgment on the work of the Creator and finds it bad."

But Elbert Hubbard knew nothing of TRUE Christianity. He knew about the paganized religion in its hundreds of denominations, falsely branded "Christianity." Had Elbert Hubbard, Robert Ingersoll, Tom Paine, Emerson, Jefferson, and other skeptics, agnostics and atheists known the PLAIN TRUTH as revealed in the Bible, they never would have been infidels or agnostics. They lived in a deceived world of spiritual darkness, where TRUTH was turned into irrational superstition.

# "Zinjanthropus"—No *Missing Link*

**H**AVE you ever wondered just how scientists attempt to prove there is a "missing link?"—how scientists piece together scraps and bits of bone in order to "prove" their theories?

## Educated Guessing

You would be shocked if you knew the method by which anthropologists attempt to reconstruct supposed ancestors of man!

The "discovery" of Zinjanthropus, by Dr. L.S.B. Leakey provides a typical example. From Olduvai Gorge in Tanganyika, reported *Time* magazine in April 24, 1964, ". . . came bones of a low-browed creature that Dr. Leakey named Zinjanthropus and assigned in 1959 to an honored position in man's ancestry."

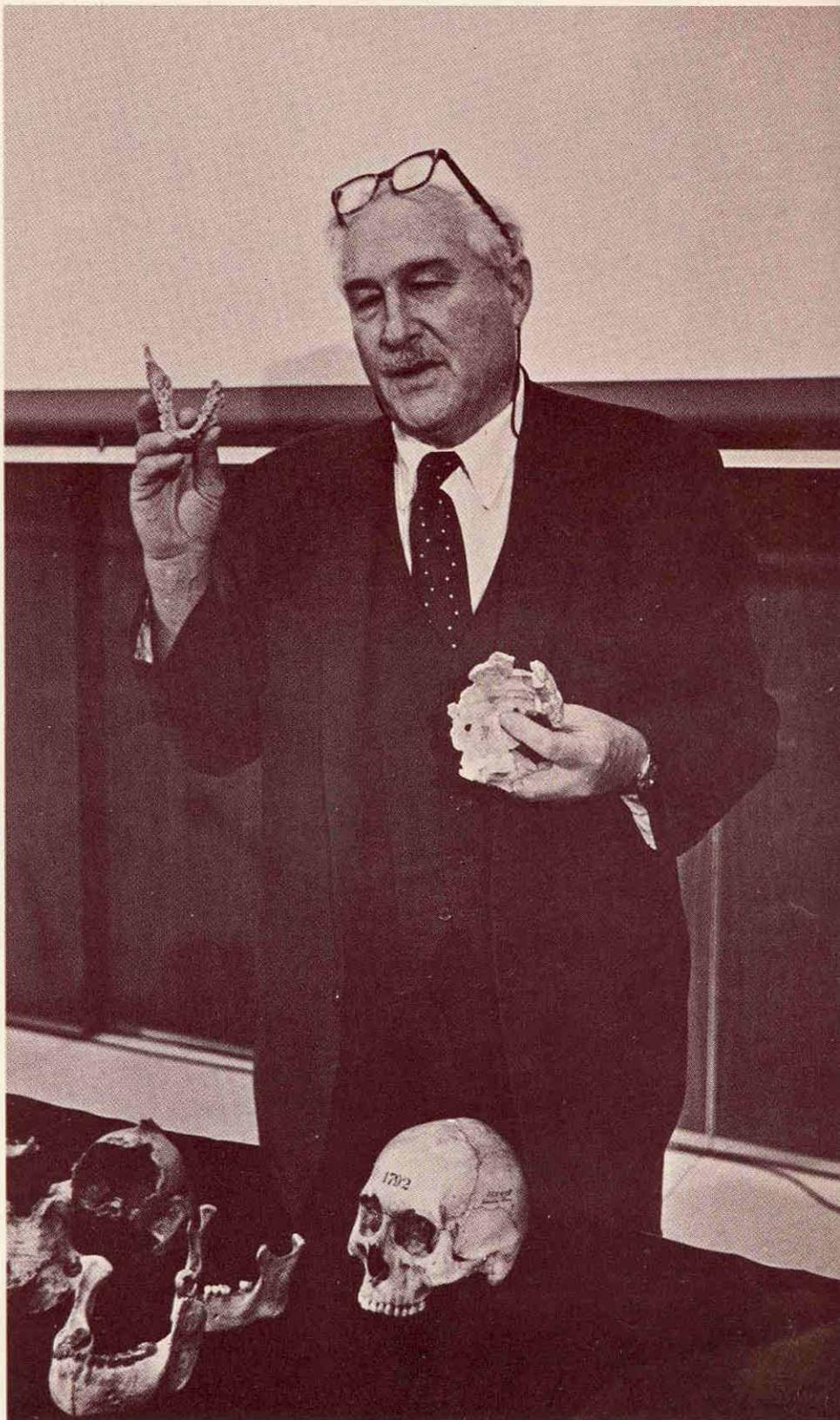
Numerous college textbooks soon accepted his theory as reasonable. The average professor was willing to believe and teach Leakey's theory as fact. A student would have been called unscientific—uneducated—and a fool if he had rejected this theory.

## Dr. Leakey Confesses "I Didn't Know"

Where is Dr. Leakey's theory today? Reports *Time* ". . . DR. LEAKEY HAS CHANGED HIS MIND."

He now calls his "find" a "non-human vegetarian." He says he is an individual of low intelligence—not a tool maker after all. The question is: Does he even now really know?

Answer: He is merely guessing! And so do all who reject the Word of God.



Wide World Photo

Dr. Leakey holds bone of what he claims is an entirely new species of "primitive humans." But he really doesn't know. He, like other scientists, has rejected the basis of all knowledge—the Bible. Therefore, they can't know!

# IN THIS ISSUE:

## ★ What Is FREEDOM?

This month of July commemorates the independence of the United States of America. But how much real freedom is there in a nation which leads the world in crime, divorce and degenerative diseases? This article shows the only source of REAL AND LASTING FREEDOM! See page 3.

## ★ Jesus—God, Man, or Myth?

Agnostics allow Jesus to be, at most, a human philosopher. Atheists insist He never lived! Modernist theologians are still searching for "the historical Jesus"! Can it be proved that Jesus Christ lived? See page 7.

## ★ TRUTH about "Speaking in Tongues"!

What is the *meaning* of the so-called "Charismatic Renewal" sweeping the churches today? Here is the shocking TRUTH about this fast-growing movement. See page 9.

## ★ Universal Prosperity in 15 Years!

Can you imagine a world at peace—without poverty, disease, or human misery? It's coming—sooner than you think, but not in the way you would expect! See page 13.

## ★ What Makes The Bible *Different*?

The Bible is acknowledged, by many, as divinely inspired—yet others, including theologians, condemn it as unbelievable myth! If YOU have ever doubted, wondered or taken for granted God's Word—this message is for YOU! See page 17.

## ★ Smoking is a SIN!

It's true—smoking DOES cause cancer! Smoking IS injurious to health! Read, in this article, backed up by plenty of statistical PROOF, what your Creator says about smoking. See page 25.

## ★ Putting the EVOLUTION Concept Into YOUR CHILD'S MIND

See page 29.

## ★ How to be an OVERCOMER

WHY are we not more successful in living up to God's standard? WHY do we slip and fall occasionally? Here is how YOU can overcome where you are weakest and hardest tempted! See page 32.

## ★ Alcoholism—a World-Wide CURSE!

See page 45.

Printed in U.S.A.

The PLAIN TRUTH  
Box 111  
Pasadena, California 91109

MR MRS THEODORE EFIMOV  
47944 SAYRE  
TINLEY PK ILL 60477

SECOND CLASS POSTAGE  
Paid at  
Pasadena, California