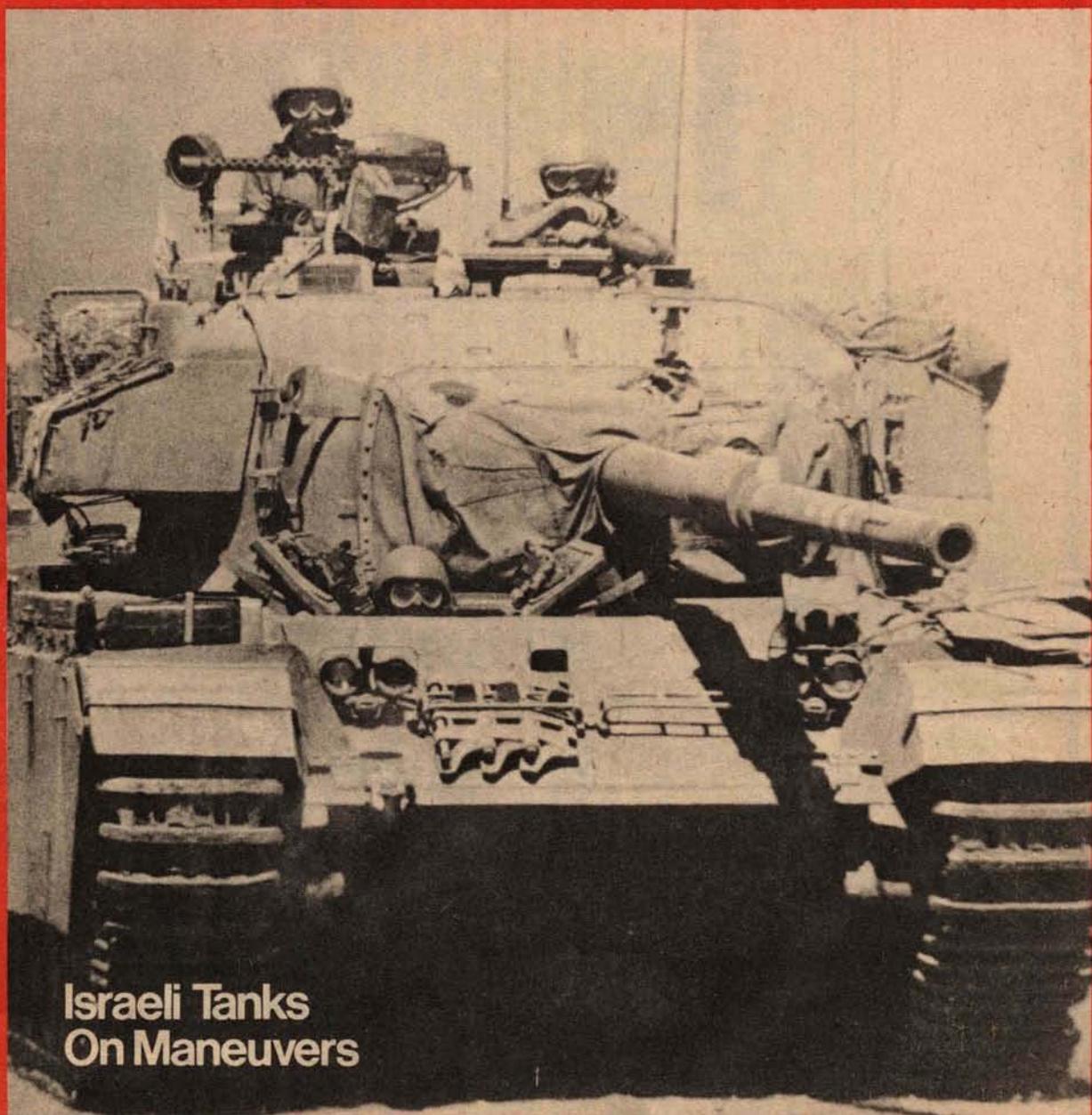


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**MIDEAST-CLOSER TO PEACE?**



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**O**F COURSE, I know many do not even believe God exists. But just suppose — and suppose that *you*, yourself were God the Creator. You had created a perfect and beautiful earth. You put mankind upon it. You gave the earth rich soil to raise food and beautiful trees, plants and flowers. In the earth you had stored other wealth — gold, silver, iron, the other metals, coal, oil.

You gave it rivers and lakes with fresh, clear, sparkling water. You gave it fresh, clean, pure air for mankind, animals and plant life to breathe. You gave it adequate forests, both for lumber and to cause abundant necessary rainfall. You gave the mankind you put here everything GOOD, for his health, his needs, prosperity if he would properly use all you had put at his disposal, for his pleasure.

You gave him a miracle-working MIND with superior intelligence. You made him so that his efficient MIND would direct his every move and act — a mind that would improve with proper use.

You made him so that it was necessary that he learn or be taught EVERYTHING — even how to walk, run or sit. And you started from the instant of his creation to reveal to him needed basic knowledge for his guidance, his welfare, his protection, his happiness and complete well-being. You intended for him to use this wonderful earth you gave him — to preserve it, improve it, and work it for his good and needs.

Being God, you not only are creator. You also are ruler over your creation, and it is your policy to preserve what you create by your GOVERNMENT.

You also are educator and revealer of necessary basic KNOWLEDGE which man can never discover or produce of himself. So you start from the instant of his existence to teach the first man and woman that basic necessary knowledge. And you give this first man the opportunity to be the KING of the earth, over those who shall populate this beautiful, wonderful earth by the reproductive process.

Of course you have put within these humans your own very image and likeness, powers of thought, reasoning, and the making of decisions — else they could have no individuality, personality, or character.

But, alas! You find that this first pair of humans doesn't believe what you say,

as you begin revealing to them necessary basic knowledge — knowledge of WHAT they are, WHY they are, WHERE they are going — their incredible awesome human POTENTIAL. They decide to take to themselves the KNOWLEDGE of what is good and what is evil. They flatly disobeyed you and refused to obey the laws of your GOVERNMENT, let alone accept the rulership of administering that world government.

So you adopt a "hands-off" policy for 6,000 years. You leave them to the production of their own knowledge. You turn them over to working out their own form of government, making their own laws to regulate their own man-made society. You allow a self-centered nature to enter their minds — a nature of vanity, lust and greed, of jealousy, envy, and hatred of others, of competition and strife. And now, the 6,000 years are about up.

You look down from your throne of the universe in heaven to see what the members of the human race have done with their minds, their powers of thought, and especially this wonderful earth that you gave them.

**WHAT DO YOU SEE?**

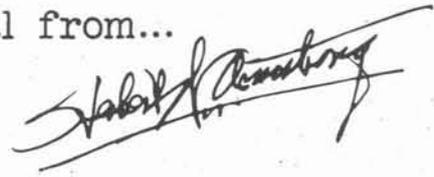
You know, *Plain Truth* readers, as I now spend 80% or more of my time traveling over this earth — over North and South America, over all of Europe and Asia, over Africa, Australia and New Zealand, flying through the air between 550 and 600 miles an hour, looking down on this earth and its teeming millions of humans, I WONDER — I wonder how God the Creator looks at it. I wonder how it looks, as seen through HIS eyes?

Let me tell you some of the things that have indelibly impressed themselves on my mind.

For thousands of years this was a multi-divided world. It had come to be inhabited by many races from many mixtures of intermarrying from three original races. But here were hundreds and hundreds of different peoples, speaking their hundreds of different languages, each with its own country or area and language-dialect.

For thousands of years humanity drifted along on virtually an even keel. There was little or no communication between individual areas because of the language barrier and lack of rapid transportation or instant communication.

Personal from...



**IF YOU WERE GOD,  
HOW WOULD YOU LOOK  
AT THIS WORLD TODAY?**

There was little diffusion of knowledge until the printing press was invented. Transportation and travel was on foot, by camel, elephant, horse or mule, rowboat or sailboat.

But suddenly, in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries all that changed! The steam boat appeared. Combustion engines put wheels to work developing faster travel by land. The automobile appeared. Roads were built. Railroads developed greater speed. Then came the motion picture.

People from all parts of the world began to see what people in other parts looked like. Styles originating in Paris, New York or Hollywood were seen and copied all over the earth. Then came radio, and then television. When I was eleven years old the first airplane flight was made. The wars developed the airplane as a weapon of war. Then came the jet, the telephone, and now miraculous, almost instant telephone connections to any part of the world by means of satellite.

I am writing this from Nairobi, Kenya, in central east Africa. Nairobi is a modern city replete with hundreds of modern buildings and skyscrapers. I'm on the sixteenth floor of a hotel, which counts floor one after the elevators pass the ground floor, another floor, then a

restaurant floor, and a floor designated as "pool." And also it numbers floor thirteen, so I'm actually on floor twenty, counting the ground floor.

Whether I am here, in Djakarta on the island of Java on the equator, in Melbourne, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Tokyo, London, New York, Paris, Buenos Aires, Rio, or any part of the globe, I am in a modern city on the same general pattern. Suddenly, it has become ONE WORLD. There is not much difference today in all parts of the world.

So if I were to "play God," I do, as it were, look down from heaven and see what has happened to this earth.

And what do I see? I see a sickening sight. I see a "progress" in reverse — a "progress" that has polluted the air, the water, the soil — yes, and as former Prime Minister Eisaku Sato of Japan said to me, *polluted human minds!* I see a civilization that has reduced rainfall by robbing the forests without adequate reforestation, robbed the earth of its raw materials, robbed the soil of its life cycles — a civilization that is sickly and diseased, governments, businesses and industries that are corrupt, a crime-ridden society, governments of man's devising, nations that try to kill off one another in wars. Over half of the world's  
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**MIDDLE EAST—CLOSER TO PEACE?**

by Keith Stump

Four months after a negotiational deadlock forced Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to suspend his Middle East "shuttles," cautious optimism is being expressed that a new Israeli-Egyptian interim peace accord may finally be forthcoming.

Hopes for a new agreement were heightened by a productive four-hour meeting in mid-July between Kissinger and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin near Bonn, West Germany. Discussing in detail the whole range of problems and issues involved in a further Israeli withdrawal from vital areas in the Sinai, the two sought to formulate the basic outlines of a new settlement package.

Should the Israeli cabinet's review of the Kissinger-Rabin talks result in specific Israeli proposals on which the Egyptians feel they can negotiate, Kissinger could be back in the Middle East possibly before the end of summer on a follow-up shuttle to nail down the new Sinai disengagement accord.

The key element in any new agreement will be Israel's total or near-total withdrawal from the strategic Gidi and Mitla mountain passes in the west central Sinai and from the Abu Rudeis oilfields along the Suez Canal.

In exchange for these territorial concessions by Israel, Egypt would reportedly be expected to issue a "peace declaration" renouncing the use of force for the duration of the accord. Other Egyptian concessions would probably include the lifting of the trade boycott against Israel, the cessation of anti-Israel propaganda, and the extension on an annual basis of the mandate for keeping U.N. peacekeeping forces in the Sinai buffer zones.

There are indications the Israeli-Egyptian accord would also entail numerous commitments and guarantees from the United States, including long-term aid to Israel, an assurance of oil supplies to Israel to replace the fuel she will lose by relinquishing the Sinai oilfields, and possibly the establishment of a U.S.-manned early warning radar system in the key Sinai passes to provide Israel with advance warning of Egyptian troop movements in the area.

**Only Postponing the Inevitable?**

Many observers, however, feel that even if a new interim accord is concluded, it may do little more than *postpone* the inevitable. The fundamental differences which have for so long precluded an overall Middle East settlement would still remain unsolved. The Arabs have consistently demanded the withdrawal of Israel from *all* territories occupied in the 1967 war before any final and permanent settlement can be effected. But the Israelis — with doubts about the Arabs' real intentions and

concern over maintaining "secure and defensible" borders — feel such concessions would be tantamount to national suicide.

It is not surprising, therefore, that paralleling the talk of a new "peace" accord is the contradictory trend of an increasing Middle Eastern arms buildup. According to tables published in June by the prestigious International Institute for Strategic Studies in London, the armed forces of Egypt, Syria, and Israel have not only made up for their heavy battle losses in the 21 months since the 1973 conflict, but have gone on in most cases to escalate to levels *sharply above* their pre-war standings!

As of June — and figures have risen since then — the standings in five major categories were as follows:

*Tanks:* Egypt, 1,920; Syria, 1,950; Israel, 2,260.

*Armored Fighting Vehicles:* Egypt, 2,500; Syria, 1,150; Israel, 3,300.

*Field Artillery:* Egypt, 1,500 guns; Syria, 800; Israel, 710.

*Fighter-Bombers:* Egypt, 140; Syria, 150; Israel, 380.

*Interceptors:* Egypt, 250; Syria, 150; Israel, 47 (the new Israeli-made Kfir jets — soon to be deployed — will bolster Israel's air force in this category).

These statistics, however, only begin to tell the story. Massive new arms purchases have been concluded in recent months which will greatly inflate the above figures. Military analysts, moreover, point out that in addition to numerical increases since 1973, the *quality* of weaponry has risen greatly with the arrival of highly sophisticated equipment from the two superpowers and Western Europe.

According to one estimate, the combined armies of all Arab nations represent a war arsenal which now surpasses the conventional forces of NATO. Against this formidable challenge, military analysts estimate that Israel has sufficient firepower to wage a 21-day war at the level of intensity of the 1973 conflict. It is believed, therefore, that Israeli strategy in any new round of fighting would be aimed at waging a swift, decisive campaign to knock out Arab power centers. There is also speculation that Israel has produced primitive nuclear warheads which might be used should the tide of battle turn against them and national survival hang in the balance.

Bible prophecy shows that despite the current progress toward an interim peace accord in the Middle East, this massive arms buildup provides a more accurate indication of what *really* lies ahead for the strife-torn area. "When people say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them . . ." (1 Thes. 5:3, RSV). □

## THE POUND SINKS, INFLATION RAGES, AND BRITAIN TRIES MORE OF THE SAME



*Stevens—Plain Truth*

**DESPERATE MEASURE:** Announcing a new government clamp down on skyrocketing wage increases as "a plan to save our country," Britain's Prime Minister Harold Wilson told the British public: "If we do not over the next 12 months achieve a drastic reduction in the present disastrous rate of inflation . . . the British people will be engulfed in a general economic catastrophe of incalculable proportions."

While the rest of the modern industrialized world looks forward to declining inflation and unemployment rates, Great Britain stands out as the one glaring exception. Its inflation rate is twenty-five percent and accelerating while unemployment is heading for the symbolic one million mark. These facts have not escaped the attention of the international money markets where the pound experienced a disastrous run in early July.

### "Getting Tough" — But Not on the Unions

Faced with what he terms "economic catastrophe," British Prime Minister Harold Wilson has unveiled "tough" anti-inflation measures.

The Labour government's package includes a ten percent limit on pay hikes, a freeze on the salary of anyone earning \$19,550 a year or more, and "tightening" of existing controls on prices.

Ever wary of offending the trade unions, the government has, incredibly, put the burden of enforcing the pay curbs on employers. Wilson warns that if "recalcitrant employers" yield to union wage demands, they [the employers] will face legal sanctions. Yet many employers will face bankrupting strikes if they don't yield.

Earlier this year, Chancellor of Exchequer Dennis Healey announced \$3 billion in new

taxes, closing many former "tax loopholes." Now Mr. Healey is calling for a ten percent cut in public spending.

Unfortunately, the various new policies do little to touch the root causes of Britain's economic malaise. And principle among these is the simple fact that British industry does not produce enough goods and services. Output per man-hour of work continues to limp along at one of the lowest efficiency ratios in the industrial world.

Yet, ironically, if they have any effect at all, the government's new measures will hinder British output. The recent closure of tax loopholes and the freeze on higher incomes may completely kill whatever incentive to produce that British industry has left.

Another reason for Britain's laggard production is its outdated industrial plant and low economic investment in general. British taxes on investment income are some of the most severe in the world — far more stringent than socialist Sweden, for example. As a result, investment in British industry is drying up. Yet recent Labour economic moves have had the effect of raising taxes on an already overtaxed economy.

Furthermore, the wage restraints are, at best, only a temporary inflation expedient. The nation's coal miners, who were

talking about 100 percent pay hikes, have agreed to the ten percent guideline — for the moment. The fact remains, however, that the militant left-wing of the trade unions in Britain views itself as the protagonist in an open-class struggle with British capitalism, and one would be extremely naïve to expect any restraint to last for very long.

The only measure which could have some positive impact on Britain's economic health is the ten percent cut in government spending. Yet public spending already gobbles up 60% of the gross national product — the equivalent in America of a \$900 billion budget. So there is still a long way to go to reach fiscal sanity.

### The Pie Stays the Same

"Britain" has already become an international byword. American officials (like Roy Ash) cite Britain as an example of what happens to a country which tries to redistribute wealth without producing it — in effect, continually dividing the pie into smaller pieces without increasing the size of the pie itself. The result is double-digit inflation assuming Latin American proportions.

As the *Wall Street Journal* sums up the British scene: "Good-bye Great Britain. It was nice knowing you." □

## RERUN OF THE GREAT GRAIN ROBBERY?

This year's annual crop shortfall in the Soviet Union has raised the specter of another round of mammoth Russian grain purchases from the U.S. and Canada.

According to one report, the Soviets are currently in the process of negotiating for 30 million tons of American wheat over the next three years. The U.S.S.R. also has a contract with Canada that calls for the delivery of an estimated two million tons annually, which Soviet buyers are now trying to increase.

The reports are given credence by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz who notes that recent dry weather has taken its toll, with the Soviet grain production probably coming in considerably under the 200 tons previously estimated.

The news breaks on the third

anniversary of the famous 1972 deal that has come to be known as "the great grain robbery." At that time the U.S.S.R. had secretly negotiated the purchase of one fourth of that year's American wheat crop — at the bargain basement price of \$1 billion, part of which was financed by a \$750 million credit arrangement at subsidized interest rates. In wake of the deal, U.S. food and livestock prices soared and American grain reserves were depleted.

While this year's Russian grain purchases probably won't be as extensive as those of 1972, the Russians, ever the shrewd capitalists despite their ideology, are buying at a time of comparatively low prices and slack demand. Even with projected U.S. record wheat and corn harvests, any new pur-

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**DEFIANT GESTURE:** India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi waves to supporters following her lower court conviction of corruption in the 1971 election campaign.

## INDIA— Falling Under a Soviet Spell?

Rigid press censorship, suspension of civil liberties, and the arrest and imprisonment of the political opposition now pervade what was, until June 26, "the world's largest democracy."

Invoking images of a "deep and widespread conspiracy" against her government, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has declared a state of emergency, ordering the middle-of-the-night arrests of 600 political opponents. The opponents were protesting Mrs. Gandhi's continued rule in view of an election violation conviction.

Ironically, the government clampdown, ostensibly aimed at preventing outbreaks of widespread disobedience, is the same tool by which Mahatma Gandhi gained Indian independence from Britain in 1947.

### Only Moscow Approves

While Mrs. Gandhi's swift and severe crackdown drew near worldwide condemnation, the important exception was the Soviet Union which openly proclaimed its approval. This underscores the degree to which India and the Soviet Union have become close allies. The U.S.S.R. has become India's main supplier of economic and military aid.

Furthermore, in terms of internal Indian politics, the only beneficiaries of the emergency decrees are the left wing of Mrs. Gandhi's Labor party and the party's allies, the pro-Moscow Communist party of India. (There are even rumors of direct Soviet involvement. The speed and untypical efficiency with which Mrs. Gandhi's decrees were carried out has raised suspicions that the KGB

— the Soviet spy agency — helped the Indian government in orchestrating the squelch on the opposition.)

Surprisingly, a number of parallels may be found between India and the current situation in Portugal. As in Portugal, all opposition parties except the pro-Moscow Communists have been suppressed. As in Portugal, the rules are bent for leftist demonstrations: 150 persons recently violated the emergency decree to hold, predictably, an anti-American demonstration in New Delhi while the police did nothing. And, as in Portugal, the ruling party is using its power to push through sweeping socialist "reforms" throughout the economy.

The effect of these moves is to produce an India even more closely aligned with the U.S.S.R. than ever before, an event which has its most ominous implications for Japan, which must depend on oil shipped through the Indian Ocean sealanes. Over thirty Soviet ships now prowl simultaneously in the Indian Ocean — the first Russian fleet there in seventy years.

Several correspondents claim the growing Soviet fleet already has access to facilities at the Indian naval bases of Vishakhapatnam and Vizianagaram, as well as the Indian-provided facilities in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The most recent events in India promise to lock the Indian Ocean even more into Soviet control.

The emergency powers assumed by Mrs. Gandhi serve as confirmation that New Delhi is drifting under the canopy of Russian hegemony. □



**THE \$2 BILLION WINNER:** American-made F-16 fighter on display at recent Paris Air Show. Jet, built by General Dynamics, won the "arms deal of the century" when NATO partners Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Denmark picked the F-16 over latest version of the French Mirage for their air forces. Despite continued heavy dependence upon the United States, European members of NATO want to more closely co-ordinate their own defense needs.

## A COMMON DEFENSE FOR THE COMMON MARKET

BRUSSELS: For the first time in Common Market history, defense is being discussed as belonging in a European framework. This new development has come out in the European Community's "Common Report on European Union," just released.

While the study acknowledges that the "Atlantic Alliance is and will continue to play a decisive role in the security of Western Europe" the security of the union "cannot be truly guaranteed if defense matters are purely and simply left on one side [the United States] when the union is being estab-

lished." This is a significant new development since the Community has for years shunned any mention of defense matters in its struggle to establish a full economic union. But now the context is changing. The last three European summit conferences have set the major objective of transforming "before the end of the present decade... the whole complex of the relations of member states into a European union." This would include a common foreign policy and therefore the instrument of that policy — a common defense system.

What is being proposed in

the commission report is a single decision-making center that would make up a real European government, independent of the national governments and absorbing all the executive functions of the council as well as the executive functions of the present commission. It would be responsible to the parliament of the union. What would remain for the member states? They would be responsible for areas not covered by Community powers, such as "sovereign" states within the U.S.

All of the present discussion is background material for Belgium's Prime Minister, Leo Tindemans. The nine governments have given him the responsibility of producing a first draft on what shape the European union might take.

His draft — to incorporate material from the Commission Report as well as other findings proposed by the European Parliament and the European Court of Justice — is to be finished in time for the European Summit of the nine this December in Rome. Two big questions remain: (1) Are the governments prepared to accept greater integration and to accept a certain relinquishing of national sovereignty? (2) Would a "greater Europe," if this concept is accepted, move quickly to attain independence in matters of its own defense?

If the commission's report is any indication, there will be major institutional changes in the Europe of nine before this decade is over.

— Ray Kosanke

### GRAIN ROBBERY

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chases should put a crimp in any effort to build up shrunken grain reserves, which many weather experts, in particular, have been urging U.S. agricultural leaders to undertake.

Interestingly, the rumored purchases also coincide with Alexander Solzhenitsyn's current American visit. In recent speeches, the exiled Russian writer has recalled Lenin's dictum about trading with the Communists: "Let the bourgeois sell us his rope. We will then sell it back to him to hang himself."

At the same time that the Soviet Union once again demonstrates its dependence on the capitalist world for food, the outspoken Solzhenitsyn is calling for an end to Western trade and assistance. The current crop of Soviet leaders, he points out,

would then have to concentrate their attention on feeding their own people and would have less time and resources to devote to building up the military.

Solzhenitsyn also believes that "détente" is a sham, and that "the cold war is still going on the other side. They [the Kremlin leaders] sign treaties with you and still they curse you. The cold war has never stopped for a second."

Many observers, Solzhenitsyn included, cannot understand why the United States does not, at the very least, attempt to extract firm political concessions from the Soviets in exchange for the needed foodstuffs.

Combine the famous writer's latest statements with the latest grain deal and one can draw an interesting parallel to the statement found in Leviticus 26:16 in the Bible: "... and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it." □



## Worldwatch

by Gene H. Hogberg

### Needed: A Joseph

"The corn is as high as an elephant's eye" go the lyrics of a number in the old Broadway musical, "Oklahoma."

This summer, according to the United States Department of Agriculture analysts, the nation's corn crop is high right now and should be plentiful at harvest time. At an estimated 6.044 billion bushels, U.S. corn production would be 7 percent above the previous 1973 record and 30 percent more than the drought-and-frost plagued crop of last year. The July USDA estimate also predicts a record wheat production of nearly 2.2 billion bushels, up 22 percent from the previous high in 1974.

The growing season is not over, of course, and as the recent disastrous floods in the Upper Midwest have shown, almost anything can happen to chop away at the rosy predictions. However, from the way things look now in the grain belts of both the United States and Canada, the world will be spared from any major famine this year.

The big question now seems to be what will happen to the big harvest once it's in? The Soviet Union, it seems, will be providing part of the answer. Beset with drought in its wheat belt, the Soviets are expected to buy heavily into the North American grain market. The purchases may not be as massive as the "Great Grain Robbery" of 1972 when the Soviets, almost before Americans knew what hit them, waltzed off with nearly 20 million tons of U.S. grain, practically wiping out America's grain reserve cupboard.

Nevertheless, the impending purchases are generating controversy in government circles in Washington, with USDA officials squared off against politicians still smarting over the 1972 fiasco. The controversy reveals the simple truth that the United States has virtually no national food policy. The Soviets were able to take advantage of this weakness in 1972 when they sent their government agents scurrying surreptitiously across the U.S. landscape lining up massive deals with independent grain marketers. Few in Washington knew what was happening. New regulations now require big export sales to be reported to the USDA within 24 hours.

But something more must be done if the benefits of the good harvest of 1975 are not to vanish away. What both the United States and Canada need is a modern-day Joseph to build up and prudently manage once again national grain reserves — as unpopular as that may seem in some farm circles, where reserves are feared for their negative impact on prices.

Despite this year's reprieve, the long range agricultural picture is not good. The fact is (unappreciated by most Americans, undoubtedly) that the rich agricultural heartland of the United States has enjoyed exceptionally good weather for the past 15 to 20 years. Since the breaking of the last significant drought in 1957, the United States Midwest grainbelt has experienced a virtually unbroken weather boom, tarnished only by last summer's dry spell.

When stacked up against U.S. Weather Service records covering the last 75 years, the past two decades have been abnormally good. "We've been spared the bad years recently," meteorologist Donald Gillman told newsmen at a conference I attended in early 1974. Gillman, the long-range weather predictor for the U.S. National Weather Service, further stressed that "some kind of climatic jolt seems almost certain" to restore more normal conditions — by sheer logic if nothing else!

The lesson of Joseph is that the good years should be used — or in the case of the United States, *should have been used* — to prepare for the bad. Perhaps there is still a little time left to act wisely in the national interest. For as in the days of Joseph, when "the famine was severe over all the earth" (Genesis 41:57 RSV) we have now entered the time when serious famines are occurring, and will continue to occur, in various places around the world (Matthew 24:7).

What we need is a Joseph — not the current leadership in the USDA, where a top official declared recently that he was opposed to the "excessive build-up" of crops in 1975!

## Rabin Makes Historic Visit to West Germany

**BONN:** The security precautions were especially tight in the West German capital last month. Throughout the city streets, patrol cars roamed in increased numbers. Police and army helicopters hovered over government buildings.

The reason for the extraordinary measures, however, was understandable. Government officials, alarmed over the increased incidence of sensational terrorist activities, wanted to make certain that the first official visit ever to the nation of West Germany by a Prime Minister of Israel went off smoothly.

Before Yitzhak Rabin left Israel, he mentioned that he, as a Jew and as an Israeli, had mixed feelings about the trip, but that he wanted to bridge the painful past with a future of hope. On arriving in Germany, his first stop was the site of the World War II concentration camp Bergen-Belsen (near Hannover).

In Bonn during talks with government and opposition leaders, a major item on Mr. Rabin's agenda — beyond discussions about the Middle East — was Israel's huge trade deficit with the European Community, currently running at more than 1 billion dollars a year. Israel felt that the Federal Republic could help close this gap to a

more manageable level, and West Germany, as a result, agreed to give Israel 140 million deutschmarks credit during the coming year. Observers noted that Israel needs money as much as it needs weapons to survive.

In the Bonn daily *General-Anzeiger* of July 9, 1975 a commentator said: "We cannot stick our hands into our pockets and play the part of an uninterested spectator. Also we cannot take the threat of Israel's annihilation upon us, we can only reduce the danger."

Although there were still differences of opinion between Prime Minister Rabin and the Bonn government, it could be said that this visit was the climax of developing relations between Israel and West Germany — the peak of the normalization process.

Upon his return to Israel, Mr. Rabin said that he found West Germany had more understanding of the Israeli situation than any other country in Europe.

Israel indeed needs understanding friends. For a nation of only three million and one of the few countries not linked to a single international defense organization, such understanding is a vital requirement in a hostile world based on power politics.

Prime Minister Rabin has certainly turned to the nation best prepared to help Israel in terms of economic might (besides the two super-powers), as West Germany is the backbone of the European Community, having more financial reserves than the other eight EEC members combined.

— Wolfgang Thomsen



### RUSSIAN TANKS — BEFORE AND AFTER

Picture above shows a few of the more than 2,000 Soviet-made tanks captured by Israel from the Egyptian and Syrian armies during the Arab-Israeli war of October, 1973, lying in a field somewhere in Israel, awaiting shipment to Israeli factories for reconstruction.

View at right shows workers in an Israeli factory in the process of modifying the captured Soviet T-55 tanks into new battlefield weapons, described by Israeli defense officials as one of the best tanks in the world.

Despite suggestions of a possible new interim peace accord in the Middle East, an ominous arms build-up of massive proportions is currently underway there. For a look into how events are shaping up in the volatile and unpredictable Middle East, read the cover story on page 2 of this issue of Plain Truth.



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### How Do You Fight a Limited Nuclear War?

**WASHINGTON:** The good news from the Pentagon this week is that the Air Force has just announced it will start training its crew to fight a "limited nuclear war" in case the United States should want to exercise that option.

While this is an encouraging sign, no one in Washington is quite sure what a limited nuclear war is and unfortunately neither is anyone in Moscow.

"Isn't a limited nuclear war like being a little bit pregnant?" I asked a source high in government circles.

"Certainly not. At the moment small nuclear wars have been considered unthinkable. But we hope that attitude will change and countries will start thinking about them instead of large nuclear wars that could wipe out a continent."

"Everyone is for small nuclear wars," I said, "as opposed to large ones. But how do you persuade the other side that you're not engaging in a large one? How will we know if we're attacked with nuclear weapons that the Soviets or even the French have no intention of destroying the entire country?"

"It won't be easy," the source said. "But if we announce a new nuclear strategy which is more flexible, then the Soviets will adjust their strategy accordingly. For example, suppose the Russians launched an attack on Mobile, Ala.; we would retaliate by hitting Minsk. If they then

hit White Plains, N.Y., we would drop nuclear weapons on Kiev. That would be considered a limited nuclear war. As long as there weren't attacks on our major cities, both sides could live with it."

"I can see that. But how will we know that they are only engaging in a limited nuclear war?"

The source seemed irritated. "That's what the hot line is for, stupid," he said. "The Soviets would alert us as to what cities they intend to bomb, and we would alert them about cities we would hit. If they double-cross us and bomb New Orleans instead of Mobile, we'll just lay a little ol' nuclear bomb on Leningrad. Our insurance is that they don't want their entire country destroyed and neither do we."

"I guess we could all live without Mobile and White Plains," I said. "But by chang-

ing our strategy from the deterrent of mutual destruction to limited nuclear war, aren't we encouraging both sides to start seriously thinking about using 'A' weapons?"

"Yes and no. The important thing is that we must have more options. Right now the only option we have is to use our weapons for all-out destruction. The Soviets are also stuck with the same option. But, let's face it, if we could use our atomic weapons just to knock out a few Soviet factory towns in the Ukraine, the Russians would only be under an obligation to destroy some place like Detroit."

"Nobody would miss Detroit," I said. "But suppose we had some Hawks in Congress who got mad and said, 'No one can win a limited war. We have to go all out or nothing?'"

"You'll get some of that. But

no President is going to get us involved in an all-out nuclear war. It would wreck the economy and play havoc with inflation. So no matter how much pressure the Hawks put on, the President will see that an 'A' war doesn't get out of hand."

"Now I know you're going to get mad at me for asking this question," I said. "But suppose one side or the other decides it is losing the limited nuclear war and, rather than face disgrace, turns it into mass destruction? What happens to your strategy then?"

"It will never happen."  
 "How do you know?"  
 "Because our military people aren't crazy."  
 "How do you know?"  
 "Because anyone who comes up with a limited nuclear war plan has to be sane."  
 "How do you know?"

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# The INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL...

## The Missing Dimension in Knowledge

by Herbert W. Armstrong

### Part V

SOMETHING CAUSED the Creator God to decide to create MAN on this planet. Few indeed know what it was and what is the PURPOSE for humanity's presence here. WHERE are we going, and what is the way?

These are the most vital questions. Yet science cannot give the answers. No religion has the explanation. No university teaches this most important of all knowledge.

#### Earth Not Originally Populated by MAN

It came as an eye-opening surprise to many readers to learn in PART IV that originally this earth was populated by angels — not by MAN.

In PART IV, I took you back into pre-history. I covered a most important, little-understood phase of the "missing dimension in knowledge" — the super-colossal earth-wide cataclysm that led to the creation of MAN!

From pre-history, as revealed in the biblical record, I covered the original creation of the vast heavens and this earth, in perfection and glorious beauty.

Angels were in existence before the creation of the earth. It could have been many millions of years ago. The earth was created at first to be the habitation of angels. Angels are individually created spirit beings, created immortal and holy, superior to and more powerful than man. However, the human potential, when attained, will elevate man much higher than angels.

Most people know almost nothing about God. To understand ourselves, WHY we are, where we are going, and how, we need to know more about our Creator.

Our present life is like going on a journey. Suppose you had just won a prize — an all-expense-paid trip to some other country. Wouldn't you want to know where you are going, how to get there, and as many things as possible about this trip? Should we not, then, be even more excited with eager anticipation to know as much as possible about this one great trip of life? And to know that, you need to know some things about the God who is sending you and providing the way.

It is vital at this point, then, to know this — as revealed in the Bible. The Eternal God not only is Creator of all that is, but is also RULER over all he creates and also EDUCATOR. He reveals knowledge basic and vital to know — knowledge otherwise inaccessible to man. Yet mankind — generally — has rejected revelation as a source of basic knowledge.

What God creates he maintains. What he creates he creates for a PURPOSE. He intends it to be put to use — a right use that preserves and improves. This use, maintenance and improvement is controlled by the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

This earth, originally, was intended to

### Why did God create man on the earth? Was humanity actually put on this planet for a PURPOSE? What is that purpose?

be the abode of a third of all the angels. The angels, beholding the earth at its creation, found it so beautiful and perfect they shouted spontaneously for JOY! (Job 38:4-7.) It was to provide a glorious opportunity for them. They were to work it, produce from it, and preserve and increase its beauty.

And whether or not it had been revealed to the angels, it was a supreme TRIAL AND TEST. It was to be the PROVING GROUND of obedience to GOD'S GOVERNMENT and their fitness to take over and develop the millions of other planets in the vast universe. For apparently God had created the entire PHYSICAL universe at the same time he created the earth. The seventh word in Genesis 1:1 should be translated "heavens."

Radioactive elements and the law of radioactivity prove that there was a time when MATTER did not exist. GOD is a spirit. God is composed of spirit. God was before ALL ELSE — the CREATOR of all. Angels were created prior to the earth. There is strong probability that matter had never existed before the original creation of the earth — that the entire physical universe was brought into being at that time.

So the angel potential was to take over the entire universe — to produce, build, and improve the billions of physical planets surrounding the uncountable stars, many of which are SUNS. Our sun in our solar system is merely an average-size sun. Some which we see as stars are actually many, many times larger than our sun. Our solar system, vast beyond the imagination of most minds, is only a part of our galaxy, and there are many galaxies! In other words, the physical UNIVERSE which the mighty God created is vast beyond imagination! How GREAT is the GREAT GOD!

But God may not have yet fully revealed this awesome potential to the angels, for one third of them set out to take it from him by force, without first qualifying.

For this far-reaching purpose, God established his GOVERNMENT on earth over them. Administration of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over this globe was delegated to the super archangel — the great cherub Lucifer. His very name means "shining star of the dawn" or "bringer of light."

Lucifer was the supreme masterpiece it was possible for even the great God to create as an individually created being. The Bible reveals the existence of just two others of the same rank — Michael and Gabriel.

Bear in mind that even the holy an-

gels and archangels — including this super cherub Lucifer — of necessity were endowed with ability to think, to reason, to form attitudes, and to make choices and decisions.

God started this Lucifer out with everything going for him. He sealed up the sum of wisdom, beauty and perfection. He was PERFECT in all his ways from the instant he was created UNTIL (Ezekiel 28:15) INIQUITY — rebellion, lawlessness — was found in him.

He had been trained and was thoroughly experienced in administration of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD at the very throne of the endless UNIVERSE! He was one of the two cherubs whose wings covered the throne of God the MOST high (Ezek. 28:14, Ex. 25:20).

He was created gloriously beautiful — perfect in beauty, but he allowed vanity to seize him. Then he turned to erroneous reasoning. God's LAW — the basis of God's government — is the way of LOVE — outgoing concern for the good and welfare of others, love toward God in obedience, humility, and worship — the way of giving, sharing, helping, cooperating. He reasoned that competition would be better than cooperation. It would be an incentive to excel, to try harder, to accomplish. There would be more pleasure in serving SELF and more enjoyment.

He turned against God's law of LOVE. He became jealous of God, envious, and resentful against God. He allowed lust and greed to fill him, and he became bitter. This inspired a spirit of violence! He deliberately became his Maker's adversary and enemy.

God changed his NAME to what he became, SATAN the DEVIL — which means adversary, competitor, enemy.

He directed his supernatural powers henceforth to EVIL. He became bitter not only against God, but against God's LAW. He became subtle and used his subtle wiles of deception to lead the angels under him into disloyalty, rebellion, and revolt against the Creator and finally into a WAR of aggression and violence to attempt to depose God and seize the throne of the UNIVERSE.

As long as Lucifer remained loyal and administered the GOVERNMENT OF GOD faithfully, this earth was filled with wonderful and perfect PEACE. The angels were vigorously HAPPY to the extent of JOY! The LAW of God's government is THE WAY OF LIFE that CAUSES and produces peace, happiness, prosperity, and well-being. Sin is the WAY OF LIFE that has CAUSED all existing EVILS.

The penalty of sin by the angels was not death — for God had made them im-

mortal spirit beings who cannot die. What God gave them was THIS EARTH as their abode and opportunity to qualify to possess and beautify the entire UNIVERSE.

Their penalty (they are still awaiting final judgment up to now) was disqualification — forfeiture of their grand opportunity, perversion of mind, and a colossal earth-wide CATAclysm of destruction wreaked upon this earth.

As a result, the earth came to the condition briefly described in Genesis 1:2 — (the Hebrew words "tohu and boh" here mean waste and empty, chaotic and in extreme confusion) with water covering the whole face of the earth, in deep darkness. Lucifer was created a perfect bringer of LIGHT. Now he became author of DARKNESS, error, confusion, and evil.

So the rebellion of the angels that sinned (II Pet. 2:4-6; Jude 6-7; Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17) brought this extreme cataclysm to the earth.

And in all probability it did more!

Whatever God creates is created in perfect condition. I am unable to believe that the other planets were created as dead hulks of waste and empty DECAY — like our moon. We do not yet know too much about the other planets, but every evidence so far indicates this same state of decay.

We have already covered, in this series, the awesome, incredible POTENTIAL OF MAN. Originally, this potential of being put over the UNIVERSE was the potential of the angels. But they became disqualified.

I cannot believe God created our moon and the planets in this state of waste and decay. I believe the evidence of what God does reveal strongly indicates that the entire material universe was created when the earth was still perfect and beautiful. As just stated, God is NOT the author of waste, decay, and destruction, but Satan is. It seems, therefore, based on what is revealed, that a similar cataclysm of destruction most likely happened to the surface of our moon and the planets at the time it happened to this earth! And all this was caused by the rebellion of Lucifer and his angels! But notice what God did next.

In Psalm 104:30, "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth."

Back, now to Genesis 1:2, "And the earth was [became] without form and void [Heb. tohu and boh — chaotic, in confusion, waste and empty]; And darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

God now RENEWED the face of the earth, preparing it to become the abode of MAN!

But WHY?

**Why God Created Man!**

Here is a truth perhaps never before understood by man!

Here is **AWESOME TRUTH!**

Look, now, at the situation as God must have seen and considered it. God has given us minds *like* the mind of God — only inferior and limited. God made us in his image, after his likeness (form and shape), only composed of matter instead of spirit. But God says to us "Let this MIND be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). We can learn to think his thoughts after him. If we have his spirit, we can learn to think, to some degree, even as HE THINKS!

How must God have looked at this situation after the colossal debacle of Lucifer and the angels that sinned?

This LUCIFER was the supreme MASTERPIECE of God's creative power as a single, separately created spirit being! He was created the most perfect in beauty, mind, knowledge, power, intellect and wisdom within the almighty power of God to create in a being with power to think, reason, make choices and decisions on his own. God knew that no higher, more perfect being could be created.

Yet this superior being, trained and experienced at the very throne of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the universe, had resorted to wrong reasoning and made a diabolical decision. He worked on the angels under him until he turned their minds to rebellion also. This, incidentally, might have taken Lucifer millions of years. In all probability he had to begin perverting the minds of his angels one at a time, at first. He had to make them feel dissatisfied, wronged by God, and inject resentment and bitterness into them.

When Lucifer allowed thoughts of vanity, jealousy, envy, lust and greed, then resentment and rebellion, to enter and occupy his mind, SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIS MIND! His mind became *perverted, distorted, twisted!* His thinking became warped. God gave him and the angels control over their own minds. They can never straighten them out — never again think rationally, honestly, rightly.

I have had a number of personal experiences with demons through a few demon-possessed people. I have cast out a few through the name of Christ and power of the holy spirit. Some demons are silly, like spoiled children. Some are crafty, sharp, shrewd, subtle. Some are belligerent, some are sassy, some are sullen and morose. But all are perverted, warped, twisted.

Look, now again at God's overall supreme PURPOSE. It is to develop the ENTIRE LIMITLESS PHYSICAL UNIVERSE and to DEVELOP GODLY, PERFECT CHARACTER IN THE MILLIONS OF SPIRIT BEINGS WHO SHALL DO THIS DEVELOPING!

That is **THE AWESOME PURPOSE!**

For this PURPOSE, God created millions of angels — spirit beings composed of spirit — holy angels. Then he created the PHYSICAL UNIVERSE and this earth, and he put angels here to develop this earth, ruled by the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

But the king he set as ruler — LUCIFER — rebelled, revolted, misled a third of all

the angels, and THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD no longer governed the earth.

God already had created the highest, most perfect super angel. Lucifer was the supreme masterpiece. If Lucifer and his angels went wrong, there was no assurance the other two thirds would not.

As God surveyed this tragic cataclysm, he must have realized it left HIMSELF as the **ONLY BEING** who will not and **CANNOT SIN!** The only possible ASSURANCE of accomplishing his great PURPOSE was for him now to *reproduce himself!*

But let us answer another question before proceeding:

**WHY** is it IMPOSSIBLE for God to sin? No greater power exists that will prevent him — but God has simply by his own power — supreme and above all power — set himself that he *will not!*

What God saw was this. *No being less than God could be certainly relied upon NEVER to sin, that is, NEVER to turn against God's LAW.* To fulfil his PURPOSE for the entire UNIVERSE, God saw that nothing less than HIMSELF could be *absolutely relied upon* to carry out his SUPREME PURPOSE throughout the entire, vast, endless UNIVERSE!

The question might be raised: Could not God have known, in advance, what Lucifer and the angels under him would do? Doesn't God know EVERYTHING? The answer is NO. If God were to have known in advance what choice they would make, he would have had to FORCE them to make it — taken away from them power to think, to reason, to have a choice, to make decisions. God does not CHOOSE to know, in advance, what YOU or I will be thinking, reasoning, deciding tomorrow or in the future. He gave these spirit beings, as he gives us HUMAN beings, the power to think for ourselves, to choose, to make decisions. Otherwise we should be nothing more than automatons, doing what we are made to do. He simply did not choose to know. His PURPOSE includes the development of CHARACTER in his, created beings.

All that had happened caused God to now CREATE THE MOST STUPENDOUS CREATION OF ALL — by **REPRODUCING HIMSELF!**

**Reproducing HIMSELF??**

Now came the **CROWNING PINNACLE** of even God's unmatched creating POWER! Now came the very zenith of all divine accomplishment! Now came a project so *incredulously transcendently AWESOME* it is hard for the human mind to really grasp.

How could *the great GOD* — self-existent, before all else, CREATOR of all else, reproduce HIMSELF into multiplied millions of others JUST LIKE HIMSELF — divine, supreme in power, perfect in character — each by his own choice perfectly like-minded with the Father, each having so set himself that he CANNOT SIN?

PART VI of this series will reveal HOW God planned to carry out this incredibly AWESOME feat of *reproducing himself.* In this PART V, I have shown WHY God decided to create HUMANS and put the human family here on earth. PART VI will explain what few, indeed, have ever understood — **HOW** God planned to REPRODUCE HIMSELF. □



**In Brief**

by Stanley R. Rader

**Solzhenitsyn and Détente**

LOS ANGELES, July 13 — An amazing thing happened last week in Washington. Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel laureate in literature and the most widely acclaimed anti-Communist writer in the world today, was visiting the United States for speaking engagements in Washington and New York. While visiting Washington, he requested a meeting with President Ford at the White House, but the President, acting through his press secretary, lamely excused himself from such a meeting because of the press of business and other important White House matters.

Yet during the same week President Ford did have the time to spend with Pelé, the world renowned soccer player who has come back from a short-lived retirement to sign a multimillion-dollar contract with a professional U.S. soccer team. Pictures of President Ford with the soccer superstar were widely disseminated throughout the United States and the free world.

Because of the public outcry the presidential press secretary was finally forced to concede that the President had deliberately failed to meet with Mr. Solzhenitsyn because to do so might have displeased the Russians and hence injured the delicate fabric of détente.

In October 1973, just two days before the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East between the Arabs and the Israelis in what has become known as the Holy Day War, former South Vietnamese President Thieu was telling Mr. Armstrong and me in Saigon that the third world war has been going on for almost thirty years but that the United States and its allies have failed to recognize this because the war did not have the conventional classic form of prior world wars. President Thieu explained, however, that the Soviet Union had been steadily and steadfastly fighting the third world war politically, ideologically, economically and militarily — but by *proxy* in the last instance. He asserted that major hostilities, for example, could break out again at any time in the Middle-East or in Vietnam and, in either case, others would be doing the Soviet bidding and fighting.

Last week during his two addresses in the United States, Mr. Solzhenitsyn differed from President Thieu in perhaps only one sense. The exiled Russian author seemed to suggest that the third world war had already been fought and lost by the United States and its democratic allies.

Perhaps President Thieu and Mr. Solzhenitsyn are both right, but certainly our own President Ford has demonstrated that something is seriously wrong with the attitude of the White House (and that's the position of the United States) toward détente. The Russians, on the other hand, do not seem to be confused or deluded at all. Détente means to them merely a period during which direct confrontation between the two major superpowers is assiduously avoided, but all else is done; short of the ultimate provocative act, to continue the worldwide struggle for supremacy on an ever increasing scale.

In the United States, in the meantime, there is apparently deep-seated fear that almost anything might disturb the delicate fabric of détente. Nothing demonstrates more clearly than President Ford's timidity with respect to the proposed meeting between him and Mr. Solzhenitsyn. And yet, President Ford in his recent visit to Europe, which included his meeting in Salzburg with President Sadat of Egypt and all of the NATO allies in Brussels, reasserted U.S. determination to lead the free world and to honor its obligations wherever they may be.

Surely something must be done to avoid such a public display of presidential weakness or presidential fear or presidential unwillingness to do anything that might displease the Russians. Everyone will agree that we must avoid a major conflict between the two superpowers because such a conflict would undoubtedly involve the use of nuclear weapons on a scale sufficient to destroy civilization in both the United States and the U.S.S.R. if not the rest of the world. But one cannot help but ask whether the steady willingness to give and concede on issue after issue with the Russians over the past thirty years (as so beautifully articulated by Mr. Solzhenitsyn in his two public addresses in the United States) has contributed to the survival of civilization as we know it, or whether it has merely delayed the process by which the Western democracies will find themselves totally submissive and completely under the yoke of international communism as directed from Moscow.

For more than forty years *Plain Truth* has been in total accord with Mr. Solzhenitsyn in warning its readers everywhere of the menace of worldwide communism. Thus, one can see that *Plain Truth* under the guidance of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has been in the vanguard of those who saw only too clearly the danger that imperialistic communism would pose to the free world in the aftermath of World War II. □

# Announcing... A NEW FOUNDATION... and a NEW MAGAZINE!

**PLAIN TRUTH Publisher, Herbert W. Armstrong, recently announced  
A NEW FOUNDATION and the publication of a strikingly beautiful  
NEW MAGAZINE for mankind — HUMAN POTENTIAL.**

by Arthur A. Ferdig,  
Managing Editor

The world is a tangled mass of complexity.

Masses of humanity are divided by national boundaries, by languages, by wealth or lack of wealth, by geography, by ideology, by religion and superstition, by education, by race, by hatred, by war, and by enormous government restrictions and piles of officially tangled red tape.

Today the world is divided by problems that are going beyond man's ability to solve. Never before was there a greater need for international understanding and for man to build bridges of peace — between nations, races, languages, and cultures.

## The AICF Is Born

One natural outgrowth of this need for international understanding is the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. This non-profit foundation is dedicated to serving humanity worldwide — supporting charitable and humanitarian causes, educational and cultural projects, and, more importantly, it adds to these activities a much needed *spiritual* dimension.

Ever since *Plain Truth* publisher Herbert W. Armstrong became affiliated with the Jerusalem archaeological dig, the International Cultural Center for Youth, and explorations with King Leopold — all in the late 1960's — he and his associates have been busy building bridges between men and nations. This led directly to the creation of AICF, though the actual chartering of the foundation this spring was only a legal formality for activities that had existed for nearly seven years!

This new foundation serves all — without respect to race or national origin. It cuts through the com-

plexities that divide this war-torn world. It is accepted by all. It is *not* political. It is *not* denominational or "religious" in the traditional sense. Yet, its activities are based on *right values* — on practical Bible truths.

From its headquarters in Pasadena, California, the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation now directs or co-sponsors humanitarian and cultural projects worldwide — from explorations in the Andaman Islands to educational projects in Thailand; from benefits for handicapped children to major musical and cultural events; from agricultural research to archaeological excavations.

The goals and purposes of AICF have met with such success that we now have sister foundations in both Japan and India. Mr. Armstrong has also authorized the development of such "sister organizations" in several other areas outside the United States. We will see these developing in the near future.

But that's not all!

Beginning with a fall preview issue, the AICF will begin publication of a powerful new magazine!

## Human Potential Magazine

In May of this year, we began to realize the need for a totally unique publication — one that would be read by leaders in government, education and industry worldwide and one that would serve and promote the activities of the foundation, allowing for a powerful spiritual message. So a working "dummy" of a new magazine — *HUMAN POTENTIAL* — was designed and printed. It is top quality in every respect!

Sample copies have already been distributed to some of Mr. Armstrong's overseas friends, and their reactions were very *enthusiastic!*

Here are a few of the first congratulatory messages from Japan and India — sent via telex:

To: Dr. Herbert W. Armstrong, Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Pasadena, CA

"Congratulations on founding of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation at Pasadena and its sister organizations in Tokyo and Bombay. We are proud to promote the success of the foundation worldwide, as we find its objectives universal for all mankind. We are particularly pleased with the foundation's new publication *HUMAN POTENTIAL* and are delighted to know that a Japanese edition is in the planning. We know that it will be extremely effective for the Japanese people. We will be contributing articles to both the English and Japanese editions and are deeply honored to have our names with you in this truly meaningful effort."

Bunsei Sato, Keiwa Okuda,  
Hajime Ishii,  
Japanese Diet Members

"Hearty congratulations on the inauguration of Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and your new publication — *HUMAN POTENTIAL*. Japan welcomes establishing a sister foundation in Tokyo and Bombay. We promise full cooperation with the foundation in Japan."

Toshio Yamaguchi, Member,  
House of Representatives, Japan

"Congratulations on the establishment of Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. Wishing great success in publishing *HUMAN POTENTIAL*, and believe it will be the most required and significant magazine in the world. I feel a strong responsibility and am most

happy to work with you and Professor Gotoh in Japan."

Jun Matsufuji,  
Ministry of Finance, Japan

"All my support for Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and its promotion of human cooperation and understanding through culture and education. Please accept my congratulations for efforts to promote world peace and international cordiality. Wish you all success. Fully expect your wonderful new magazine — *HUMAN POTENTIAL* — to advance the cause of world fraternity and be as unique as you yourself have always been. Yours with warm regards."

Nagendra Singh, Justice,  
International Court of Justice

As of this writing, we have received many more such enthusiastic responses from our friends in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, the Philippines, India, Japan, Thailand and elsewhere. It has been very encouraging.

Perhaps the most definitive response of all was that of the Editor-in-Chief! After the editorial staff had prepared a "dummy" copy of *HUMAN POTENTIAL*, Mr. Armstrong wrote a letter explaining the purpose of the new magazine to the foundation staff and other worldwide employees of this Work. Here are excerpts of that letter:

"Under the auspices of the new foundation, I have authorized the publication of a new magazine, particularly edited as a part of this new dimension of the Work — a magazine that will go before kings and heads of governments. It will be bi-monthly, six issues a year. It will have a larger page size than the original *Plain Truth*, of the very highest quality in every way — in paper stock, full-color printing, etc.

"It will contain articles on the very purpose of human life upon the earth. On the awesome human potential! On the way to world peace, and how it will come in our time. It will carry the true gospel message, in the same plain and understandable — yet non-religious sounding — language I use in my speeches and lectures, and in conversations with world leaders. It will put emphasis on revealing what science has never discovered, religion has never revealed, education has never taught.

"This new magazine, of necessity, will have only a limited circulation — edited primarily to continue repeatedly every issue that which I reveal in my present meetings and campaigns. Its circulation will include top government and professional people in such countries as Japan, India, Egypt, Israel, Thailand, Jordan, Indonesia, and of course in

America, Britain, and Europe as well. "I have just been presented with the first 'dummy' edition, and, as we used to say, 'it's a smash!' Simply beautiful, and absolutely top quality! Larger in physical size than our other magazines, more pages, higher quality paper.

"The title? What could be better than HUMAN POTENTIAL?"

"Developing our incredible potential is what life is all about! It is the reason we exist on earth!"

"We are already receiving enthusiastic responses from some of our friends in the Middle East, the Philippines, India, Japan and Thailand. These top people in government, education and industry, who endorse what I stand for and proclaim, will be writing articles that will be read by other world leaders in the new HUMAN POTENTIAL. This alone staggers the imagination. An editorial policy without precedent in the entirety of international journalism and publishing!"

"HUMAN POTENTIAL will be in a class by itself!"

**Editorial Content**

We have already received several manuscripts submitted by international figures that will appear in the first few issues: a Japanese leader's view of Israel, an Egyptian official's perspective on the Middle East, the case for international law written by a World Court justice, a report from Thailand, etc. Many top people, worldwide, are wanting to contribute.

Besides international articles and those of a moral and spiritual nature, we will also be publishing articles on archaeology, nature, the wonders of the human mind and body, creation vs. evolution, historical expeditions, the art and cultures of the world, etc. — all in beautiful color.

HUMAN POTENTIAL magazine will be unique in international journalism and publishing. It will be a

magazine for the very top people in government, education and industry. It will contain articles from prominent world leaders who share our common concerns.

**Foundation Memberships**

The far-reaching activities of AICF — including the publishing of HUMAN POTENTIAL magazine — will be supported through paid memberships in the foundation. A charitable contribution of \$25 will entitle the donor to one year's subscription to HUMAN POTENTIAL (six issues), plus other benefits that will be explained in future mailings. A portion of this contribution (\$5) will defray the cost of publishing and distributing the magazine. The remainder, which is tax deductible, will go directly to support the charitable activities of the foundation. Foundation monies will be kept totally separate from either Ambassador College or Worldwide Church of God accounts.

This type of financing, similar to that of National Geographic, will allow for maximum growth without impacting our day-to-day budget for radio, TV and our free publications.

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# THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

## PART V

*In previous installments we have covered the FACTS — as they were from pagan times, as they continued through medieval Christian repression, as they are today under the "new morality."*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**H**ISTORY has been written — in unhappy, frustrated marriages — in licentious immorality today. But the "new morality" is not solving the problem. Rather, the Western world has leaped from the frying pan into the fire.

The more human leaders have tampered with moral codes, social regulations, forms of government, and international movements for peace, the further they have plunged the world into evils, wars and violence, human misery and suffering. And the farther they have driven humanity from mankind's transcendent potential.

There is — I repeat again and again — a CAUSE for every effect.

And the cause? The MISSING DIMENSION — the basic, foundational KNOWLEDGE — the true premise for all explanations, philosophies, and guidance in conduct. And the WAY OF LIFE that would CAUSE all good.

Our first parents rejected revelation as the starting point in knowledge and human conduct. They rejected the LAW of God. All humanity has continued in that fatal error.

Through six thousand long and painful years the lesson *has been written* in cruel EXPERIENCE.

Man is a physical being — but with a spiritual attribute. And of the whole man, the MIND, with its spiritual attribute and potential, is the all-important factor. The body is merely the mechanism or vehicle that the MIND directs and uses. But how is MIND connected with SEX?

Sex anatomy and sexual functioning is connected directly with the mind through the system of nerves. There can be no use of sex apart from the mind. Every bodily action is directed, consciously or subconsciously, by the mind.

The human sexual response cannot function unless profound physiological changes occur in the genital areas of both sexes — and these changes are physio-psychologically produced — actually generated in the mind.

And so it is that ATTITUDE is an all-important factor of sex and directly associated with its every function.

So there are TWO phases of any use of sex — the one, of first importance, the mental-spiritual phase; the other, physical.

Thus, as in almost every activity of life, ATTITUDE is of prime importance. Direction of mind!

Now let's UNDERSTAND what is so fatally WRONG with all this modern knowledge of sex. In both the "old mo-

rality" and the "new morality" of this world's teachings and customs, IGNORANCE OF THE CREATOR'S INTENDED PURPOSES and dissemination of evil moral teachings has poisoned human minds and injected damage-causing ATTITUDES.

*A mixture of half good food and half potassium cyanide will kill you as surely as the dose of potassium cyanide alone!*

Not all of the purely mental physical knowledge published in this modern onslaught of sex books has been correct, by any means. But even if the dissemination of the physical details, of itself, were completely true, it is COMBINED, in every case — whether in such a book or from other sources — with a false and poisonous ATTITUDE OF MIND concerning sex PURPOSES and uses!

It thus becomes DEADLY MORAL AND SPIRITUAL POISON. And today's world is gulping down the fatal dosage!

Today, knowledge of physical details is abundantly available. Yet even among books disseminating biological information, I have not found a single volume I would want to recommend to our radio listeners and Plain Truth readers. And when physical information is combined with a poisonous mental attitude, it emphatically destroys moral purity and character.

### So WHERE NEXT?

So, WHERE NOW?

WHERE, for the knowledge of RIGHT PURPOSES and USES?

WHERE, for the supreme AUTHORITY for morals? WHERE for the right attitude?

In no field is the fact more positively demonstrated that the WORD OF GOD is the FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE than in this area of sex!

HOW, and from where, and when, did sex originate?

And WHY?

You shall see that there was great PURPOSE — great MEANING behind the origin of sex. There was intelligence, design, and wisdom in its planning. It was CREATED by the all-intelligent, all-powerful, all-HOLY Creator!

The answers are found in the Bible. And the place to begin is at THE BEGINNING!

Here is the beginning:

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1, RSV).

### WHO — WHAT IS God?

I have quoted that passage in the English language. But when God in-

spired Moses to write it, originally, it was written in the Hebrew language. What I quoted is a translation from the Hebrew. And in the Hebrew, the word — or the NAME — translated into the English name "God" was *Elohim*. That is a uniplural noun. It is uniplural, like such words as *group, church, crowd, family, or organization*.

Take, for example, the word *church*. You will read, in 1 Corinthians 12:20, that the *church* is only ONE CHURCH — the "one body" yet composed of "many members." Even though it takes many persons to constitute the church, it is not many churches — it is only the ONE CHURCH!

A family is made up of more than one person, yet only the one family.

And so, incredible as it may seem to those who do not rightly and fully UNDERSTAND the Bible — and only an infinitesimal minority does — GOD is not merely one person, nor even limited to a "trinity," but GOD is a FAMILY.

The doctrine of the trinity is false. It was foisted upon the world at the Council of Nicaea. It is the pagan Babylonish trinity of Nimrod, Semiramis and Horus — of father, mother and child — substituting the holy spirit for the mother, Semiramis, and calling it a "person."

God is a KINGDOM — the supreme divine FAMILY which RULES the universe! The whole GOSPEL Jesus brought to mankind is, merely, the good news of the KINGDOM OF GOD — and that kingdom is God. It is a FAMILY — a RULING divine family into which humans may be born!

It is vitally necessary that we UNDERSTAND this truth — if we are to understand the MEANING and PURPOSES of sex!

There is only the ONE GOD! Because of false teaching — including that of a "trinity" — nearly all of us have been reared from childhood to assume that GOD is one individual person. It is true that one person — the Father — is head of the family, but each person in the GOD FAMILY is an individual divine person.

*Elohim* is the divine FAMILY — only ONE family, but more than one divine person. Jesus Christ spoke of His divine father as GOD. Jesus said He was the Son of GOD (as well as the Son of man). Jesus is called GOD in Hebrews 1:8 and elsewhere. All the holy angels are commanded to worship Jesus (Heb. 1:6; Psalm 97:7, 1) — and none but GOD may be worshipped!

In Genesis 1:26, *Elohim* said, "Let us [not me] make man in our image."

So the Eternal FATHER is a person and is GOD. Jesus Christ is a different person — and is GOD. They are two separate and individual persons (Rev. 4:2; 5:1, 6-7). The Father is Supreme HEAD of the God family — the Lawgiver. Christ is the WORD — the divine Spokesman.

But when Jesus was begotten within

His human mother Mary, He was not, as all other men, begotten of a human father, but of God, by the agency and power of God's spirit. He became — as a human — the son of God. He called God His FATHER. He prayed to His Father. So we have a Father-and-Son relationship. It is a FAMILY relationship!

But it goes further. Humans, in the likeness of God, may receive the gift of GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 2:38-39).

This spirit emanates from the very person — the spirit body of the Father. It begets us with His very life — GOD life — eternal life, on entering into us, precisely as a human ovum is begotten with the human father's life when the sperm-cell from his body impregnates the ovum. But it is not a born human child until nine months later — it is, thus far, only begotten.

Those thus converted become the begotten SONS of God — actually children of God (Rom. 8:14-17).

But it is well at this point to make clear the fact that none other is a son of God. The widely believed "Fatherhood-of-God and Brotherhood-of-man" doctrine is, by scriptural authority, FALSE!

The Pharisees had said to Jesus, "... we have one Father, even God." Jesus answered, "If God were your Father, ye would love me. ... Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:41-44).

In one of His parables, Jesus said, "... the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one" — that is, children of the devil. The apostle Paul said to a human sorcerer, "Thou child of the devil ..." (Acts 13:10). Again, "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoever doeth not righteousness is not of God ..." (1 John 3:10). One does not become a son of GOD until begotten of God by receiving God's holy spirit.

This brings up another significant point and answers the question: Is abortion murder? The human who is begotten of God, but as yet un-born, is already a CHILD of God (1 John 3:1-2). The begotten but unborn fetus is the CHILD of its parents. To kill it is MURDER! But the human who is born is the child of his human father — but only those begotten of God are children of God.

Those thus begotten of God are baptized into (that is, immersed into — put into) GOD'S CHURCH (1 Cor. 12:13).

The CHURCH is the affianced BRIDE, to MARRY CHRIST at His glorious return to earth (Eph. 5:25-27; Rev. 19:7). So we have the father-and-son relationship and also the husband-and-wife relationship!

The CHURCH of God, now, is the begotten family of God's children as yet unborn to spirit immortality. But, at Christ's coming, when the begotten mortal heirs become the spirit-composed BORN inheritors of the GOD KINGDOM,

then (and not until) they shall have entered into the KINGDOM of GOD!

The KINGDOM of God, then, is merely the GOD FAMILY as a RULING GOVERNMENT.

A KINGDOM is a government. God is CREATOR. God is a FAMILY of divine persons. God rules His entire vast, limitless creation. GOD IS A KINGDOM!

Jesus preached one gospel — one message — the KINGDOM of GOD. The world rejected Him because it hated His message. The world appropriated His name, rejected His message, and proclaimed its false gospel — merely about Christ, while rejecting His message about the kingdom of God. That is why the world with its churches, wallowing in the moral cesspools of confusion, does not understand about either SEX or THE KINGDOM of GOD!

Now let's UNDERSTAND! Genesis 1:1: In the beginning, ELOHIM — the KINGDOM OF GOD — created the heavens and the earth. And ELOHIM — the GOD FAMILY — said, "Let us!" — not "let me!" Did you ever wonder why GOD said: "Let us make man in OUR image"? God is a FAMILY — a RULING KINGDOM.

Notice! Understand! We speak of the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom. Then there is the human kingdom — for humans are not animals and did not descend from animals. There is, truly, a "missing link"! But the "missing link" does not link man to the dumb animals. The "missing link" is JESUS CHRIST — the true link between MAN and GOD — and through whom I may be born into the GOD kingdom!

#### The First Man and Woman

Now consider the first man.

Adam was *not* born. He was *created*, suddenly, a full-grown adult man. His wife, Eve, was created, suddenly, a full-grown adult woman.

But we must not suppose that they were created with a full storehouse of knowledge implanted automatically in their minds. Perhaps you never thought of it in this light before, but consider:

How did we, the adults of today, come into possession of the knowledge we have? We were not born with it. A newborn babe knows nothing at birth. He is born with a mind capable of absorbing knowledge — a very little at first, but cumulatively additive. Humans must be taught — must learn. That is one of the *vital reasons* why marriage and family life are necessary for humans, unlike animals. Human babies start out very helpless. They need parental care, protection, teaching, training, and love. They need the warmth and companionship of family life.

What was the difference between Adam, at the instant of his creation, and a baby at the instant of birth?

Within a portion of a single day, AN ADULT MAN was miraculously created, suddenly, out of the dust of the ground! Adam was created with a MIND, as yet *unfilled with knowledge*, but capable of receiving knowledge, reasoning from it, acting on it.

And it was a *mind free from defect or degeneration!*

What, then, was the difference between Adam at the instant of his creation and a baby at birth? He was

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started off as an adult — his mind had adult capabilities — but he was as much without knowledge, and therefore as helpless, as a newborn babe! He was created with adult *capacity*, but not with adult knowledge!

The *very first need* of the first man and the first woman was to be given essential KNOWLEDGE! That is humanity's *first need* today, but humanity has rejected that essential knowledge.

#### The Great Educator

And here enters a basic TRUTH long ago forgotten by the world!

The Almighty is *not only* the Creator! He is also the Great Educator!

The ETERNAL instructed the first man and woman. And He instructed them about SEX! The Great Designer, Creator, and Lawgiver revealed for mankind the basic FOUNDATION of ALL KNOWLEDGE! From the time of our first parents that foundation of necessary knowledge — not otherwise discoverable by man — has been accessible. It is available today in the Bible.

Yet our first parents rejected God's revelation of knowledge, rebelled against God and His law for man's welfare! And their children have been rejecting and rebelling ever since!

Think of it! God the Creator is also Ruler of all His vast creation. He is also the Great and Supreme Educator for all mankind. Yet mankind rejects Him as both Ruler and Educator — and most reject Him as Creator!

Now consider! The very last act of God's creation by work, was the creation of MAN. It was on the sixth day of that first week. Earlier that sixth day God had created cattle, the other mammals, the creeping animals. The creation of Adam was the very final act of the work of creation. That day, by God's order, ended at sunset.

As that day's sun set and the seventh day of the week arrived, "God ended *his work* which he had made" (Gen. 2:2). Notice what God ended. *Not creating!* He ended *His work* which He had made. God did not end *creating!* Only *His work* — those things made by *work*. Now He created His sabbath by *rest* — *not by work!* He blessed the sabbath day and sanctified it — that is, set it apart from other days as His, for holy use and purpose. He established the sabbath as the day for assembly and spiritual instruction.

Just as this first sabbath came on, there was the man Adam — suddenly formed, shaped, created as an adult MAN needing instruction! And there, beside him, was his wife and his Creator, ceasing from the *work* phase of creation! Did the Creator walk off or vanish out of sight leaving the man and woman helpless with empty minds, to stumble and bungle around aimlessly into trouble and harm?

Just as a newborn baby is helpless — needing parents — needing to be *taught* — knowing NOTHING at birth — so this newly created couple were *helpless*, needing to be *taught* — knowing NOTHING at creation.

The record shows that the Eternal God began *speaking* to the man — communicating knowledge — giving instruction.

It was on another sabbath day, some 4,000 years later, that Jesus preached and instructed His followers. God is consistent — never changing (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8). As that first sabbath came on, God set the example — teaching the gospel to the first man — giving that man, so far sinless, HIS FELLOWSHIP on His sabbath day!

The historic record says: "And the ETERNAL God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the ETERNAL God commanded the man, saying . . ." (Gen. 2:15-16). The ETERNAL immediately began *speaking* to, TEACHING, INSTRUCTING, the man.

Understand, now, two points: (1) *Which* person of the God kingdom spoke to man; and (2) the brevity of this record, as the very briefest SUMMARY.

#### WHO IS Yahweh?

It has been explained that in Genesis 1:1 the word for "God" in the Hebrew — the language in which it originally was written — is "ELOHIM" — meaning more than one person forming one GOD — the one GOD FAMILY or the GOD KINGDOM — for GOD is a KINGDOM.

But now, when the historic account first begins to record the fact of God — as an INDIVIDUAL — speaking to the man He created, a *new* and different Hebrew name is used. In Genesis 2:15 (and previous verses beginning verse 4) the English words "LORD God" (in the A.V.) are translated from the Hebrew *Yahweh Elohim*. The Hebrew *Elohim* already has been defined as a uniplural. It is the plural of *El*, or *Eloah*, meaning the uniplural GOD, Strength, Might, Deity.

But *Yahweh* is a name meaning *the Everliving*, or the ETERNAL. There is no one word in the English language that translates it exactly. God always NAMES things or people *what they are*. Actually *Yahweh* means the Self-Existent, Everliving, Eternally Living Creating One. Personally, in the English, I prefer the name "the ETERNAL" as most nearly translating the Hebrew name into modern idiom.

This is not the place for a long, technical, theological explanation. It would require a long chapter or more on the one subject. But in many places in the New Testament you may find quotations from the Old Testament referring to Jesus Christ, where, on turning to the Old Testament passage from which it is

a citation, it speaks of Yahweh — translated as "the LORD" (in capital letters) in the King James Version.

In other words — and you may write in for a free article giving proof — the "LORD" (*Yahweh*) of the Old Testament, in nearly every case, is the Jesus Christ of the New — but as He existed prior to His birth as a human of the virgin Mary.

In John 1:1-3, this same personage is spoken of as *the Word* — the Greek word (the New Testament was originally written in Greek) is *Logos*, meaning Word, or Spokesman, or Revelatory Thought. Jesus the Christ (Messiah) is, and always has been, the individual person of the GOD KINGDOM who is the Spokesman. But He said that He had spoken nothing of himself — the Father which sent Him had instructed (and commanded Him) what to say.

The FATHER of the God Family is the HEAD — the Lawgiver — the Creator. Yet He created everything by Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9). Christ carried out the Father's orders, by *speaking*, as the Father had directed. In the creation, "*He spake*, and it was done" (Psalm 33:9; Gen. 1:3). The HOLY SPIRIT is the power that produced what He commanded (Gen. 1:2). Thus, in John 1:3: "All things were made by him" — by the *Logos* or Word, who is Jesus Christ (verse 14).

The specific *person* of the Godhead who spoke to Adam, then, was *Yahweh* — the ETERNAL (often falsely translated *Jehovah*) — *who became Jesus Christ*.

#### Genesis Hits High Spots

The second important point I wish to stress at this juncture is the fact that God has not seen fit to give us the full details of all that was said and done in these first few chapters of Genesis. The inspired record, in these chapters, reveals to us *only the briefest SUMMARY*.

Yet this abbreviated account does *summarize* what was said and done. It does tell us that God, in and through the person of Christ, immediately began to teach, instruct and command the first man and woman. It hits the high spots. And even though the record omits the details, it *spans the fields covered*. Much of the detailed instruction, therefore, may be accurately filled in from other parts of the Bible.

What fields, then, did God cover, in teaching our first parents?

He gave them all essential *spiritual truth*. He revealed to them the TRUE GOSPEL. He revealed His spiritual law — His way of LIFE. He revealed man's transcendent potential — the gift of ETERNAL LIFE. And He also instructed them in all necessary *physical* knowledge — including knowledge of the marriage institution and of SEX.

The two trees in the garden of Eden were SYMBOLS representing vitally important truths. Actual literal trees though they well may have been, they were symbolic, and of tremendous significance.

Notice! One of many trees in the garden was "the TREE of LIFE also in the midst of the garden" (Gen. 2:9). This tree symbolized God's GIFT of the HOLY SPIRIT. Freely God (in the person of Christ) offered this supreme gift. "The ETERNAL God commanded the man,

saying, Of every tree of the garden *thou mayest freely eat: but . . .* — excluding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

In other words, God offered him FREELY His holy spirit!

"But," continued God, "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (verses 16-17).

Here, in briefest condensation, we find the teaching of the GOSPEL — that "the wages of SIN is death; but the GIFT of God is eternal life" (Rom. 6:23).

The Bible says *all* have sinned — and Adam sinned first of all (Rom. 3:23; 5:12). God could not have allowed Adam to sin without first having taught Adam *what sin is*. The Bible definition of sin is: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). And again, sin is the conscious, *knowing* transgression, for "to him that *knoweth* to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). Adam *knew* about God's law — for Adam SINNED! Therefore, definitely, God instructed Adam and Eve about His great basic spiritual law, God's WAY OF LIFE! And that instruction was given immediately — of necessity *before they sinned!*

On the physical plane, God instructed them in regard to food (Gen. 1:29; 2:9). And He also instructed them in regard to SEX.

#### Original Sex Education

So here, once again, we begin at the beginning:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . . And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; *male and female* created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. . . . And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was *VERY GOOD!*" (Gen. 1:1, 26, 27-28, 31).

God made mankind *male, and female*. God created SEX in humans. And God said it was *VERY GOOD* — not evil, shameful, degrading, or sinful of itself. Only *wrong use* becomes sinful.

God created sex for USE. Had He not intended sex to be used, He would not have designed it. In the angel family God did not intend sex to be used — so He did not design angels to be male and female. Angels have no sex apparatus, perform no sex function, and do not reproduce.

If the Creator designed human sex anatomy and set in motion human sex stimuli and capacity for functioning, He did it for definite PURPOSES. And God most assuredly did not neglect His responsibility of *revealing* to that first man and woman the right PURPOSES this functioning within their bodies and minds was to serve. The Genesis account, I repeat, is the briefest SUMMARY. Yet the basic nature of the Creator's original instruction is plain. And the full details are brought out for mankind through other portions of the Bible.

#### Creation Still Going On

Remember, before proceeding, God's overall PURPOSE for humanity. God

said: "Let us make man in OUR IMAGE." Man, as previously stated, was created physical, out of MATTER, in the likeness of God. But, as of now, man is merely the raw CLAY, out of which the Master Potter is — with man's yielding — forming and shaping the final IMAGE — the spiritual CHARACTER of God.

CREATION IS STILL GOING ON! The spiritual creation of righteous CHARACTER. The New Testament reveals that, once man has *surrendered*, repented of his rebellious past and through Christ been reconciled into contact with God, he BECOMES A NEW CREATION (II Cor. 5:17).

This creation of right spiritual CHARACTER in us demanded free moral agency — that man must intelligently CHOOSE the right as opposed to the wrong — that he exercise free choice, develop self-discipline.

God designed and created SEX for right, wholesome, and holy functions. But, in the process of CHARACTER development, God *allows* man, if man rebels and so wills, to pollute, besmirch, befoul and pervert that which God intended to bring rich BLESSINGS. But *wrong* uses impose curses!

God made His TRUTH available. God instructed the first man and woman. He commanded that they travel the RIGHT ROAD. But they, and their children universally ever after them, rebelled and chose to travel the WRONG road — the way that somehow *seems* better to a man, but which leads him into pain, suffering, sorrow and DEATH (Prov. 14:12; 16:25).

So God *did* instruct the first man and woman in the intended right, wholesome, happiness-producing, uplifting PURPOSES OF SEX!

In the passage quoted above, God commanded sex to be used FOR REPRODUCTION! He said, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28).

#### SPECIAL Meaning of HUMAN Reproduction

So one of the purposes of sex in humans is *reproduction*.

But that is far, far, from the *only* purpose, as we shall see later!

Now reproduction, merely as such, is, of course, common to animals and plants, as well as humans.

BUT, IN HUMANS, REPRODUCTION HAS A SACRED AND GOD-PLANE MEANING NOT APPLICABLE TO ANY OTHER KIND OF LIFE!

We shall see, later, that the birth of a human baby differs in striking manner from that of animals. Animals are not born to become the very HEIRS of God!

In humans, there is TREMENDOUS, AWE-INSPIRING MEANING and significance to begettal and birth that is entirely nonexistent with animals or plants. And God intended — had man been willing to heed God's instruction — that the very KNOWLEDGE of these deep and wonderful MEANINGS should bring man dynamic JOY!

So far as the purely *physical* functions of the process are concerned, reproduction is the same in mammals as in humans. That is a mere PHYSICAL process. But there is deep, spiritually tran-

scendent MEANING in human begettal, gestation, and birth that raises it to an altogether and incomparably higher plane than mere animal reproduction.

Human children are begotten through sex. And that very begettal, period of gestation, and birth of a human baby gives us the very PICTURE of the spiritual SALVATION and gift of eternal life made possible through Jesus Christ!

This is *another* reason Satan seeks to deceive his world regarding the purposes and right attitude toward sex!

By this very BLINDING of the world to GOD's purposes of SEX, Satan has HIDDEN from his world the true KNOWLEDGE about GOD — that God is actually a FAMILY — a divine KINGDOM into which we may be born! He has HIDDEN from the world the real TRUTH of SALVATION — what it is, where it leads, how we receive it!

This FALSE MORALITY — both the so-called old and the so-called new — has been a far more potent weapon for the destruction of humanity than has been realized!

#### How Reproduction Pictures Spiritual Salvation

NOW SEE AND UNDERSTAND how human reproduction pictures spiritual SALVATION!

All human life comes from a tiny egg, called an ovum, produced inside the human mother. This ovum is about the size of a pin point. Inside it, when highly magnified, can be seen a small nucleus. But this ovum has a very limited life, *of itself!* Some doctors and scientists believe it has a life of some 24 hours, unless fertilized by a sperm from a male.

But human life may be imparted to it by a sperm cell produced in the body of the human father. The sperm cell is the smallest cell in the human body — about one fiftieth the size of the ovum. The sperm — technically named a spermatozoon (plural, spermatozoa) — on entering an ovum, finds its way to and joins with the nucleus. This imparts life — *physical human life* — to the ovum.

But it is not yet a born human being. Human life has merely been *begotten*. For the first four months it is called an *embryo*. After that, until birth it is called a *fetus*. This human life starts very small — the size of a tiny pin point — and the sperm that generates it is the *smallest* cell in a human body!

Once begotten, it must *be fed* and nourished by physical food from the ground, through the mother. From this physical nourishment it must grow, and *grow and grow* — until physically large enough to be born — after nine months. As it grows, the *physical* organs and characteristics gradually are formed. Soon a spinal column forms. Then, gradually, a body, a head, legs, arms. A heart forms and begins to beat. Other internal organs form. Finally hair begins to grow on the head, fingernails and toenails develop — facial features gradually shape up. By nine months the average normal fetus has grown to a weight of approximately six to nine pounds and is ready to be born.

#### The Type of Spiritual Salvation

Now notice carefully the astounding comparison!

First, understand briefly what spiritual salvation is. Few professing Christians understand this.

God said, in the "forbidden fruit" chapters of Genesis, that man is WHOLLY composed of physical matter from the ground (Genesis 2:7 and 3:19). Job said there is a spirit in man (Job 32:8). It is explained in I Corinthians 2 that no man could have HUMAN comprehension, knowledge and intellect, but by "the spirit of man which is in him" (verse 11).

This spirit essence is NOT the man, but something in the *wholly physical man*. It imparts the power of intellect to the physical brain. It marks the vast difference between animal brain and human MIND. This spirit cannot see, hear, or think. The physical brain sees, through the eye, hears through the physical ear; thinks with the physical brain. Yet this spirit acts as a computer, adding to the brain the psychic and intellectual power. Also it adds to MAN a spiritual and moral faculty not possessed by animals.

The human's LIFE, however, is not supplied by this spirit. Human life is merely a temporary PHYSICAL and chemical existence, caused by the breathing of air, the circulation of blood by the heartbeats, and being fueled by food and water. Man's LIFE is mere temporary physical chemical existence — like the life of an automobile engine, or all vertebrates.

#### To Be Born Again?

Remember, God told Adam and Eve that for disobedience and stealing the forbidden fruit they would SURELY DIE. But God had offered them freely the *gift of eternal life*, by choosing the "tree of life."

When they chose the forbidden fruit, God drove them out of the garden, "lest he put forth his hand, and *take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever!*" (Gen. 3:22).

But, through Christ, a repentant humanity may yet receive God's gift of eternal life. To Nicodemus, Jesus explained: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Of course Nicodemus couldn't quite grasp that. He knew that he had been born by being delivered from his mother's womb. He knew the difference between being BORN and being merely BEGOTTEN — something few theologians seem to know today.

Jesus explained: "That which is born of the flesh IS FLESH; and that which is born of the Spirit IS SPIRIT" (John 3:3-8). Man is MORTAL. Man came from the GROUND. He is FLESH — material flesh. Jesus was not talking about another *physical* birth — but He was talking about a *spiritual* birth — when man shall BE SPIRIT — be wholly composed of SPIRIT. He shall then have been BORN of GOD! God is spirit (John 4:24); man is physical flesh.

A human has to be BEGOTTEN by his human father. To be born *again* of the spirit — of GOD — one must first be begotten by the SPIRITUAL FATHER — Almighty God.

#### The Amazing Comparison

Now see how HUMAN begettal, period of gestation, and birth, is the astounding

identical TYPE of spiritual salvation — being BORN of God — being given ETERNAL LIFE in the kingdom of God — the God FAMILY into which we may be BORN!

Each adult human is, spiritually, an "egg" or "ovum." This spiritual "ovum" has a very limited life span, of itself — compared to ETERNAL LIFE — an average of 70 years. But spiritual, *divine immortal* life may be imparted to it by the entrance into it of the HOLY SPIRIT, which comes from the very person of GOD the Father. This divine spirit of GOD imparts to us "also the *divine nature*" (II Pet. 1:4). Heretofore we have had only human, fleshly or carnal nature.

As the human sperm cell is the very *smallest* of all human cells, even so, many newly begotten Christians start out with a very *small* measure of God's holy spirit. Many may still be, at first, about 99.44% carnal! Apparently those in the church of God at Corinth were (I Cor. 3:1-3). The apostle Paul said he still had to feed them on the spiritual *milk* — not yet adult spiritual "food."

Now, as the physical male sperm finds its way to, and unites with the *nucleus* in the ovum, so God's spirit enters and combines with the human MIND! There is, as explained above, a *spirit in man*. This human spirit has combined with the brain to form human MIND. God's spirit unites with, and witnesses with our spirit that we are, now, the children of GOD (Rom. 8:16). And God's holy spirit, now combined with our human spirit in our MIND, imparts to our mind power to comprehend SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE (I Cor. 2:11) — which the carnal mind cannot grasp.

Now we have the presence of ETERNAL LIFE — God life — through God's spirit, but we are not yet immortal spirit beings — not yet BORN of God — not yet inheritors, and possessors, but physical HEIRS (Rom. 8:17). But IF God's holy spirit dwells in us, God will, at the resurrection, "quicken" to immortality our mortal bodies BY His spirit that "dwelleth in us" (Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 15:49-53).

Now see how the astonishing analogy continues!

As yet we are not *born* divine beings. We are not yet *composed* of spirit, but of physical matter. The divine life has merely been begotten. This divine CHARACTER starts so very small it is doubtful if much of it is in evidence — except for the glow of that ecstasy of spiritual "romance" which we may radiate in that "first love" of conversion — spiritually speaking. But so far as spiritual KNOWLEDGE and developed spiritual CHARACTER goes, there is not much, as yet.

#### The Spiritual Embryo

So now, once spiritually begotten, we are merely a spiritual embryo. Now we must be fed and nourished on SPIRITUAL food! Jesus said man shall not live by bread (physical food) *alone*, but by EVERY WORD OF GOD (spiritual food)! This we drink in from the BIBLE! But we drink in this spiritual knowledge and character, also, through personal, intimate, continuous contact with God through PRAYER, and through Christian fellowship with God's children in His church.

Now the *physical* embryo and fetus is fed physically through the mother. God's church is called Jerusalem above "which is the MOTHER OF US ALL" (Gal. 4:26).

Notice the exact parallel! The CHURCH is the spiritual MOTHER of ITS MEMBERS. God has set His called and chosen ministers in His Church to FEED THE FLOCK — "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body [CHURCH] of Christ: TILL we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13).

It is the duty of Christ's TRUE ministers (and *how scarce today!*) to PROTECT the begotten but yet unborn saints from false doctrines, from false ministers.

The HUMAN mother carries her unborn baby in that part of her body where she can best PROTECT it from physical harm; and that protection is part of her function, as well as to nourish the unborn child! Even so, the CHURCH, through Christ's ministers, instructs, teaches, counsels with, advises, and PROTECTS from spiritual harm the unborn members! What a WONDERFUL picture is human reproduction of spiritual SALVATION!

*Continue further!* As the physical fetus must grow *physically* large enough to be born, so the begotten Christian must *grow* in grace, and in the knowledge of Christ (II Peter 3:18) — must overcome, must develop in spiritual CHARACTER during this life, in order to be BORN into the kingdom of GOD!

And as the physical fetus gradually, one by one, develops the physical organs, features, and characteristics, even so the begotten Christian must gradually, continually, develop the SPIRITUAL character — love, faith, patience, gentleness, humility, kindness, temperance. He must live by, and be a DOER of the Word of God. He must develop the divine CHARACTER!

#### Finally — Immortality!

Then in God's due time — though the man may die meanwhile — by a resurrection, or by instantaneous CHANGE to immortality at Christ's coming, he shall be BORN of God — into the KINGDOM of GOD — because GOD is that kingdom! He is no longer material flesh from the ground, but composed of spirit, even as God is a spirit (John 4:24).

How WONDERFUL is the TRUTH of GOD!

Yet, by his dastardly perversion of sex attitudes and purposes and the true sex knowledge of GOD's Word, Satan has DECEIVED THE WORLD — has blinded humanity to the fact that God IS this KINGDOM Jesus proclaimed — and that we may be *born* as spirit individuals — as part of that divine FAMILY — as part of the GOD KINGDOM!

How precious, pure and wholesome is GOD's TRUTH! And God designed SEX to picture, and in physical manner, to KEEP US CONSTANTLY IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WONDERFUL PLAN OF SALVATION!

Let us, then, allow the living Saviour to CLEAN UP our minds, and open them to HIS TRUTH!

## NOW POSSIBLE... EVEN MORE TERRIFYING MASS DESTRUCTION THAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev recently broke out in five-column front-page news headlines urging a worldwide ban on creation of NEW weapons of mass destruction even *more* terrible than the hydrogen bomb and other nuclear weapons. Modern technology, in his view, now has the power to create new systems of mass destruction not yet covered in any international arms control pact.

Just what is the real significance of the Brezhnev proposal?

Is the Soviet Union working on such a new means of mass destruction? If so, would Brezhnev come out with such a proposal? Does he fear that the United States, China, or some other power may be working on something of the kind? Does he have secret information of such activity? Or is he merely seeking headlines to boost his personal prestige as a world leader?

In any event it would be foolishness to assume the latter and simply shrug it off. He might have in mind the strategic use of the laser beam, but that is supposed to be still ten years away.

This we KNOW: The weapons already exist that can blast all human life off this planet. And it would be foolish to ignore the prophecy of Jesus Christ about a time of world trouble so GREAT that, unless supernatural power stops it short,

"there should no flesh be saved [alive]" (Matthew 24:22). And millions in this world are literally betting their lives on whether the supernatural power they don't believe exists *does*, after all, exist and will intervene and save humanity alive.

More and more it is becoming evident that many world-famous scientists are right in saying that humanity's ONLY CHANCE, now, is the formation of a world supergovernment, ruling over all nations, with power greater than any, or any combination of military powers. And at the same time, the possibility of world leaders getting together and forming such a WORLD GOVERNMENT is becoming more and more remote.

In a world with morals sinking more and more, with homosexuality (sodomy) gaining public acceptance rapidly, maybe the whole earth might suffer the fate of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah!

Perhaps we have not yet quite reached the state mentioned in Matthew 24:21-22 — world trouble greater than ever before — but we are approaching it with increasing momentum.

NEVER before, until this generation, was it even possible for one or two human world leaders to set off the explosions that could erase all humankind from this earth.

You live in that world today. □

## The "SDR"— Future World Supercurrency?

The vacuum created by the decline of the dollar in the late sixties has not yet been filled. The role of international reserve currency has gone vacant since the two devaluations of the once-almighty dollar.

Since 1971, however, international business has been a bit of a free for all. The tremendous pressure of the billions of sloshing petrodollars has painfully underscored the need for a new international currency.

At the time of the dollar's initial devaluation in August 1971, no one paid much attention to the one international currency that already waited in the wings. It had the unappealing name, Special Drawing Rights, and the common abbreviation, SDR.

The SDR is only a bookkeeping entry, worth about \$1.20, on the books of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), but it is legal international tender for buying imports and selling exports.

The SDR is unique in that it is not the coin of any realm. It is not minted by

politicians, although the IMF managers are not without political clout. If the SDR gains any further favor, this would further swell the power of the IMF. Its future caretakers could wield immense power over international trade.

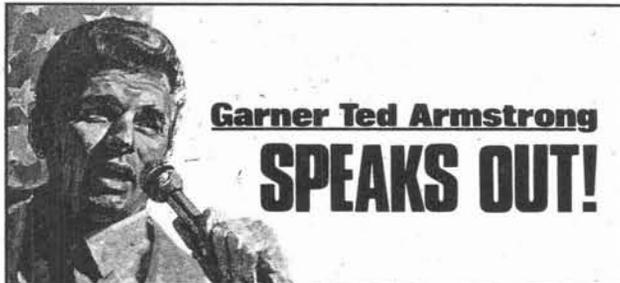
The problem with any world currency then becomes a problem of world government. A world currency would entail great and potentially corrupting political power for those who controlled it.

The totalitarian implications of any such future world currency take on prophetic overtones. Revelation 13:17 speaks of a future world superpower with the ability to control economic transactions to the point where "no man might buy or sell."

While Bible scholars would point out that the "mark of the beast" referred to here is most likely not a currency as such, the existence of such an international medium of exchange would at least pave the way for the exercise of this brutal economic power.

SDR's may not turn out to be the economic bulwark of the prophesied biblical beast power, but the function they serve could be. In any case, keep your eye out for any European-based world currency soon to replace the battered old dollar. □

— Jeff Calkins



## The Spirit of Hollywood

It seems we have entered a time when nothing short of the cataclysmic, the catastrophic, the gory, and the sensationally violent will make, for successful box office in the motion picture industry. Almost everything one sees anymore is some type of spectacle exploring every conceivable human emotion of fear, apprehension, sickness, shock, disgust, and shame — from the tortuous nightmare of the sickening spectacle of a shark dismembering human bodies to the blasting of people to bits with guns, of stabbings with knives, and bludgeonings with cudgels. It seems that's "show business" these days. Films with happy endings have seemingly all ridden off into the sunset.

There are plenty of blood-and-gore spectacles to choose from. You can go into a theater and be convinced you are sitting in the midst of a cataclysmic earthquake, scared half out of your wits that everything is going to come tumbling to the ground around you. Or you can sit through a San Francisco skyscraper fire in *Towering Inferno* and watch screaming people plunge through raging flames, diving down elevator shafts and hurling themselves out of windows to their death on the streets below. Or you can witness the sickening dismemberment of a young woman by a gigantic shark in *Jaws*.

I haven't seen any of these pictures, and probably won't. I'm just reporting what the critics have said, from a prodigious number of newspaper and magazine articles gathered from around the world by our News Bureau.

Those who have talked to people who have gone to these movies — and this is what amazes me — claim that they dearly *love* to be terrified! They go to the theater with the avowed intention of being scared out of their wits, although within a protected environment where it can't happen to them — at least not right then and there. I really don't quite get it. But I know why the *producers* do it — dollars make the world go round, and blood, gore, and disaster is where the dollars are these days.

You can't really blame the producers entirely, however. They're struggling frantically to give the public what it *wants*. So it is you — the public — who pay to see these pictures who keep the producers coming back with even bloodier, more unbelievably grotesque,

abominably gore-filled, violence-ridden motion pictures.

What it takes to win Academy Awards is not necessarily winning over some group of judges by your film's unparalleled acting, by the tremendous thought that went into it, or by the expertise of all the technical aspects of it. Neither is it judged by what it adds to culture or to education, whether it is uplifting, whether it leaves one with a rewarding sense of fulfillment or leads the viewer toward broader avenues of higher cultural and artistic values.

No. It is simply a matter of plain old dirty greenbacks. That's what makes the Academy Awards. The judges nearly always go for something that was a tremendous hit at the box office. It really doesn't matter whether it was dipped in blood, and gore, spooky, or downright terrifying. If it was box office, it is going to be nominated.

There is an unbelievably depraved picture called "Tommy" which is perhaps the most debasing of all — and, of course, excellent box office. A little boy, Tommy, is just about driven out of his mind, becoming literally deaf, dumb, and blind. His brain snaps when he witnesses his mother and her boyfriend in the very act of putting his father to death. While he is in this helpless state

of mindlessness with all his senses gone, Tommy's stepfather ridicules him. He is then burned, held under water, tossed down a flight of stairs, tortured by his cousin, molested by a homosexual uncle, drugged into temporary insanity by an employee of his stepfather, abused, brutalized, and molested through the entirety of the movie.

How is that for a socially-redeeming theme? What kind of mind must a person have to sit through such a film? Try this word and see if it fits — sick. It seems to me the movie-going world has got to be sick.

Another example rather widely reported was a Kung-Fu type flick called *The Street Fighter*. This film gruesomely depicted a world so full of blood and violence and characters so incredibly and thoroughly evil that it was the first movie rated "X" for its violence.

And, of course, there is *Godfather II* which is probably one of the new lows in baseness, cruelty, violence, corruption, and brutality.

Harking back to last year, everyone has heard the stories about *The Exorcist*, with movie goers passing out, vomiting in the theater, and some actually becoming mentally disturbed from what they saw.

Have you ever wondered if there isn't some greater mind, some greater influence than just man and his lust and greed behind all of this?

Your Bible says in II Corinthians 4:4 that Satan the Devil is the god of this world. Revelation 12 calls him that "old serpent who deceives all nations." In Ephesians 2:2 he is labeled the "prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience" — a spirit of destruction, of unhappiness, of moroseness, of violence, of helplessness and futility.

In this age of gigantic global problems threatening the annihilation of the entire human race, there is a virtual explosion of interest in the occult, in spiritism, witchcraft, and Satanism. And accompanying it is this unbelievable preoccupation with violence, gore, and

blood. To me there is a very definite connection.

It has often been said that you are what you eat. Your physical body is made up of the nutrients that you put into your mouth. In the same way, your mind is the sum total of what you think. Your mental capacity, your being, your psyche, your character is what you think. The more you let your mind dwell on crime, violence, blood, guts, and gore — the more you want to go and feed on human dismemberments, shark attacks, human incinerations, cataclysmic earthquakes, and physical orgies of blood and destruction — then the more damage you are doing to the most precious possession you have, your mind.

Little by little, every day, many Americans are eating a kind of diet which is gradually poisoning their bodies. But there are even more people who are busily wrecking, ruining, and destroying their minds by feeding on the incredible violence that is available today on television and on the silver screen.

Perhaps one of the sickest and most shocking films of all will soon be coming out. It is directed by the guy who directed *Godfather II*. He now wants to have an all-star cast portray in a motion picture the most brutalized, shocking horror stories of the Viet Nam war years including actual battlefield footage as well as enacted footage.

Tentatively entitled *Apocalypse Now*, the film will show U.S. soldiers high on drugs living in a destroyed temple with Vietnamese girls treating them like animals. It will show the massacre of Viet Cong soldiers, American G.I.s relishing the effects of napalm attacks, and so on.

Will anyone stop this man from presenting such a picture which will so utterly destroy and degrade any remaining reputation of the U.S. Army?

I doubt it.

I imagine in a year or so you'll be able to go see it. Will you? The choice is up to you. Personally I wouldn't park my automobile across the street from the theater which would show such gore. I don't want to pollute my mind with it.

Do YOU? □



Personal from...

*Herbert Armstrong*

(Continued from page 1)

population is in dire poverty, living in filth and squalor; half or more illiterate or nearly so. The world is filled with the sick and diseased in hospitals. Its inhabitants are turning to immorality which results in divorce and broken homes and families.

I think if I were God, I would thunder out: "Give ear, O Earth, and HEAR! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO MY BEAUTIFUL EARTH I TURNED OVER TO YOU? You have polluted, perverted, ruined, destroyed, and injured every particle of this earth you were able to get your hands on! You have perverted the wonderful MINDS I gave you!

"Those that you have educated you have turned against me and funneled into their unsuspecting minds fables, lies, nonsense, while at the same time you call my truth fable or superstition. You have turned truth into error. You have called right wrong. You have had no place in your knowledge dissemination for me. You have turned to a WAY OF LIFE that is destroying your minds and your bodies and my earth. You have sought false values and devoted your time and energies to things that never satisfy and are worthless and destructive. You have sought pleasure and ease and spurned righteousness. You have forgotten the God who gives you life and breath, and you have despised his RIGHT WAYS, and turned to every wrong way."

And I think I would thunder out: "THE TIME FOR AN ACCOUNTING HAS COME! I am about to PUNISH THIS WORLD FOR ITS EVILS!"

Jesus of Nazareth said that when this world reached its END time, the condition would be like it was in the days of Noah, Then God did look down to see what men had done to his earth.

"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... the earth also was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth" (Gen. 6:5, 11-12).

But there also is another prophecy for the future: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth... and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:1, 4).

That will come after the kingdom of God has come to the earth - after humanity has been disciplined by the loving Creator God. Then the government of God will rule, bringing, at last, **WORLD PEACE!** □

# orchids & onions

## letters

I just received my May 24th issue of your *Plain Truth* magazine, and I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Armstrong for his fine article in this month's "Personal" section, as well as on his new series, "The Missing Dimension in Sex." I am a housewife and mother in my early twenties, and my feelings are that in times such as these we need more God-inspired, straightforward information on this subject. This country seems to be going down the drain morally and I feel bitterly disappointed to watch as more and more people go along with the trend. Thank the good Lord we still have one decent, unshakably moral publication such as yours.

It is becoming harder by the day to keep a marriage cemented together, what with all the so-called "authorities" telling us that the institution of marriage is outdated and dying, while on the other hand informing us that sex should be indulged in freely, "as long as no one gets hurt," and that extramarital affairs are actually "good" for us. It is almost impossible today to try to enjoy some sort of family entertainment (as TV, movies, magazines, books, even the newspaper) without this subtle propaganda saturating our minds!

I have a two-year-old son, and my husband and I are expecting another child this fall. I can't begin to tell you how worried I am about raising my children in this society. I want to teach them in God's ways, but how effective can I be when they will be bombarded with the "new morality" outside our home?

Well anyway, again thank you for a beautiful, well-written, sane publication. Please keep up the good work.

Merry Och,  
Ferndale, MI

I like to read different articles on a subject to get different views and opinions, but whenever I want to get a true and proper view on anything, I always turn to the most straightforward, honest, easily read and thought-provoking current news source I know - *Plain Truth*. Thank you again for making it possible for me to receive it.

Nancy Lucas,  
Hahira, GA

I don't suppose Mr. Stan Rader needs any encouragement from me but I was particularly impressed with the depth of his insight in the "Watergate and Vietnam Debate" in the May 3 issue of *Plain Truth*. I have not been disappointed in any way with the new *Plain Truth*. In fact, I have forgotten that there was any other format.

Daniel Palmisano,  
Derry, NH

Having just finished the June 21 edition, I was struck by how well each section maintained its integrity while leading to the next and thus preserving the unity and continuity of the magazine.

I especially liked your treatment of pp. 14-15. This was the two-page feature spread on aging. Several years ago all that

information would have been put into one long essay style article. A year ago it would have been put out as a shorter article festooned with colored boxes. These approaches tend to either make the reader wade through (to him) a lot of irrelevant material until he finds something that interests him or become confused about subject priority. (Which do I read first, the article or the boxes?)

Now you have the qualitative format as well as the quantitatively inexpensive mode of producing it. Congratulations on such wise and shrewd management.

Tim McCaulley,  
Atlanta, GA

I was so impressed by your personal article in the May 24th issue of *Plain Truth*. I am a teen-ager, and I agree with you completely. I think that the sex education book *Show Me* should be legally banned from the public, especially children.

I wish more people would listen to your advice and turn toward God and away from pornography.

Margaret Gorgone,  
Ridgewood, Queens, NY

Thank you for the recent articles written by women (Carole Ritter and Amy Bowman). Women need some articles written by women. There are some areas where the female mind relates better to another female mind. Believe it or not, men don't understand some things!

Mrs. Ralph Klopffenstein,  
West Lafayette, IN

I have just perused your latest (vol. 40 number 10) and read in "letters" a controversy over Art Buchwald - and further I note you do *not* have his usual funny column, nor the usual great cartoon! Don't tell me you're going to let some so-called "Christian" readers' criticism of this great addition to your *Plain Truth* cause you to eliminate it from your new look! I'm a subscriber and long-time reader, and I recently sent in a subscription for a friend JUST BECAUSE OF YOUR inclusion of such *Plain Truth* SATIRE. This is the way to reach a wider audience. Please put his column back in *Plain Truth*!

Joy Fullerton,  
Seattle, WA

### Onions and Answers

I notice that all readers' letters come either from America and Europe. Would it not be possible for once to include one from a Rhodesian reader? We are at a very interesting stage in our political history, and I would have thought that Mr. Armstrong would be entirely justified in producing an in-depth article about Rhodesia; after all, if he came here he will see that we are not the blood-sucking ogres most of the world press have made us out to be. I make this a challenge; are you big enough to take it up?

Mrs. M. H. Renwick,  
Karoi, Rhodesia

In the May 24, 1975 issue, we printed a letter from Bulawago, Rhodesia. The prob-

lem with international letters is compounded by the two-week lag-time of producing our worldwide edition and then receiving letters sent from our worldwide offices. Usually the response is over a month old by the time we receive it in Pasadena, and we prefer to print newer letters.

Regarding an article on Rhodesia, the Editor and Managing Editor spent a few weeks in Rhodesia in 1971, producing a series of television specials and *Plain Truth* articles on Rhodesia, including a sympathetic in-depth interview with Ian Smith.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has visited many heads of states in Africa, but there are many nations in the world and he is just one man. No doubt he will visit Rhodesia some day.

Are we big enough to take the challenge? We think we have already taken it!

I suppose this is an onion, but my intention is not to insult, but to question.

In the May 3rd (1975) edition of *Plain Truth*, David Hill says with reference to holy wars, "God forbid that you should get that kind of religion! Get God instead."

Well, I read a few other passages from that very personal, long letter in the form of the Bible and they read as follows: "When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you are entering to take possession of it... then you must utterly destroy them; you shall make no covenant with them, and show NO MERCY to them" (Deut. 7:1-2).

"When you draw near to a city to fight against it... you shall put all its males to the sword, but the women and the little ones, the cattle, and everything else in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourselves; and you shall enjoy the spoil of your enemies..." (Deut. 20:10-18).

Perhaps I am misinterpreting, but it appears to me that the Bible justifies holy wars, and worse still, merciless killings and looting in the name of God. On the one hand [Jesus said], "I came not to bring peace, but a sword." But, on the other hand, "He who uses the sword shall perish by the sword." Therefore, the only thing you can do is "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth..."

Please print this letter. I'd like to see if you can answer it.

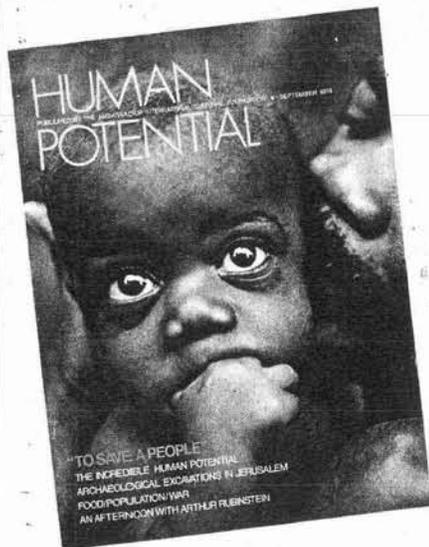
David Deneau,  
Windsor, Ontario, Canada

The commands to kill that you quoted were given specifically to the ancient Israelites of Moses' day and to no one else. Christians today are not part of the theocratic nation of Israel which was directly instructed by God.

God, the Creator of life, reserves unto himself the right to take life (Deut. 32:39 and Isaiah 45:7). At one time in history he used the nation of Israel as his instrument in punishing extremely degenerate nations in the land of Canaan. It was not Israel's decision; it was God's!

But Christ said, "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). His spiritual predecessor, John the Baptist, said, "Do violence to no man" (Luke 3:14). Christ's statement about "I came not to bring peace but a sword" is plainly dealing in context with family squabbles that would arise from one person following Christ and his mate not doing so. (See Matthew 10:34-36; Luke 12:51-52; John 15:18-19 and John 18:36-37.)

Jesus also said, "Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16). If men would study all the scriptures with wisdom, there would be no "holy wars"; instead there would be the harmless dove of peace. What men do in the name of God is not God's fault.



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