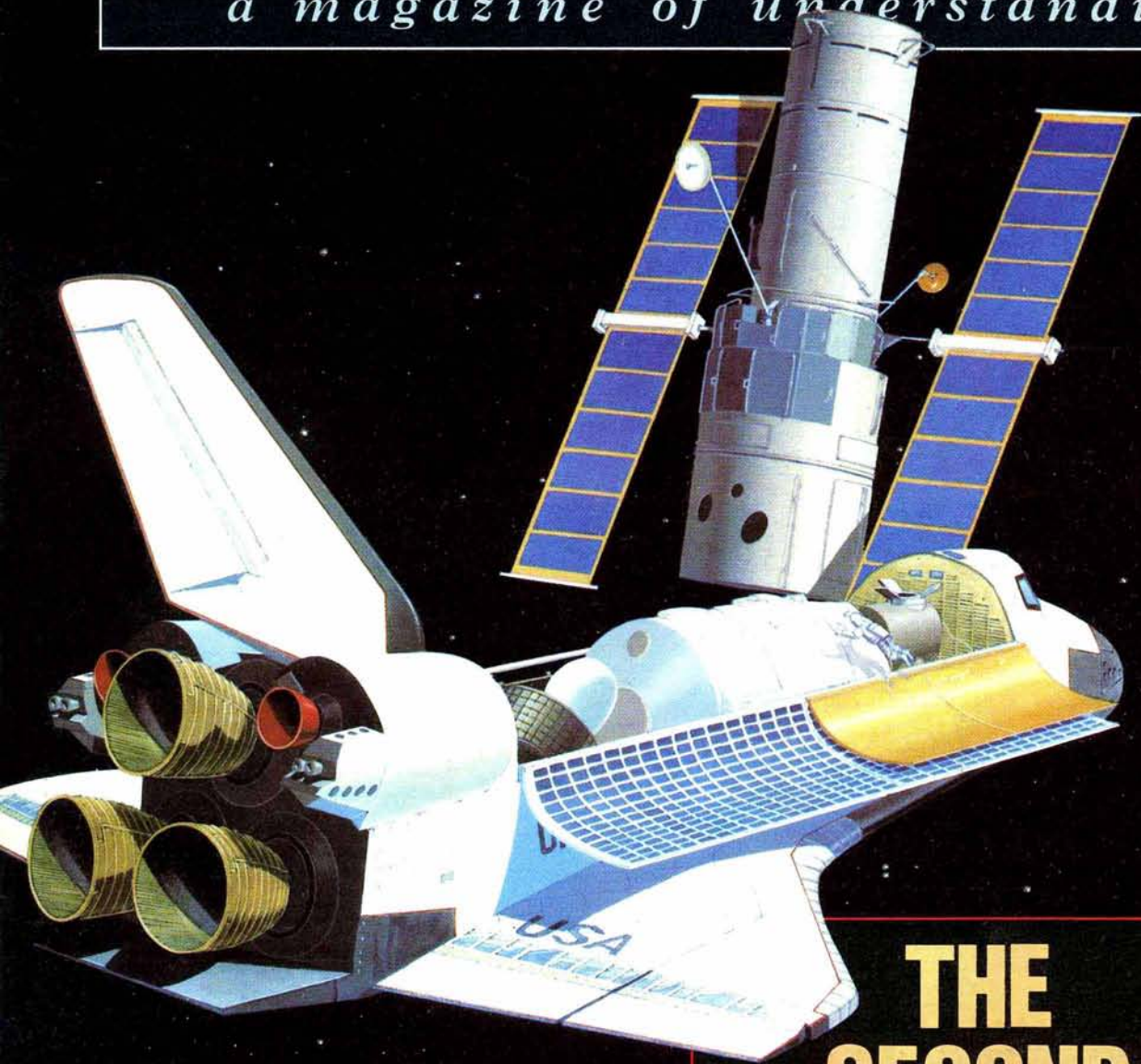


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An artist's rendering of the space shuttle with cargo area open, approaching telescope in orbit. Latest scientific dreams are about to become reality!

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Personal from...

The Role of Television in the Decline of U.S. Prestige

WE NEED to realize that when American television programs are shown in other countries—as they are, all over the world—the people in those countries often take them as a factual representation of what life is like in the United States.

American television shows and movies are not intended to be documentaries made for the purpose of showing other peoples around the world what life is like in the U.S. Quite the contrary! They are made primarily for the United States audience, and purely for ENTERTAINMENT. For this purpose they picture the unusual, the UNcommon, the daring, the shocking, the imaginary.

But we ought to realize that millions in other countries *do* mistake these pictures and programs as self-portrayals of what life is like in America!

If the television industry is going to produce that kind of show, it would seem those responsible ought to have sufficient sense of responsibility to prevent this damage to the American image abroad.

The Profit Motive

But of course men in commercial enterprises are in those enterprises for one purpose—PROFITS. They are much more concerned about making profits than having a sense of patriotism in respect to the American public image.

And that is a major root of problems and of evils in the world today.

I repeat again and again—there are just two broad overall ways, or principles of life. The one I call the “GET,” the other the “GIVE,” way. Humanity lives on the self-centered principle—the way of greed, lust, desire to acquire, accumulate, and, as well, the way of UNconcern for the good and welfare of others—the way of jealousy, envy, hatred.

The principle of “GIVE” is the way of outgoing concern for the good and welfare of others equal to self-concern. It is the way of serving, helping, sharing—of cooperation, of consideration, patience, kindness.

In United States television, the cost of production and broadcasting is derived from the “commercials”—the advertising. Rates are based on viewer-ratings at the various hours of day or night—the number of viewers tuned in. The competition for high ratings is furious. Millions upon millions of dollars are involved. The *concern* is *not* for what viewers *ought* to see, but for what the largest number will prefer to see.

And television experience shows that the public *wants*, not what is *good* for it, but what will *entertain*. The American TV diet would not be filled with violence, murder, crime, illicit sex, if the viewing public did not prefer that to a diet of education, instruction, useful information. The profit motive rules.

Television: The Violent Medium

Give the general public a CHOICE between what it *ought* to have for its own GOOD, on the one hand, and on the other, entertainment depicting evil—strife, violence, illicit sex—and the public will most often choose that (Continued on page 45)

the 2nd SPACE AGE

About to Begin!

by Clayton Steep

Man is on the threshold of an unheralded new era. Space is about to become exploited! But for what purpose?

The U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* has suddenly plunged man from the age of space exploration to the age of space exploitation.

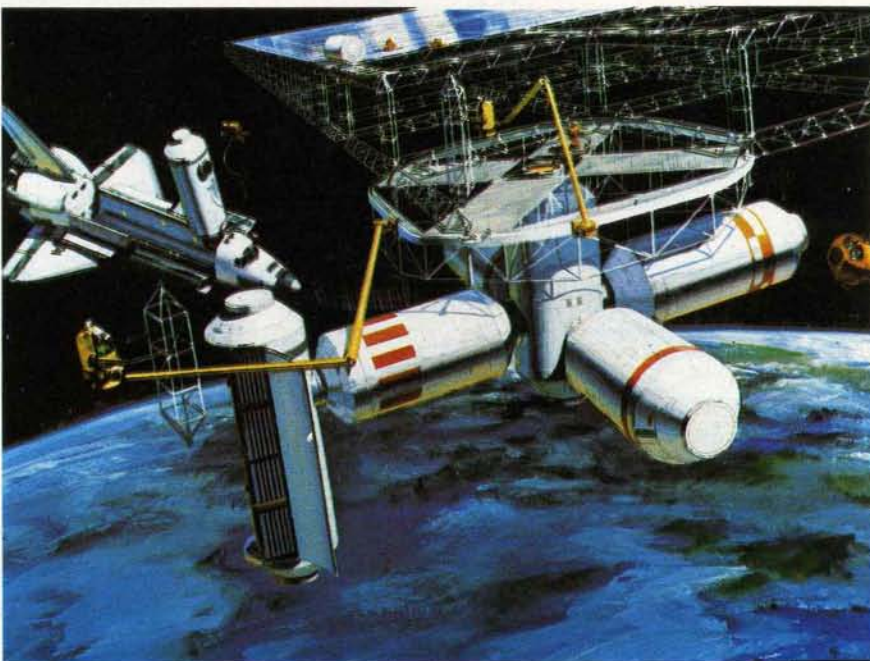
The direct exploration of space began in 1957. *Sputnik I* was flung into orbit. Mankind stood in awe. The tiny dot in the autumn sky circled the earth, exultantly beeping the fact of its existence. It could do little more.

Twenty-four years have since passed. We have seen the launching of thousands of satellites, the placing of human footprints on the moon, extended periods spent in orbiting laboratories and probes sent to Mars, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn. As far as space adventures are concerned, man has succeeded in standing.

Now he prepares to walk.

Why the Shuttle?

The shuttle doesn't look like a rocket. It doesn't look like a plane either. In fact, it doesn't even look airworthy: its body is too bulky for its length, and its wings



Courtesy Rockwell International's Space Division

are too stubby. But the shuttle has plunged man into the second space age.

Previously, whenever a payload was sent into orbit, the launching vehicle could be used only once. After serving its purpose, it would find an orbit of its own, there usually to circle the earth as useless space "junk," or fall back

into the atmosphere. Very expensive. This approach provided the possibility of placing satellites into orbit, but it does not allow for easily repairing or re-supplying a satellite already in orbit. Nor does it allow for bring-

ing any sizable item safely back to earth.

Hence the concept of a space shuttle: a reusable launch vehicle that takes off like a rocket, stays in orbit long enough to accomplish its mission, then returns to a landing strip on earth. There it is refurbished and readied in about two weeks for another voyage. It can be used again and again. Both going and coming it can haul tons of equipment, supplies and space gear. And it can rendezvous with existing satellites.

No one is saying the U.S. space shuttle is *inexpensive*! It has cost the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) \$9,600 million so far, and another \$4,400 million will be required to build America's planned fleet of four. However, once in operation, real economic advantages are expected over conventional, expendable rocket boosters.

From the beginning, the shuttle project has had less funds than thought necessary to do the job. This forced NASA to resort to certain shortcuts in production and testing—with some unfortunate results. Much of the fact that the shuttle is years behind schedule is blamed directly or indirectly on the budgetary restraints.

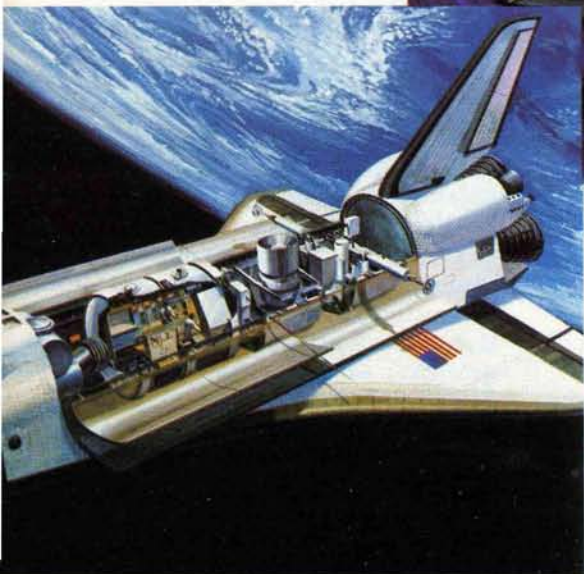
"Just plain stupid," is the way one NASA scientist was quoted in regard to attempting something of the mag-

nitude of the shuttle project with limited funding. Some have openly expressed fear of disaster, claiming certain vital testing procedures were eliminated because of the expense involved. In particular there was concern about the *Columbia* melting upon reentering the earth's atmosphere.

Critical to the shuttle's existence are the more than 30,000 insulating tiles that are glued to the underside. Designed to shed the heat that normally consumes objects plunging through the atmosphere, the tiles have proved to be a sizable headache for NASA scientists. Each small, fragile-as-an-eggshell tile has to be individually computer designed. No two are alike. They are painstakingly glued to the body of the craft. It takes one worker as much as one day to attach one tile.

There is a remote chance that a tile could be ripped off in flight and then, in a zipper-like effect, a string of tiles—dooming the mission

THE SPACE SHUTTLE is the most versatile spacecraft yet built. Photos and artists' renderings, from right to left, show: shuttle riding on back of 747 airplane during testing procedures; launch of shuttle attached to giant fuel tank plus two booster rockets; jettisoning of now empty fuel tank eight minutes into flight (booster rockets have already been discarded); a spacelab being carried in cargo area; construction of orbiting structure from parts brought by shuttle.



plans for the maiden flight.

"It is a highly risky venture," said a scientist connected with the project. But risky or not, America's space program now depends on the shuttle. "We plan to begin the transition of our operational spacecraft to shuttle launch by 1983. Our dependence on the shuttle

will become critical," said former U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

Others in the Race

While the United States is putting its space eggs in the shuttle

to a mere incandescent flash in the sky. On future shuttle flights there will be a tile repair kit on board in case any tiles are lost previous to reentry, although no such repair kit was included in

basket, the space program of the Soviet Union will apparently include a smaller shuttle-type vehicle, plus a continued emphasis on building the largest rockets in the world. They are working on boosters more powerful than the *Saturn 5*, whereas the U.S. no longer has even a *Saturn 5* capability. "This indicates the U.S. may be entering an era in which extensive Soviet launch vehicle capabilities alone could be a dominant factor in the strategic use of space compared with even the substantial benefits expected from the U.S. space shuttle," says *Aviation Week & Space Technology*, June 16, 1980. In plainer words, even with its new shuttle, the United States may remain behind in the race to exploit space.

Still, whether the program is American or Soviet, the thrust is similar: it is time to exploit space.

Other nations too are getting into the act. The French have scheduled two test flights this year for their Ariane rocket booster, designed to launch satellites for the European Space Agency. Two French astronauts are being trained in the Soviet Union and are expected to join Soviet cosmonauts in a future flight.

The European Space Agency, West Germany in particular, has been working with the U.S. shuttle program. India, China and Japan have been developing booster rockets of their own. And almost any nation, corporation, industry, group or even individual can, on a standby basis, send an experiment or invention into space aboard NASA's shuttle for as little as \$3,000.

High Hopes

More effective worldwide communications are one of the looked-for benefits of the new push into space. Satellites capable of carrying hundreds of thousands of telephone calls at once, plus worldwide TV programming, will be a reality. Other satellites

will continue to monitor weather patterns and natural resources, studying the health of crops, predicting watershed problems, locating oil and minerals and fulfilling numerous other such functions.

The zero-gravity vacuum of space is expected to make possible the manufacture of ceramic, optical, electronic and metallurgical products of much higher quality and purity than can be achieved on earth. The Soviets have already conducted experiments along this line. They have used onboard furnaces in their

“
*Man can do it.
There is
no doubt about it.
He can move
into space. But
is he ready
for it? He hasn't
learned to
live peaceably on
earth yet.*
”

Salyut space stations. It is thought that improved vaccines, hormones and other biological products will also be possible thanks to space factory technology.

Orbiting space stations will grow in size, providing an environment where work can be carried on without the necessity of wearing space suits. Astronomical observatories will be built that will not be hindered by having to peer through the haze of the earth's atmosphere. Space platforms will serve as launching and docking facilities for trips deeper into space. Of immediate interest is mineral exploitation of the moon and Mars. Vehicles launched from space platforms

will have the advantage of not needing to be streamlined, since air resistance will not be a factor. Nor will they need the tremendous booster power that is needed in earth-based lift-offs.

Following closely on the heels of space industrialization will be space colonization, according to scientific seers. Our planet is overcrowded, its resources rapidly being depleted. It is only natural to pick up and move on to a new, even if hostile, frontier just as man has done down through history. These seers describe immense space colonies with tens of thousands of inhabitants.

One scientist went so far as to state that colonies could be constructed with several thousand times the land area of earth. They would have artificial gravity and be totally self-sustaining, even to have parks, streams and recreational areas. Food would be grown, wastes recycled and the pattern of life would be very similar to what it is on earth. And you can be sure—though the glowing descriptions of what the move into space will be like do not mention it—there will be a crime problem similar to what we have on earth. And there will be crooked politics, strife about minorities, broken marriages, unhappy lives and—since humans will be humans—wars in space!

Preparing for the Ultimate War?

The shuttle, as one news magazine proclaimed, "also hails the militarization of space."

It is no secret that both the United States and the Soviet Union are adapting space technology to warfare—often referred to as "defense."

Spy satellites already can read an automobile license plate number from orbit and spy capabilities will continue to become more sophisticated yet. Other satellites serve for military communications. Plans exist for interceptor-destroyer satellites that can hunt down and destroy other satellites.

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THE QUESTIONS SCIENCE CAN'T ANSWER

by Gene H. Hogberg

In the past 15 years, physical knowledge about the universe, our own planet earth and its unique life forms, has virtually exploded.

Now scientists say that they will tackle such questions as "Why is there matter?" "Why is there life?" and "What is man?" But do the answers to these questions lie within the field of science?

NEVER before have scientific topics been so popular with the general public.

From spectacular television series about the marvels of our universe, to hot-selling, colorful scientific magazines for the layman, scientific discovery has become the "in thing."

Young people talk about being "into space" or "into DNA." Knowledge itself, to use economic terminology, is a growth industry.

Yet, paradoxically, violent crime is also a growth industry throughout the Western world. There is precious little knowledge of how to prevent ultimate nuclear cosmocide, how to have rewarding marriages and happy family life, and how to live in har-

mony with ourselves and our physical environment.

Why?

Needed: New Way of Scientific Thinking

Scientists themselves are not unaware of this apparent "good

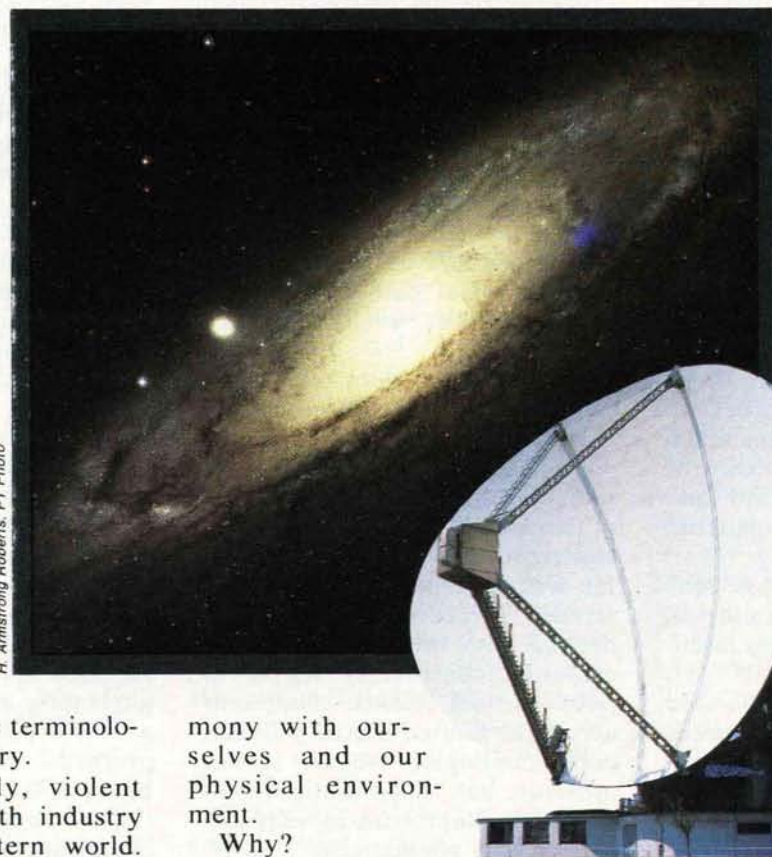
and evil" paradox. This was very much in evidence at the 147th annual conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) held in Toronto, Canada, this past winter and attended by this writer.

British professor John W. Bowker perhaps summarized mankind's dilemma most effectively

when he referred to our "prodigious scientific achievements on the one hand" and "our impotence to control their con-

sequences on the other—an increasingly versatile capacity for self-destruction."

How then can mankind be



H. Armstrong Roberts. PT Photo

pulled back from the brink of oblivion?

One symposium devoted to epistemics—a new science devoted to the human knowledge process and the human brain—tried to tackle this critical area. Of course, the perspective from which the examination was made was that of evolution, the framework of science today. The chief conclusion reached was that man must somehow evolve still further to insure his own survival!

The program study guide to the symposium stated that “the richness of our system-forming activity has resulted in the development of nuclear weapons that threaten the survival of the species. Unless an evolving of the human knowledge process occurs, our prospects for survival are slim.”

William Gray, associated with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, stressed that it is abundantly clear that the “normal operation” of the human thinking process “lacks sensitivity” for other humans and for their environment—the “natural ecology.”

According to Dr. Gray this defect in the brain’s normal operation can only be remedied through what he called “knowledge evolution”—so that a “human, humane and humanistic ecology can develop.” And only through this “self-evolution of the human knowledge process,” he maintained, can humans reach the point where “the heart of each will be pure of envy and greed and therefore all mankind will be without malice.”

Dr. Gray believed that this “self-evolution” was both urgent and possible, since, he said, “man is essentially an unfinished business.”

Man is indeed an “unfinished business.” And man certainly needs to turn from his self-centered approach to life. But does man have it within himself to redirect his own thinking processes?

The real answer to these questions—which we’ll examine below—lies in the Bible, that despised source of *revealed* knowledge that in fact predicted

our very age of knowledge explosion. The prophet Daniel foretold “the time of the end”—this 20th century—when “knowledge shall be increased” (Daniel 12:4).

Freed from “Bondage”?

Unfortunately, learned men of science do not want to take a fresh look at the Bible. The “battle” between evolutionary science and what is labeled “religious superstition” is supposedly over—with science the undisputed winner.

As one Harvard paleontologist recently said, “It is absurd beyond words that in 1981 we have to defend the conclusions of science.”

Ervin Laszlo, a United Nations official who addressed one AAAS seminar, emphasizes that science has been “fully liberated from bondage to medieval dogma. . . . Not only science and technology, but the institution of society [have been] divorced from religious authority.”

In throwing off “medieval dogma,” however, science has also discarded the true message of the Bible—which was not, as they assumed, the basis of the dogmas so opposed and discarded. It was the proverbial case of throwing the baby out with the bath water!

As a result modern man is cut off more than ever from his Creator.

“Science has a lot of faults,” said biologist William V. Mayer at the AAAS, “but turning to the supernatural is not one of them.” He was speaking at a news conference preceding a symposium dealing with the creation-versus-evolution controversy raging in public school science classrooms across the United States. Science, added biologist Mayer, is not atheistic, but “not-theistic by not proposing supernatural explanations for its phenomena.”

“In the Beginning”—What?

Nevertheless, certain phenomena examined at this “world series of science” convention are getting a

bit difficult to explain without resorting to the supernatural.

There was considerable discussion of the age of the universe, and of various dating methods used to arrive at the presently accepted figure.

Most astronomers and physicists ascribe to the “Big Bang” theory—an incomprehensibly awesome point in time when, according to this explanation, matter exploded in all directions from one incredibly huge and hot fireball.

Earlier concepts such as the “steady state theory” or the “oscillating universe theory” are no longer generally held to be feasible.

The Big Bang theory raises interesting questions however. Astronomer David W. Schramm noted in his paper, “That our universe has a finite age is *philosophically intriguing*.”

Lest anyone leap to theological conclusions, however, fellow astronomer Milton K. Munitz went to considerable lengths to explain the difference between “the beginning of the universe,” as scientists view it, and “the creation of the universe.” The latter phrase is not preferred by science since it implies a *creator*.

By choosing to use the phrase “the beginning of the universe,” emphasized Dr. Munitz, the scientist is “saying something about the built-in limitations of the scheme he is presenting.” Beyond that point in the distant past other conditions may have prevailed that we do not know of, indeed may never know of.

The term “creation of the universe,” on the other hand reported Dr. Munitz, is a religious term always associated with a “world picture.” Such a “world picture” represents a “fixed bedrock” of beliefs concerning the nature of the universe, revolving around a purposeful, powerful Creator-Designer.

“Science,” Dr. Munitz told this author, “is not devoted to formulation of a ‘world view,’”

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NOISE POLLUTION

It's More than Meets the Ear!

by Clayton Steep

High noise levels are not just disagreeable—they are injurious to health and peace of mind.

"**S**ILENCE is golden," says an old German proverb. And for the millions packed together in urban sprawls, silence is indeed becoming as hard to find as the precious metal.

Harried city dwellers are subjected to the confused din of autos, buses and trucks, the rumble of trains, the wail of sirens, the jolt of jack hammers, the roar of jet planes, the noises of industry, commerce, construction, demolition. And all the other activities that are part of today's city life.

The suburbs aren't necessarily quiet havens either. Starting with the jangle of the alarm clock in the morning, the ear drums may be assaulted throughout the day with strident, nerve-wracking sonic dissonance coming from household appliances, TVs, stereos, power lawn mowers, chain saws, garbage trucks, passing motor bikes, and, oh yes, the incessant yapping of the neighbor's dog.

"Our society is driving itself nuts with noise," declared Dr. T. Carlin, director of the Speech and Hearing Institute at the University of Texas Health Service Center. Noise pollution, he said, cannot only be blamed for loss of hearing, but also brings about

other physical ailments, stress in marriage, a letdown in worker productivity and "all in all makes life miserable" (AP interview by Rob Wood).

What Is "Noise" Anyway?

For convenience, let's make a distinction between sounds and noise. There are many sounds that are beautiful, peaceful, awe-inspiring, edifying. These are pleasant to hear. There are other sounds that are not necessarily beautiful, but which are acceptable by-products of human activity. Then there is noise. Noise, as someone once wrote, is any undesired sound. It is sound at the wrong time and in the wrong place.

A dog cavorting across the countryside is a happy sound. In the middle of the night, 10 feet from a bedroom window in a city, it is an aggravating noise.

For the most part, noise is the result of human activity. Why is the dog 10 feet from a bedroom window instead of out in a field where it would rather be? Because it is tied up or otherwise trapped in circumstances of human devising—a part of city life.

Whenever people are crowded together into cities, the noise made by some disturbs others. It is nothing new. The poet Decimus Junius Juvenalis commented on conditions in ancient Rome: "Insomnia causes more

deaths amongst Roman invalids than any other factor.... How much sleep, I ask you, can one get in lodgings here? Unbroken nights—and this is the root of the trouble—are a rich man's privilege. The wagons thundering past through those narrow twisting streets... would suffice to jolt the doziest sea-cow of an emperor into permanent wakefulness."

Today, in addition to the noise of modern traffic, we have to endure a deafening tumult from a multitude of modern mass-produced mechanical noisemakers.

Emotional and Physical Effects

Sound is measured in decibels. A prolonged noise level of from 65 to 80 decibels puts a severe strain on the ears. A short period of more than 90 decibels can damage the hearing. Tiny hairs in the hearing mechanism, once destroyed by excessive noise, never grow back. The damage is permanent.

You think you are not exposed to excessive noise? Well, a vacuum cleaner registers about 70 decibels; a hair dryer, 100; a garbage disposal, 80; a power mower, 90 to 100; an average factory, 85; an electric shaver, 90; heavy traffic at 25 feet, 90; a motorcycle at 50 feet, 100 to 110; a jet plane at takeoff, 150; a typical disco, 120. Daily exposure at lower but

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The Surprising Origin of **MODERN EDUCATION**

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Almost none knows the TRUTH about how today's system of higher education developed—its RECENT DRIFT—
and why the system is even now becoming obsolete.

STUDENTS all over the world make final decisions about COLLEGE every year THAT WILL VITALLY AFFECT THEIR ENTIRE LIVES!

The WRONG decision may mean failure—unhappiness—frustration for LIFE. Girls, as well as men.

If I were a young man or young woman, either already *in* a university, or now at last *ready* for college, I would most assuredly give sober and solemn THOUGHT to the things I want to say to you here.

I would want to think seriously about WHY so many college graduates, after having already acquired a bachelor's or master's degree, feel that the university failed to give them what they really NEEDED, if their lives were to be successful, completely satisfying.

I would want to look, searchingly, into the REASONS behind the thousands of FAILURES in life by college graduates—and why even *most* who do achieve moderate or even rich financial status *still* find their lives UNHAPPY, far short of the completely *gratifying*, rewarding sense of satisfaction they had anticipated before entering college.

I would want to find the reasons WHY A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF COLLEGE GRADUATES MAKE FAILURES IN MARRIAGE—failures in child rearing as parents.

I would want to know WHY so many, whose *minds* have been trained and filled with technical knowledge in specialized fields, still are emotionally immature, morally and spiritually mixed up and confused, still plagued with a feeling of inadequacy, uncertainty, inferiority, insecurity—even frustration.

Yes, WHY?

WHAT IS IT that these millions, who spent four, six or more years in “higher education,” find they failed to obtain at college?

It is, plainly and simply, that they were not given the *most important* knowledge and experience needed for a balanced, well-rounded, happy, *abundant* life that is *really* successful!

I have lived an active, dynamic, much-traveled, fast-moving life. And today I look back, with deep and very gratifying satisfaction, on a life of accomplishment that has been full, abundant, interesting, even exciting, but always rewarding. Of course there have been problems to solve, obstacles to hurdle. There have been, too, disappointments and setbacks, for those come to every life. They are

the training ground of character.

But I have come in contact with numerous men supposedly “successful” by generally accepted standards—men who headed great and vast enterprises, men whose bank accounts were full, but their lives *empty*!

I have known scores of multi-millionaires—nearly all of them unhappy! Most certainly I do not consider poverty a criterion of success, but after knowing so many hundreds who became financially affluent, neither do I consider acquisition of MONEY a proof of success. There is *more* to life than earning a living, though that is *one* of the necessary requirements.

And I have known wives of financially “successful” husbands—career women—some who reached the top of the social ladder. They, too, were unhappy, discontented.

When I was only 22, I was sent throughout the United States as the “idea man” of a national magazine—interviewing businessmen, studying, analyzing merchandising and general business conditions, learning why one man makes a success, another a failure, in the management of his business.

All my life since, I have studied the CAUSES of success and of

failure in life—the REASONS for so much unhappiness.

And when, more than 30 years ago, it became my privilege and responsibility to found an institution in the field of higher education—Ambassador College—I talked about these problems with a number of educators of good rank in this business of education. I discussed with them the facts that I had found so many college graduates to be actual failures in life, not knowing how to live it, even though many were financially “successful.”

Said Dr. Packer, chancellor of higher education for the State of Oregon: “Mr. Armstrong, I envy your great opportunity. We *know* there are serious evils in our educational system. We *know* it is gripped tightly in the clutch of a vicious materialism. Those of us at the head of some of these large and vast educational organizations are also in the clutch of that system—even though we see the evils, we are powerless to change them. But, you, Mr. Armstrong, are not bound by these fetters of tradition. You are FREE to start anew—to RECAPTURE THE TRUE VALUES—while retaining all that has proven *good* in educational experience.”

Dr. Packer by those words set the motto of Ambassador College—RECAPTURE TRUE VALUES!

What, after all, is basically, criminally, *WRONG*?

First, above all else, people are groping in the dark, not knowing THE TRUE VALUES!

The millions of even the supposedly “successful” are spending lifetimes of precious hours and strenuous efforts toward wrong GOALS, false VALUES, that fail to pay off! It’s like devoting the energies of a lifetime chasing the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—groping, open-mouthed, for the mirage on a blistering hot desert.

Do you want to struggle through life in that manner, only to end up frustrated, disillusioned, too late to start all over again?

Life is a pretty serious thing. You only live it *ONCE*!

The *basic*, most necessary things you need to learn are the real meaning and PURPOSE of life—WHY we are alive, the TRUE VALUES, distinguished from the false (few, if any, of the greatest educators and wealthiest millionaires have ever learned this), and THE WAY—the HOW—that brings peace, happiness, abundant well-being.

There is a CAUSE for every effect. There are REASONS for unhappy, frustrated lives—among those who are “successful” financially, socially, politically, or in usual channels of life. There is a REASON for lack of PEACE in the world: Most heads of government *do not know the WAY to peace!* If they did, would we not *have* a little of it?

Just training the intellect is NOT ENOUGH!

Technical training in a line of specialization is NOT ENOUGH!

Millions have obtained that kind of education—but it has led to unhappy and unsuccessful lives! It has not prepared these “educated” for *living*!

Laws of Success

There is a CAUSE for every result.

If your life is to be TRULY successful, you must find and apply the CAUSE of that satisfying happiness.

There are definite *laws* that determine success or failure—happiness or unhappiness.

The very first law of success is to have and diligently pursue the RIGHT GOAL! The *second* is EDUCATION—*preparation* for that right goal.

I have known scores and scores of people who had success in achieving *their goal*. They applied diligently the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth of the seven *laws* for REAL success. Well, perhaps many rather neglected the third law, which is good health. To have good health you must know the *laws* of good physical health—the physical *laws* of body and mind that regulate physical health. And you must apply them.

The fourth law I call DRIVE.

Initiative, self-propulsion, prodding the self, *driving* on, instead of letting down. The fifth is RESOURCEFULNESS—the ability and confident determination to *think* the way through, over, around or past every problem, obstacle or difficulty that comes in one’s path. And life will be full of these. They stop and defeat the irresolute, the shiftless, the unthinking, those lacking resourcefulness. The sixth is perseverance—stick-to-it-iveness—refusal to give up or quit. (And if you want to know what the seventh one is, send for your free copy of the full-color booklet titled *The Seven Laws of Success*.)

Yes, those regarded as successful in the world have practiced these rules—and they have attained their goals. But that has not always been real success, because their GOALS were not *right* goals.

Many businessmen fail because they are in the wrong business—the proverbial “square pegs in the round holes.”

But, in the main, the MILLIONS supposedly SUCCESSFUL have never known REAL success. Some of these ended up suicides! Nearly all have been unhappy. Many, if not most, have been failures in their home and family life—failures as parents. It is they, not their teen children, who are the “delinquents.”

And WHY?

Again, they did not know the TRUE VALUES. They chose the wrong goals. They worked hard to achieve a *wrong* goal that left them disillusioned, frustrated, unhappy.

This thing we call *civilization* is, simply, the WAY OF LIFE that is lived by the people. It is the system, the customs, the manner of life in human contacts and associations and organizations and ways. It is, in short, THIS WORLD.

And this world is emphatically *NOT* a happy, truly successful world!

In the brief span of a lifetime the world has passed with accelerating speed through the age of invention, the machine age, the

age of science and technology, the nuclear age, and, now, the space age. The sudden acceleration in scientific development is evidenced by the astonishing fact that 90 percent of all scientists who ever lived are living today.

New Age in Education

And with these developments has emerged a new age in education.

Today's world is what its leaders have made it, and these leaders are the product of this world's education. But what kind of world has this education produced?

It is a deceptive world. It *appears* to be a world replete with gadgets, labor-saving devices and luxury undreamed of by our ancestors. It is a world of instantaneous worldwide communication, rapid transportation by automobile, railroad, jet plane. It is a world entertained by radio, television, stage and screen, giant sports fields and arenas. It is a mechanized world where mass assembly-line machine production makes possible higher incomes, shorter work hours, more leisure for entertainment and amusement.

Is not this an exciting world of great *progress*? Is this not a world looking forward to a magic push-button century 21, where labor will be all but abolished, with idleness and ease for all?

It seems so.

But it is a deceptive world. Never was the world so filled with discontent and unhappiness, with crime, with juvenile delinquency, with divorce and broken homes, with sickness and mental illnesses, with violence and destruction. Never before was it possible to erase all life—human, animal and plant—from the face of this earth!

This whole disintegrating civilization is the product of an underlying *concept* toward knowledge and a *philosophy* toward life, which together have formed the foundation of modern education. The philosophic basis of modern education is that of the ancient pagan Greeks and Ro-

mans. The concept, through which the presence and motion of things has been viewed and explained, is the materialistic approach of modern science.

Modern education, therefore, is almost wholly materialistic. It develops the machine, the theorem, the hypothesis that becomes the faith or the belief of modern science. But it fails to develop the MAN, or to lead him to a knowledge of the true values.

Few seem to know that peace of mind, happiness, contentment, the true absorbing, interest-filled *abundant* life of utter well-being, with prosperity and assured security, are our true heritage. Few seem to know THE WAY. Few seem to know that there are invisible but inexorable LAWS in motion to make possible that utopian state for all. The very first mission of education is to disseminate the knowledge of those laws and of the PURPOSE of life.

Yet this knowledge is NOT disseminated—except at the campuses of Ambassador College.

What is man? WHY is man? Was he put on this earth for a PURPOSE—or did he just happen, by accident? Is there meaning to life? What is THE WAY to peace, to happiness, to well-being, to dependable security? Why are we air-breathing creatures of mere transitory existence?

WHY are these questions ignored, and certainly never taught—these BASIC foundations of any right or true education?

Why?

Simply because modern education has become almost wholly materialistic. It has lost the true values. It gropes hopelessly in the dark, in a vain search for the acquisition of knowledge that can come only through the very source it rejects!

It fails to teach young men and women the most needed of all knowledge. It teaches young people how to earn a living, but fails to teach them *how to live*!

Surprising Origin of Modern Education

How did the system of modern education come about? A brief

research of its history will prove startlingly illuminating.

The academic form of curricular education was originated by the pagan Greek philosopher Plato, 427-347 B.C. He was the founder of education of regular curriculum in a fixed place. He called it the *academy*.

But an interesting analogy, and lesson—if you can believe it—is portrayed as of a much earlier date. It is found in the biblical account in Genesis.

It portrays the Creator as the original Educator, giving instruction to the first man and woman, regarding the two basic *ways* of life. This was pictured by two symbolic trees. The one, freely offered, represented *the way*, as a life-philosophy of love—of outgoing concern for others—of giving—of serving—of sharing. The other, forbidden yet left completely accessible, symbolized the opposite life-philosophy. It evaluated success in terms of material acquisition. It was *the way* of vanity, selfishness and greed; of consideration, first of all, for SELF; it exalted competition and strife.

The first was simply *the way* of the invisible, inexorable, living LAWS performed by LOVE—the Law of the Ten Commandments—the Law of the Golden Rule. That *way* is the CAUSE of peace, happiness, abundant well being.

The second was the way this world has followed: competition, acquisition, materialism, fulfilling the twin pulls of human nature—vanity and greed. This way *causes* all war, strife, unhappiness, human TROUBLES.

This account portrays the Great Educator revealing these living laws of love as *the way* to peace, prosperity, happiness—a real utopia—and their violation *the way* to strife and war, pain, suffering, insecurity, wretchedness, discontent, emptiness and death.

True to human nature even as it manifests itself so often today, the woman took over the initiative. She is pictured as inaugurat-

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FREE PRESS IN THE BIBLE?

Was It Prophesied?

by Jeff Calkins

THE MOST important work in the world cannot be done without freedom of the press!

What is that work?

It is the work of announcing that God will restore His Government to the whole earth! But before the Government of God is restored, it must first be announced! The good news of that announcement—the Gospel of the Kingdom of God—must be preached (Matthew 24:14) to all nations (Matthew 28:19). And the nations must choose whether they will want it or resist it.

In this day, God has made the MASS media available to accomplish His work. But reaching a mass audience with the good news of God's soon-coming Government requires the freedom to PUBLISH. Notice Mark 13:10: "And the gospel must first be published among all nations."

Further, God lays a *special duty* on his messenger and Church to publicly disseminate certain warnings to certain nations. Ezekiel 33:1-7 describes God's charge upon the watchman. When the watchman sees "the sword" come upon the land—a prophetic symbol of military devastation—he must "blow the trumpet" or God will hold him personally responsible.

This duty requires that a message warning about some very unpleasant events be published as far and as wide as possible to the

latter-day descendants of ancient nations.

Similarly, when God charged the prophet Jeremiah with a message, he also had an affirmative *duty* from God to spread it to as wide an audience as possible. Jeremiah was given a message so important he could hardly contain himself: "But his [God's] word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones..." (Jeremiah 20:9).

So God's servants really have *no choice* as to exercising the right to publish their message freely. Their message is not for their personal benefit—but to the whole world!

Governmental Reaction

And yet while the Bible places a duty on God's servants, it also warns that this world—even now and in the future—will not always allow the freedom to publish.

In the past a government's excuse for persecution was that God's message is TOO DISTURBING to be allowed to circulate freely.

In the Old Testament, Elijah, for example, was hauled before King Ahab for the ancient equivalent of the crime of disturbing the peace: "Ahab said unto him [Elijah], Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" (I Kings 18:17).

Elijah's defense was that he wasn't troubling Israel, only bringing some very distressing news from God to Ahab's government (verse 18).

Likewise, the religious and political authorities of Amos' day tried to subject him to "prior restraint"—from speaking his message at all—because the message he brought from God was too CONTROVERSIAL! "Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.... Also Amaziah said unto Amos... prophesy not again any more at Beth-el" (Amos 7:10, 12-13). Amaziah tried to deny Amos a forum for God's message in ancient Israel. Amos' message was too upsetting to the political and religious establishments!

The prophet Jeremiah was even subjected to an ancient form of book burning. God commanded Jeremiah to write down "all the words that I [God] have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations..." (Jeremiah 36:2).

Jeremiah put the words on a roll. Eventually, however, possession of the roll came to one of the king's top aides, who read it to the king (verse 21). After reading "three or four leaves" of the scroll, the aide, ever eager to please a now distraught king, threw the roll into the fireplace (verse 23). Afterwards, the king attempted, unsuccessfully, to seize Jeremiah for putting God's word to writing.

Earlier, Jeremiah had already

endured actual imprisonment for the content of his spoken message (Jeremiah 20:2).

In the New Testament, the authorities tried to prevent the apostles from preaching the Gospel. The apostles were forcibly brought before the council. The high priest asked them: "Did not we straightly command you that you should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine..." (Acts 5:28).

In other words, the civil and religious authorities were seeking to *regulate* the *content* of their message!

In response, the apostle Peter declared the firm rule that "we ought to obey God rather than

men" (verse 29). Since Peter and company had a God-ordained *duty* to say what they were saying, the commands of the civil government of Jerusalem were in direct conflict with God's.

For the future, the Bible prophecy reveals that the time will come when most of this world's nations will be led by Satan to abolish freedom of the press—and all related freedoms. Why? To prevent any publishing of God's message from reaching any substantial number of people!

'Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the

Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it" (Amos 8:11-12).

Elsewhere the Bible reveals *how* this prophesied press clampdown will take place. Revelation 13 describes a great religious-civil power that will arise in the place of the old Roman Empire. This prophesied power will not allow free speech, a free press or the free exercise of *any* religion—except the *official* religion of the state.

Why Free Press Important

The Gospel is the good news of a government that will REPLACE

International News Censorship Looms on the Horizon

The stage is now being set for a marked restriction, in the years ahead, of the free flow of vital news from around the world.

A little-noticed event in the closing weeks of 1980 has laid the foundations for coming global censorship. The event was the twenty-first annual conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

UNESCO adopted by consensus a resolution calling for "a new world information order." Specifically, the resolution called on the world's mass media "to contribute to the strengthening of peace and international understanding, to the promotion of human rights and to countering racialism, apartheid and incitement to war." These words provide a ready excuse to clamp down on any news story of which governments disapprove.

According to Stanley Karnow, head of the International Writers Service in Washington, the resolution was the product of Sean MacBride, a former Irish foreign minister and holder of the Lenin and Nobel peace prizes. MacBride was

commissioned by UNESCO to look into the complaints of Third World countries about the "Western press." Mr. Karnow writes, "MacBride came up with a preposterous idea. Journalists visiting Third World countries, he suggested, should pledge to accept the government's version of events."

The issue of establishing international press controls has been smoldering for some time. Third World countries have long resented the fact that most of the world's influential news media are based in the industrialized "First World" countries. These media, they charge, operate "news monopolies" and present a biased view of Third World events.

What *really* disturbs some in the Third World countries is that Western news agencies are generally free to report to their readers what is happening *inside* the developing countries. Such reporting occasionally gives an unfavorable or biased view of domestic events

occurring inside the host nations.

Editorialized the *Los Angeles Times* in angry reaction to the UNESCO resolution: "The undemocratic countries already control what their people read and hear. What they want is a mechanism, created and subsidized by UNESCO, to enable them to extend that control to international news. They are well on their way to achieving that goal."

Exactly what the Western news media might be up against was dramatically revealed—albeit coincidentally—during the UNESCO fiasco. A French journalist working for Agence-France Press was arrested and jailed for having reported accurately the attempted coup that threatened the government of the country on which he was reporting.

Although not specifically mentioned in news reports from Belgrade, the UNESCO proscriptions were undoubtedly directed at radio and television coverage and other Western radio services. These give people living in Third World countries a generally accurate account of conditions inside their own borders. The Third World countries would like to restrict the movement of, say, BBC reporters or stringers operating overseas, calling in reports to London, and having their dispatches received back in the home country via shortwave.

This situation creates a special

the governments of this world. Yet *replace* is a mild word! The prophet Daniel flatly declares that the Government of God will "break in pieces and consume" the nations of this world that resist Him (Daniel 2:44).

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God proclaims that there is a higher power than human government, another and divine government to whom men, whether they know it or not, ultimately owe allegiance. For this reason early Christians were accused of doing "contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus" (Acts 17:7).

No wonder the governments of this world have historically sought to *suppress* the publishing

of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God—for it is ultimately the news of their overthrow by Christ at His return!

Some have tried to justify the suppression of press freedom on the grounds that the free circulation of *false ideas* would create havoc for human government. "Lying opinions, than which no mental plague is greater," wrote Pope Leo XIII, "and vices which corrupt the heart and moral life, should be diligently repressed by public authority, lest they insidiously work the ruin of the state."

The key error is the failure to see the difference between the government of man and the government of God. God does not reveal the whole of His spiritual truth to

society at large—only to those He calls (see Romans 8:30).

Man, cut off from God, *cannot be trusted to pass judgment on whether God's truth is, in fact, "true."* The Bible reveals that Satan has *deceived* "the whole world" (Revelation 12:9).

Christ said his true church would be a little flock, not a majority of the political community (Luke 12:32). Thus, no human government can ever be really certain that it can tell a "lying opinion" from a true one.

Because men's minds are limited, men must have the truth revealed to them by God. When God doesn't reveal it, as He doesn't to most of society, the
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irony. While many Third World countries want to restrict Western reporting in their *own* country, they rely on Western news for accurate information about events in *neighboring* countries. If such countries were *really* concerned about accuracy in the Western media, they could always set up their own news agencies.

Collapse of Western Will

Champions of the ideal of a free and unfettered press were greatly outnumbered in Belgrade. Elie Abel, a U.S. delegate, said, "We and the people who share our views are in a very small minority in UNESCO. We don't have a lot of friends and we'd better face it. I think we have to ask ourselves *why are we seeing this steady, steady erosion of American influence?*"

At the Foreign Office in London, the British were indignantly outspoken about the results of the Belgrade meeting. At one point, British delegate Lord Gordon-Lennox was preparing to vote against the "world information" resolution. Then the U.S. delegation got instructions from the Carter administration in Washington to go along with a consensus approval rather than force a vote. Britain, "with the greatest reluctance," decided it had no alternative but to go along too. Nevertheless, Foreign Office Minister Peter Blaker made it clear that Britain regards the whole exer-

cise as a growing threat to the free flow of news and ideas. It will become a curb on freedom of the press in the guise of trying to define how journalists are supposed to report and behave.

In general, the Western countries caved in to the pressure exerted by the opposition. Reported the *Los Angeles Times*: "The British were blunt and outspoken in debate and committee work, and the Swiss refused even to go along with a consensus. . . . France and the rest of the European allies, and countries like Japan, Sweden, and Austria seemed *more concerned not to oppose the Third World.*"

The Western countries were also swamped by the Third World/Communist bloc when UNESCO voted itself a hefty 34 percent increase in its operating budget, up to \$725 million over the next three years. Of course, much of this money comes from the Western world, specifically the United States.

Impede the Gospel?

UNESCO's Director-General Mah-tar m'Bow of Senegal alleged at the closing session that "this is only the first stage in creating a new information order in the world." And before the delegates adjourned, the Soviet Union sponsored a resolution—overwhelmingly approved, of course—to call a special UNESCO-sponsored

international conference in 1983 to assess how the international press has been living up to the new UNESCO standards.

The drive to curtail press freedom has picked up a little steam since the December, 1980 UNESCO resolutions. In mid-February, UNESCO sponsored a resolution to, in effect, license and control by setting up an international commission which would issue journalists' press cards. The commission would also "have the means of checking" that journalists "conform to generally accepted rules of professional ethics." The plan was vetoed by four Western press groups, who were not originally invited to the meeting of international press groups. U.N. officials were plainly upset at the failure of the resolution to pass.

One wonders, was the new UNESCO move the beginning of an international body which will impose worldwide regulation on the press?

It should be obvious that if the Western countries succumb supinely to UNESCO's demands, it will make the job of watching world events in the light of Bible prophecy all the harder. And one wonders, too, if Satan is not manipulating UNESCO affairs in an attempt to curtail the future dissemination of the Good News of the Kingdom of God in many parts of the world. □

Sound is measured in decibels. . . . A short period of more than 90 decibels can damage the hearing. Tiny hairs in the hearing mechanism, once destroyed by excessive noise, never grow back. The damage is permanent.

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constant levels, from air conditioners, freeways or other background noise, can over a long period cause hearing loss ranging from slight to total deafness.

But excessive noise does more than damage the delicate hearing mechanism. It has been found to affect the nervous system, the endocrine system, the stomach and emotions. Likewise it has been demonstrated that noise adversely affects the heart and blood vessels, causing high blood pressure and an increase of the cholesterol level.

Sudden noise, such as a car backfiring or fireworks can cause a jump in pulse rates and blood pressure, muscular contractions and changes in the flow of digestive juices. Noise sets nerves on edge. It produces stress emotionally and physically.

It is becoming increasingly recognized that the noises of civilization are partly responsible for the diseases of civilization. Still, some people, more often than not young people, enjoy noise—at least they think they enjoy it. But chances are they've known nothing else. To them noise is often synonymous with power. A loud motorcycle or automobile says, "Look at my power, everybody!" and in some cases even serves as a kind of mating call.

The deafening (literally!) audio level at which disco or rock music is usually played has an actual physical impact on the body. While it may be interpreted as being powerful and desirable, it is far from that. Dr. Carlin said he went to a disco with two deaf friends. "I was going to tell them I had to leave because the noise was hurting.

They left first because the decibel count was so high they felt pain in major organs of their body [sic] although they could not hear."

Young or old, we are victims of more than the noise we can hear: many machines produce noise above or below the range of human hearing. Even though our ears cannot pick up these noises, they too may affect the body, bringing about such symptoms as headaches, nausea, loss of equilibrium and fatigue.

What Can You Do?

Unless you attempt to flee to the country, miles from civilization, foregoing all of its loud gadgets, you cannot completely escape harmful noise. But to some degree you can lessen its effects. Here are some of the recommendations of various experts who have studied the problem of noise pollution:

- 1) Avoid wherever possible subjecting yourself to loud noise.
- 2) Keep background noise to a minimum.
- 3) Keep doors and windows closed when there is a lot of outside noise.
- 4) Use heavier draperies, weather stripping and other noise deadening materials.
- 5) Have ear plugs available for use when needed.

There are laws on the books in many areas that, if enforced, would cut down on some noise. Enforcement, however, is a problem. The police are too busy chasing criminals to answer a "loud stereo" complaint. The reply one police department gave expressed its frustration. When a caller complained because a neighbor had set up an amplified drum set in his back yard, the police officer asked, "What do you want us to do about it?" "Well," the caller

replied, "can't you get him for disturbing the peace?" To which the policeman responded, "He's not disturbing *our* peace!"

The real solution to the noise problem involves a fundamental change in the way society functions. Speaking about the harmful effects of noise, Dr. Carlin stated, "Adults should know better, but it is the children I worry about. With the loud music, the other noise pollution, the future doesn't look good for them unless their values are turned around."

The values of the whole world do need to be turned around. So much needless stress from noise could be eliminated if people would just be considerate of others. Keeping the stereo turned down, keeping the dog quiet, not honking the horn or squealing the brakes without reason, not revving the engine. Just plain unselfish consideration. Rare in this world.

The other basic step in solving the problem is to eliminate harmful noises at their point of origin by designing products and using procedures that do not exceed realistic, enforced noise level standards.

That's the way it will be in the World Tomorrow. When society is set up and run God's way, there will be thoughtful planning against injurious side effects from human endeavors. There will be plenty of joyful sounds, but nerve-wracking, harmful noise will no longer be a factor in people's lives.

God describes that time this way: "the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" (Isaiah 32:17-18). □

A GORILLA SPEAKS OUT AGAINST EVOLUTION

by Keith W. Stump

Remarkable studies are revealing heretofore unknown characteristics and abilities of monkeys and apes. But can we gain a deeper understanding of the mysteries of our own abilities and natures by studying our anthropoid "cousins"? Where do the answers really lie—in biology or in religion?

SINCE ITS release in 1968, the science-fiction film *Planet of the Apes* has enjoyed worldwide acclaim.

Based on *La Planète des singes* by the noted French author Pierre Boulle, the film poses an intriguing scientific hypothesis that has captured the imaginations of millions of moviegoers.

The film's action takes place on a planet called Soror, in the Betelgeuse star system. Soror is a planet virtually identical with our Earth—but with one important exception.

On Soror—as the story goes—evolution has favored the simian (ape) species instead of humans. On this bizarre world, it is the *men* who are naked, savage and speechless. The *apes*, on the other



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hand, are clothed, civilized and articulate.

This civilization of apes is divided into three "races"—chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans. The chimpanzees are the great thinkers and intellectuals; the gorillas the organizers, directors, hunters and laborers; the orangutans the scientists.

Humans generally live in the wild, behaving as brute beasts. A few have been captured and placed in zoos for the amusement of visiting ape children. Humans are also used extensively by the apes for scientific experimentation in research laboratories.

Absurd?

More than a decade has passed since *Planet of the Apes* was first screened. In that decade, remarkable studies have been carried out that have placed a whole new light on the film's hypothesis—initially consid-

ered simply an intriguing, though absurd, proposition.

Today, some scientists are beginning to seriously question whether the film's plot is really as absurd as initially thought!

Studies with nonhuman primates—monkeys and apes—are demonstrating remarkable and heretofore unrealized potentials

in many of those animals. Included is their ability to actually *converse* with humans using sign language!

Moreover, these primates, upon close scrutiny, have been found to exhibit types of behavior previously thought to be *uniquely human*. Accepted scientific concepts of animal and human nature have been severely shaken!

What are the implications of these studies? Do they, as many scientists claim, bolster the case for evolution? Are we seeing in behaviors of apes the rudimentary beginnings from which man's abilities and nature arose?

These are the important questions, with vast implications for both science and religion!

The Amazing Koko

Consider the case of Koko, the world's first known "talking" gorilla. Koko, who resides in a trailer home on the Stanford University campus, made world headlines just a few years ago.

The October, 1978, *National Geographic* magazine featured Koko in an article entitled "Conversations with a Gorilla." The cover photo for that issue—a self-portrait taken with a 35-mm. camera—was made by Koko herself!

Koko, of course, cannot actually *speak*. "She has tried to speak, but just can't do it," says her trainer, primate researcher Francine Patterson. "The vocal tract has a very different structure from that of a human. All she can do is grunt or give a high-pitched squeak."

In a different study with a chimpanzee, the chimp had learned to utter only four simple words after *six years* of effort!

How, then, does Koko do her "conversing"? It is accomplished by means of the well-known American Sign Language, or Ameslan, employed widely by the deaf. Koko began studying it in mid-1972. By the time of the *National Geographic* report in 1978, 7-year-old Koko had acquired a working vocabulary of some 375 hand signals!

Koko also understands

hundreds of spoken commands. And in addition to the use of sign language, she has learned to communicate verbally by operating the keyboard of a computerized voice synthesizer!

Full Comprehension

It is important to understand exactly what is occurring when Koko "converses" using hand signals.

It is well known that a parrot can be taught to repeat many different words and phrases by means of constant repetition. A parrot, however, merely imitates the sounds produced by its human trainer. It may be taught to say, for example, "You're under arrest!" But it has no comprehension whatsoever of the meaning of those words.

Koko, by contrast, uses hand signals with a full comprehension of their meaning. She does not simply *mimic* the hand and arm movements of her trainer. She uses them *with understanding*. It is *much more* than simply a conditioned reflex.

For example: Upon seeing a horse with a bit in its mouth, Koko signs, "Horse sad." When asked *why* the horse is sad, Koko signs, "Teeth." She is fully aware of what she is "saying," and responds spontaneously to new situations without coaching.

Drawing upon her supply of hundreds of signals, Koko volunteers comments, answers questions and engages in sometimes lengthy conversations. She displays a *significantly* higher level of performance than that of a parrot or of other animals that can be trained to perform various tricks without understanding them.

Koko's vocabulary includes words such as *airplane, lollipop, friend, stethoscope, belly button, flower* and *window*. She also understands and uses such abstracts as *curious, boring, stupid, love, bad, good, happy, sad, funny, understand* and *imagine*.

In fact, Koko's IQ has been measured at between 85 and 95—just below the average for a preschool human child!

Moreover, Koko is capable of

describing new objects by using imaginative combinations of signs already in her vocabulary. When shown a photograph of a zebra, for example, Koko signed, "white tiger." A mask became an "eye slot." A long-nosed Pinocchio doll became an "elephant baby."

In a similar test, the famous female chimpanzee Washoe—the first chimp to learn human sign language in the late 1960s—signed "water bird" to describe a swan.

Koko Lies, Argues

In addition to language ability, primate researchers have been intrigued to observe in apes many unmistakably "human" attributes. These include lying, accepting bribes, arguing, destroying property, trading insults—and even back-seat driving!

After Michael (a younger male gorilla) joined Koko in her mobile home, Koko began using him as a convenient scapegoat. "Who broke the toilet?" asked researcher Patterson of the guilty Koko. "Michael toilet," was Koko's reply. In another instance, Koko blamed one of the researchers for breaking the kitchen sink.

Such behavior, according to one expert, is not a learned response, but rather "the natural outcome of the workings of a mind that can predict what will happen in the future"—that is, a mind that can understand simple cause and effect.

When in a spiteful mood, Koko addresses researcher Patterson and her colleagues with various insults such as "dirty toilet" and "nut"—not unlike many of the vulgar epithets used by humans.

Interestingly, Koko knows when she is misbehaving. She occasionally describes herself as "stubborn."

Barriers Broken?

One writer has observed that Koko exhibits "a personality that seems to break the barriers between human and animal."

In this vein, some scientists have suggested that by studying the behavior of apes, they might

come to better understand how human nature and human abilities arose. As Professor Kenneth Bock notes in his book *Human Nature and History*:

"There is a long history of efforts to learn about humans by comparing them with animals, and again today students of animal social behavior urge their colleagues in the study of human social behavior to join in what is represented as a common enterprise."

Such an approach, of course, is the natural outgrowth of a widespread acceptance within the scientific community of the theory of evolution. The notion is that today's ape may in some ways resemble man's forebears or "prehistoric ancestors."

Contrary to the popular conception, evolutionists do not claim that man descended from the apes. They contend, instead, that man and ape are two separate branches that evolved in different directions from a common ancestor believed to have lived many millions of years ago. Dr. Bronowski, author of *The Ascent of Man*, thus refers to "our cousins, the monkeys and the apes."

Modern biology declares we have much to learn about ourselves and our natures from a study of our ape "cousins."

But this, as we shall see, is *not where the answers lie!*

This approach—rooted in the theory of evolution—is totally unsound! Studying nonhuman primates will teach us about *non-human primates*—but not about ourselves!

In the second century A.D., the Greek physician Galen sought to study the body of man by dissecting the bodies of Old World monkeys. (The ancient Greeks and Romans frowned upon the dissection of human cadavers.) As a result, Galen mistakenly attributed many anatomical features of apes and monkeys to humans. His writings were thus riddled with error.

Later physicians were to discover that the best study of man is man himself.

Studying human nature and

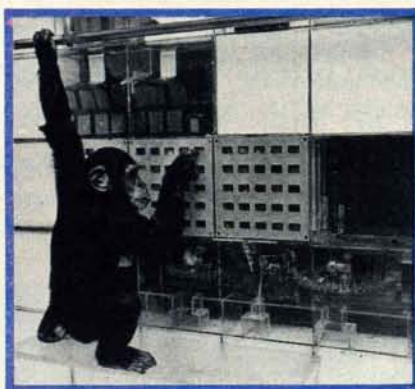
culture by analyzing the lesser creatures is fraught with similar pitfalls!

Radical Differences!

Consider the respective capabilities of ape and man.

Apes, as witnessed in the case of Koko, are certainly not devoid of the power of reason and of a degree of intelligence. The feats they are capable of, *with human guidance*, are nothing short of remarkable.

Even apart from human training, apes exhibit extraordinary abilities. Noted primate researcher Baroness Jane Van Lawick-Goodall, for example, has ob-



LANA, a "talking" chimpanzee, pushes keys on computer panel to form sentence: "Give . . . Lana . . . Banana."

served the art of *toolmaking* among chimpanzees in the wild!

Yet, while an ape is an *intelligent* animal, it is not an *intellectual* one. It is not, to use the dictionary definition, "chiefly guided by the intellect rather than by emotion or experience" nor "given to study, reflection and speculation."

Instinct is the *primary* governing principle of the ape.

Even when given an opportunity to develop its potentials, an ape remains primitive. In its animal state, it is severely limited. No ape will ever become a teacher, doctor, scientist, lawyer or philosopher.

It is the *human* that teaches the *ape*, not the other way around!

Man, on the other hand, is endowed with a mind inspired by incredible intelligence. The hu-

man mind is *radically different* from the apes, differing not only in degree but in potential. It towers far above, capable of a supremely higher level of performance, immeasurably more sophisticated.

Man's mind is qualitatively *far superior*, far out of proportion to the relatively small difference in size and weight between the brains of humans and apes.

Man's mind is *unique* in all creation!

In addition, man alone has the use of a highly sophisticated verbal language. "The habitual use of articulate language is, however, peculiar to man," Charles Darwin admitted. He also wrote of man's "*almost infinitely larger power* of associating together the most diversified sounds and ideas. . . ." His attempts to explain this fact in terms of evolution are feeble at best.

Humans also have a cultural history, exhibiting material progress. And man *records* that history. Apes, by contrast, are wanting in all these respects. They remain as they were first created.

True intellect is embodied in the human species. In man's eyes is found a spark of understanding encountered nowhere else in all creation!

Bridgeless Gap

How are we to explain this bridgeless gap, this immeasurable chasm separating human mind from animal brain? To what can we attribute the vast difference in output and potential?

It cannot be explained by evolution! That theory—riddled with innumerable flaws in logic and wide gaps in evidence—is *wholly inadequate!* (See "Scientists in Quandary About Darwin" in the February, 1981, *Plain Truth*, U.S. edition.)

In fact, because evolutionists cannot explain these vast differences in terms of evolution, they have had to *delude* themselves into believing those differences *do not exist!*

The human mind cannot be explained solely in physical

terms. The level of human thought can in no way be explained simply as a function of the physical human brain—some three pounds of organic matter.

Charles Darwin's observations regarding the comparative mental faculties of man and ape are significant:

"Man bears in his bodily structure clear traces of his descent from some lower form; but it may be urged that, as man differs so greatly in his mental power from all other animals, there must be some error in this conclusion. *No doubt the difference in this respect is enormous*, even if we compare the mind of one of the lowest savages... with that of the most highly organized ape. *The difference would, no doubt, still remain immense*, even if one of the higher apes [such as Koko—editor] had been improved or civilized...."

Evolutionists—while admitting the relative insignificance in difference between the physical brains of man and ape—face the apparent problem of "enormous" and "immense" differences in their mental powers.

The implications of this disparity were not lost on Darwin.

He realized that if he were to admit of a fundamental difference between man and the higher animals in their mental faculties, *evolution could not be true!*

Why?

Because—as Thomas Huxley later showed—this difference would be *unexplainable* in mere physical terms, such as brain size and structure!

So what did the early evolutionists do about this? How did they overcome this potentially fatal blow to their theory?

They declared, in effect, that what man had taken for granted for thousands of years was simply *not true!* In Darwin's own words: "*There is no fundamental difference between man and the higher mammals in their mental faculties.*"

An incredible statement, that! Rather than abandon their theory, they deluded themselves into believing the absurd!

Evolutionists refuse to face this unassailable fact!

There is only one possible explanation for the great disparity between animal brain and human mind:

There must be a *nonphysical* component in human brain that does not exist in animal brain—a *supernatural essence* imparting the power of intellect to the human brain!

No other explanation is adequate!

Revealed in Bible

It is not logic alone that supports this conclusion. The Bible—the revealed word of the Creator God—provides the ultimate testimony.

Man is not simply a biological mechanism, an intellect powered solely by the laws of chemistry and biology.

"There is a *spirit in man*," declares Job 32:8, "and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

I Corinthians 2:11 speaks of this same nonphysical element, this "spirit in man." It is what enables man to comprehend—in a way that is uniquely human—the world around him.

This spirit in man is not the mythical "immortal soul." It has no consciousness apart from the human brain. It is a spirit essence imparting to man an intellectual dimension. Without it, man would be little more than a brute beast. (Notice, in Daniel 4:33-34, the behavior of King Nebuchadnezzar after God removed his understanding from him.)

This spirit in man has not been given to the animals. It is unique to man in all creation!

Genesis 1:25 reveals that "God made the beast of the earth *after his kind* [or species], and cattle *after their kind*, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth *after his kind*...."

But when it came to the creation of man, God said: "Let us make man *after our image*, *after our likeness*..." (verse 26).

Man was made in the very image of God—after the *God-kind*! *Man is not a mere animal!*

Man was given *dominion over the animals*.

Origin of Human Nature

Finally, what about "human nature"? Did it evolve over millions of years? Does the behavior of apes and monkeys reflect the primal "human nature" of "primitive ancestors"?

As man did not evolve, neither did human nature. The origin of human nature, as that of man himself, is revealed in the Bible.

Having succumbed to the temptation of Satan, the first human beings experienced a change in their mental outlook. "And the eyes of both of them were opened," the Bible records (Genesis 3:7). The spirit of rebellion had entered their minds.

Human nature in its evil spiritual phase—of vanity, jealousy, lust, greed, envy, competition, strife, rebellion against authority, resentment and hate—came *from Satan*. Everything that *God* had made "was very good" (Genesis 1:31).

What we call "human nature" is actually *Satan's nature!*

Satan—the "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2)—literally *broadcasts* his attitude throughout the entire earth. It is this spirit or attitude of Satan "that now worketh in the children of disobedience" (same verse).

In the soon-coming millennial rule of Jesus Christ on earth, Satan will be bound and imprisoned "that he should deceive the nations no more" (Revelation 20:2-3). At that time—with Satan's evil influence restrained—the evil attributes of human nature will no longer hold sway over man. Moreover, all mankind will then have access to the Spirit of God, the *divine nature*.

Even in this present age, God offers to those who will accept it his Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). The Holy Spirit adds to the human mind a godly, spiritual dimension—and enables man to develop righteous character. God's Holy Spirit joins with the spirit in man, witnessing that we are the children of God (Romans 8:16).

Animals have no ability to
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What About MIRACLE REVIVALS and PSYCHIC HEALINGS?

by Clayton Steep

Do miraculous healings really take place during religious revival meetings? What about so-called psychic healing? Does it actually work? What is behind the new surge of interest—even by medical researchers—in what many claim to be “faith healings”?

“THE BLIND see, the deaf hear, the lame walk!” announced the hand-painted sign.

Inside the “revival” tent, the voice of an itinerant “evangelist” blared through an over-powered loud speaker system.

“You are healed!” he said to an elderly woman with a cane.

“Amen!” echoed several believers.

Many in the audience were involved in the hand clapping, singing and shouting. Some were curious spectators from the street, attracted by all this activity on the usually vacant lot. The smell of stirred-up sawdust filled the air, creating a slight haze in the tent. As a couple of ushers escorted the elderly woman off the stage, the preacher turned his attention to the



Jack and Betty Cheatham

next person in an irregular line of afflicted and ailing individuals.

“Come, Witness Miracles!” proclaimed the tract handed out at the entrance. But when the meeting was over, and the money was all counted, and the sawdust in the now silent tent had a chance to settle back to the ground, how many had *really* been healed that night?

On the other side of the world, an “operation” has just been com-

pleted. There were no surgical tools, no anesthetics. The patient remained awake throughout the procedure. The surgeon used only his bare hands to “remove” a tumor and then to magically “heal” the incision. The patient says he feels better now.

Has he really been cured?

Some scientists and medical researchers are

studying incidents such as these. Their efforts are part of a growing interest by many in what is claimed to be “faith healing” or “healing without medicine.”

Driven by the knowledge that conventional medical science is limited in its ability to relieve human suffering, researchers are taking a new look at the claims made. What about such increasingly popular phenomena as “spiritual healers,” so-called faith healers, purported miracles asso-

ciated with various religious shrines and relics, as well as the psychic surgeons of Brazil and the Philippines, even primitive medicine men, treatment by hypnotism and the like?

Up until fairly recently such "healers" were not taken seriously by any appreciable segment of Western society. And certainly not by most churches. Now, however, interest is evident even in some of the oldest mainstream religious denominations, which have "healing services" in thousands of their churches.

"George Gallup says about 10 million people practice the faith. The spread is so extensive, adds psychiatrist Jerome Frank, that more sick people may now be treated by healers than by physicians" (San Gabriel Valley *Tribune*, June 22, 1979).

What is attracting all these people—including serious researchers? Obviously *something* must be going on in the various sessions, encounters and "revival" meetings. But what?

Whatever it is, a lot of people are convinced real healings are taking place. And a lot of religiously inclined people think it must be of God since, they believe, only He can work miracles.

But is that assumption true?

If it is, what about all the non-religious "healers"? How do they function? On the other hand, if God is not the only one capable of performing "miracles," who or what else would be able to cause the manifestations so many declare are "healings"?

Some say most of the "healings" are of the devil, especially if they are brought about by non-religious "healers." But if the sick are really made well, is that possible? Can the devil heal?

All Miracles from God?

First of all, what is a "miracle"? In its broadest definition, a miracle is an occurrence that cannot be explained by natural physical laws. It includes the idea of intervention by a supernatural force.

God works miracles. Many instances of His miraculous intervention are described in the



"STIGMATA," mysterious marks simulate nail holes in Jesus' hands.

Bible. But the Bible also talks of "spirits of demons, working miracles" (Revelation 16:14). It speaks of coming public amazement at "the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (II Thessalonians 2:9).

The devil and his demons are able to do certain miracles. But did you notice how the Bible describes Satan's wonders? It calls them "lying wonders"! They are meant to delude and deceive.

God's law warns against heeding anyone who teaches against the law of God and who "giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder *come to pass*..." (Deuteronomy 13:1-2). Thus the Bible plainly says it is possible for certain ones to do deceptive signs and wonders.

At the time of the Exodus, for example, the pharaoh's magicians and sorcerers, whose power certainly did not come from God, were able to duplicate some of the miracles wrought through Moses and Aaron (Exodus 7-8).

The mere performance of a sign or a wonder of some kind is not proof that the act is of God. In fact many so-called healers don't even claim to be acting in God's behalf. The January, 1980, issue of *Cosmopolitan* pointed out that "for every healer who alludes to God and Christianity, there is another who prefers to think in terms of 'life energy' or 'vital force,' and who chooses to be called a 'spiritual' or 'psychic' healer." UPI recently carried a report that in atheistic Russia, many in Moscow's intellectual circles, including leading Soviet politicians, receive treatment

from a woman "healer." Though the report did not indicate what her personal convictions may be, it is doubtful she would have many clients in an officially atheistic country paying \$375 a treatment if she claimed God as her source of power.

Clearly whatever is behind the current revival of interest in "healing," it is not happening exclusively in the religious realm. So God certainly cannot be responsible for all of it.

But is He responsible for *any* of it? What if God's name is used by one who professes to bring about healing? More specifically, what if the name of Jesus is used? Does that assure that what takes place has God's approval and that it is Jesus' power at work?

Definitely not!

Jesus was very specific on this point. He said a day of reckoning is coming and "*many* will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord [they will call Jesus "Lord"!], have we not prophesied in thy name? [they will use Jesus' name in their sermons!] and in thy name cast out devils? [they will *claim* to do this in Jesus' name!] and in thy name done many wonderful works [including supposed healings]?" (Matthew 7:22).

And how will Jesus answer them? "And then I will profess unto them, *I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity*" (verse 23)!

Yes, Jesus declared that many would come in his name, claiming to do wonderful things. And yet would not be servants of God because they would be workers of "iniquity." The word *iniquity* means "lawlessness." Here Jesus revealed the key as to how we can discern who are God's servants and who are not: If one who claims to be healing the sick does not also preach and teach obedience to God's laws as found in the Bible, Jesus said God does not know him. "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them," Jesus stated. "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but [and here is the decisive factor] he that *doeth* the will [and that

includes obeying God's laws] of my Father which is in heaven" (verses 20-21).

"To the law and to the testimony," Isaiah affirmed, "if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

God has not sent those ministers who do not teach obedience to the laws and commandments of God even though they pray for or "heal" the sick.

Genuine Divine Healing

Make no mistake about it, though, God does promise to heal the sick. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits," David wrote. What are some of those benefits? "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:2-3).

Rather than going through some "healing line" in a noisy public service, however, the biblical instructions to New Testament Christians are: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church [God's true Church. These are ministers who preach the truth about obeying God's laws]; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him" (James 5:14-15).

God promises to heal. But He does not pinpoint *when* he will do so. Very often it is in this life; sometimes, though, it is necessary to wait and receive the promise in the resurrection. (For a thorough explanation of what the Bible teaches about healing, write for a copy of our free booklet *The Plain Truth about Healing*.)

Did you notice that both of the scriptural passages just referred to draw a very important connection between healing and the forgiveness of sins? Read them again! Healing is the forgiveness of sins—including physical sins. When we become sick, it is because physical laws as well as spiritual may have been broken. Illness is the penalty for the breaking of those laws. One who



TRIBAL ELDERS in Dahomey prepare for magical voodoo ceremony.

desires to be healed must be willing to repent of breaking laws regarding diet, exercise and general clean living as well as spiritual laws involved.

But how many who preach about healing and who make a public spectacle as they indiscriminately lay hands on all who come to them, explain about repenting of physical sins? The 250-pound diabetic, seeking to be "healed" of his diabetes, is he told to stop doing whatever brought on the diabetes in the first place? The arthritic who raises his arm at the barked command of the TV evangelist, or the cancer victim who supposedly has been healed are told nothing about how to avoid becoming sick all over again.

That's not the way God works! After Jesus had healed a cripple, He told him, "Behold, thou art made whole: *sin no more*, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14).

It is precisely because healing is the forgiveness of sins that we know Satan cannot heal the sick. Satan cannot forgive sins.

Only God can forgive sins. Only He can heal the sick.

Satan's nature is 100 percent opposed to God and His ways. He chose to become that way, therefore he is incapable of doing any good whatsoever. If Satan ever does anything that—temporarily at least—*seems* good, he only does it to trick and deceive. Eve must have thought Satan was doing a great favor when he explained the "benefits" of eating the forbidden fruit. The fruit *seemed* good. The experience,

however, quickly turned sour.

We are faced with this question: Since Satan cannot heal, since only God can miraculously heal and he only promises to work through those ministers who teach obedience to his laws (this leaves out the vast majority of those in the world—religious and nonreligious—who claim to practice "healing"), exactly what is the explanation for the many "healings" that are purportedly brought about by the "healers" of the world?

Researchers looking into the subject say they have been able to document through medical records and other reports the disappearance of various illnesses and ailments. In many other cases, though documentation is not available, people adamantly insist that they have found relief if not complete recovery through contacting a religious or a nonreligious "healer." So it is not all imagination. And then there are the claims of the "healers" themselves, as well as the many who are convinced they have witnessed healings in others.

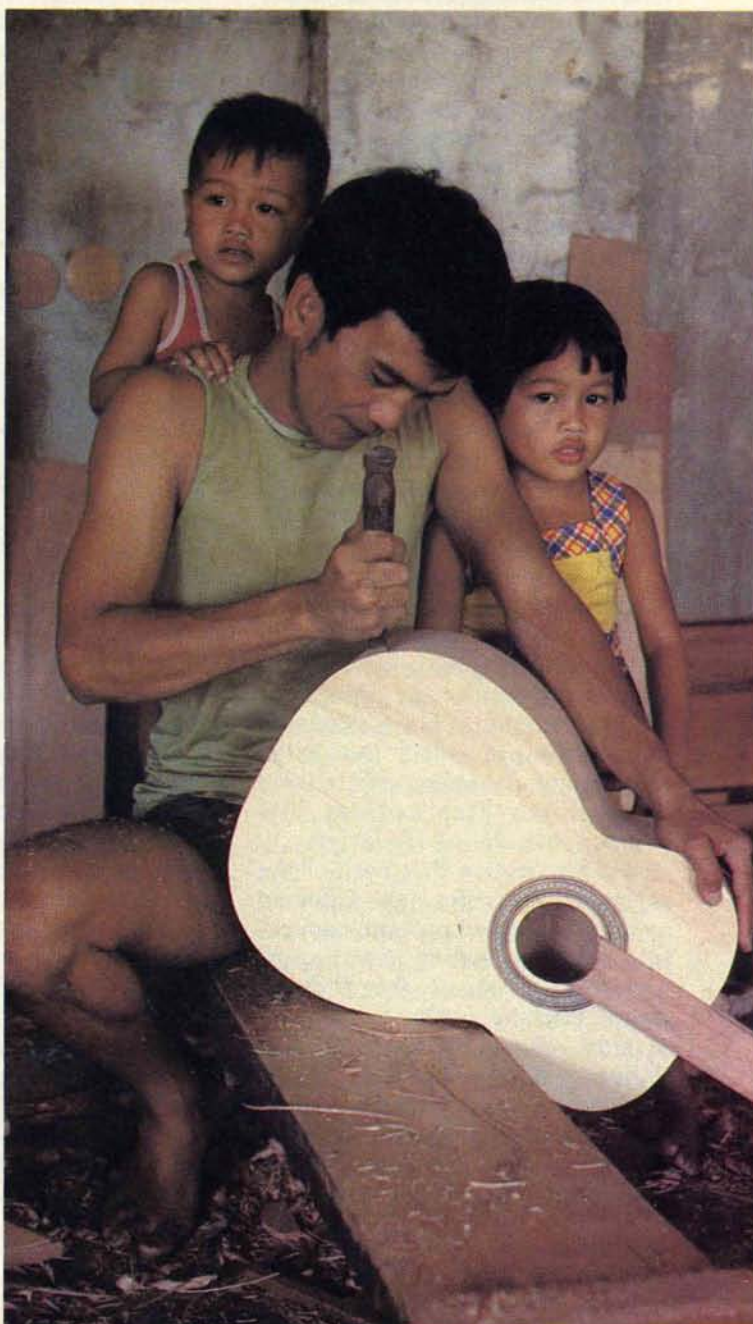
How is it all to be explained and accounted for?

How It Happens

Any one or a combination of the following factors may be involved: *Some Deliberate Hoaxes*. The Elmer Gantrys and Snake Oil Sams are still with us. They prey on the desperation that often accompanies illness, offering everything from pyramid-shaped cure-alls to home study courses on how to be a "faith healer." A reporter for *The Plain Truth* discovered that one traveling "healer" in California had several excircus performers with him. These acrobats were able to contort their bodies and then straighten them out at the command to "Be healed!"

Consider carefully the word of one of the most prominent of today's professed "healers" when she says flatly that "90 percent of all [so-called] faith healing is phony." She ought to know.

Wishful thinking. People
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STEADY PROGRESS is being made in the Philippines against chronic unemployment and underemployment, though efforts are hampered by oil-fueled inflation. The Philippines is basically an agricultural country, but manufacturing is taking on steadily increasing importance. Clockwise from top left: Philippine textile industry plays a vital role in the nation's economy; "jeepneys"—elaborately decorated jeeps operating as mini-buses—offer inexpensive transportation in Manila; a craftsman fashions a guitar while his children look on; two Filipino youngsters smile engagingly for the camera.

Top Left: Karen Rubin—Liaison, all others by Francois Lochon—Gamma/Liaison

Behind the Scenes in the PHILIPPINES

by Keith W. Stump

This strategically positioned country—an important friend of the United States—has entered a new phase in its modern history.
Where does the Philippines stand now—and what lies ahead?

LAST January 16, President Ferdinand E. Marcos lifted eight years of martial law in the Philippines.

The reaction was predictable.

At home and abroad, critics of the Marcos government lost no time in charging that nothing had really changed. The Western news media echoed these sentiments.

What is really going on inside the Philippines? Where is the country headed? And what does Bible prophecy say about the future of the Southeast Asian region?

No Choice

The Western press has largely failed to report the true state of affairs within this strategically located country of 48 million people. It is time to set the record straight!

The recent history of the Philippines revolves around one man—charismatic, intellectual, 63-year-old Ferdinand Marcos.

If rhetoric could kill, Mr. Marcos would have been in his grave years ago.

Journalists around the globe write about him with a venom in their pens the like of which has rarely been seen even in reports

of genocide in Cambodia or murder and oppression in Uganda.

A much-decorated veteran of World War II, President Marcos has been president of the Philippines for more than 15 years. At the time of his election in 1966, the Philippines was in political turmoil. The country held the dubious distinction of being “the world’s most anarchic democracy”—suffering from political paralysis, a breakdown of law and order and economic stagnation.

Politicians and superrich families maintained their own private armies. Local election results were invariably fixed. Intimidation of voters was commonplace. Votes could be purchased for a few pesos.

To many Filipinos, it was a time of despair, confusion and terror. The country stood on the brink of complete anarchy.

The situation reached the point where even some opposition leaders urged Mr. Marcos to impose martial law to prevent total chaos.

President Marcos had little choice. In September, 1972, he declared martial law, citing communist subversion and a Moslem uprising in the southern Philippines. This was done pursuant to a provision in the country’s constitution permitting martial law in the event of “imminent rebellion.”

In the words of Mr. Marcos

himself, “Martial law was proclaimed to protect our democratic way of life.”

At the same time, Mr. Marcos proclaimed the “New Society”—the name he gave to the set of long-term economic, social and political changes he hoped to bring about in the Philippines. (See “The New Society” in the September, 1980, *Plain Truth*, U.S. edition.)

Great Strides

Martial law turned out to be just what the doctor ordered.

Even Mr. Marcos’ opponents concede that he effectively guided the country safely through a period of dangerous anarchy. Though assailed by some for his “tough methods,” no one denies that President Marcos has brought comparative stability and a measure of economic progress to the Philippines.

Under martial law, Mr. Marcos placed his emphasis not merely on defending the status quo, but on social and economic reform. Martial law was used as an instrument for transforming society.

This was done with the sanction of the population at large. Many observers found it difficult to believe that a large segment of the population backed the president’s actions. The explanation is

simple: Filipinos saw no feasible alternative.

Martial law brought great strides in reforming the country's feudalistic land-tenure system, in highway construction, irrigation and rural electrification. And economic incentives decreed by Mr. Marcos increased foreign investment within the country.

Distorted Picture

Despite these gains, the perpetuation of martial law became the focus of bitter rhetoric among opposition forces within the country because of its cost in civil liberties.

Western media reporting during the martial law years stressed almost exclusively this opposition viewpoint, rarely evidencing any attempt at evenhandedness. The Philippines was pictured as a "ruthless dictatorship," governed by the whim of Mr. Marcos' iron-fisted "one-man law."

And it is still pictured this way today.

As a result of reporting of this nature, foreign tourists often arrived in the Philippines expecting to see tanks in the streets, executions in public squares and a soldier at every corner. After a few hours of sightseeing, however, many began to wonder whether they might have mistakenly landed in the wrong country! "Where's the martial law?" was the commonly asked question.

Moreover, they were allowed to go where they wished and speak to whomever they wished!

Martial law, Filipino-style, has never been very martial. The type of martial law that the Western world finds so odious is not the type of martial law administered in the Philippines. There, martial law was not intended as a *substitute* for civil law, but as a means of using the military to enforce *civil authority*.

What of the alleged abuses of martial law, so widely decried in the Western press?

Corruption undeniably existed—and continues to exist—in the Philippine government. Tor-

ture of prisoners can also be documented. But to assert that these abuses have sanction *from the top*—as often implied in the press—is utter nonsense.

Mr. Marcos' critics themselves admit that abuses by the military and police constabulary troops are of a local nature and more the exception than the rule.

Mr. Marcos—who was himself severely tortured by the Japanese during World War II—has insisted upon and gotten swift punishment for those who have misused their powers. Some 4,000 officers and men have been disciplined since 1972 on charges ranging from murder to indiscriminate use of firearms. And many government personnel—including high-ranking officials—have been ousted from their jobs for dishonesty, inefficiency and conflict of interest.

What Next?

Martial law has now been lifted. Undeniably, President Marcos retains many of his emergency powers.

The opposition charges that nothing changed. Mr. Marcos' archrival Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. portrays the situation thus: "Tweedledum has been replaced by Tweedledee."

The respected Asian weekly newsmagazine *Asiaweek*, however, takes a more considered view:

"Those reservations seem negatively, at best: the return to normalcy clearly requires all sides to accept that *even a transitional executive cannot be powerless to direct the nation's course* [emphasis ours]."

In Marcos' words, his reserve powers will allow him to operate "in as forceful a manner as possible" to ensure a smooth transition between the revocation of martial law and the convening of a regular parliament in 1984.

"The real question," *Asiaweek* observes, "is whether freedoms curtailed by martial law—freedom of the press and of assembly, among others—will be restored, and whether they will be

employed responsibly by government and opposition alike."

Almost immediately after lifting martial law, Mr. Marcos took a series of steps aimed at hastening a return to full democracy. Two days *before* the termination of martial law, he abolished the regulatory Print and Broadcast Media Councils, thus paving the way for the appearance of opposition newspapers.

"The lifting of martial law caught the opposition flat-footed," observed Teodoro F. Valencia in his *Daily Express* column "Over a Cup of Coffee" just after martial law was revoked. Mr. Valencia is the respected dean of Philippine journalism and the Philippine's most-read columnist. Though sympathetic to President Marcos' brand of administration, Mr. Valencia often leveled sharp criticism at his martial law government—demonstrating once again the less-than-martial nature of Philippine martial law. In other martial-law countries he would probably have been imprisoned or shot.

Mr. Valencia continued: "Their [the opposition's] initial reaction was total rejection or disbelief... of the President's good intentions. The President, for his part, announced the main thrust of the government and proceeded to make his intentions felt by deeds...."

Threats Still Exist

Why not an *immediate* restoration of full democratic processes? There are many reasons.

The still-smouldering Moro (Moslem) insurrection on Mindanao island continues to pin down nearly 80 percent of the Philippines' troops. A possibly greater threat in the long run is the continuing insurgency of the 5,000-man Maoist New People's Army, the military arm of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines.

In view of current political and economic conditions, it should not be thought unreasonable that the exercise of individual free-

doms must still be constrained by the exigencies of natural security. At the present time, the only alternative to strong government is revolutionary violence.

Mr. Marcos himself readily agrees that his "constitutional authoritarianism" is not the *ideal* formula, but he defends it as the best political system for the Philippines' development under the present circumstances.

In an hour-long conversation with *Plain Truth* writers in July, 1977, Teodoro Valencia warned that if full civil liberties were returned prematurely—before the public was sufficiently educated to its responsibilities in a democracy—the old vices and the chaos of the free-for-all days might return. Constitutional authoritarianism, he insisted, was not an *abandonment* of democracy, but a *preparation* to enjoy full democracy.

Thoughtful analysts see the Philippines moving in the right direction. The Philippines needs *time*—time to return to democracy at its own pace, free from the meddling of outside powers.

Pope John Paul II appealed during his trip to the Philippines in February that reforms be achieved "without hatred, class struggle or fratricidal strife, resisting all temptations to materialistic or violent ideologies." And he praised the lifting of martial law, noting that "recent initiatives augur well for the future."

Gathering Storms?

Some opposition leaders, however, are declaring that *civil war* may be the only way to restore full democratic government to the Philippines.

"Ninoy" Aquino—an ex-senator and former Liberal Party secretary-general—warns of "gathering storms" and massive urban guerrilla warfare and peasant uprisings if Mr. Marcos refuses to give up his powers.

The Marcos government, however, is more stable than is usually portrayed. Even Mr. Marcos' critics privately concede that his

government is not in immediate danger of crumbling.

Part of the reason is that the opposition stands in disarray. Opposition leaders cannot agree on much of anything. No mass revolutionary movement has coalesced against the government. Mr. Marcos and his beautiful wife Imelda—usually referred to as the "First Lady"—remain popular among broad segments of the population.

Ex-senator Aquino is generally viewed by the Western press as the chief opposition spokesman. Though found guilty of subversion, arms possession and murder, and jailed in 1972, Senator Aquino was released by Mr. Marcos in May, 1980, to travel to the United States for heart surgery.

Before leaving the Philippines, Mr. Aquino stated that he would refrain from talking politics and would return when he had recovered from his operation. Failing to honor either pledge, Mr. Aquino—now a Teaching Fellow at Harvard University—has lost credibility in the eyes of many Filipinos. His present influence is generally overrated. Because of his alleged involvement in acts of terrorism, he has been banned from running in any future presidential election.

Strategic Ally

Of all Western nations, the United States has a special interest in the continued stability of the Philippines. The United States and the Philippines have longstanding mutual security and foreign policy interests.

For nearly half a century—from 1898 to 1946—the Philippines was a U.S. possession. In World War II the country was one of America's most loyal allies.

Today, Soviet strength grows in the Indian Ocean and the Pacific. The strategic American military facilities in the Philippines—Clark Air Force Base and Subic Naval Base—have now assumed greater importance than ever before. In 1979, the Philippines approved the continued

American use of the two bases in return for half a billion dollars in military and economic aid over a five-year period.

In contrast to the Carter Administration's accusatory human rights rhetoric, the Reagan Administration apparently intends to cultivate friendlier relations with the Philippines and to deal with that country as a major ally. For their part, Filipinos remain overwhelmingly pro-American.

Communist Pressure

The threat of terrorism and insurgency at home and of Soviet expansionism in the region will continue to occupy the concern of the Philippine government for some time to come.

Bible prophecy foretells the future emergence of a great Eurasian alliance, a communist-dominated confederacy encompassing nearly one half of the earth's population!

Included in this great Soviet-led alliance will be the peoples of South Asia—from the Persian Gulf eastward to the South China Sea. (See "South Asia in Prophecy" in the May 1980 *Plain Truth*, U.S. edition.)

Communism has already overrun much of Southeast Asia. The remainder of Southeast Asia—including the Philippines—will undoubtedly find it difficult to withstand ever-increasing communist pressure. For the people of the Philippines to allow themselves to fall once again into a state of internal chaos and anarchy *could* this time spell total disaster.

Filipinos seek a better future. That better tomorrow, to be brought by the intervention of the Hand of God and not by man, is coming—for the Philippines and for the world as a whole. But before that utopian "world tomorrow" is realized, possibly forces beyond their control may sweep the Philippines headlong into national calamity—if they do not remain vigilant of their duties and responsibilities as citizens of their island republic. □

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wanting to be healed of some malady sometimes claim they are improving as a result of contact with a "healer" because they are afraid that *not* so affirming would demonstrate a lack of faith, which would mean they definitely will not be healed. Often at "healing revivals" and other such occasions the same individuals come up to the minister for prayer, service after service. Perhaps the first few times they are allowed up on the stage in plain view of the audience. Thereafter the "repeaters" are asked to sit in the front rows during services and to remain seated. At the end of the service the minister comes down off the stage and lays hands on them. There of course the audience can't really see that the same people are being "healed" time after time.

One elderly blind man faithfully sat in the front row every night for months. And every night he exclaimed as the minister came down and touched him, "Yes sir, my eyesight is coming clearer." But even as he sat there he confided to a *Plain Truth* reporter that his condition hadn't really changed at all—"yet"!

Another individual at the same service in Wisconsin conceded to *The Plain Truth* that during a "testimony period" he gave thanks that he was being healed "gradually," but that was not the case—it was wishful thinking.

Such incidents abound in "healing revivals;" real miracles do not.

Psychosomatic ailments. Many doctors believe that up to 80 percent of all diseases are psychosomatic in origin, that is to say they are caused or influenced by emotions. A partial list of such maladies can be as varied as: headache, colitis, asthma, backache, high blood pressure, ulcers, menstrual disorders, even, many are convinced, some colds, rheumatoid arthritis and cancer.

Researchers point out that if a body can make itself ill by emo-

tionally inducing such functional disturbances, it can also rid itself of them through a profound emotional experience of some kind. "Healers," shrines, relics, etc. are really producing a "placebo effect." Thus many sick who *expect* to feel better after treatment by a "healer," actually do improve or recover completely.

Scientists are discovering amazing things about the natural power the body has to combat illness when there is a right mental outlook present. For example: "Three University of California scientists have demonstrated that hopeful thoughts may cause the body to secrete its own pain-killing drugs. . . . Already demonstrated to the satisfaction of some scientists is that positive feelings such as faith and hope stimulate white blood cells and other known parts of the immune system that combat disease" (*U.S. News & World Report*, February 12, 1979).

It must be emphasized here that when such remission of illness takes place it occurs through the operation of natural laws. It is not divine healing—the forgiveness of sins.

The Bible itself draws a direct connection between one's emotional state and one's health. A hopeful, optimistic outlook promotes physical well-being. Proverbs 17:22 states: "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones" (RSV). Again in Proverbs 14:30 we read: "A tranquil mind gives life to the flesh, but passion makes the bones rot" (RSV).

Hypnotism. Some "healers" utilize hypnotism. The power of suggestion can aid the disappearance of a psychosomatic disease. Or it can make a sick person believe he is healed whether or not he is. Or it can convince a person that he had an illness he never really had. In any case, this is not God's method of healing.

Lying wonders. As we indicated earlier, Satan and his demons, while they cannot heal, can perform certain miracles and "lying wonders." "Healing" sessions often are conducted with

outright demonic symbolism and manifestations. Weird lights have been known to appear. A sweet aroma called the "heavenly scent" may waft across the room. People babble in strange tongues and go into trances. Some waltz around, "dancing in the spirit." Others see "visions."

Frequently after people are prayed for by the "healer" they fall backward semiconscious into the arms of a waiting usher. It is said they have been "slain in the spirit." You do not find such nonsense in the Bible! Every place in the Scriptures where the righteous fall down before God, they fall *forward* on their faces—prostrate before the Almighty. On the other hand, everywhere the Bible tells of people falling backward, God's Spirit is not in them! That happens to be a fact that can be demonstrated with the help of any Bible concordance.

It is clear in the Bible that if an individual happens to be possessed by a demon, his physical condition may be affected. A demon caused a woman Christ encountered to be hunched over (Luke 13:11). In another instance a demon caused periodic fits and convulsions in a boy (Luke 9:39). Obviously then there were times when the boy was *between* fits and convulsions. If a demon can cause such physical manifestations in a human, can it not also, by timing its seizures, make it *appear* a person it possesses has been healed or that a demon has been cast out—at least while others are watching—in order to deceive and delude the onlookers?

But Is It Healing?

Another point to consider is that that some of the "healings" as described in recent articles in various publications are not normal healings. Like the man with a severed spinal cord who after 20 years in a wheel chair was argued into going to a "healing service." Though he had absolutely no confidence he would be healed and was just about to leave, he was suddenly ordered to stand up and

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What You Need to Know About FOOD AND FOOD ADDITIVES

by Michael A. Snyder

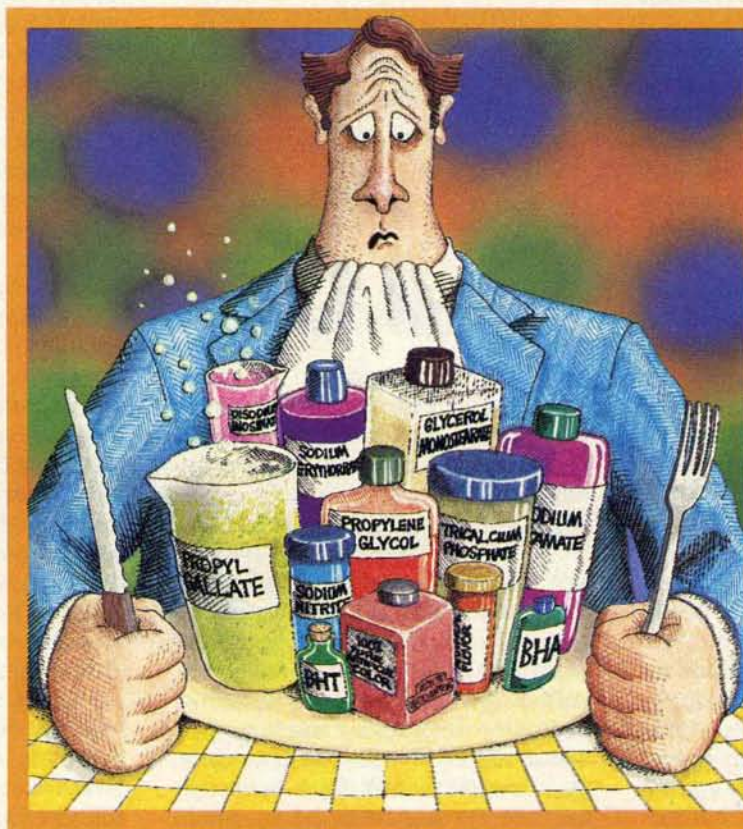
Many people like yourself are questioning the need for additives and the use of refined foods. How did we get into these habits? What can we do?

IMAGINE you have been able to buy a new automobile.

When you picked it up from the dealer, it had everything you needed; power steering, air conditioning, a medium-sized engine, comfortable seats, radial tires.

The first thing you do with your new car is drive it to a scrap yard, where you have it crushed into a metal block. Then you take the crushed remains of your new car and have it pulled apart and painted until it resembles its old shape. You have a new engine installed and some accessories put in. It costs a fortune, but you're just following an accepted style.

Sound crazy? Of course! But this analogy is similar to the process that the refined foods you eat go through. Bread, for example, often is so commercially processed that it only vaguely resem-



more diversified, use of refined foods spread to the middle and lower classes.

Today, increased usage of food additives and processed foods have arisen as a result of basic, fundamental changes in our society. Over a period of several decades, our Western society has become time and economically oriented. As one person characterized it, we have become an "instant pudding" society. Everything must happen now!

This change is reflected in our foods. Where a century ago wives and small children would spend several

bles in some aspects the wheat bread great-grandmother used to make.

Why Additives and Processing?

The refined-foods trend grew out of food prepared for royalty. Food was milled and carefully sculptured to please those in high standing. As the economy became

hours a day baking, cooking and preparing foods, today's family may have as little as 15 minutes to prepare and eat an average meal. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) even sponsored a nationwide program that attempted to educate children in proper food habits. But the proper preparation and

Illustrated by Monte Wolverton

consumption of food takes time.

And there's the key word in understanding the rising use of food additives!

As the pace of our society accelerated, people began to demand ready-packaged foods. For example, businessmen saw that people often get out of bed at the last moment, occasionally missing breakfast because they didn't have time to eat it. The use of whole grains as a breakfast food was already wide-spread, so they simply took it one step further to cut down time in both preparation and consumption by the family.

They refined the grains to make them more palatable and easier to prepare—then sweetened the product to make it more pleasant tasting.

The result? Millions of people now will rise in the morning, hurry into the kitchen and gulp down a bowl of presweetened cereal. Unfortunately, many of the vital nutrients were ripped out of the whole grain when it was refined, so companies compensated by adding artificial vitamins and other additives. Again, we can see our crushed car analogy.

This life-style continues in the evening, where the husband and wife both arrive home from work tired and hungry. Neither feels like expending more energy in preparing an elaborate meal, so one reaches into the freezer and takes out a couple of frozen entrees to stick in the oven. While that's heating up, a can of peas (with various chemicals added to preserve the color and flavor) is opened and heated on the stove. Both the husband and wife feel like relaxing with a cool drink, so one mixes up a couple of before-dinner drinks—using powdered mix available from a liquor store.

After the hastily prepared meal is consumed, our family turns their interests and energies to other pursuits—perhaps one is attending classes or there's office work to do. At any rate, little planning or advance work for tomorrow's meal will be done. A



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well-stocked cupboard of processed spaghetti, frozen or canned vegetables and preserved meat products will provide ample sustenance.

Is This What We Want?

We can see then, the use of additives and food processing is the result of a change in society. Additives and refined foods provide a short cut to save time, and in many instances, money. Because of the advances in technology, most processed food is cheaper than its unprocessed or unaltered counterpart. Food with additives is easier to store and easier to handle in terms of mass production and distribution.

Few people realize that vegetable farmers face a very critical period from the harvest of their crop and its distribution to market. In a matter of hours, thousands of dollars can be lost through wilting lettuce, shriveled

tomatoes or over-ripe berries. So faced with the problem of providing food to millions of people, companies have resorted to artificial means of preserving and storing foods.

Understanding the Reason

The reason for massive use of additives points back to one thing: *the family*. Inside our families our individual decisions on life-style mount up into one collective impetus: do as much as possible, experience as much as possible—in the shortest period of time.

To understand the use of additives, we must look for *causes*, not merely the effect. In any society, the smallest and most fundamental building block is *the family*. It is a well-recognized fact of political science that whatever families do or tolerate, so follows the collective society.

It therefore follows that if families begin to develop new life-styles—ones that don't allow time for properly preparing food, cultivating a garden for fresh vegetables—then the society will follow suit.

And there you have it!

It's time to realize what the change of family in our Western culture is doing to us! Both internal and external pressures mount to alter our life-styles and relationships. For years, *The Plain Truth* has thundered the warning that the family institution is in danger of crumbling! Confusion of roles within the family, non-aligned goals, zero communication between partners or parents and children, create complex pressures and problems that leave precious little time for things like worrying about proper nutrition!

Hence, enter additives and refined foods.

The academic jury is still out as to the long-term effect of these substances. It seems that consistent human opinion on nutrition is nonexistent. Concerning this, God gave a very interesting prophecy in Isaiah 3:1-2, 4: "Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth *take away* . . . the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, the mighty man [those

honored in the community]... the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent [people with proper knowledge and understanding] and the ancient [those experienced and wise]... And I will give children [those without understanding and experience] to be their princes and babes shall rule over them."

In plain modern words, God will remove from us the basic understanding—including the wisdom—required to practice proper nutrition on a wide scale! And if you look at the Babylon of confusion that surrounds academic and commercial disciplines of nutrition today, you have to admit that *something* is sorely lacking!

Concerning practicing *good* nutrition (a term most nutritionists steer clear of because they recognize no final authority), let's look to a source we can regard as authoritative.

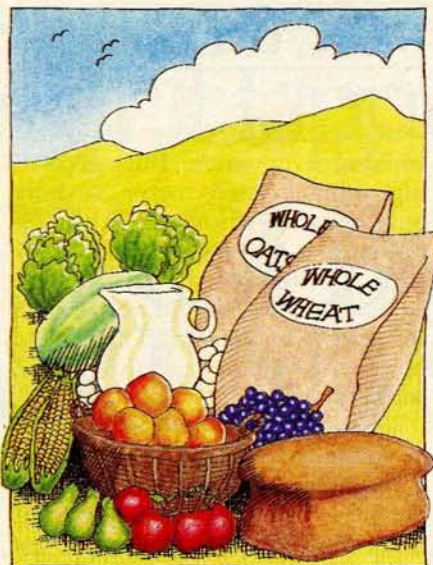
That source is none other than the Bible! "Thy word is TRUTH" reads John 17:17, so let's see what the Bible says.

About 2,500 years ago, an unusually bright young man and his three companions were given the opportunity to attend a very prestigious school. This school was sponsored by the then most powerful man on the face of the earth. The young man Daniel and his three friends enjoyed a tremendous opportunity to partake of what was then considered to be the most advanced culture and literature of its day.

Given the political climate of the time, one might think that it would be wise to "play ball" in whatever fashion the king desired—especially since Daniel was there as a Jewish *captive*, the entire nation of Judah then being slowly absorbed into the state of Babylon.

But Daniel had strong principles. He knew the importance of proper diet and health. So he bucked the system.

"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank..." (Daniel 1:8).



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Pretty courageous for a teenager in the court of the then world-ruling king!

Daniel spoke with the man who was in charge of him (Daniel 1:8-10) and talked him into changing his diet as an experiment.

"Please test your servants for ten days," Daniel said to the man in charge of him and his friends. "Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. Then compare our appearance with that of the young men [who attended the royal school with Daniel and his friends] who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see" (Daniel 1:12-13, New International Version).

The result?

"At the end of the ten days they [Daniel and his friends] looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food" (Daniel 1:15, NIV.)

From the context, we can surmise that the king's food Daniel was referring to probably was of a refined nature—royalty was privy to gourmet-type foods, while servants and peasants had to eat coarse, whole-grain foods. (Today, this same stigma of food preference exists. Many older people who went through the great economic depression of the 1930s will not eat whole wheat bread because to them it smacks of having to eat home-baked bread. Many were unable to afford anything else during this period.)

The wisdom of Daniel's dietary practice was re-confirmed by the United States Department of Agriculture and a report by a U.S. Senate committee. They recommended that people eat less red meat and consume more vegetables and whole grain foods!

The other possible inference gained from Daniel's refusal to eat the king's food is that it may have been unfit to eat by God's standards. According to God, certain meats are perfectly fine in moderation for human consumption.

God *wants* you to enjoy food (Psalms 103:5; 104:14-15; Genesis 1:29-30), so He gave certain guidelines. In Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 you will find God's instructions on what meats to eat and not to eat.

Notice that when you begin to have heart problems and high blood pressure or digestive problems, which meats your doctor will tell you to abstain from. Yes, medical science, in its way, confirms God's dietary instructions! (For more information on this eye-opening subject, write immediately for our free reprint, "Is All Animal Flesh Good Food?")

Building a Happy Family

Tying everything together now, we see that certain elements of our personal lives must be changed before we can develop sound nutritional habits.

Chiefly, *time* must be made available—both so food can be prepared and enjoyed. You should be able to know *why* you

are eating certain things and not be the pawn of advertising. Don't allow others to make the decision for you by way of the electronic media—get the facts, understand them and make rational decisions.

Long before it was "chic" to write or be knowledgeable about nutrition, editor-in-chief Herbert W. Armstrong was exhorting people to practice many of the things asserted by nutritionists today.

In one publication, he wrote almost a decade ago: "The Almighty God made the human body so that—even though composed of material substance from the ground (Genesis 2:7, 3:19)—its *normal condition* is one of robust, invigorating, radiant **GOOD HEALTH!**"

"Sickness and disease are **ABNORMAL**—they are the **PENALTY OF VIOLATION OF NATURAL LAWS.**"

He continued, giving the following advice: "There is another area in which our English-speaking peoples ruin their own health. They take a good steak, or a mixed green salad of uncooked leafy green vegetables, and then **RUIN** them with sauces, gravies, or dressings that will wreck any stomach—at least in time! People think they must mix foods into conglomerations of meat with starch, sugars, condiments, artificial flavors, preservatives, sea-'foods,' and unhealthful mixtures—**IN CONFUSION!** The 'best' chefs are those who can concoct the most injurious sauces and conglomerations."

God wants you to enjoy life (III John 2). But you can't enjoy anything unless you're healthy. As the saying goes, there's nothing so precious as good health.

Would you like to know more about natural health laws and what the Bible says about how to obtain good health? We have available a free booklet, *Principles of Healthful Living*. It will show you how you can improve your physical qualities of life and will show you how medical science is confirming the laws set by God! □

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walk. He reportedly has been walking ever since. But, according to his amazed doctor, nothing has changed anatomically: his spinal cord is still severed, his muscles are atrophied, his legs so emaciated they should not be able to support his weight. There is no physical reason he should be walking.

Then there is the diabetic who no longer needs insulin in spite of a physician's attestation that the person's pancreas still does not function. Or the man with an artificial eye whose sight has been restored. He can now read with that eye—even though it is still artificial—made of plastic! If such miracles take place, people are still not **HEALED** and restored whole, which is how God heals.

God's mercy. God has not called everyone to understand His ways in this age. The majority of human beings who ever lived will not really come to know God until they are resurrected in the World Tomorrow after 1,000 years of Christ's reign on earth (see Revelation 20). Only a *few* are called to find eternal life in this age, as Jesus declared in Matthew 7:13-14. (Write for our free article "Is This the Only Day of Salvation?")

To those who obey the truth now God promises: "The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles" (Psalm 34:17). But God nowhere in all the Bible promises to hear and answer the prayers of the majority of humanity now cut off from Him. Nevertheless, we all are His creation. And God's compassion and love are great. It is therefore not inconceivable that there are times when He may answer an unselfish prayer of faith from one who, though spiritually blind, is sincere in reading and believing about healing in the Bible.

But sincerity means one is doing what one knows he should be doing. Mr. Armstrong has often explained how his wife was

healed as the result of being prayed for by a minister of this world and the minister's wife. In fact, quite a few people were being healed by their prayers—*until* the worldly minister and his wife discovered a point of biblical truth that they did not want to accept. They rejected it and immediately their prayers ceased to be answered. They were no longer *sincere* regarding God.

God alone forgives sin and therefore miraculously heals. "I am the Lord that healeth thee," God declares (Exodus 15:26). □

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develop holy and godly character. The potential of qualifying for immortality as a member of the very family of God is reserved for *mankind alone!*

Koko Speaks Out!

Anciently, the apostle Paul cautioned Christians to avoid "profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called" (I Timothy 6:20). This advice is more timely today than ever before.

Those scientists who have abandoned a knowledge of God and the Bible are aptly described by Paul in the book of Romans:

"[They] became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools*" (Romans 1:21-22).

And further: "Even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind [or, *a mind void of judgment*] . . ." (Romans 1:28).

Nowhere is this lack of judgment more evident than in their seeming inability to discern ape from human. Even Koko the "talking" gorilla shows more discernment.

A reporter once asked researcher Francine Patterson about Koko as a person. Ms. Patterson turned to Koko and asked, "Are you animal or person?"

Koko's instant response:

"Fine animal gorilla." □

Whatever Happened to OLD-FASHIONED PARENTS?

by Sheila Graham

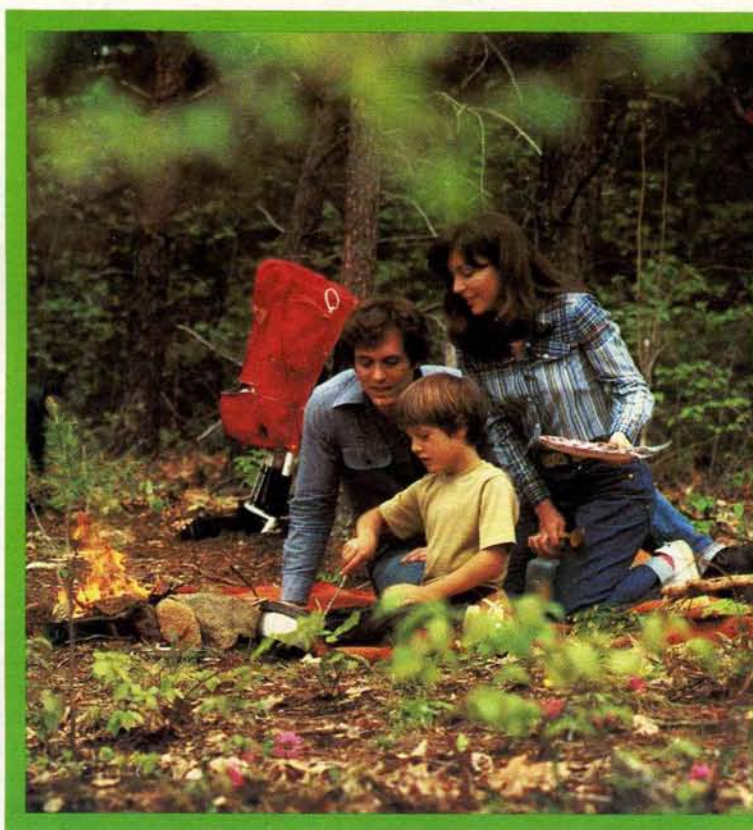
UNWED, single parents, communal relationships, couples who choose other so-called alternative lifestyles—all are defined as families today.

Families aren't dying, we're told, they're just changing to survive.

In the United States, for example, recent government reports show the stereotyped traditional family, composed of a wage-earning father and a stay-at-home mother with children, belongs to an exclusive club of only 13 percent (other reports say 7 percent) of American households.

The accelerated change of the family structure in just one generation is alarming to those who are openminded enough to see the effects on the children involved.

And, more often than not, even the beleaguered, dwindling, two-parent families of today are not meeting the needs of their chil-



series, children's books and the memories of grandparents?

Loving, affectionate parents who wanted success for their children, but weren't domineering—who believed in education and quietly set high standards for their offspring? Are their like gone forever?

No, fortunately. There have always been those sure of their own moral and ethical standards. So sure that they could stand fast in a so-called enlightened age of child rearing, and continue to protect their children, stressing self-discipline, following and teaching biblical

guidelines. Old-fashioned? Maybe.

But, ironically, social and psychological data now point up that such patterns of child rearing create a more confident, innovative child, better prepared to go out and explore life on his or her own. The experts are finally beginning to understand what good parents knew all along.

Why aren't there more of these

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Significant numbers of young people today are yearning for close relationships of a more permanent nature than they've experienced in their own families. These young people are not taking becoming a parent so lightly as their parents did.

old-fashioned parents? Listen to what Robert Coles, one of the United States' most eminent and influential child psychiatrists had to say about today's parents in a recent interview in *U.S. News & World Report*:

"Many parents are afraid to bring up their children on their own—with their own convictions and their own moral faith."

Mr. Coles argues that too many of today's parents are self-centered. They have no commitment to anything greater than themselves. "... parents have abdicated a higher vision, whether it be religious or political, and they no longer believe, really, in a national purpose. Having turned away from both God and country, they are left with themselves—their own comforts."

What an indictment upon our materialistic Western society.

Happily some dare to practice what is termed "old-fashioned" parenting no matter what the current thought of their contemporaries. And some believe, out of this mishmash of modern, social change, the old-fashioned family will make a comeback. Significant numbers of young people today are yearning for close relationships of a more permanent nature than they've experienced in their own families. These young people are not taking becoming a parent so lightly as their parents did. To those young people this article is dedicated.

It's written by one reared by old-fashioned parents to encourage any of you who may one day dare to challenge the system and, against overwhelming odds, become the next generation's old-fashioned parents.

I had old-fashioned parents. Wed as teenagers, they had to be separated temporarily during the war years, suffered together through loss of work and thus income at times, and never acquired great material wealth. Yet their marriage survived and their relationship matured and was strengthened through it all.

As children we weren't pressured toward success at any cost, and certainly not at other's expense. My parents quietly expected we would be successful in whatever worthy ventures we might choose. Good books were always available, but not pushed. Cheap, sensational or vulgar material was not allowed. Our lives were filled with art, music and voice lessons, Scouts, school band, family activities and sports.

Emotional maturity, courage, honesty, thrift, love for God and country were insisted upon. Those who did not value these same principles were not to be emulated, no matter their status, economically, politically or socially.

Though reared in a geographic environment of ethnic and religious bigotry, we were taught to abhor prejudice against our fellowman.

My parents had time for us. Time to teach how to cook and sew, how to catch and throw a baseball, how to play a series of parlor games, how to drive a car and shoot a gun, how to ride a horse and catch a fish.

There was time to encourage whatever new interest, time to get involved in school activities, time to personally acquaint us with God.

Discipline wasn't a dirty word. But abuse was. If my parents didn't always fairly mete out correction, they were so merciful in so many instances, we couldn't honestly complain. We didn't fear our parents—we feared to disobey them.

Father and mother had us convinced that any child of theirs must be rather special. After all we were certainly special to them. Home was a haven of love and protection against the sometimes cruel world. Old-fashioned parents made it that way.

We moved as a unit, worked together, played together and prayed together, trite as this may seem to many. We were solidly acquainted with grandparents on both sides of the family, and uncles and aunts and cousins. From this stable nurturing core we adventured without fear into life, fully confident of our support system—fashioned by our parents.

Our parents had no college or university-level training in child psychology. They had only their own experience and backgrounds to draw from. Their only guidebook was the Bible.

If there is a backlash developing against the moral and ethical downside so prevalent in our Western world, all of us, no matter what generation, should support every fledgling attempt toward that goal. For the sake of the future well-being of mankind, we must.

The Creator God does not take the responsibilities of child rearing and the maintaining of strong family ties lightly. After all, he created this oldest of social institutions—the FAMILY. □

Coming: A WORLD OF ENLIGHTENMENT!

by Jeff Calkins

SOME DAY historians will look upon the 20th century as part of the dark ages.

Oh, we think we are enlightened! Has not the 20th century seen great strides in medicine, transportation, communication?

Undoubtedly. But mere knowledge and technology is not enlightenment. Our age has probably less understanding of the basic, eternal truths that bear on human happiness than preceding ages.

The 20th century has indeed seen a "knowledge explosion." But in reality what this means is that there are now probably more writers of learned journals than readers of them. The average university library contains endless volumes on boring, turgid topics. And what good will most of them do? They will serve as sources for footnotes in even more endless volumes! Most of them will remain, deservedly, unread.

Indiscriminate, promiscuous knowledge is *not* enlightenment. Much of the "knowledge" contained in university libraries exists to provide work for the professors who wrote it, and most of them wouldn't have written it except for the fact that being published, *just for its own sake*,

is important in the academic world. How true the Bible is when it declares: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God..." (I Corinthians 3:19).

It is not surprising that the 20th century should rather conceitedly think of itself as enlightened. To a great degree, our age has substituted technology for character, and technology is something the 20th century has done well.

The 20th century has given us word processing machines, cable television and cheap calculators; it has also given us Valium, birth control pills, chemical weapons, hydrogen bombs, suction abortions, and thalidomide: technology, without character, is not usually a blessing.

Enlightenment as Reaction

In man's world, "enlightenment" usually comes as a *reaction* to past problems. What historians call the "age of enlightenment," around 1700, was largely a time of overthrowing the old, and largely *religious*, dogmas of earlier times. Indeed, man's religions *had* stifled science (Galileo), had produced bloody slaughter (the Thirty Years War), and terror (the Inquisition). In reaction, all moral and religious traditions—including the Bible as a source of

revealed knowledge—became open to question.

In fact, because it was a reaction to religion, the word *enlightenment* took on a subtle anti-God, antireligious meaning. Being enlightened became being secular—not being bound by rules laid down by a Creator.

And where did this enlightened secularism lead? Freedom from religion and God led to atheistic, materialistic philosophies. Instead of bringing freedom, they brought *every part of life* under partial or full control of human government.

Such materialistic philosophies have provided a ready means for tyrants to justify the slaughter and imprisonment of millions: Stalin's forced famine in the Ukraine in the 1930s, Hitler's concentration camps in the 1940s, Pol Pot's brutal slaughter of millions of Cambodians in the 1970s. And, while every century had its tyrants, this century's are armed with sophisticated technology: electronic snooping devices, truth serums, computers and atom bombs.

Jumping Track

But the materialistic enlightenment has had other results as well. Perhaps you've noticed that the word *enlightened* is often used to mean something like

Education in the World Tomorrow

Education will be a respected, thriving industry in God's world. But it will be considerably different than it is today.

The main difference will, of course, be *content*. The "core" curriculum of education in God's world will be God's Law, emphasizing God's way of "give," and not the devil's hostile, competitive, "get" attitude. God considers the education of young people in that Law so important that He has made its teaching a duty for parents generally:

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6-7).

Certain subjects will simply be obsolete in God's World. There will be no need to study foreign languages to communicate with other people, for example, because all the world will speak one language. "For then will I turn to the people a *pure language*, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent" (Zephaniah 3:9).

But this will not mean other languages will cease. The Bible itself is written in different languages.

Music and literature will be taught from a far different perspective.

It is hard to imagine a society geared to the worship of God and re-creation of His character in itself, tolerating certain kinds of music which seem more appropriate for an orgy than worship. On the other hand, the teaching of the particular skills of reading music and playing a musical instrument may not change all that much.

Literature will see more drastic changes. Much, if not most of man's literature represents man's groping for answers to the big questions in life. Often the answers are wrong, and the author's vision

contains precious little truth. Moreover, some of man's literature *promotes* values opposed to God's way, including lust and hopelessness. In today's world, parents in some areas have even had to resort to picketing and demonstrations to remove from the classroom certain texts, which, they correctly felt, ridiculed biblical values.

Sex education will change dramatically. Today, educators rigidly avoid letting any moral or religious "values" intrude on education. But that very avoidance conveys to students a sense that sex and morality are independent of each other—an idea that God's Word opposes. In Tomorrow's World, God's laws will form the basis for sex education, and God's laws will be upheld, not subtly put down, as they are in today's schools.

History will be far different also. Events will be shown in the context of the biblical record: the Bible reveals God's master plan for all of human history, particular events as movements will be shown where they fit in that plan. The origins of nations, their role in God's scheme of prophecy, subjects that aren't even *part* of history as it is studied today, will be a major part of the history curriculum.

Physical education may be changed also. Certain sports breed a hostile competitive attitude. Injuries are common in some sports. Further, in God's world, one just can't imagine one of the most common occurrences in the physical education classes of this world: the choosing up of sides for a team—a public display of who is favored and who isn't. There will probably be team sports in God's world, but the emphasis will be on doing your best, not putting the other side down.

Of course, certain subjects will not change much. Basic mathematics seems fairly impervious to man's folly. And who knows what

equations spirit beings will be able to do, when they have, as they will, the mental power of God?

New Methods

While the *content* of some subjects may change, the *way* people are taught should see changes also. God's world will bring universal literacy: most parents should be qualified to teach most subjects at home. As one Church of God minister once said about Tomorrow's World, "No longer will the ability to educate be viewed as a mystery system of rituals that can only be performed by the professionals."

Possibly there will be great use of "programmed instruction"—why couldn't, for example, a student take a correspondence course using a computer terminal plugged into a lesson program disseminated from the world capital in Jerusalem?

Vocational education may also be direct from parent to child. Parents should have more time to be available to teach their children their own skills. It is hard to imagine that in the Millennium parents will have to work 8 to 5 factory-type jobs where they would be unavailable to their children most of the day. (Perhaps factory and manufacturing work will be automated.) Both the office and shop, as well as the farm, should be open to children.

As for classroom instruction, there will still be the need of textbooks and reading assignments, problems to solve in arithmetic, and essays to write in whatever the new language will be. It seems certain activities are necessary to learn certain skills. There is simply no way, for example, to avoid memorizing the multiplication table. And most assuredly, television will *not* take the place of words—the written word will still be the most important way of conveying ideas because it, unlike television, forces the mind to *think* in language.

The world of the future will be a world of global literacy, where all citizens will be taught the right values and God's truth, as well as how to make a living. The frontiers of truth will be infinitely expanded. A truly enlightened world!—JC

"permissive" or "morally lax." An "enlightened" penal system is not one where criminals are punished, but are given psychiatric care. An "enlightened" educational system is not one emphasizing discipline and high standards, but one where children "design" their own curriculum. An "enlightened" code of sex morality is one where almost anything goes.

Of course, the fact is that such enlightenment has produced a world abounding in crime, illiteracy (even in modern, industrial nations), illegitimacy, divorce and venereal disease.

"In the last decade," writes historian James Hitchcock in a brilliant essay in *National Review* (February 6, 1981), there has been "an unprecedented extension of the socially and legally permissible limits of personal behavior." (In plainer language, morals have fallen into the cesspool.)

Mr. Hitchcock points out that under the hot light of enlightened skepticism, moral barriers have melted away. The simple question "Why not?" becomes a sort of acid that eats away at all standards. Unless the *reasons* for a moral law can be *easily* stated, the presumption is in favor of licentiousness. People want to believe that mere unthinking prejudice is the reason for moral laws. Defenders of morality seem reduced, in Lionel Trilling's words, to "irritable mental gestures."

A Great Kick!

At the height of the age of enlightenment, the questioning of moral laws reached absurd proportions. One philosopher, David Hume, even questioned cause and effect. Nothing *at all* could ever be really proved. Years later, Samuel Johnson, a man far wiser, came along. His friend pointed at a rock.

"See that rock; David Hume says you can't prove that rock exists," his friend told him. "Well I prove it thusly," Johnson declared, and gave the rock a great kick.



RATIONALISM, ATHEISM AND DOUBT: Modern philosophy rejects God's Word as the foundation of all knowledge. From top left: Descartes, Spinoza, Hegel, Russell, Berkeley and Nietzsche.

The time has come to give a great big kick to the false enlightenment of the 20th century! Professing itself to be wise, it has become foolish (cf. Romans 1:22).

The permissive enlightenment of our age has not brought happiness. It has given us penicillin to cure venereal disease, computers to calculate how much air pollution we have, and Valium to calm our jangled nerves. But it has left us without an ingredient most necessary for happiness—a sense of purpose.

Look at the great ignorance of our age! We do not know who we are, or why we are. The most important knowledge concerning human happiness is not part of 20th century enlightenment.

"The fear of the Lord is the *beginning* of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments," declares the Bible (Psalm 111:10).

And yet the starting point of philosophy in our world is doubt! God is ignored. "Philosophy," which means "love of wisdom,"

rejects the "beginning of wisdom." So the Bible counsels, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8).

Philosophy's rejection of God reflects the natural limitations of the human mind. The human mind, the natural, physical "carnal" mind, is profoundly limited. The "carnal," meaning "physical," mind cannot comprehend the most important knowledge of all—who and why man—without God's divine help, and God ordinarily doesn't bestow this knowledge on philosophers. The natural human mind knows only "the things of man" (I Corinthians 2:11), but does not naturally know the things of God (I Corinthians 2:14).

But if you don't know the things of God, you are not really enlightened. You may have gadgets galore. You may have millions of footnotes in thousands of articles. But there is still great

and important understanding of which you are ignorant.

A World of Enlightenment

True enlightenment, of course, is not antireligious. God exists, and he does lay down laws for human conduct. It is the height of unenlightenment to ignore what exists, whether some philosopher likes it or not. Since God does exist, and the Bible really is his Word, then *not* looking to the Bible is being *unreal* and you are operating in a dreamworld. The real world, by contrast, is the one revealed in the Bible.

The Bible uses the word *vail* to symbolize mankind's *natural* inability to know the whole truth of God. When Christ establishes the government of God from Mount Zion in Jerusalem over the whole earth, the veil will be removed. "And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and *the veil* that is spread over all nations" (Isaiah 25:7).

In the coming government of God, God's existence and the validity of God's Word will be undeniable! Christ himself will rule in Jerusalem, and the fact of Christ's existence and his rulership will be *physically perceptible*. The Bible clearly declares that in the Millennium the spirit beings who will administrate God's government under Christ will be seen:

"... Yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left" (Isaiah 30:20-21).

In God's World, science and technology will thrive: but they *won't be* that world's *only* claim to fame. The real frontiers of enlightenment revolve around the creation of the perfect, righteous character of God within human beings. This most important knowledge—ignored in this world's civilization—will be universal in Tomorrow's. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9). □

EDUCATION

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ing, in principle, the "scientific method" of our time.

She rejected revelation as a source of knowledge.

She embarked on the very first recorded "scientific experiment." She decided to make a test, and observe the results. For guinea pigs she used her husband and herself. She experimented, first, with the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

The result of that "scientific experiment"? The guinea pigs became unhappy. They died. During their lifetime, however, they experimented further in the psychology of child rearing. Again rejecting revelation, they adopted the "scientific method" of permissiveness. The result of *that experiment*? It produced the first juvenile delinquent. Their eldest son became a murderer, and they grieved the loss of the second.

But, it seems, neither they, nor their children in all the successive generations ever since, have learned anything from the experiments. Humanity has been experimenting by the same process ever since, with the same unhappy results.

Sorrow, suffering and death have been the harvest reaped by each succeeding generation. Mankind has never learned from the *dearest* teacher of all—experience.

But mankind has *written* the lesson in human blood!

The most ancient of records reveal that educational institutions, from dimmest antiquity, were organized and maintained by religions. As early as the 10th century B.C. we find the record of schools for the training of pagan priesthods. On the other hand, the prophet Elijah, at the turn of the ninth century, established three colleges for the prophets of God.

Pagan Schools for Christians

At the beginning of the Christian era, pagan schools, on the Plato

model, dotted the Roman Empire. No Christian schools existed.

Printing had not yet been invented. Textbooks had to be prepared, laboriously, entirely by hand, one at a time. All textbooks were pagan.

All leaders in the first five centuries of the Christian world were, of necessity, the pupils of this pagan education.

Then the barbaric invasion swept away these schools. Through these years the only education in the Western world was pagan. Pagan philosophers and religious beliefs and customs were instilled automatically into growing children. Observance of pagan holidays was a regular part of school life—as, surprising though it may seem, it continues to be today!

Education was instilled as a *system of memory training*. It was "spoon-fed," literally funneled into immature and growing minds. Children were taught to accept without question, assume without proof, believe and memorize whatever was taught. This method, too, persists today. Children are seldom taught to THINK—but to be followers, not leaders. Few know *why* they believe the things they do. Through all those years, all literature in the Western world was pagan.

Beginning the sixth century, the only schools were the monastic schools, for the training of monks, and the cathedral schools, for the training of priests. These evolved into the universities of Salerno, Bologna, Reggio, Padua, Modena, Vercelli and others.

The first university of our modern pattern was the University of Paris, beginning in the 12th century.

English students, sent to the University of Paris, later (1167-68) founded Oxford University. Oxford alumni founded Cambridge. Graduates of these universities founded Harvard in 1636, William and Mary in 1693, Yale in 1701 and Princeton came later in 1746.

It was Thomas Jefferson who founded the first state universi-

ty—the University of Virginia—in 1819. His motive was to divorce education from religion. This started the present materialistic trend in American education. There was great public protest at the time. His new state university was termed “shocking” and “irreligious.”

Two Dangerous Drifts

Two other factors added impetus to the materialistic drift. “Rationalism” spread its leaven through every phase of the educational structure.

And, in the present century, big business has made sizable financial contributions, conditional on establishment of technical, scientific and professional courses to train needed personnel for these huge corporations. This has resulted in education becoming more and more a system of training young people in the art of earning a living, at the expense of teaching them *how to live!* They need to know *both!*

As institutions of higher learning continued through the 20th century, enrollments multiplied. Today we have virtual assembly-line education production. The student loses his identity, becomes a virtual nonentity, blending into the uniform collectivism.

Prominent educators have voiced their alarm at this state of educational affairs. Many recognize the evils and the dangers—yet confess their utter helplessness to brake the drift or change the direction.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica has given this definition of education: “Many definitions have been given of the word *education*, but underlying them all is the conception that it denotes an attempt on the part of the adult members of a human society to shape the development of the coming generation in accordance with its own ideals of life. . . . Education may be said to be the efforts made by the community to *impose* its culture upon the growing generation. . . . Schools and universities which are the ordinary channels through which adult culture

reaches the young are naturally conservative and *bound by tradition*. They are slow to leave the old paths” (emphasis added).

In briefest summary: Education from earliest antiquity was a means of pagan religious instruction that became a vehicle for disseminating pagan culture, religious doctrines and customs under the Platonic curricular system. It evolved in our modern era into a system of instilling the teachings of what the author-philosopher Dr. C.E. Ayers terms “Science, the False Messiah”—or the “new religion” of rationalism and materialism, which, of course, masquerades under names and terminology other than “religion.”

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During the planning stage of the founding of Ambassador College, certain educators, held by circumstances in the clutch of this system, expressed sincere congratulations on the opportunity that was Ambassador’s.

We were privileged to be freed from the evils inherent in today’s materialism. Ours was the glorious opportunity to recapture the true values; to teach the basic most-needed knowledge almost universally ignored; to teach young people not merely how to earn a living, but *how to live*; to avoid mass-production education by limiting enrollment; to put due emphasis on true character building; and at the same time having the advantage of being able to retain all that has proved good and sound in educational experience.

Ambassador College has been built upon this educational FOUNDATION: Recognition of fundamental truths regarding the purpose and meaning of life, and the laws that make possible peace, happiness, and the truly successful life.

Students are not only free, but encouraged, to question any or all ideas, postulates, or supposed truths, whether enjoying society’s acceptance or not—and to *prove* all things before accepting them as fact. Students here are guided

in ability to make right and sound decisions.

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FREE PRESS

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safest course open to humans is the *greatest possible circulation of ideas*. The Bible supports this idea when it declares: “Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the MULTITUDE of counsellors there is safety” (Proverbs 11:14).

Even if false ideas circulate under freedom of the press, at least God’s Word will also be able to go out unhindered.

Free societies pay a very high price for freedom of the press—pornography circulates freely because human courts say they can’t really tell the difference between pornography and other kinds of writing or expression. This is a very high price—but at least it does insure the free circulation of God’s truth, as well as other religious ideas.

If you grant human government the authority to censor what is printed or spoken, you allow the government to stop any message it doesn’t approve of.

Government tried to suppress Elijah, Amos and Jeremiah; it is prophesied to suppress God’s true Gospel again in the future. The power to *censor* bad writing easily becomes the power to suppress good writing.

There is a reason why God began, and based, his end-time work in the country on earth where freedom of the press is greatest—and why God’s Church has grown the most, as a rule, in countries where press freedom is substantial. Since the spreading of God’s Word is the most important activity on earth—the preservation of freedom of the press is one of the most awesome responsibilities God lays on human government. □

When the Captain Called: "TIME OUT!"

by Donald D. Schroeder

How many times have you seen it? Everything is going wrong for a much-acclaimed sports team.

Perhaps the game is basketball, football or some other sport. The opponents have thrown up an unexpected offense. Shifts in defense seem futile to stop it. The losing team is rapidly becoming demoralized.

Life Is Like That

The smart team captain or coach knows there's only one immediate thing to do. "Time out!" he calls.

"Look, men," he may say, "we've lost perspective. Here's what we must do...."

Our individual lives are like that. Life can become one big round of activities, social events, entertainment functions—and problems.

Most of us hit periods where we feel we have lost control of our lives, lost control of the direction of our lives. We need time to get away from the daily grind and routine. We need time to analyze what we may be doing wrong in life. Time to analyze where and how we should be using our energy and resources where they will really count.

Successful men and women know they have to do that.

The solution is to take "time out."

Break up the daily routine. Get away from the ordinary pressures

and responsibilities for a while. Even Jesus had to break away from the pressures of his responsibilities to seek such rejuvenation (Mark 6:46, John 6:15).

In fact, it is so important for you to take regular "time outs" that God made it part of his spiritual law. God commands you, as Captain, to take "time out."

This commanded "time out" is time to rest from the problems and pressures of your job and everyday routines and activities. Time to become refreshed physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Time to meditate. It is time to look at your life. Time to correct and change wrong attitudes and ways of living. It is time to help others.

This spiritually ordained "time out" is called the Sabbath. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord your God; in it thou shalt not do any work..." (Exodus 20:8-10).

This isn't just a time out to be taken if or when you want to. It's not any one day in seven. God's commanded Sabbath is a specific "time out" on a specific day of the weekly cycle.

This "time out" has a special blessing on it that no other day of the week has. "... the Lord *blessed* the sabbath day, and *hallowed* it" (Exodus 20:11). If we keep another day as "time out" in place of the day God commanded, the blessing isn't in it. But if we keep God's Sabbath as he

intended, we will start to gain right focus on our lives. We will start to find solutions to our problems.

God, the Creator of the mind and body, knew in his infinite wisdom that humans need a regular "time out" to maintain mental, physical and spiritual balance and health. We will be refreshed spiritually, emotionally and physically.

Never Been Changed

God's "time out" has never been changed. It is still the seventh day of the weekly cycle. It is still holy time. It is still a time of rejuvenation for all who truly keep it. God's Sabbath is also a test of our attitude toward God. A humble, obedient, spiritual attitude is something God must know above all else before he grants anyone eternal life in his Kingdom. And that's good for us!

You may wonder how we can know for sure which day is the seventh day. You may wonder if time has been lost. You may wonder why so many Christian-professing churches observe another day—the oft-called "Lord's Day"—the wrong "time out."

The surprising answers to all of these questions are in our free booklets, *Which Day is the Christian Sabbath?* and *Has Time Been Lost?*

If you're going to take a "time out," why not take the one with God's special spiritual blessing in it? The one that teaches you what the true Game Plan of life—and, most important of all, how to win it—is all about? □

SPACE AGE

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If space stations and platforms can be used for industrial purposes, they can also be used for warfare. Missiles, eventually even laser beams or exotic death rays, could be directed back down to earth with pinpoint accuracy. Of what value would so-called early warning systems intended to detect the arrival of enemy missiles from some place on earth be if nuclear missiles could be "stationed" a few hundred miles above their targets?

Satellites able to influence the weather or interfere with the communications of potential enemy nations have been suggested. As have other fantastic weapons straight out of Buck Rogers, such as huge orbiting magnifying glasses capable of concentrating the sun's light into beams of searing heat.

To what incredible military uses blossoming space technology can be put is limited solely by human imagination. As *The Plain Truth* has pointed out before, whatever man seriously sets out to do, he can do unless God intervenes to stop him! This was made evident shortly after the Flood of Noah's day, when humanity pooled its resources and tried for the first time on record to reach into the heavens. Men started with a tower. But they would have equaled current technology long ago had God not slowed them down by dividing them, confusing their language and scattering them over the face of the earth (Genesis 11:1-9).

God said at that time: "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and *nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them*" (verse 6, RSV). That is a remarkable statement concerning what humans working together can accomplish. Only recently the same thought was echoed by a NASA official. "What the moon programme showed," says Richard Thorn-

burg, assistant manager of the shuttle projects office at the Cape [Canaveral], 'was that man, not through strokes of genius but using the *teamwork* of ordinary people, *can solve whatever technological problem he faces*'" (*Now!* magazine, January 23, 1981—emphasis ours).

Man can do it. There is no doubt about it. He can move into space. But is he ready for it? He hasn't learned to live peaceably on earth yet. He carries into orbit with him the same nature that has caused all the mayhem, suffering and wars down here. Already the military emphasis predominates in space endeavors. And the trend is sure to escalate until war finally does break out involving the superweaponry on earth and in the skies.

One can only wonder exactly what part space warfare technology and weapons play in some of the end-time cataclysms described in the Bible. A prophecy in Deuteronomy 30:4 seems to allow for captive slaves being sent out into

space. God says of the time soon coming, when he will gather his scattered people, "If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you" (RSV).

Could such fearful verses have in part anything to do with man's military space endeavors?

If space warfare is to be a major factor in the ominously approaching World War III, it perhaps accounts for some of the mysterious terms with which that war is described in Revelation 9.

One thing is sure: The build-up of weapons on land, sea and now in the skies is leading to the day Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24:22 when all human life would be wiped out—except that God is going to step in to prevent it from happening. Fortunately for all humanity. For a description of the thrilling changes God is going to bring about in this world after he intervenes in human affairs, write for our free booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*. □

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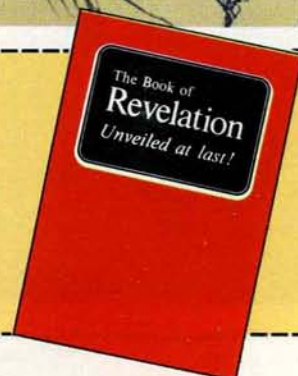
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IN BRIEF

A Message of Hope: THE OTHER PHILIPPINE VISIT

by Stanley R. Rader

THE LATE February visit of Pope John Paul II momentarily focused world attention on the Philippines.

World press coverage of the Pope's visit was extensive, centered primarily on the political implications of the Pope's statement, and particularly his public scolding of President Ferdinand Marcos at a formal reception at the presidential palace.

Just a few short weeks earlier, however, another religious figure visited the Philippines, and also spoke to President Marcos. While this visit wasn't the object of extensive worldwide news coverage, his message was considerably more hopeful for the Filipino people.

The Pope criticized President Marcos for his "human rights problem," echoing something that has become a cliché in much of the Western press.

"A legitimate preoccupation with the security of the state

could lead to the temptation to subjugate the people, their dignity and their rights to the state," the Pope told President Marcos, in obvious reference to some of the criticisms that have been leveled at the Marcos government.

President Marcos took the criticism with uncommonly good grace: "... we resolve that we shall wipe out all conflicts and set up a society that is harmonious, to attain the ends of God." The Western press failed to note that very few—if any—leaders in this world would have allowed the Pope into their country in the first place, knowing they would be given a stern lecture. Fewer would have had the humility to accept his criticism.

Freedom House, a nonpartisan organization that rates governments by the amount of freedom they allow, ranks the Philippines as "partly free," considerably above some 55 other countries about which one doesn't hear con-

stant reference to human rights' violations.

But two weeks after the Pope spoke to the Filipinos about human rights, union organizing and political involvement, another message was given them, a message of hope and peace. I remember Blas Ople, Filipino Minister of Labor, telling the bearer of that message, Herbert W. Armstrong, "We know that you came here for a higher purpose, to be the bearer of good tidings for mankind and for this particular part of the world."

The prophet Isaiah said much the same thing more than 2,500 years ago, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation..." (Isaiah 52:7).

Herbert Armstrong has a special love for the Filipino people. He told an audience in Manila, and meant it, "You are the most warmhearted, the most friendly people that I have known in any country in the world." Mr. Armstrong's special love for the Filipino people was also remarked on by Marcos Herras, one of the Philippines' most prominent attorneys, as well as Mr. Ople and others whom we met in the course of our visit.

Herbert Armstrong came to the Philippines to help. For example, Mr. Armstrong, through the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, is giving signifi-



cant financial support to the Philippine Labor Department's Manpower Institute, which runs a rural workers' program designed to increase the living standards in rural areas. The main idea is to take agricultural know-how that has worked in one area and bring it to another. Projects include multi-crop farming and aquaculture.

Mr. Armstrong also had words of encouragement. Some in the Western press may not like to admit it, but the Filipinos have made incredible progress over the past 10 years: Mr. Armstrong publicly noted that the country is in a far better condition than it was when he first visited it, and is at peace, as well. The Filipinos have made "wonderful progress."

Upon arriving, Herbert Armstrong wasted no opportunity to announce the message of hope—including the very heritage of the Filipino people. His first appearance was before a standing-room-only crowd at Adamson University, where Mr. Armstrong spoke for approximately one hour on the spiritual values that alone would give to university students everywhere the opportunity to live happy and abundant lives.

Next, he was the keynote speaker before the Philippine Constitution Association—750 guests and members, including the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and many cabinet members, who heard Mr. Armstrong

proclaim the only way to world peace. During the evening, Mr. Armstrong and I were made lifetime members of the association, which was responsible for the 1973 constitutional changes and, under the strong leadership of President Ferdinand Marcos, for the lifting of martial law on January 17, 1981.

The following day Mr. Armstrong spoke for one hour before the combined Rotary Clubs of greater Manila—again, he stressed that only the intervention of Jesus Christ—who will return soon to rule the whole world as King and High Priest—will prevent mankind from destroying itself.

In the evening, minister of labor Blas Ople was host to Mr. Armstrong at a private dinner party. Also present were the Minister of Agrarian Reform, the Minister of the Budget and the Minister of Justice, as well as various directors of other ministries and selected assemblymen.

The Minister of Agrarian Reform, Conrado Estrella, was so impressed with Mr. Armstrong's post-dinner comments that he invited him to speak a few days later before 450 of his own employees. Further, he specifically requested that Mr. Armstrong deliver a *spiritual* message.

Then on the Friday before the first public appearance, Mr. Armstrong and I were received by President Marcos in a 45-min-

ute televised interview. Later we were also to visit Imelda Marcos, the first lady.

Over the weekend, Mr. Armstrong brought the message that he already had given to the most prominent members of Filipino society and to the larger Filipino society in two personal appearances at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). He delivered two powerful messages before capacity houses.

Every day we were tracked by the television and press—and not a negative vibration was to be heard or seen.

The message that Mr. Armstrong gave the Filipino people was one of a profoundly better world ahead, the causes of world ills and their ultimate solution. It is a global message, applicable to all peoples everywhere; but it was particularly well received in the Philippines. □

HIGHLIGHTS of Herbert W. Armstrong's recent personal appearance in the Philippines. During the visit, Mr. Armstrong spoke to, from left, an audience (with color guard in foreground) at Adamson University, Labor Minister Blas Ople, President Ferdinand Marcos and a cross section of Filipino society at Manila's Philippine International Convention Center. Mr. Armstrong was also the keynote speaker before the Philippine Constitutional Association, made up of some of the country's most prominent jurists and lawyers.



Larry Omasta—PT

What Our Readers Say

"I Am Not an Animal"

Mr. Jeff Calkins' article—"I Am Not an Animal" is so very touching and a loving reminder of God's love for us—no matter how we look. None of us is beautiful compared to His beauty, so we can be thankful He looks inward and sees our potential. Thank you for bringing us the hope of being as He is one day!

A. Edith McCloud
Mt. Clare, West Virginia

I just had to write to express my appreciation for the article on Joseph Merrick. (Congratulations for getting his name right!)

His life was a story of pain and suffering, yet it's also a story of dignity, courage, love and triumph. His past was filled with horror, his present with constant pain and the knowledge he could never live a normal life and be fully accepted. Even in death he could see no hope for release from prying eyes and pointing fingers. He ended up as a skeleton at the London Hospital and 90 years later is still being stared at.

I liked the way John Hurt (the actor that did such a marvelous job of capturing the spirit of Joseph Merrick in the movie) put it. "That somebody could be that incredible in our ridiculous world. With all our complaints, that Merrick should almost stroll through it. . . ."

Thank God for His marvelous and awesome plan. Joseph will have a chance to live a normal life in a body that's as beautiful on the outside as he was on the inside.

I hope I'm privileged enough to be there and meet him when he's resurrected.

Pam Allan
Atlanta, Georgia

I was very touched by your article "I Am Not an Animal" by Jeff Calkins. More articles of this nature need to be brought out because the public needs to know how people in this condition feel. A person should not be judged by the way he looks but by his mind and the content of his character. I am glad to see that there were a few who were willing to aid this man in his time of need.

Donna Renee Cannon
Fort Valley, Georgia

Latin America

I was amazed to read in *The Plain Truth* Chile struggled to the near death with Marxism and communist-backed guerilla terrorists in the 1970s. Does your correspondent, Mr. [Gene] Hogberg, not know that Chile was the first country in the world to elect democratically a Marxist president? That president, Señor Allende, was killed with many others when the present nondemocratic military regime took power by force. It is the present government who have used and are still using terror to impose their intentions on the people. I hope you will publish this letter and I would be pleased to read any comments Mr. Hogberg has to make.

G. Colombe, London

• According to a Miami Herald newswoman, there were, in 1979, fewer complaints of "brutality" levied against Chile's carabinieri—the country's highly respected national police—than against the police in Miami, Florida. The revolt that unseated Salvador Allende in 1973 was as much a nationwide uprising by the housewives of Chile, incensed over shortages and long food lines, as it was a classical military coup d'etat. The people of Chile today, despite (or perhaps because

of?) certain limits on political activity, are enjoying the fruits of one of the most successful economies in the world. Most of Chile's critics—except the implacable—acknowledge this fact.

Food Crisis

Your article in the August '80 *Plain Truth* called "Who Will Feed the World" so stimulated me that I was moved to write an article in our school newspaper called, "Food Waste." I conducted a survey and found that 35 percent of the students throw away much of their food. If only those students knew the Plain Truth.

Thanks again,
Tim Kearney
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Smoking

The January, 1981, *Plain Truth* article about smoking by Jeff Calkins inspired me so much, last week I removed all tobacco (cigars and pipe tobacco) from my house.

Ed A. Cichon
Bristol, Connecticut

I am one of the people whom you referred to as being ill from castoff smoke. I work in a hotel where people smoke. I am anxious to continue the fight to stamp out smoking in the presence of nonsmokers. This cannot be done until people in government public office, managers of offices, factories, hotels and other places of importance realize the untold harm it is causing. Thanks for your article.

Gerard Burns
Valentia, Ireland

P.S. You see both my parents smoke nearly 100 cigarettes a day.

Personal from the Editor

I agree wholeheartedly with the views stated in your "Personal" col-

umn. Our educational system has deteriorated beyond belief. The quality of its faculty, its administrators and its dedication to the youth of our world is exceptionally poor.

It is noted that the economic crisis facing us today affects these conditions somewhat, but I am of the opinion that we ourselves (the parents, the legislators, etc.) are in the most part responsible too. The disintegrating family structure, the permissiveness of the parents and society, the indifference all equally share the blame. Even the quality of our clergy has been greatly affected by all this.

Your article or viewpoint, has made me stop and think.

William F. Martin
Albany, New York

Correction

I believe there is an incorrect statement in the February '81, issue, page 4, first column. The U.N. declaration (partition decision) was in 1947. (In 1948 Israel declared its independence.)

Joseph Saidel
Albany, New York

Crisis in Eastern Europe

I read your excellent article on the "Crisis in Eastern Europe," and must conclude that grave trouble appears inevitable in the very near future with Eastern bloc countries undoubtedly leading the way once again for the high tensile strains that could easily envelop the entire earth in another holocaust of unmentionable proportions.

Richard Davids
Vista, California

Decline in Living Standards

A comment on the declining living standards described in your January issue. The "free lunch" idea seems to have come to dominate public policy in recent years. It has always seemed to me that anyone must contribute to the table if he expects to sit down to dinner and efforts to prove otherwise lead to disaster.

For many years about 25 percent of Americans, for example, were employed in the so-called "private" sector—the productive sector. The other 35 percent, approximately, were "on the government"—civil service, welfare, military, government contractors and their dependents. Then came changes. As of the most recent published statistics 55 percent are "on the government."

What happened? A lot of us had to send our wives out to work to help support the inflationary consequences of all those new dependents awarded us by government. Many of those jobs are "secondary" jobs, at lower wages. Of course, this is called Women's Liberation, which means, "Send 'em out to work."

John G. Kneiling
New York, New York

Empire Strikes Back

Your magazine is very informative. I usually find something of interest in it for each member of the family. My 16-year-old son particularly enjoyed the "Empire Strikes Back" article, as did I. I don't always agree with your views, but it does broaden one's scope of current events, as well as the religious ramifications.

Carol Hitchcock
Islip, New York

In Dutch Too

For several years now I have received *The Plain Truth*. My English teacher at school advised us to subscribe to this magazine. And I must say it was worthwhile. Your articles are very interesting, specially about the situation in our world. Now what I would like to ask you. Is it possible for me to receive in the near future *The Plain Truth* in Dutch?

B. Tuenten Jr.
Varsseveld, The Netherlands
• Dutch subscription sent.

Advertising Colleague

Your editorials, while I cannot go along with you all the way, are the best proof of your advertising knowledge and sincerity regarding how to spread the "Gospel."

It may amuse you to know that we are colleagues as I began my advertising career in 1914 and am a "pro", a copywriter and trained commercial artist. I am now 91 years old and trying to get in a few licks of work before I have to ship out. I am a great admirer of your set-up in Pasadena and consider that you people have done a great favor to the community merely by being here. As a matter of fact I have one of your church members a very good friend of mine, who is doing what she can to help me.

Marion Hoyle
Pasadena, California

Appreciation

I would like to thank the people behind the circulation of *The Plain*

Truth magazine for sending me now almost two years a subscription without any obligation. It really helped me in my studies, and my friends, too, in their theology subjects.

Thank you all very much and especially to the people from your staff in the Philippines.

Jerome Teodoro
Davao City, Philippines

My wife and I are both in our eighties and have time to read a lot. Thank you so much for your diligent research and unselfish contribution to society.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rice
Nappanee, Indiana

Science's Viewpoint

The article by Clayton Steep in the February issue, "Scientists in Quandary About Darwin," differed in one small respect from most of the anti-evolution pieces your publication has run. It included a sentence that came close to showing an understanding of the scientific enterprise:

"It is as though there is an unspoken rule among the members of the scientific community that God and the Bible are to be automatically excluded from any search for scientific truth."

That is quite correct. There is such a "rule." It stems from the beginnings of science, and from a period when church-sanctioned philosophy had attempted—and failed—to make the studies of scripture and of the natural world coincide at every point.

When enough ideas had been rediscovered and toyed with, modern science began to produce new knowledge. Many of its most brilliant practitioners were religious people who nevertheless rejected the all-embracing authority of the church as well as its temporal dominion. They did not profess, in science, an alternative type of religion, but merely a pursuit of truth and knowledge that hoped to open the horizons as well as the minds of men.

If they progressed, the scientists did so partly by rejecting the claim of moral authorities, and of scripture, to absolute and literal truth in every area of life.

I value receiving your magazine each month. It portrays a point of view very much different from my own. I hope you will print this letter in the same spirit.

R. Savino
Irasburg, Vermont

SCIENCE

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though individual scientists, he said, may have their own "theistic" beliefs.

The view of a nebulous "beginning" rather than a creation, is strictly in keeping with science's own "fixed bedrock"—*evolutionary chance*. As the noted oceanographer, Roger Revelle, once remarked: "Evolution is a fact. It doesn't mean that man can't have hope. Our values are part of our evolutionary heritage... *there is clearly no ground plan.*"

In other words, evolution postulates that there is no purpose whatever to *your* life.

Science Stands Mute

Astrophysicist Robert Jastrow, in an article in the *Los Angeles Times* of June 25, 1978, examined the dilemma that the very concept of a "beginning" causes science.

"Consider the enormousness of the problem," said Dr. Jastrow. "Science has proved that the universe exploded into being at a certain moment. It asks, what cause produced this effect? Who or what put the matter and energy into the universe? Was the universe created out of nothing, or was it gathered together out of preexisting materials? And science cannot answer these questions."

Some of the greatest scientific minds, observed Dr. Jastrow, have been annoyed at the concept of a beginning in time, because of its clear theological implications.

Albert Einstein wrote once that "this circumstance of an expanding universe is irritating." Sir Arthur Eddington, the most distinguished British astronomer of his day, wrote in 1931, "I have no ax to grind in this discussion, but the notion of a beginning is repugnant to me."

Philip Morrison of MIT said a few years ago in a BBC film on cosmology, "I find it hard to accept the Big-Bang theory; I would like to reject it."

Astronomer Jastrow notes that "there is a strange ring of feeling and emotion in these reactions. Such judgments are expected to come from the brain, whereas these come from the heart. Why?"

Dr. Jastrow answers that this is, in part, because "scientists cannot bear the thought of a natural phenomenon which cannot be explained. . . . There is a kind of religion in science; a faith that there is order and harmony in the universe, and that every event can be explained as the product of some previous event."

The scientist has "lost control" says Dr. Jastrow, when confronted with forces and circumstances not explainable by natural causes alone.

There are scientists who have dared to "bite the bullet" and ask, "What came before the beginning?" Dr. Jastrow referred specifically to British theorist Edward Milne, who, in a treatise on relativity once wrote:

"As to the first cause of the universe, in the context of expansion, that is left for the reader to insert, but our picture is incomplete without Him."

Where Is There Life

Without first coming to grips with the question of *who* made the universe, science cannot proceed to answer other questions that delegates to one AAAS symposium were told will be the big questions during this decade and the next—"Why is there matter?" "Why is there life?" and "Why is there something rather than nothing in the universe?"

The answers to these questions do not lie within the province of science, which deals only with observable, measurable, physical properties and laws.

To these and similar questions, Herbert W. Armstrong, editor-in-chief of *The Plain Truth*, has said on numerous occasions, "Science has no answers; religion has failed to tell us; education is in ignorance."

But the Bible, the Word of God, *does* give the answers.

Changing Human Nature

There is a "great purpose and design being worked out here below" to quote the words of Winston Churchill in an address he delivered before a special joint session of the Congress of the United States.

The true Gospel message of Jesus Christ, buried under heaps of superstition, explains this great purpose. The true Gospel—the announcement of the soon-coming government of God—entails, no less, the changing of human nature, and the elevation of man from the human to the God plane—astounding as this may seem to the great minds of this world.

Scientists realize that man must change his thinking processes to become "more sensitive" to his fellowman as well as his physical environment. It's either that or the human race faces extinction.

Evolution can't do this "trick." But the Bible shows how it is possible to make this change from the destructive "get" philosophy to the "give" way of life. Thousands of people are undergoing this most vital of all transformations at this very moment.

Science postulates no "world view." But the Bible does. The very Gospel message proclaimed by Jesus Christ—which the vast majority of professing Christians have not understood—deals with the most important "world view" of all, greater than any political ideology ever devised by man. It involves, at its core, the Government of God soon now to rule on this earth.

There is a great adversary archangel—Satan—who has hidden this "world view" from human understanding. Purposeless evolution has been one of his most successful tools to keep hidden man's awesome destiny.

But you can know what is the purpose of your life. Write for our free booklets, *Why Were You Born?*, *Does God Exist?* They will open your eyes! □

Personal from...

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which harms, tears down, injures and degenerates, every time. Not every individual, of course—but the general public as a whole.

The very nature that is in humans tends to relax, let down, take the course of least resistance, escape responsibility and degenerate.

The world lives on the "GET" motive. The world wants idleness, ease and ENTERTAINMENT. The commercial and industrial interests who sponsor and pay for television programming and broadcasting want the largest mass audience for their money. It's a matter of supply and demand—and the public demands programs that are exciting, shocking, daring—and this means violence and illicit sex.

American television programs are tailored to what the public prefers to view. And the public does not find normal American living that exciting. Therefore the programs are not self-portrayals of what ordinary routine American life is like. It *has to be* different to be exciting and entertaining. The mass audience wants to be taken into a *different* and imaginary world of excitement and interest—to *escape* from the realities of its own humdrum routine life.

So foreign audiences do not see, in these programs, ordinary working men and women at their regular routine jobs.

Now we might ask, since marketing these programs in other countries creates a very distorted conception of what day-to-day American life is like—since they create such a hostile American image, WHY send them to other countries? Simply because they pay a profit—and the sellers are more interested in "GETTING" the profits than in creating a favorable American image abroad!

The "Get" Motive

Humanity has chosen the "GET" way of life. It has brought the world all its countless evils. The world goes on suffering the evils,

but refuses to recognize the CAUSE.

The "GET" motive has given America economic affluence, a higher living standard of material goods. This has failed to bring her people real happiness. It also has contributed to American unpopularity, prejudice, hostility. Americans are not generally loved around the world.

The "GET" way really does not pay the biggest dividends in the long run. And that's what's wrong with the world today—THE WHOLE WORLD! That's the CAUSE of world problems, national domestic problems, family and individual problems.

Meanwhile we of *The Plain Truth*—of Ambassador College and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation—are showing the millions, WORLDWIDE, the CAUSE of peace, happiness and abundant well-being. We do what we can do to give a balanced picture of America and Americans—and of all countries and peoples.

We are making FRIENDS in many important high places.

We can't jam it down people's throats. We can't prevent people, groups and nations from going the way that CAUSES evils. But here and there, more and more individuals are coming to see the truth. And each year additional THOUSANDS are changing their lives—as the MILLIONS hear.

Those of us who travel around the world—who have meetings with heads of state and world leaders—find that when they really see, and get to KNOW us as Americans, they *like* us—even to the point of real affection!

Many are coming to recognize that this worldwide educational program for all people at all levels is doing as much or more for WORLD PEACE than any program, operation, government, society or movement on earth. We are pointing THE WAY to world peace.

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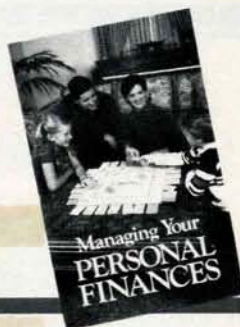
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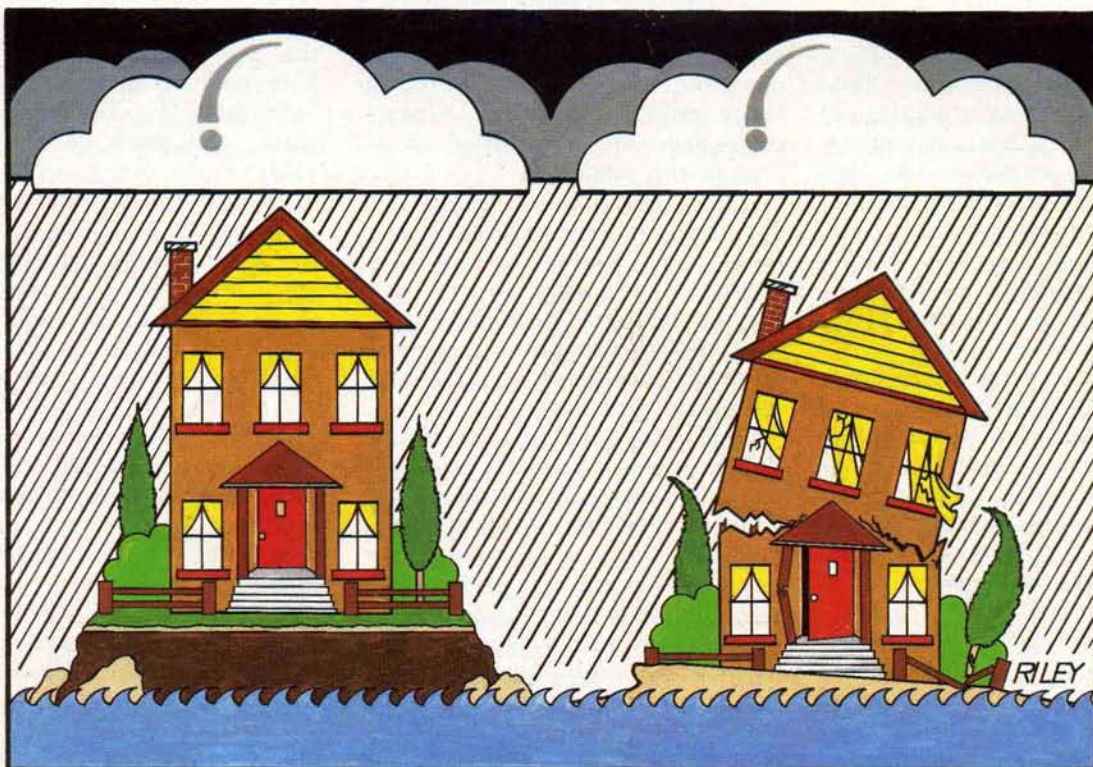
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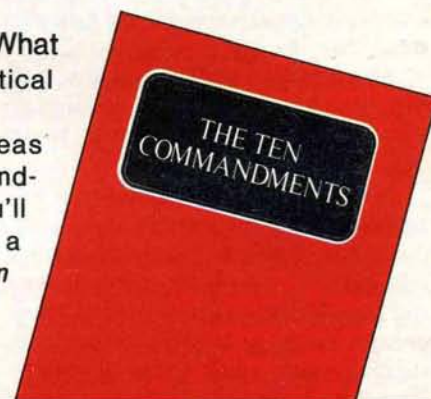


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