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Tomorrow's Athletics — Today

At Ambassador College we are developing and pioneering the all-around educational system for the World Tomorrow. And athletics are an integral part of this program. In these varied activities, both our students and faculty alike not only maintain excellent overall physical fitness but also develop the courage, drive, determination, perseverance and endurance which are absolutely essential to successfully do the Work of Ambassador College. Our cover shows an Ambassador basketball game. For further details see the special article on the Ambassador College Physical Education Department on page 12 — featured as part of our focus for January on Health and Recreation in Tomorrow's World.

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Personal from

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HOW MANY of our readers, I wonder, would realize that a basketball game, as illustrated on our cover of this number of TOMORROW'S WORLD, could be an *important* part of EDUCATION?

Before you draw conclusions — *wait a minute!* Let me give you some FACTS I'm sure you don't know.

All colleges — at least, certainly, nearly all — have basketball teams. And do they consider basketball games a part of the EDUCATIONAL function of the college or university? Probably not. They don't rate any academic credits.

But this gives me an opportunity to explain another way in which AMBASSADOR Colleges are different! Yes, and *so refreshingly* different! So *delightfully* different!

Through the basketball season, we have been having doubleheader basketball games on either Saturday nights, Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings, in our gymnasium. The gymnasium itself is a part of the Physical Education Facility — and absolutely the most *beautiful* building of its kind we have ever seen. The gym is not a giant basketball pavilion, like those of some of the major universities, with seating capacity for spectators of from 7,000 to 15,000. But our gym does have bleachers on each side of the basketball court which fold out or telescope back against the walls. They will seat about 1,500.

Let me explain what would be the probable reaction of a student or basketball player from some other college or university.

First, he would be struck with the beauty and the *character* of the building itself. Even the entrance lobby is carpeted. He might look for the ticket-selling window — and be a little bit flabbergasted because *there is none!* Think of it! College basketball games — and NO ADMISSION PRICE! He would find smiling, uniformed student ushers showing him to a seat.

Our visitor would hear the music of a really good band. And, entering the gymnasium, he would see about a twenty-five-piece band, all decked out in striped red and white jackets. He would see the two officials waiting for the game to start, with their official-looking black-and-white-striped shirts — just as in any college, university, or pro game. The two teams would be warming up, throwing practice baskets at their respective ends — each team in different-colored uniforms — or it might be the Faculty team at one end, with their white uniforms with purple and gold trim and numbers.

"Why," he might exclaim, "this looks just like any other college game." But he would have a few SURPRISES coming. The band would stop, and an announcer's voice would come out over the public-address system:

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the first game of a doubleheader tonight, between the Faculty and the Freshmen."

Then would follow the introduction of the respective starting players of each team — just as in any other college game. And then, from the announcer: "And now will you all rise and join the band in singing the national anthem."

This is followed by applause and some yelling, as the two teams go to the floor, and one of the officials takes his stance to toss up the ball between the two centers, starting the game. The electric scoreboards — one at each end — are set at 20 minutes for the first half, and as the ball is put in play, the seconds begin whipping past in bright red colors, indicating the amount of time yet to be played.

Our visitor might be a little surprised to see the caliber of play, the poise and accuracy of the players, as they begin scoring baskets smoothly and accurately in spite of alert, vigorous and tight defense — both teams playing a torrid fast-break game. He might be quite

surprised to see the scores building up as rapidly as in a big-university game.

All just like any other college? Well, NOT EXACTLY!

Our visitor would begin to notice several differences! He would begin to be aware that he was not sitting in a cloud of cigarette and cigar smoke, but in fresh, clean, pure air kept fresh by the air-conditioning system. Then he might be quite amused — if not shocked. He would see in the stands, not only students, some in “rooting” sections, but many whole families, including the kiddies and even babies.

“MAN!” he might exclaim, “I never saw anything like that before.” Most of those with babies or little children would leave after the early 7 o'clock game, to put the kiddies to bed.

As the game would progress, he would be amazed to see that while the play is fast, aggressive, and determined, there is no deliberate or intentional fouling. Of course, unintended and accidental infractions of some of the rules are bound to occur. But when they do, the one who fouls will usually raise up his arm almost before the official blows his whistle. And — surprise of surprises!! — he NEVER sees a player get angry at an official, or make any complaint whatsoever!

At each end he would see a group of girl rooters, dressed in the colors of their team's uniforms — standing on the sidelines. If one of the Freshman team is fouled, the Freshman girl rooters will shout in unison: “Sink it, Al, sink it!” But the absolute payoff would come when one of the Faculty team gets fouled. The girls rooting for the Faculty would shout in unison: “Sink it, Mr. Petty, sink it!” Who ever heard rooters call the player they root for by the title, “Mister”? But our girls do — when the FACULTY is playing — but, of course, never for the STUDENT players. Really, the first time I heard this, myself, I laughed myself hoarse — almost. Sometimes my son gets fouled, and as he goes to the line, the girls yell: “Sink it, Mr. Armstrong, sink it!” The students show genuine respect to the Faculty.

When a time-out is called, of course, the band strikes up a lively tune or a rapid march, and the girl rooters on the floor do some maneuvers to the rhythm of the music.

But now for the REAL POINT!

We do not play intercollegiate basketball at Ambassador, but instead intramural games. There are four teams of the four general classes, and a Faculty

team. There also are a few girl teams, playing by girls' rules, of course.

We do not give academic credits for basketball, of course. Yet this definitely is a part in the students' EDUCATION — the way it is played at Ambassador. Our present Director of Physical Education, who was a star college player, will tell you that any one of our teams would win its quota of games should we enter one of the minor college leagues.

Basketball at Ambassador is a CHARACTER-BUILDING activity. Our men are taught to play hard and to develop skill, but without overdoing it, or devoting too much time to it. Life at Ambassador must be BALANCED, and time must be budgeted. This activity must not take time needed for study. But by making the most of every minute, there is ample time to develop basketball proficiency without WASTING time.

Ambassador is a CHARACTER-BUILDING institution and, at this college, basketball is used to BUILD CHARACTER. I have always taught our students that whatever they do should be done WELL — the very best they can. They play hard — they put their whole energies into it. They try to be both *fast* and *quick* — there's a difference. But they try to avoid roughness of a type that might harm or injure other players. I have actually seen our players raise their arms, and *tell the officials* they had fouled an opponent — unintentionally — when the officials had failed to see it. But NEVER have I seen a player gripe, or complain in any way when an official calls a foul against him — even if the official made a mistake. It is the BEST of good sportsmanship.

When the game is over, losers will shake hands with and congratulate the victors with enthusiasm and with smiles! Sure, they play to WIN, but they expect the other team to try to win, too. Basketball is good, clean recreation — played the Ambassador way — and they realize that coming off with the biggest score is not the most important thing. If they lose, they simply try harder next time; but they have BIGGER GOALS than winning a ball game. These games are mere RECREATION, not the goal of life.

One of these games is a delightful CHANGE from the other activities of the day. I am nearly always in attendance when I am in Pasadena. I think it encourages the students to see me take an interest.

WHATEVER we do, here at Ambassador, we try to do it *in a manner* to develop wholesome and right

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The SEVEN KEYS To Understanding THE BIBLE

Why is the Bible the most misunderstood book in all history? The most twisted, distorted, maligned, misrepresented book there is? Because people do not possess the keys to open the doors to understanding! Learn these seven basic keys and you will begin to really understand the plain truth of God's Word!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

DO YOU realize God has purposely closed much of the Holy Bible from human understanding *until now?*

Look at the pitiful spectacle — hundreds of different sects and denominations, all confused and mixed up, each with its *own* different ideas, beliefs and practices — all disagreeing as to what the Bible says — none understanding its full true Message!

WHY?

Because none of them possesses the keys needed to open the doors to understanding, and therefore this spiritual treasure house is closed to them.

Locked Up Until Now!

Even the prophets inspired in writing the Word of God did not understand much of what they wrote. Daniel records, in his last chapter:

"I heard this, but I did not understand it." When he asked the meaning of what he was inspired to write, he was told: "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end" — or, as Moffatt translates it, "*till the crisis at the close*" (Daniel 12:8-9).

The whole world is now in chaos. We have now entered the world *crisis*, at the CLOSE of this age! But even now, Daniel was told, "the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (verse 10).

Since this very Word of God reveals that "sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4), those who encourage the breaking of God's Law, teaching that it is done away — as nearly all sects and denominations do — are, in Bible

terminology, "the wicked." And who are "the wise," who shall now understand?

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a GOOD UNDERSTANDING have all they that *do* his commandments" (Psalm 111:10).

Again God's angel caused Daniel to record: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Dan. 12:4). Yes, much of the Word of God, especially the prophecies, was shut up and sealed until now. Today people *run* to and fro, all over the world, in automobiles, trains, and planes. Today knowledge has been increased. We have reached the world CRISIS AT THE CLOSE of this age! The wise — those who fear

God and keep His Commandments — can now UNDERSTAND!

Even fifty years ago this true understanding *was still closed and sealed!* None of the established church denominations has been willing, in these fifty years, to admit error, correct false teachings or accept new light now suddenly revealed! No wonder they all disagree! They are in "BABYLON" — CONFUSION!

In the first place, none can understand by himself. The carnal mind cannot "see" spiritual things. These truths are revealed through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit — and God gives His Spirit *only* to them that OBEY Him and keep His Commandments! Only the truly converted can even *begin* to understand.

But even having that beginning, there are SEVEN KEYS needed to unlock these closed doors of Truth. And just as one key alone will not unlock your safety deposit box at the bank, so no one, no two, or even six of these keys will open the Scriptural doors to full UNDERSTANDING. It requires ALL SEVEN KEYS.

Church Leaders Threw Away the Seven Vital Keys

Christ gave His apostles *the keys* of true UNDERSTANDING, which unlock the door to the KINGDOM OF GOD!

To Peter and the others, He said: "And I will give unto thee *the keys of the kingdom of heaven*" (Matt. 16:19).

But He prophesied apostasy. "Many false prophets shall rise," He said, "and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24:11). Paul foretold the great "falling away" from God's Truth and Christ's Gospel, turning unto FABLES (II Thes. 2:1-9; II Tim. 4:1-4). It had even begun in Paul's day (II Thes. 2:7). Church leaders only used *the keys* to lock up the door of the Kingdom, and then threw *the keys* away, even as the Pharisees and rulers did before them:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" said Jesus to them, "for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in" (Matt. 23:13).

And so naturally, today no organized denomination, sect or church of this

world possesses these seven KEYS!

Here they are: How many of these necessary "keys" do *you* have?

1) The True Gospel

Almost no one has this first key, believe it or not! The Gospel of Christ is the Gospel Christ preached — a particular Message sent from God by Jesus Christ as Messenger. The Gospel of Christ is CHRIST'S OWN GOSPEL — not a story *about* His Person!

Today people are led to believe that the Gospel is telling the story *about* Jesus, telling people *about* a Saviour; or, they believe it is "the Gospel of salvation," not understanding the true way of salvation themselves! No wonder there is no power in what is falsely preached as "the Gospel" today! The Gospel of Christ "is the power of God unto salvation." Today most popular denominations do away with all that is vital in Christ's Gospel, saying He was preaching only to Jews under the Old Covenant! What ignorance!

What is Christ's Gospel? What is the Message God sent to mankind by Jesus Christ? It is the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD! "Kingdom" means GOVERNMENT! It is the Message of Divine Government — government by GOD'S LAWS!

It is the prophetic proclamation of the coming WORLD GOVERNMENT to rule all nations and bring today's confused, chaotic, war-weary earth PEACE, and JOY! It is the vital, dynamic, powerful, living Message of God's government, first in individual hearts now in this world, later over all nations internationally in the WORLD TOMORROW!

Of course that power-filled Message includes the knowledge about the Saviour, High Priest and coming King! Of course it includes the true way of salvation, which the churches seem to have lost! And it includes also knowledge of the location of the TERRITORY to be ruled over by the King of the coming Kingdom — the fact that it is *this earth*, and not heaven!

But there can be no GOVERNMENT without LAWS, and so the true Gospel also must proclaim the Law of God, which alone can bring peace to the world, and success, happiness and joy to the individual!

The true Gospel has to do with the nations of today's world, world conditions today, and Christ's reign over all nations in the world tomorrow! It is a full, complete, dynamic and powerful Gospel which has been kept by the powers of darkness from the world for 1800 years! This knowledge is the first key!

2) Salvation IS Creation

The idea preached in this dark, confused world is that salvation is God's Plan for *repairing the damage* caused by Satan in "the fall of man" in the Garden of Eden.

God, so the world has been taught by church leaders, had *completed* His work of creation. Man was a *finished* creation, spiritual, immortal, perfect in character. Then along came Satan, and by cunning he wrecked God's handiwork, thwarted God's purpose, caused man to fall to the low plane of sinful human nature, ruined God's perfect creation! Then God is supposed to have looked down upon this colossal smash-up, and to have thereupon thought out THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION as a means of *repairing the damage*.

Salvation, then, is presented merely as God's effort to *restore* man to a condition *as good as* Adam was in the first place. The picture is that God has been doing His very best for 6,000 long years, but Satan has resisted Him! God has found Himself unable to avoid a contest with Satan — a "great controversy" as one writer phrased it — in which God has done His best, but Satan has continued to outsmart Him, and now today, with TIME ABOUT UP, the vast majority of people on earth are still unsaved — still on Satan's side! The contest is almost over, and the best God can now do is take revenge, and soon send Christ to destroy all the wicked whom Satan has kept on his side!

Can you see that *that* picture could only have come from the deceiving false god of this world, Satan himself? It presents Satan at every turn as more powerful than God — as succeeding in his rivalry! This entire concept is a damnable LIE!

This truth is the second important key

— and it explains GOD'S PURPOSE in placing humanity on this earth!

Salvation is *not* a "repairing of the damage" done by Satan in the Garden of Eden. Satan never did alter or change God's purpose or plan. The devil has never thwarted God's will. All has gone, and always will, exactly according to GOD'S PURPOSE!

Salvation is merely the COMPLETING of CREATION! Creation was *not* completed 6,000 years ago, at the time described in Genesis 1! That was merely the *first*, or *material phase* of a creation *now still going on!* What God then created was *physical — material*. The spiritual creation is a process, continuing, according to God's Plan, today!

Man was created PHYSICAL, not spiritual — MORTAL, not immortal — of the dust of the ground — the "clay model" which God the Master Potter is now fashioning and shaping, *spiritually*, into the FINAL image! Man was created purposely, with the same human nature he now has! He was first made in the mere PHYSICAL image of God, a free moral agent, with the possibility revealed to him of *receiving* as God's gift the very spiritual nature of God, so that he may by God's power be made into a perfect, righteous, spiritual character, then given immortality as God's gift! *There is no contest!* Satan does nothing except what God *permits!* And God permits it FOR A PURPOSE.

Character is created by experience, and experience requires time, and therefore it is a process! As Christ our example learned by suffering, so do we! The fact that SALVATION IS THE COMPLETING OF CREATION — the *spiritual* phase of creation — that GOD'S PURPOSE is to create in us, as free moral agents who make our own decisions, the supreme masterpiece of all His creative acts — holy, righteous, spiritual, immortal characters — resisting the downpull of self-desire, building character by living God's Laws — that knowledge of God's purpose is *the second vital key!*

3) God's Dual Method

A duality runs through every phase of God's Plan. First, the *material* creation of Genesis 1, completed; second, the *spiritual* creation still in process pic-

tured finally complete in the *prophecy* of Revelation 21 and 22. There was the *first* Adam, material — of the earth, and there is the *second* Adam, Christ Jesus, spiritual, from heaven. There was the *first* covenant with Israel, material and national, devoid of salvation, based upon the birthright promise; and there is the NEW Covenant, spiritual and individual, with a spiritually begotten Israel, based upon the Sceptre promise. God made man mortal, of the dust, in order to convert him into immortality, composed of Spirit.

In this very salvation process is the DUAL METHOD — the very word "salvation" means, first, rescuing from the penalty of eternal death, and second, the act of preserving, or imparting eternal life as God's gift. And so, in being saved, we first are *begotten* of God by the indwelling of His Spirit in our mortal bodies as the temple, or house of the Spirit — and are now merely the *heirs* of salvation; and second, we shall finally be fully *born* of God at the resurrection of the just, when we shall *inherit* the Kingdom.

This same DUAL PRINCIPLE runs all through prophecy! First, a former, or preliminary fulfillment which is merely the type or forerunner of a second, the final climactic fulfillment occurring, usually, during this crisis at the close we already have entered! And positively *none* can understand the Bible prophecies unless this DUALITY of fulfillment is understood. It is a vital key!

4) God's Holy Days

These were given to God's people to picture, and to keep them in the understanding of, God's PLAN for bringing about His purpose — His reign over all the earth whose people shall have been converted to righteous immortality!

Every sect, organization or denomination which has lost God's holy days and fastened its eyes upon the pagan Romish holidays instead, has lost the knowledge of GOD'S PLAN!

God's holy days picture:

1st, Passover, the crucifixion of Christ.

2nd, Feast of Unleavened Bread, putting sin out of our lives, or, keeping God's Commandments — and during

this festival was the "wave-sheaf" picturing the resurrected Christ accepted of God as our High Priest.

3rd, Feast of Firstfruits, or Pentecost, picturing the coming of the Holy Spirit and the completing of this, the merely *first* and preliminary harvest of souls.

4th, Feast of Trumpets on first day of seventh month, picturing the second coming of Christ at the beginning of the seventh millennium, at the *last trump*.

5th, Day of Atonement, picturing justice done by laying Satan's guilt in our sins upon his own head, removing him and chaining him in the symbolic "bottomless pit," making us finally AT ONE with God. Atonement means at-one-ment.

6th, Feast of Tabernacles, for seven days, picturing the KINGDOM OF GOD during the seventh millennium, the "great fall harvest" of souls.

And 7th, the Last Great Day, immediately following the Feast of Tabernacles, picturing the final Great White Throne Judgment which almost nobody today understands — and the final COMPLETION of God's plan!

5) The Truth about Israel

The fifth key is the fact that the nation Israel became divided into two nations, the ten-tribed kingdom, called the Kingdom of Israel, possessing the birthright promises, and the Kingdom of Judah, composed of Judah and Benjamin and a large portion of Levi, possessing the Sceptre; and, secondly, the fact revealed during this "time of the end" that the Jewish people today are merely a portion of the descendants of the Kingdom of Judah; and the Americans, British, and Democracies of Northwestern Europe are the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes" — descendants of the ancient House of Israel — and that Britain is Ephraim, and the United States is Manasseh, co-holders of the birthright, which is the true explanation of our sudden rise to the greatest national power and wealth ever possessed by any nation.

Prophecies cannot be understood without this vital key.

Read, study, and check the absolute
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Are You "Under" the LAW?

Ignorance of the Bible is the hallmark of our times! Millions of professing Christians know virtually nothing about the Bible. Millions understand little of the "spiritual" sounding phrases they hear from pulpits. Here, in simple language at last, are the Bible answers to some of the most puzzling and important questions in your life! Here is the truth about you and the Law of God.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

YOU'RE living in a lawless world! As never before, you see *violence*, lawbreaking, flouting of authority — the world over! There is no more obvious feeling gripping the hearts of men today than that of *rebellion* against the law!

Why?

What *is* it in human nature that makes us *resent* order and authority? *Why* do all humans have inner compulsions to break the law? Why is it vast percentages of people cheerfully admit they have, at one time or another in their lives, broken laws of sufficient importance to have landed them in jail?

Flouting of the law is like a game, a holiday atmosphere of fun and frolic to whole segments of our population today.

No wonder, then, people are eager to believe God is "dead" — that His *Law* is *done away*. Millions of professing Christians literally resent the laws of God. Millions believe they need pay no attention whatever to the Ten Commandments — that there are no orders to be followed, no obedience required of Christians, no works involved in their Christian lives!

The Fatal MISTAKE Millions Are Making!

It's time you saw, with your own eyes, from the pages of *your own Bible*, the plain truth about God's Laws—and your relationship to them!

First — why is it "religious" terms always seem to sound confusing to people? You've probably heard me mention on *The WORLD TOMORROW* program, how it seems many people are not truly "satisfied" with their religion unless it sounds *so* vague and meaningless, *so* "mysterious" and *so* couched in "pseudo-sanctimonious" and "spiritual" terms that it loses candid meaning to them.

The very moment the terms "law" or "grace" are mentioned to many professing Christians, they are almost automatically confused.

But why?

Simply because they have been fed — yes, spoon-fed — a great deal of confusion on the subject! But let's *not* be confused! Let's come to understand!

What do you mean, grace? Let's decide, at the outset of this discussion, to know what we mean by different

terms. Grace, as it is clearly set forth in your dictionary, and in your Bible, has a far different meaning than that which is deliberately put upon it by many false ministers in this world.

Just What Is Grace?

What does the word "grace" mean to you?

Does it imply permission to sin? "Certainly not!" you might answer! Well, then — does it mean you do not have to keep God's Laws? "Of course!" many would immediately reply!

But wait a minute! What *IS* sin? "Sin is," the Bible answers, "the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). Well, then — if that's what sin is — if sin is the breaking of God's Laws, sin is, then, failing to *KEEP* God's Laws!

Well, then, if that is true — and your Bible says it is — and *IF* "grace" means you do not have to obey God's Law, then does not "grace" mean to many of you that you may sin?

"Of course not!" you might answer, but then, isn't it all a little confusing?

It certainly is! Satan and his ministers (II Cor. 11:13) have confused the meaning of grace in most men's minds! This whole world, according to *your Bible*, has been deceived (Rev. 12:9; 20:3).

Just what, then, is grace?

Grace is, according to *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, "favor, kindness, mercy, etc.," and, the ecclesiastical usage, "divine mercy or forgiveness"!

Yes — that's just it! Grace is for-

giveness! Grace is mercy! Grace is pardon!

But forgiveness of *what*? Why, what is a Christian, but one who has, through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, obtained mercy and pardon from his past sins? It is through the blood of Jesus Christ we must obtain grace! Christ died, then, to show grace toward us — didn't He?

"Of course," you would answer. Well, if *this* is true, and the Bible certainly says it is — then may we go on sinning after Christ has shown us grace?

Let the Bible answer — not the ideas of men!

Paul was inspired to write, "What then? Shall we sin [that is, shall we break any one of God's Ten Commandments] because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid!" (Rom. 6:15.) There is the Bible answer! Paul plainly reveals that we must not think we may sin, that we can ignore, or live contrary to God's Ten Commandments, just because God has shown us some of His great mercy!

Why did God have to show us His mercy? Why did we need "grace"?

God answers, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that *all have sinned*" (Rom. 5:12).

Yes — every human being has broken God's holy laws, the Ten Commandments! Remember, it is the breaking of *these laws*, as they are applied in *principle*, and as they are *magnified* by Christ in His teachings, that is sin (I John 3:4).

Every human being has, because of his very *nature* of basic hostility toward God's laws (Rom. 8:7), been convicted by God's Law as guilty of sin! The *penalty* of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Christ died in order to erase our past sins! (Rom. 5:8.)

That is what grace is! It is the unlimited *mercy* of our God — the unearned, unmerited pardon of our God, when we totally *repent* of our past sins!

Notice it! "In whom [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the *forgiveness of sins*, according to the riches of *HIS GRACE*" (Eph. 1:7).

Grace, then, is God's loving willingness to forgive us of our past *sins*!

The Modern Deception

Even before the close of the New Testament canon, Almighty God inspired Jude to write, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the *common salvation*, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the *faith* which was *once delivered* unto the saints. For there are *certain men crept in unawares*, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, *turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness*, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 3, 4). The actual history of *what happened* from that time to this is now available! Remarkable, almost unbelievable discoveries have been made which amply prove that, *true to the prophecies of your Bible*, certain men did creep in "unawares" — men who deliberately, with planned forethought, attempted to undermine the pure truth of God which was once delivered to the saints.

This, remember, was a prophecy of many centuries ago! Jude went on to describe these men as those who had a basic resentment and hostility toward all government, and the symbols of government, *those in authority*! "Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and *speak evil of dignities*" (Jude 8).

What is in the minds of most professing Christians concerning their relationship to God today?

Basically, it is simply this: they have become convinced that a person should live a "righteous life." They have become convinced that they have been "sinners" — which *usually means* persons who have lived "*unrighteous lives*." To most, an "unrighteous life" merely means having various "worldly" habits and interests, perhaps attending motion picture theatres, dancing, drinking, or playing cards. It may even involve the various modes and styles of apparel. There are dozens of different categories in the minds of men as to what actually constitutes sin! But whether it involves various of these habits, indulgences, or "worldly acts," most professing Christians would say that conversion, to them, means "living

for God." It means living a "good" life, rather than an "evil" life. It means to think "good" thoughts, rather than thinking "evil" thoughts. In a sort of vague, nebulous way, most professing Christians realize there must be a certain *change* in their lives when they "repent," or receive or accept Christ.

To most, *grace is the state of a Christian who is "living for God"*! Grace has come to falsely mean, to most professing Christians, a condition of the individual, rather than a quality of God!

In other words, instead of understanding the true meaning of the word *grace* as revealed in *your Bible*, many of you have come to feel that grace is merely a Biblical term which vaguely means the Christian is in a "saved" condition! It means that God has smiled on the individual, "chosen" him, put him "under grace" and made him a "Christian."

How have you thought about it?

Have you ever really been *clear* on the subject? Have you ever been able to really *track down*, in your own Bible, your beliefs regarding your present state? Have you ever really *proved*, in your *own Bible*, the true meaning — that is, the Bible meaning — of sin?

Let's clear the air! Let's not be confused! Let's come to understand!

What Repentance Is

"Repent ye therefore, and be *converted*" (Acts 3:19), said the Apostle Peter. To be converted means to be changed!

This change of which the Bible speaks is *far* from a nebulous or vague sort of change. It is a very definitely described change, a complete and total change, a change that God requires in every facet of your individual lives! Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3, 5.)

To repent means to be deeply broken up and *sorry* over having sinned! Peter continued, as you read in Acts 3:19, "...and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Surely every one of you knows that

Jesus Christ died for the express purpose of taking upon Himself *our sins*? Surely you all know, as a matter of basic, practical, Biblical fact, that the sinner must call upon Almighty God in order to apply the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to forgive his sins.

David, experiencing the real depths of repentance, cried out, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness, according unto the multitude of thy *tender mercies* blot out my transgressions.

"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and *cleanse me from my sin*" (Psalm 51:1-2).

David was calling for the mercy of God. He was pleading with God to extend grace because of his past sins. Later, David said, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97).

When you repent — you repent of having sinned! And to repent from sin means not only to be totally broken up and sorry over *having* sinned — it means to come to a deep resolve and determination, with the help of God's Holy Spirit, not to sin again!

Never forget — what is sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

When you have totally repented and *been forgiven*, then God says, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God... for *sin shall not have dominion over you*: for ye are not under the law but under grace" (Rom. 6:12-14).

Do you see? A repentant person is a person who is sorry that he has sinned! That means he is totally convicted of having broken God's Law, is *sorry* that he has broken God's Law, and has now determined, with God's help, never to break it again!

Paul goes on to answer a question which might immediately arise in the minds of some who don't know the meaning of the term "grace." He says, in the scripture *immediately following* the one you just read, "What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid" (Rom. 6:15).

Can you now really begin to *see*?

When your Bible speaks of being "under the law," it means, by its very *context*, under the "penalty of" the Law — not obedience to the Law! To obey the Law is to be "within the Law." To sin — disobey — is to come "under the law."

How Sinners Are Justified!

Another very important clarification of terms is to come to understand the meaning of the word "justified."

Why is it that many of you have not really known the *plain truth* about such terms as "grace," "justification," "sanctification," "redemption," "conversion," "dedication," "confirmation," and other such "theological-sounding" terms?

Simply because there has been a great conspiracy to deliberately confuse these terms in the minds of people, keeping the precious truth of Almighty God about the most important subject in your life — that of your personal salvation — obscured behind spiritual drunkenness!

To many people, justification means vaguely the same thing "grace" has meant to so many thousands of deceived persons. It means, to many deceived ones, a "condition" permanently attributed to a Christian.

Many people think once a person is "justified," he is "made right" from then on! But this is simply untrue.

Again, let's go to the only Source which explains these all-important points.

"For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the *doers of the law* shall be justified" (Rom. 2:13).

But how can this be? Simple. It is exactly as Almighty God says. It is those who not only *hear*, but actually do and perform the laws of Almighty God, just as Jesus *said they should* in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:19), who *shall be* justified!

I have heard my father, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, say many times, "God will not save a single person He cannot govern!" While there is no scripture which says these words directly — there are *many* scriptures which uphold this basic principle by direct inference. The one you have just read is a very good example. Those who have now come to

stand in awe and in fear of the holy laws of God, and do now realize they have been convicted of sins in the sight of those laws, have now become totally repentant of having *broken* those laws, shall be — *as a result of their repentance* — justified!

Justification is not a *permanent* "condition" of a Christian. It has to do with the removal and the forgiveness of *past guilt*.

Justified by LAW?

God plainly says that the works of the law, the works and the deeds of the law — *any law* — whether the Ten Commandments or any other law, will not *justify anyone*! "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28).

Of course! God did not say in Romans 2:13 that it is by the doing of the law that individuals can be justified. He merely said that those who *are willing* to do His holy laws, are those who are now *eligible* for such justification!

Justification comes as God's free loving gift, through the quality of God which is called "grace."

Notice it: "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).

But neither justification nor grace is a "condition" of a Christian which shall be perpetually attributed to him. The Apostle Paul, foreseeing this confusion and deliberate conspiracy to obliterate the plain truth of this simple doctrine, went on to say, "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the REMISSION OF SINS THAT ARE PAST, through the forbearance [grace] of God" (Rom. 3:25).

Could anything be plainer? Grace is not a permanent "condition" of a Christian, but is a *quality of Almighty God*, expressed *toward* a repentant sinner who now realizes his guilt before God's Law, and now wants, with all his heart, soul and mind, to obey God's laws and principles!

Justification is not a *permanent* "condition" of a Christian, but is the *immediate*
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Health and Recreation In Tomorrow's World

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Young and old will enjoy robust physical and mental health in tomorrow's world. There will be exciting sports and games, intriguing hobbies and a host of other challenging and invigorating recreational activities for everyone. Happiness and well-being will abound. This article tells what it will be like.

by Eugene M. Walter and Paul H. Alexander

IMAGINE a world where everyone will grow up with a strong, healthy body fit for hard work and play. Imagine a world where everyone will possess a sound, balanced, happy mind capable of clear, disciplined thought.

Sound too good to be true? Well it isn't! Such a world is coming — *soon!*

It will be a world where infectious, crippling, paralyzing diseases will disappear. It will be a world where degenerative, debilitating sicknesses will vanish — along with ailments caused

by malnutrition and dietary deficiencies. In tomorrow's world "civilized" diseases caused by high tension, pollution and wrong living habits will no longer exist. Human blights, from birth defects to venereal diseases, will be wiped out. Cancers, tumors and heart problems will be ailments of the past. Flu, fevers and colds will be rarities — together with poor eyesight and blindness, hearing loss and deafness, dental problems, back troubles, obesity and scores of other major and minor ailments, dis-

orders, sicknesses and diseases. Even accidents will virtually disappear. And mental illness and emotional disturbances will be as rare as physical disorders. What a healthy, happy place tomorrow's world will be!

But how will these wonderful conditions come about? Will it be through the achievements of medical science?

The Future Envisioned by Medical Science

Staggering though some feats of medical science may seem today, they are

just the beginning of what is envisioned for the years ahead.

For example, in the area of "preventive" medicine, frequent and exhaustive examinations by means of complex automated instruments are being planned. We are told that heartbeat, blood and urine chemistry, temperature change, metabolism, blood pressure, skin and muscle tone, brain waves, soundness of bone and nerve tissue and many other factors will be able to be measured by utilizing a variety of ultrasophisticated techniques from electrochemistry to lasers.

It is anticipated that before the end of this century, all mechanisms of health and disease — along with methods of treatment — will be analyzed by computer programs. In less than five minutes a three-dimensional picture will be put together of how the 60 trillion cells are working throughout the body. When this automatic and computerized examination is completed, the information will be put on tape and compared by computer with the last examination. This way any irregularities or danger signals can be noted so that computer-prescribed treatment can be given.

A hospital anywhere on earth could be linked by computer to an international data-processing center which has medical researchers from around the globe constantly feeding the results of their work into it. This up-to-date information could be used for the best possible treatment. This complex machinery will give rise to a whole new breed of biomedical technicians and engineers.

Tomorrow's Surgery

For emergency and surgical purposes, machines have been or are being built which can duplicate virtually any of the body's essential functions while it is undergoing repair.

The pencil-like "cyro-probe" with its tip cooled to 110 degrees below zero to kill diseased cells by freezing them to death, laser and other high-energy beams that can flash for 1/1000th of a second several times to vaporize a tumor, the "plasma scalpel" with its super-hot 20,000-degree cutting point that does bloodless surgery — these techniques are already being used, though

not yet perfected. In the future it is expected that their use will expand greatly.

When it comes to replacing tissues and bones rather than removing them, it is hoped that transplants — including animal transplants into humans — will be the answer. Some visualize vast freezer vaults which would preserve for years such spare parts as lungs, eyes, hearts, nerves and other vital tissues. However, unless the "rejection response" which occurs when tissue from one body is transplanted into another can be overcome, many doctors feel that artificial organs and parts hold more promise. Because there is no rejection problem with one's own tissue, others feel that when a person is born, some of his cells should be grown and stored in a cell bank until needed for repairs later in life.

Battery-powered electronic devices to assist damaged organs are already used by many thousands of Americans. The possibility of minute devices which would use nuclear or other types of power is being investigated. In the future, researchers envision devices which will enable the movement of artificial limbs with much the same flexibility as that supplied by nature. Some feel that by the end of this century sensing devices will be available that will give some sort of sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf.

Not even the enzymes and hormones which are involved in some 100,000 chemical reactions have escaped man's scrutiny. Laboratories around the world are feverishly at work synthesizing, or artificially making, these chemicals so that problems caused by their absence or malfunction can be "corrected." There is even talk of going deeper into the life process, down to the level of the genes, to gain some control over problems of heredity. By performing surgery on "defective" genes it is hoped that perhaps some of the sixty or more genetic disorders that can produce mentally retarded children will be prevented.

The brain has not been excluded from man's probings either. It has been discovered that certain areas of the brain control specific emotions and that stimulating a particular area causes a definite response. This leads man to

believe he can control certain mental problems by using electrochemical treatment based upon the manipulation of electricity and chemicals in the brain. Mind drugs for changing one's mood or mental state may be just a matter of a prescription, we are told.

By understanding the electrical patterns of the brain, some feel it may be possible to use electrical learning methods to feed large amounts of knowledge into the mind in just a matter of minutes. Others talk of "get smart" pills which would speed up or improve the learning process.

Aging — what it is and how to prevent it — is another problem that is destined to receive a lot more attention and research.

(Source of information in this section is *The World of Tomorrow* by Goldstein.)

Facing the Facts

But as spectacular as all this sounds, where does it leave us? For the answer we might ask where present medical science has left us. Impressive though a few isolated feats have been, medical science has been utterly incapable of coping with today's worsening health crises.

What makes us think that the dreams of medicine of tomorrow — even if they could become a reality — would have a better effect on human health? And who would want to get "health" by the methods just described anyway???

It's high time we shake off the delusion of man's dream world and wake up to the reality of what *is* happening around us!

With our exploding population and its attendant problems of increasing malnutrition and starvation comes the macabre threat of disease epidemics of massive, worldwide proportions. Already officials warn of the threat of vast epidemics of cholera, typhoid, tuberculosis, flu and even the dread "black death" (bubonic plague) that took the lives of millions in Europe during the 15th through the 17th centuries, and ravaged England in the 1660's.

Bible prophecy reveals that very shortly this threat will become a fearful reality. It will result in the death of fully one fourth of mankind! (Rev.

6:8.) When that time comes, man's medical and surgical accomplishments are going to look awfully inadequate. And the glowing predictions we have just read are going to look awfully irrelevant.

But how, then, will the picture of health and well-being described at the outset of this article ever come about? The answer is: by the intervention of Almighty God and the establishment of His Kingdom on this earth.

Sickness and Disease Finally Conquered

In tomorrow's world sickness and disease will finally be conquered — but not in the way man is attempting today. Man ignores the CAUSE of disease and then seeks to treat only the EFFECT. He continues to break laws which God has made to operate in the human body and then tries to prevent these laws from exacting their penalties.

How foolish! How much better to simply quit breaking these laws! That way the CAUSE of the problem is removed.

How do you get rid of the "filth" diseases? You get rid of the CAUSE of these diseases — you clean up the filth that allows these diseases to flourish. How do you get rid of the many sicknesses and ailments caused by pollution? You take away the CAUSE — quit the use of cancer-causing tobacco, forbid the use of pesticides, insecticides, and poison sprays; alter, replace or outlaw the internal combustion engine and other power sources that befoul air and water; and stop industry which belches all kinds of poisons into the air.

How can venereal diseases be eliminated? Wipe out the immoral, illicit and wrong uses of sex which cause them.

How can diseases of deficiency and malnutrition be eradicated? Practice natural methods of farming which build up the soil, make wholesome foods available, and educate people about proper diet. God designed certain foods for good health. Some things that grow are not designed for food. Some are poison.

EDUCATE people to properly utilize sanitation, hygiene, fresh air, pure water, required amounts of sleep, sunshine, exercise, proper diet, etc. As a result

the vast majority of our health problems will disappear!

People need to be taught that God did not design the human physical body so that it must be getting sick all the time, catching continual diseases. It is not natural to be sick — it is UNnatural. Yet it is utterly amazing how totally uneducated most are today about even the most elementary health laws.

Dr. Richard L. Wilbur of the American Medical Association says: "The myth is that doctors can keep alive people who smoke two packs a day and drive fast cars and get exercise only when they change TV stations."

A sad predicament faces today's medical profession. As one doctor put it: "We physicians have been kept so busy treating sicknesses and diseases that we haven't had much time to do extensive study and research into the CAUSES of these troubles."

In today's world it is impossible to remove many of the root causes of sickness and disease because to do so effectively would require a drastic change in every facet of society — in industry, agriculture, education, business, the social order, government, etc. In TOMORROW'S WORLD, however, God will have swift and sure control over ALL of these areas. He will make sure that the entire society is geared to human health and happiness.

Miraculous Healing

When people, in spite of education and counsel, do get sick or catch a disease (due to their own negligence), there will be healing — God's way. Actually, Christ's healing is forgiveness of sin.

But does God, then, *prevent* His laws of nature from working — from exacting their penalty? Oh, no — not at all. Upon repentance and faith, God forgives the sin and removes the penalty. How? Why? Because Jesus Himself "took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:16-17). And Peter explains that by His stripes we are healed (1 Pet. 2:24).

Before Jesus was crucified (paying the death penalty for spiritual sin in our stead), He submitted to being beaten, thus paying in our stead the penalty of physical sin. God does not prevent His

laws from working. Christ paid the penalty for us. In God's way the penalty was *paid* — not nullified.

Christ said, when He observed the faith of some friends of a man with palsy, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:5).

When the people didn't understand Christ's statement, He said: "Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins . . ." (Mark 2:8-10).

When Jesus Christ becomes the great Ruler of this earth, He will use that power for the benefit of all mankind.

The combined force of right education about true health, and instant healing of all sickness (when its cause is repented of) will mean perfect, utopian health.

Speaking of tomorrow's world, the Bible says: "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing . . ." (Isa. 35:3-6).

"And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity" (Isa. 33:24).

"Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily . . ." (Isa. 58:8). God promises, "For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Eternal . . ." (Jer. 30:17).

Why should we be so willing to believe such a perfect state of health and joy is impossible?

No Mental Illness

Today one in ten is *expected* to spend some time in a mental institution. *Half* of all hospital beds are filled with men-

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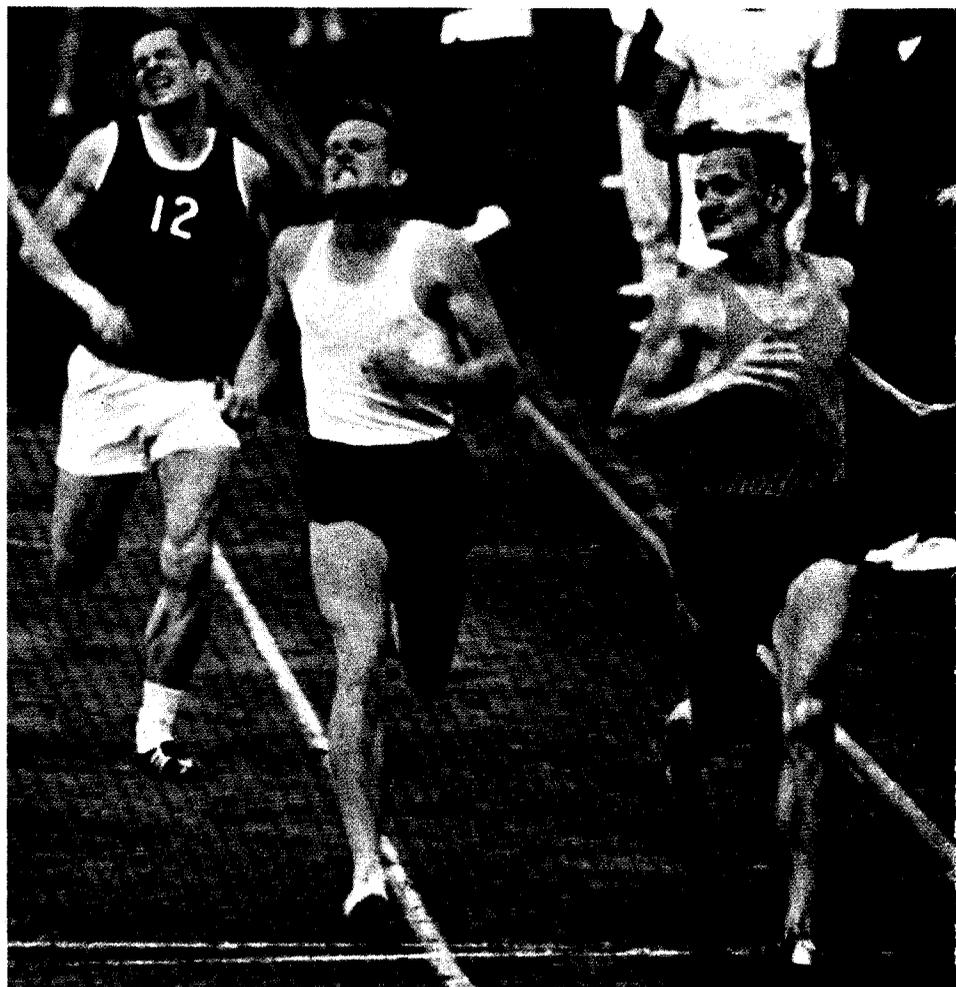
The Ambassador College Physical Education Program

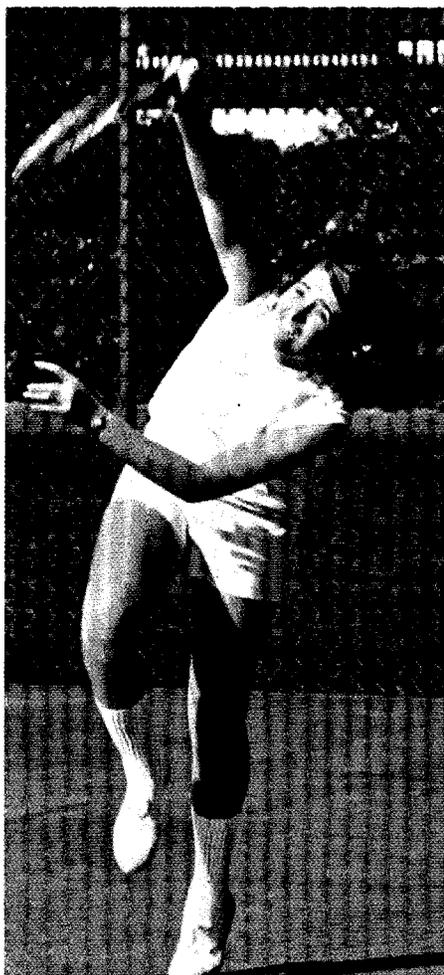
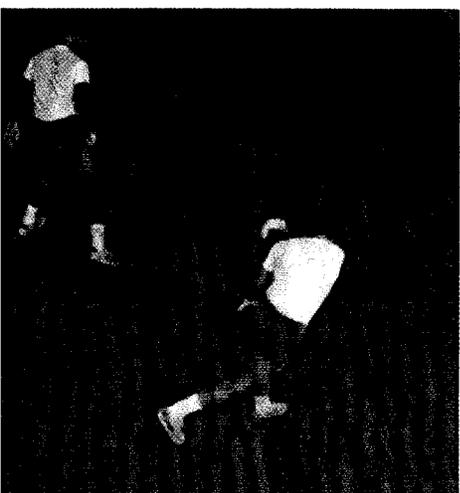
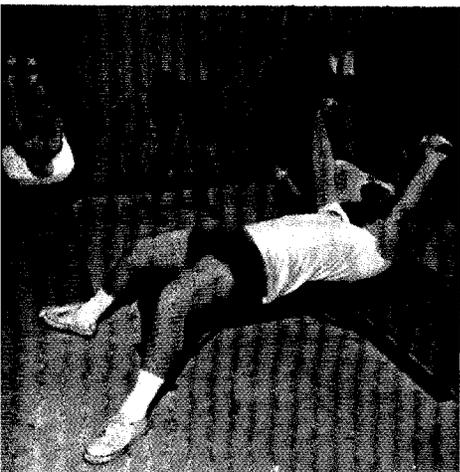
I'VE JUST finished watching a basketball game between two teams from Ambassador College. It seems that sports and athletics offer quite a challenge to youth. It is, when rightfully controlled and used, a fine way to develop character. Those young men were *totally* involved. They were determined, responding to the challenge posed by that game. One of America's most respected generals, Douglas MacArthur, had this to say: "Nothing brings out the qualities of leadership, mental and muscular co-ordination, aggressiveness, and courage more quickly than athletics."

Sports and athletics can also be misused. It is hard for human beings to have the right balance about certain things. On the one extreme are those who practically worship sports heroes — spending Saturdays, Sundays and now even Monday evenings (pity the poor wife and children) — watching, watching and watching more sporting events.

At the other extreme are those who consider any form of sports as beneath them and a waste of time. They can't swim, can't ski, can't golf, can't throw a ball or catch it, etc., etc. Back and forth go the insults and comments. "Athletes are dumb," or, "You egghead." Well, what about it? Is there a right balance?

Ambassador College is a *pace-setting institution*, leading the way to an exciting, fully balanced life. Ambassador College sets the pace by being a character-building institution — as well as being an educational institution with





the very highest standards. In plain point of fact, Ambassador College is *different*. That's why many are surprised that we even have a sports program. Others are even *more surprised* when they discover what an extensive program we do have. Just what does the Ambassador College physical education program provide? To answer this question is the purpose of this report.

To begin with, all of our students spend four hours a week in some form of athletics. A typical class starts the hour with a "circuit-training routine" that will include ten stations where students spend between fifteen and thirty seconds doing different types of calisthenics. This is followed by an endurance workout, which will usually be a one-mile run. Then the students branch out into whatever activity they have selected for the semester.

What are some of the activities we offer? Touch football, basketball, track and field, swimming, water polo, handball, weight training, volleyball, softball, tennis, badminton, tumbling, gymnastics, golf, bowling, etc. Girls particularly enjoy our precision-marching and cheerleading classes. We consider, as an example, a basketball game as an *educational* function of the college, a character-building activity. Our men play the game *hard*. They develop the required skills, yet do not overdo it.

We recognize that a student must spend quite a bit of time in order to develop a certain level of proficiency in any given sport. Yet sports in no way interfere with studies. Rather, they are designed to enhance and augment the student's academic life.

Basketball is a good example. We play to win, yet have bigger goals. Valuable lessons like teamwork and unity are learned through sports and athletics. When an individual on the team decides to rest, take it easy, not do his part, the whole team suffers. Players learn to control their emotions, and thereby they mature emotionally — because in sports a person is totally involved and his deep emotions run on the surface.

Willingness to listen and follow instructions is another valuable lesson. This shows up in team play. Students

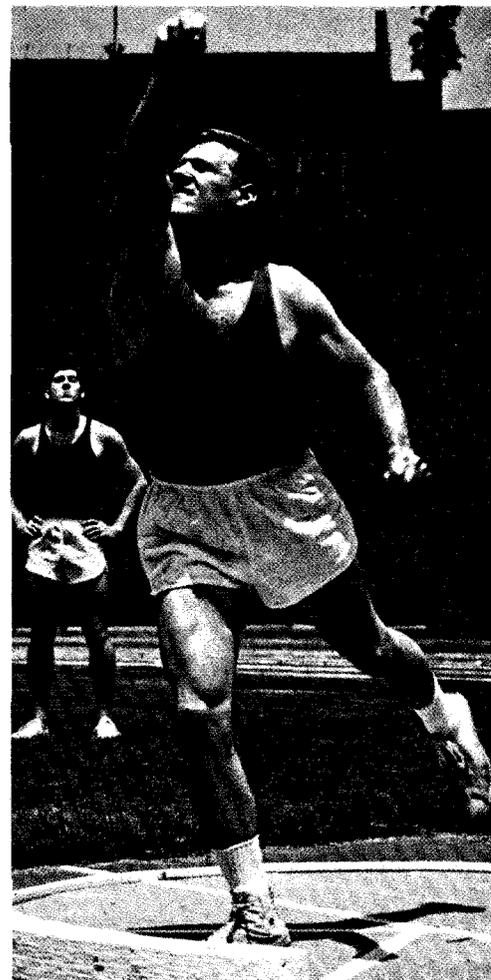
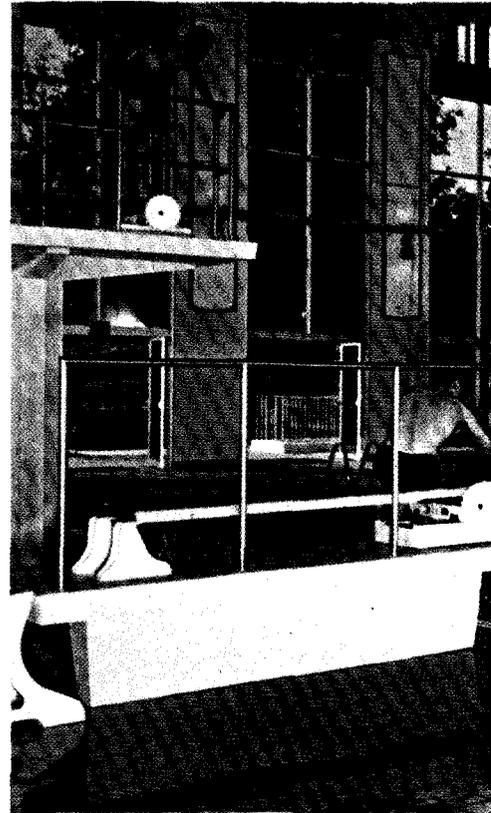
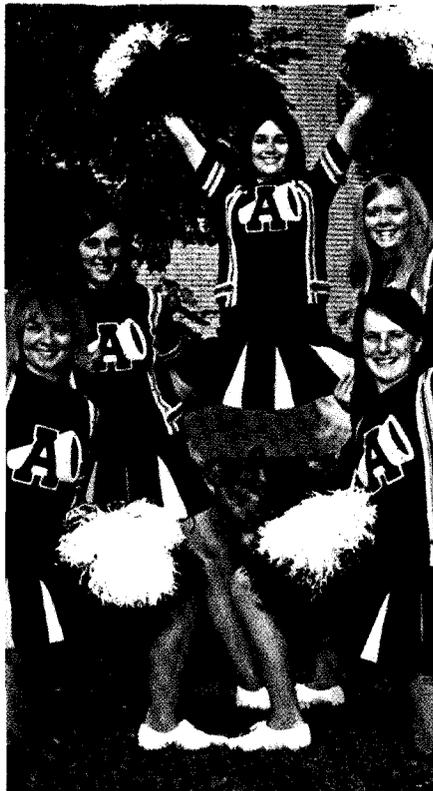
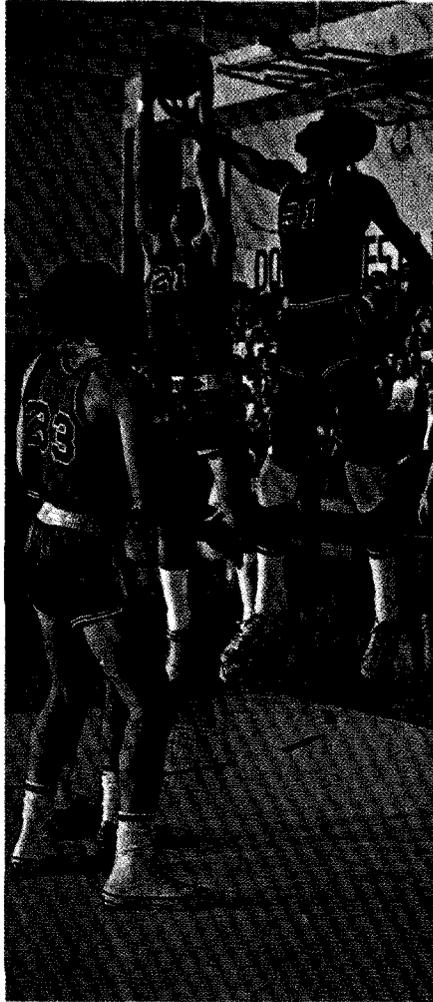
are taught through results that persevering and enduring pays off. That extra drive and hustle gets results. These are all important lessons. That's why sports are a vital part of the complete educational process.

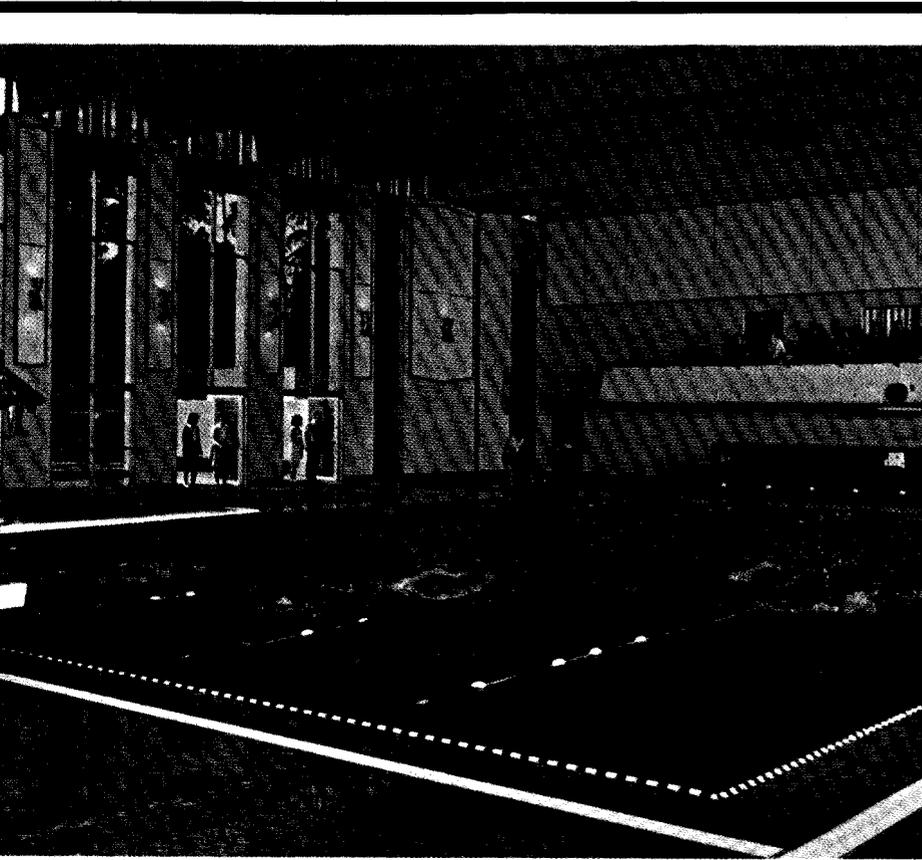
Our basketball games draw a large number of spectators. Peppy tunes from a smartly dressed band add excitement to the evening. Our games are much like any college game. The caliber of play is good. On our teams are talented players. They play aggressively, yet not so rough that others are hurt. Our players are taught to avoid complaining and haranguing at officials. We understand that they, like us, are not perfect and are just conscientiously trying to do the best job they can. Occasionally they can and do miss a call, but we don't stomp or shout or curse because of it.

Many collegiate athletic programs throughout the nation actually concentrate on the athletically elite few and neglect the athletically average many. Here at Ambassador we are concerned about *all* our students and provide a diversified program for all. We offer strong intramural programs for men and women in basketball, track and field, swimming, and tennis. The four classes — Frosh, Sophomore, Junior, Senior — each field a team so that there will usually be forty or more students involved in each sport. School champions are determined by tournaments in our individual sports such as handball, golf, etc.

What about those who have special talent? Do we ignore them? Do we not provide opportunities for them? Our talented tracksters have many fine opportunities. In past meets they have competed in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and at Mt. San Antonio College, both of which are sites of important track meets.

That's all right for the kids, some will say. But when you get older and have more responsibility, there is no time for that sort of thing. Don't kid yourself! If it's for no other reason than health alone, you must be active. A fundamental law of life is that disuse results in deterioration. So what do those at the other end of the generation gap (the oldsters) do at Ambassador? What do the leading executives and the faculty





Chancellor Armstrong presents trophy at International Ambassador meet on English campus.

do? What do those whose articles you read in *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* do?

They *also* spend approximately 4 or 5 hours a week in some activity. It may be energetic walking for some. For many it is a vigorous game of handball. Why do they do it? Because they know it makes them more effective! They have more desire, more drive, more enthusiasm. They can contribute more to the really important team — Ambassador's worldwide team vigorously doing the Work. Furthermore, all of us love to be able to lead our children in a fun-filled Sunday afternoon, to wrestle with them, to play tag or have a rousing game of touch football.

Notice what former President Eisenhower said about leadership when he desperately needed qualified soldiers who could stand the pressure, respond under duress and set an example for others to follow: "I found myself in the midst of war. I had occasion to be on the lookout for natural leaders. Athletes take a certain amount of kidding, especially from those who think it is always brawn versus brain. But I noted . . . how well ex-footballers seemed to have leadership qualifications and it wasn't sentiment that made it seem so." Eisenhower stated that it would be difficult to overemphasize the importance he attached to participation in sports.

Yes, sports truly are an integral part of the right educational process. The health, the mental toughness, the ability to endure, the determination to persevere are all qualities of character that we must all possess in order to properly serve our Creator.

God's servants have always been active men, dynamic men, not spending their lives in rocking chairs, not in introverted isolation, not the take-it-easy types — but those who live abundant lives, brimful of interesting and exciting times. These are the type of people that God uses. People who can *lead* others in the right way. There are an enormous number of individuals who need proper guidance — and as is usually the case the laborers are few. So Ambassador College is striving for — *and succeeding in providing* — this *leadership*.

— J. Petty
with H. Sneider & W. Derrick

Health and Recreation

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tal patients. Why? Once again the answer is that laws are being broken — in this case laws of mental health.

There is a physical basis for a number of mental problems. We have already seen how such physical problems will be taken care of. Also, a number of mental problems are caused by the evil influences of Satan and his demons. In tomorrow's world this factor in mental illness will be removed by removing Satan and his evil helpers (Rev. 20:1-3).

Further, many worries, fears, frustrations, tensions, etc., which lead to emotional disturbances and mental problems could all be solved if people understood the purpose of life and applied themselves to getting in line with it. In tomorrow's world everyone will know the purpose and meaning of life for "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

Only God's Holy Spirit can generate a "sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7). Without it, a man cannot really be mentally whole. The human mind is truly sound only when it has God's Spirit added to it. In tomorrow's world, it will be freely available to all (Ezek. 36:25-26; Acts 2:17; Joel 2:28). When that happens, mental health problems will disappear!

With physical and mental health assured, the sports, games and recreational activities of tomorrow's world are a sheer joy to think about.

Physical Education and Sports

How can we know there will be sports, games and physical activity for children and adults in tomorrow's world? The answer is simple. First, we already know that man's physical makeup will be the same as it is today. And second, we know that the mind and body are closely related.

In the last few years knowledge has become available to demonstrate that coordination and the ability to perform certain physical skills are important — not only to intellectual performance but

also to balance, enjoyment, learning to work with others and leading a full life. So in tomorrow's world, games and activities that are wholesome and helpful to development will be used.

Everyone ought to know that because of man's makeup, movement and activity are essential for proper development. Yet, unfortunately, too many in this age do not seem to have this realization. Many educators today tend to regard physical activity as a frill rather than a basic human need.

The result of this attitude is that many schools have an inadequate physical education program from the standpoint of the overall student body. A school may have thousands of students, but usually the only ones who are receiving rigorous systematic training are the few gifted athletes who are fighting for the glory of school and coach. But common sense should tell us that the least exercised are the ones who need it most.

Then, many give up active participation in sports and games entirely when they become adults. They would rather pay to watch others play.

Extremes Avoided

And the athletes? They exercise and develop their bodies — but often not in a balanced fashion. They tend to spend far too much time in sports activities to the neglect of other types of education and training. Yet when their school or professional days are over, these same athletes too often forget conditioning entirely and become terrible physical specimens.

And then there is the *competition* of today's sports and games. Needless to say, it is *fierce*. There are several reasons: Huge sums of money are often involved. Then there is the matter of glory and vanity — being "the greatest" no matter what ideals are sacrificed. And finally, today's spectators like their sports to be violent and bloody.

These wrong principles all need to be changed — and in tomorrow's world they will be changed.

However, this does NOT mean that the *FRIENDLY* struggle between two men or teams on the athletic court is wrong. Far from it. It is rather the underlying motive — *the spirit of competition* —

which will be altered. Because the *friendly* contest between two teams on the athletic court is certainly one of the best ways to develop courage, desire, perseverance and determination — characteristics of critical importance for a successful human life.

Children should enter school with healthy bodies and proper attitudes toward physical activity — passed on by the parents. Once in elementary school, systematic physical training should begin and continue all the way through college. Physical education on the average should probably consist of about one hour a day of *formal* training, which would include those activities that are appropriate for a child's particular age group. This is above and beyond the normal recreational activities of the family.

It is very important that the teacher set the proper example. Today, coaches and teachers often smoke and are overweight and out of condition. Many are more concerned with theory and methods than with actual doing. They are unexcited about rolling up their sleeves and actually getting involved with real physical improvement of children.

Though the emphasis should first of all be on physical education training for ALL the students, this does not mean that the athletically gifted should be neglected. After *all* students have been systematically trained, those with special talents should be encouraged to develop their abilities. Successful athletes should receive appropriate rewards and recognition. Success in any field should be worthy of recognition and sports are no exception.

Total Sport Accent Wrong

Children should not be *forced into* sports competition, however. Today many children are pressured into competition by parents who try to make their children extensions of their own egos.

Many arguments have been advanced for "little league" sports. But the plain fact is that they often do more harm than good. Parents get so emotionally involved that they scream at the officials and at their own children. And the youngsters often walk away from a game crying out of frustration and dis-

appointment. Some of these sports also have a high risk of serious bodily injury.

Intense competition for growing children can be bad because it produces muscular and emotional tensions that are not relieved by the game itself. It is especially bad when parental goading causes a child to push beyond his limits. This lays a child open to injury. Under these conditions, the child is playing under tension before the game even begins. Sports activity for children should be designed to build confidence, not tear it down.

Children grow at different rates, and a young child should improve without always comparing his performance with another. Then, after about twelve, competition could be encouraged when it buds spontaneously.

All these important factors will be considered in the physical education and sports programs of tomorrow's world.

Sports in Balance

In the future, the three annual Festival seasons will be high points in the year. These times will be special in many ways. Though the Bible says nothing directly about it, there seems to be no reason why there could not be special tournaments at these times to add to the enjoyment and excitement of these festive occasions.

And such tournaments would not need to be restricted only to those in the prime of life. Separate competitions and prizes could be awarded for those in different age groups. Naturally, those games for older people would need to be considerably less active.

Speaking of tomorrow's world the Bible says: "There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof" (Zech. 8:4-5).

People will *age* in tomorrow's world, and when they become *very old*, they will be a little slower in getting around. But this does not mean that they will be sickly and in pain and suffering. They will still be able to walk about and enjoy life. Until quite late in life the elderly will be able to enjoy

hiking, swimming, tennis, golf, volleyball and other activities which might seem strenuous for older people by today's standards.

We personally know a number of men in their 70's today who still play a fine game of tennis. There is even a tournament bracket at Wimbledon for those 70 and older. Obviously, one doesn't take up a new, vigorous sport at age 70, but simply continues an activity developed in youth.

Today many older people don't know that they are allowing their bodies to atrophy and deteriorate more rapidly than necessary through lack of movement. In tomorrow's world, all of the elderly, even if not inclined toward more active sports, will certainly understand that they should at least walk regularly and do certain minimal activities that help maintain flexibility and strength.

As for the type of games which might be played, again the Bible does not give particulars. It does, however, give principles. We know that sports and games will be played "with your might" (Eccl. 9:10). We also know that no sport will be allowed which is so violent and rough that there is a high risk of bodily injury. But don't think that athletic activities will be dull and spiritless. There will be plenty of excitement and challenge for young people. Further, the emphasis in games will be on doing your best, in competing with yourself (which is what overcoming is), rather than concentrating on the defeat of the other team. Track and field events, swimming, golf and tennis are examples of sports based on these principles, and many more could be created. Many present-day sports could be made more wholesome and interesting by modifying the rules.

A big problem with sports today involves the spectators. Spectators need to be trained how to view a sport. They should know the subtleties of the game they are watching so they can enjoy the strategy of the game more and appreciate it when good moves are made and real skill is displayed. One of the reasons for overemphasis on winning is that people often despise and refuse to support a loser. Spectators should not be at games to see blood

and violence, to "boo" and harass the officials, and to stir up feelings of strife and the wrong kind of competition. Their attitude should be to encourage and inspire those playing to greater heights of achievement.

Other Recreational Activities

Sports are not the only means of exercise. Take the dance, for instance. Some types of dancing can be as physically demanding as many types of sports. Dancing doesn't have to be just an excuse for indulging in various thoughts and actions related to sex. As you will see below, the Bible specifically says there will be dancing in tomorrow's world.

And all recreation doesn't need to be in the form of physical exercise. "Recreation" means to restore, to refresh, to renew. This can often be accomplished by activities that are simply diversions from the regular routine.

Indoor games with the family, singing and playing instruments with friends, laughing, telling jokes and just plain talking — these can all be recreational and refreshing. God says that out of tomorrow's cities "shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry" (Jer. 30:19). Television has killed many such wholesome activities today.

And what about painting, gardening, photography, arts, crafts, models, etc.? In tomorrow's world people will have sufficient leisure time for such recreational activities. Horseback riding, bowling, fishing, hiking, skating — the list is virtually endless — and in tomorrow's world healthy, happy, prosperous people living "the good life" will enjoy them all to the full.

Here is how the Bible describes it: "Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow" (Jer. 31:12-13). □

News of the Work



The Ambassador College Radio Studio Part 1 Purpose and History

WE ALL LIKE to hear a good speaker. We like to philosophize, speculate, and get excited about new and interesting ideas.

That's how Jesus Christ affected people. He was exciting, different, controversial. Crowds gathered to hear what He had to say. He made some people angry. Others got a big horse-laugh. Yet men from every station of life — soldiers, tax-collectors, theologians and preachers, businessmen, camel drivers, fishermen — all dropped what they were doing and came to listen.

It made good conversation when Christ said that world-ruling government by God was coming and that the earth was going to have peace, prosperity, and the really good things of life. They

really enjoyed hearing Jesus "give it to the Pharisees." And they thought, "Isn't that something!" when Christ foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. Yes, great *multitudes* of people gathered and vied for front-row seats to *listen* to Him talk. But the number of Jesus' actual disciples — those who *lived* by His words and who *joined in* to help Him do His **WORK** of spreading the Gospel message to others — was always very *small!*

The "Little Flock"

Thousands followed Christ to hear His sermons. But there were only a few who actually did what He *said* to do in those sermons! Jesus said, "Ye are my friends, *if ye do whatsoever I command you*" (John 15:14). Jesus' disciples

were to *help spread* His message. Christ told them to go "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 10:6-7).

But only a *small number* heeded Christ's call and dedicated their lives to that job. Jesus described His disciples — who were both his students and fellow workmen — as a "little flock," a group few in number (Luke 12:32).

And for the past 1900 years the history of the Work of God has followed this same pattern. *Many* have *listened*, but very few have actually heeded and obeyed and joined in to do *the Work*. Today, *very few* are actively participating in *the Work* which is dedicated to fulfilling the God-ordained commission to deliver the Gospel message to "all the

world for a witness unto all nations" (Matt. 24:14).

Most people today, many of whom are seemingly religious, are like those God describes in Ezekiel 33:30-33: "Man, your fellow-countrymen gather in groups and talk of you under walls and in doorways and say to one another, 'Let us go and see what message there is from the Lord.' So my people will come crowding in, as people do, and sit down in front of you. *They will hear what you have to say, but they will not do it.* 'Fine words!' they will say, but their hearts are set on selfish gain. You are no more to them than a singer of fine songs with a lovely voice, or a clever harpist; they will listen to what you say but will certainly not do it. But when it comes, as come it will, they will know there has been a prophet in their midst" (*New English Bible*).

It's a tragedy, a sad chapter in history, that so many people have let this unique, thrilling, once-and-for-all opportunity to pitch in to *do* God's Work completely slip through their grasp, never to be regained. Tragic, but true. Many will hear the message, but few will do the Work. Tragic because being personally involved in the Work of God — being a Co-Worker with Christ — is fantastically exciting and eternally rewarding.

An Open Door

But there's a puzzling question. Since those of us doing God's Work — our full family of Co-Workers — are a "little flock," how can we possibly accomplish the job?

If those doing God's Work today were only able to proclaim God's Word *in person*, there would always be a definite limit to the number of people they could reach. There is always a limit to what any human individual is able to do *by himself*.

So how is it then *at all* possible that our small family of Co-Workers — which is such an inconsequential group compared to the giant organized religions of this world — can successfully spread the good news of God's coming government to "all the world" — to forewarn *multiple millions* — as Christ commanded?

The answer to this enigmatic question lies in the promise God made to those very few Co-Workers doing His Work today — His promise to *us*. He said, "Behold, *I have set before thee AN OPEN DOOR, and no man can shut it:* for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev. 3:8).

An open door!

God asserted, with the full power of the universe behind Him, that *He* would provide a way big enough to spread the Gospel message around the world! This door would enable a "little flock" to make the truth available to all those who would be willing to listen.

At the beginning of the 20th century, God had not yet opened such a door. But with the end of man's misgovernment and mismanagement of society approaching, with the prophesied explosion of knowledge — which Daniel said (Dan. 12:4) would precede Christ's return — already occurring, the time was ripe for God to intervene in the course of events to produce this "open door."

Enter Radio

And this door — the one God actually opened — turned out to be the door of *radio*. Radio is the tool by which God booms the advance news of His Son's soon-coming return to some 50 million listeners a week. God's Work is today the largest purchaser of radio time in the world.

What *specifically* does Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong say to his huge worldwide audience?

As the executive vice-president of Ambassador College, he uses radio broadcasting to disseminate the *missing dimension* in modern education — the solid truths about the *real* purpose and destiny of man, the laws of success, marriage and child rearing, the revelation of the national identities of our people. Furthermore, he has been commissioned to cry aloud the unsparing warnings about our national sins of crime, pollution, divorce, etc.

Only through the open door of radio could God's Work be done. No group daring to teach the plain truth about

heaven and hell, to proclaim the facts about law and grace, to spread the hard-hitting message of the Christ of the Bible as opposed to the ineffectual gospel of traditional churchianity would ever find backing to reach all the world without God's open door!

But no one had heard of radio before the turn of the century. The Italian Marconi was only beginning at that time to stir interest with his "wireless" — so called because it was a telegraph without wires. It transmitted Morse Code by radio waves. But that was a far cry from what was needed for the Gospel.

Shipping companies and the United States Government began to set up experimental transmitters. "Radio" — as the wireless came to be called — was envisioned primarily for such things as transmitting messages for ship companies and naval stations. No one was very excited about radio.

But in 1912 radio was propelled into the limelight of public attention. For on April 14, the "unsinkable" ship — the *Titanic* — struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic and carried 1,513 to their death in freezing winter seas. A young wireless operator named David Sarnoff stayed at his key for 72 gruelling hours and received the names of survivors from the rescue ship *Carpathia*.

A Household Utility

Further inventions in the first decade of the century had unlocked the secret of broadcasting the *human voice* (and not just Morse Code) through the air waves. David Sarnoff (who is presently chairman of the board at RCA) was quick to see the future possibilities of such an instrument. He wrote the following lines to the Marconi Company in August 1915. Today these words are a legend in radio.

"I have in mind a plan of development which would make radio a *household utility*. . . . The idea is to bring music into the home by wireless. The receiver can be designed in the form of a simple 'Radio Music Box' . . . [which] can be placed on a table in the parlor or living room . . . and the transmitted

music be received perfectly when transmitted within a radius of 25 to 50 miles. Within such a radius there reside hundreds of thousands of families; and . . . all can simultaneously receive from a single transmitter. . . ."

And so it was that *commercial broadcasting* was ready to begin only a few years after radio's inception. Radio station KDKA made radio the "household utility" that David Sarnoff talked about with its broadcast of the Harding-Cox election returns in 1920.

Radio was ready for the use of the end-time Work of God. And it seems hardly a "coincidence" that radio broadcasting had been in operation *only a short time before the first World Tomorrow broadcast* was made in 1934!

Regardless when broadcasting began, its social impact could not begin to develop *until there were listeners*. And it was only in the early 1930's that there began to be a listening audience of any significant size. By 1934 over 50% of American homes had at least one receiving set. Radio had begun just

in time to provide the audience that was needed for God's Work!

But just having a listening audience was not enough by itself. If someone is to comprehend and remember what is said, he must be both interested and educated. In other words, a *trained audience* was needed — and God knew it.

In this respect, note how significant the date 1934 was — the year of the first WORLD TOMORROW radio broadcast.

"From 1920 to 1934 listeners . . . cared little what they heard, so long as they could identify the station that transmitted it" (Ernest La Prade, *Broadcasting Music*).

"In the period from 1934 through the second World War radio news established itself to such a degree that the National Broadcasting Company, for instance, increased the total number of its *news programs* from 2.8 percent . . . in 1937 to 20.4 percent in 1944" (*Radio News Writing*, W. F. Brooks, McGraw Hill Book Co., New York, 1948). This is *crucial*, because

remember *The WORLD TOMORROW* is essentially a program of world news — today's news and tomorrow's news, *both* in the light of Bible prophecy.

Dare we then be so blind as to assign such *perfect timing*, such obvious *planning* to the random whims of time and chance?

Think about it. God's message *had* to go out to ALL nations. And right on schedule it *could*. And it *did*.

KORE, Eugene

During the summer and autumn of 1933, Mr. Herbert Armstrong was meeting weekly in the one-room Firbutte schoolhouse in Eugene, Oregon, with a group of about 20 people. Late in September someone brought to his attention the fact that the local radio station at Eugene, KORE — then the very smallest station, with the minimum power of 100 watts — had a morning inspirational program scheduled, but that they were having difficulty getting anyone to take it. It was free time, carried by the station as a public service sus-



Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong at the microphone in Eugene, Oregon — with Mrs. Armstrong by his side. — American Bible Photo

taining program, of 15 minutes, 7:45 to 8:00 a.m.

Immediately Mr. Armstrong went to the radio station. A woman secretary told him she felt sure they would be glad to have him take the program for a week. He was to call back later for the exact date.

On his second call he was assigned the week of October 9th. It was to be Mr. Armstrong's very first experience before a microphone, *on the air!*

Radio was ready. The audience was ready. And so was God. (Quite a "coincidence.")

Now remember the setting. It was 1933. And God was beginning to open to His Work radio facilities for proclaiming the missing dimension in education — which, as surprising as it sounds, is the Gospel. These facilities were prepared and made available by the work of *many other people* who, in most cases, did not realize that they were instruments in God's hands.

Mr. Armstrong took this opportunity very seriously. It was an occasion to speak to several *hundred* people at once! He had never spoken to that many before. He spent the preceding week preparing rather extensive notes. He felt that he might never again have such an opportunity, so he decided to strike directly at the very heart of the Good News of Tomorrow's World. Since everything is based on the promises made to Abraham, he began, on Monday morning's program, with the PROMISES made to Abraham.

The World Tomorrow

Later that week the announcer told Mr. Armstrong that the station owner, Mr. Frank Hill, wanted to see him. The owner had received numerous letters and telephone calls from listeners, requesting copies of Mr. Armstrong's talks. Mr. Armstrong had offered no literature of any kind. He had invited no mail response.

"This is rather surprising," said Mr. Hill, "we never had any response of any kind before from this morning program. They told me you had not invited any. Yet it has been coming. I listened in on you this morning to see what was causing it. You have an excellent radio voice, and a way of

delivering your message that arouses interest and holds an audience.

"Now, Mr. Armstrong," he continued, "I want to suggest that you work out a regular weekly service, condensed into a half hour. I'd like to put that on as a regular sustaining program — free time — but I can't do that without offering equal time to every church in town. However, I will sell you the time at bare cost of operation, \$2.50 per half hour."

And *that* suggestion from Mr. Frank Hill is what put the idea of the original WORLD TOMORROW program in Mr. Armstrong's mind!

\$2.50 a Week

But \$2.50 every week! That was almost as much as Mr. Armstrong's entire salary had been. (And he had just previously renounced even that small salary, because Mr. Armstrong had firmly resolved to follow God and not man. This is why *today* The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and The PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD magazines do not cater to any religious, political, or economic pressure groups — but only to God's Word.)

Today \$2.50 per half-hour broadcast seems incredibly small. We are now paying more than that per *minute* on most of our present stations. But it seemed like an insurmountable barrier then.

Yet Mr. Armstrong knew this was GOD'S WORK, not his. He was only an instrument. God had promised to supply every need.

God had opened the door of mass communication! And He wanted Mr. Armstrong to walk through that door. Mr. Armstrong knew God would somehow supply that \$2.50 every week. He knew also that each of those who had been called by God had to do their part too — not lie down, do nothing, and expect God to do everything without any effort from them.

So Mr. Armstrong sent out a letter to the then extremely small mailing list of Co-Workers. To these few who had *voluntarily* come to him, he told about the Work's need of \$2.50 per week. In due time voluntary pledges came back for just *half* of the needed amount —

\$1.25 per week! He and Mrs. Armstrong decided they would trust God in faith for the other \$1.25 per week.

And so it was arranged with Mr. Hill to start the new half-hour program every week, beginning the first Sunday in the new year, 1934.

And beginning precisely at 10:00 a.m., January 7, 1934, *The WORLD TOMORROW* program was *on the air* over KORE, Eugene, Oregon.

And the program has been continuously on the air, without missing a single week, ever since.

God begins small. That first broadcast was backed by only 100 watts of power. But like the grain of mustard seed Christ talked about — "which indeed is the *least* of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the *greatest* among herbs" (see Matt. 13:31-32) — *The WORLD TOMORROW* has continued — and *continues* — to grow in power and prestige.

We now broadcast in 5 languages: *The WORLD TOMORROW* in English, *Le MONDE A VENIR* in French, *Die WELT VON MORGEN* in German, *El MUNDO DE MAÑANA* in Spanish, and *Il MONDO DOMANI* in Italian — with more to come. And so to much of the free world the positive answer to all the "unanswerable" questions of today's world — which *is* the good news of the world tomorrow — finds its way into multiple millions of homes.

And God's Work marches on — through an open door!

(To be continued)



Ambassador College Photo

In "the early days" of this present era in God's Work, the now Vice-President for Broadcasting Production, Mr. Norman A. Smith, operated all the equipment for the Radio Studio.

News of the Work

BAPTIZING TOUR IN AFRICA

Recent exciting events in the vast African continent have opened up new frontiers in some of the most remote and inaccessible areas on earth. One of God's ministers working out of our Johannesburg office has recently conducted a 3,700-mile journey through Southern Africa. The following is an excerpt of his report to Headquarters:

THE TRIP was very successful — we encountered few difficulties along the way. I did not think that it was possible for a tour to proceed as smoothly as this one did! We met over 100 people during the three weeks. We were encouraged by the trouble some went to in order to meet us. Most of the Africans earn a very low wage, but they were still willing to travel hundreds of miles to see us. Some even sold their livestock in order to have money to pay for their transport.

One African missed the only bus scheduled for that day — but this did not deter him. He showed his determi-

nation to see us by getting on his bicycle and travelling over 40 miles. The journey took him close to six hours — in the hot African sun and along a rather tortuous road.

It was common to meet with others who had travelled 100 or 200 miles to keep their appointments with us. Only a very few we met owned cars, and consequently most had to rely on their feet, bicycles or buses to get from one point to the next. [Note: Arranging for a visit by God's ministers is nowhere near so difficult in most other areas. If you would like to meet a representative of this Work, you may do so by writing to the listed circulation office nearest you. We will do our best to serve you promptly.]

There was one interesting case of an African who travelled 200 miles from the famous Kariba Lake area to meet us. He was a sub-chief and had been nominated as a parliamentary representative, but had refused the position because it would have meant working on the Sabbath. This is a job that would have given him prestige and status as well as a handsome salary — but he was willing to give this up in order to obey God's fourth commandment.

The people who sought to speak with us were extremely hospitable individuals, and we were made to feel very welcome in nearly all the homes we visited. We hope to arrange a follow-up tour some time soon.

— A. Van Belkum

Even more recently, another ministerial team conducted and completed our most comprehensive tour of East, Central and West Africa. This was indeed an historical milestone in God's Work. The following is their report to you, our family of Co-Workers who made it all possible.

THE FIRST leg of the tour, from the 21st of September through the 9th of October, covered Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, and Malawi. Of the people whom we had arranged to meet, a full two thirds were able to show up and a good number were baptized. We now have members of God's true Church in these heretofore-unreached areas of East Africa. They are small beginnings to be sure, but encouraging for us. Remember the proverbial mustard seeds.

Many who met us had to make sacrifices to raise the money needed for bus or train fares to travel from their remote villages to the main cities. More often than not this was their first trip outside the town limits — public transport in Africa is hazardous and the service very infrequent.

One outstanding example of determination was that of an 18-year-old who travelled from Northern Tanzania to Dar es Salaam — the capital — a distance of some 800 miles. A friend offered him a free ride, but after covering only 30 miles the car was involved in an accident and could not continue. Soon afterward his father, passing by, noticed him on the roadside and gave the young man all the money he had — which was sufficient bus fare for the entire trip! However, since the next bus was not due for nine hours, he had to sleep on the side of the road that night. Was he ever glad to see us!

The influence of Communist China is very obvious in some of these African

nations in the form of a mixture of propaganda and technical assistance. The Chinese are presently engaged in a massive railroad project linking Tanzania and Zambia. On several occasions we were accosted by young Africans trying to sell us the thoughts of Chairman Mao.

Many thousands of high school and college graduates are without jobs — one of the breeding grounds on which Communism thrives. One young man said that when he decided to leave school, his teacher offered to assist him financially. With it came Communist propaganda.

After the first part of the tour our families joined us in South Africa where we were privileged to observe God's festivals. While there we had occasion to address the forty non-European brethren from all over Southern Africa who were attending at Mossel Bay. Needless to say they were thrilled to hear the news of the tour to their brothers up north.

The second half of our tour lasted three and one-half weeks. It commenced on October 29, taking us to Ghana, Sierra Leone, and the Cameroons. We had planned to visit thirty-two persons in Nigeria, but were unable to do so because of visa and entry permit restrictions. We saw about forty people in these countries and baptized another good number of individuals into the Church of God. Thirty-three of these visits were in Ghana. A very high percentage of those not baptized are excellent prospects who just need a little more time.

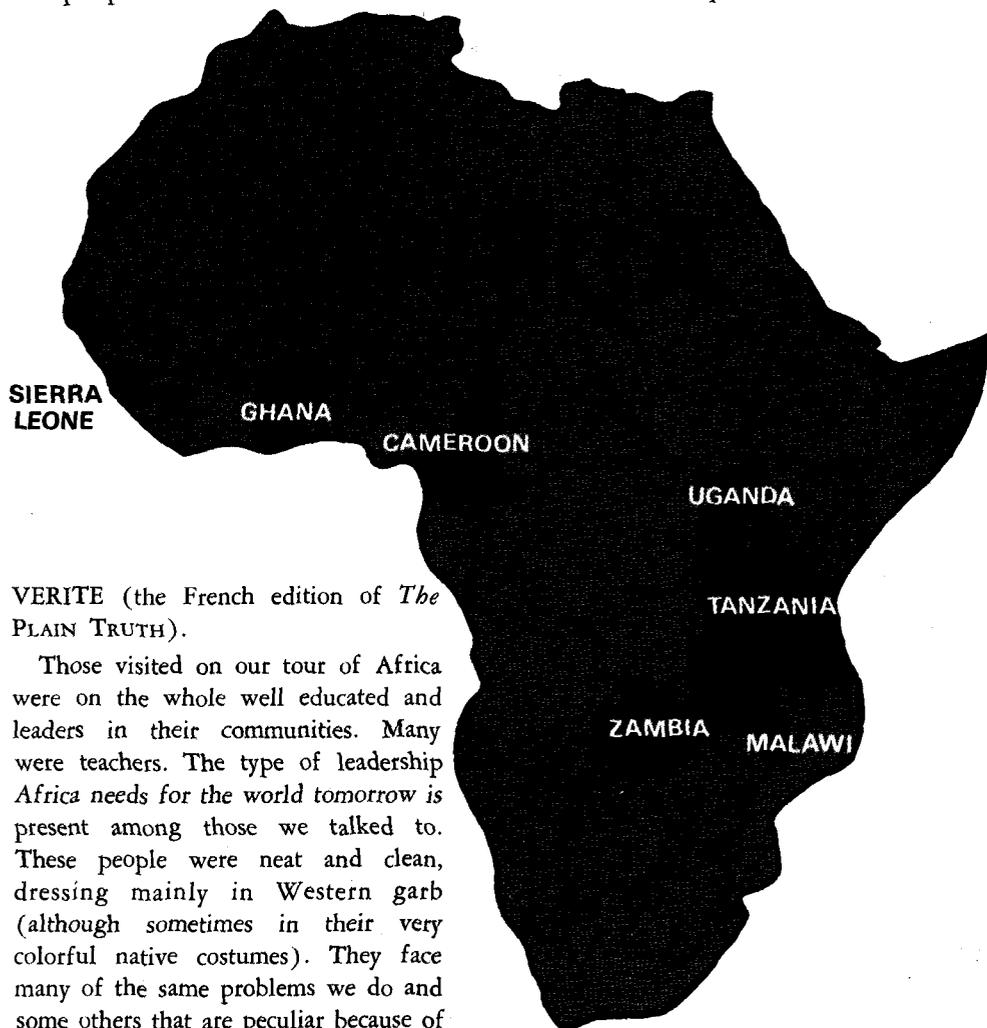
One of the visits in Ghana necessitated working through an interpreter. An old African lady had come into contact with us through her brother, and in spite of the language barrier, had made huge strides. Just before leaving, this little old lady, who has barely enough to eat, dug into the pocket of her dress. Here folded in a piece of cloth were the contributions she had faithfully saved so that she too could have a part in this Work. Immediately both of us thought of the widow's mite. Earlier her two nephews had been baptized. It was an enormously moving experience.

In Sierra Leone we met a person who had travelled all the way from Liberia just to meet a representative of God's Church.

Soon afterwards it was on to Cameroons, where five persons were waiting. One young man here spoke only French, but fortunately his brother knew a bit of pigeon-English. Truly a fine prospect — thanks to *La PURE*

thirties. Most came in touch with Ambassador College through *Reader's Digest* or a friend who had introduced them to *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Besides teachers, those we met were nurses, businessmen, farmers, laborers, clerks, government employees, and even in one case a lawyer occupying a very high governmental position.

On the return trip from Africa we



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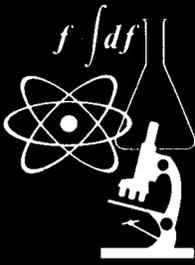
Those visited on our tour of Africa were on the whole well educated and leaders in their communities. Many were teachers. The type of leadership *Africa needs for the world tomorrow* is present among those we talked to. These people were neat and clean, dressing mainly in Western garb (although sometimes in their very colorful native costumes). They face many of the same problems we do and some others that are peculiar because of their tribal customs.

Their society, like many others (*ours* in particular), is sick. Fornication, adultery, and prostitution are rife; graft and corruption are a way of life.

These prospects were anxious to hear news about the Work of God — they wanted to get better acquainted with us and asked many deep questions. Quite a number of them will study further, learn to obey more fully and very likely will be baptized next year. The harvest on the next tour will be a much larger one. A good percentage of the visits were people in their twenties and early

were able to stop in Italy and Malta. In Naples one person requested a visit, and in Malta there were four. Tremendous pressures are brought to bear against them from relatives, friends, community and employers. Two of the four should be ready for baptism in early spring '71.

The entire trip has been enlightening not only for those contacted, but for us as well. These people rely solely on the literature and your prayers. There are no organized meetings nor fellowship for them. On their behalf we convey to you their request: "Pray for us."



Science vs. Theology?

GOD Is He Composed of Light?

MAN EXISTS in a physical world. He can see, feel, measure, weigh and analyze those objects and forces which surround him. For example, man today, with the help of complex scientific instruments and techniques, has discovered some of the intricate mechanisms of living organisms. With each advancement in his knowledge, man watches the organized complexities of life grow progressively more awesome. What better evidence for the existence of a Creator!

But why can't God's presence be directly determined? Why can't man see God as He really is? Why can't we demonstrate with physical instruments that God exists?

What is the composition and structure of God?

God's appearance is revealed as being like that of man's. Or, more correctly, God made man in *His image*, as stated in Genesis 1:26, 27. And according to Webster's dictionary, an image is "... an imitation or likeness of any person or thing ... a copy or counterpart."

God is further described in Revelation 1:13-16. His head and hair are a brilliant white, and His two eyes are like a flame of fire. His two feet are like burnished bronze or fine brass. He has two hands. His voice can thunder like the roar of Niagara Falls. And His face shines like the sun shining in full strength.

But of what is God composed?

In the vision given to Peter, James, and John, Christ was transfigured into a being whose face shone like the sun (Matt. 17:2). God's light was so great that Moses had to be placed in the cleft of a rock before God allowed Moses to see His back (Ex. 33:22).

Moreover we read that the New Jerusalem of God's Kingdom will need no sun or moon because God's glory — His brightness — will supply the needed light (Rev. 21:23).

Is God then composed of *light*?

What Is Light?

It will now be shown that light — as science has defined the term — is actually *matter*. Thus light is a *physical* — not a *spiritual* — entity.

As indicated below, the "light" which science has proved is a physical entity is *not at all* the same as the *spiritual* light which radiates from God and Christ (Rev. 1:13-16; 4:5; 21:23) or the *symbolic* light which Jesus of Nazareth brought into the world (John 1:4-9).

In order to grasp more clearly that light is truly a *physical* substance, let us briefly examine the properties of light.

Light is composed of tiny particles called photons. These photons, or light particles, travel in waves — like a ball being carried and beaten about by the waves of an ocean. (More accurately a photon is *both* a particle *and* a wave at the same time. A specific-sized particle contains a certain *quantity* of material and thus is called a "*quantum*." Also each specific quantum or photon travels with its own wave length. As a result the number of different quanta is equal to the number of all the different possible wave lengths of light, which is almost infinite. The actual pathway of the quantum [photon] is a spiral or helix, but on a flat plane this spiral becomes a wave.) But there is nothing strange or peculiar about these properties because *all* atomic particles — such as electrons, protons, neutrons, etc. — travel in waves. This is the principle behind the electron microscope which can be used to take pictures of atoms.

In going from the shortest to the longest wavelengths of photons we have

gamma rays, then X rays, ultraviolet light, visible light, infrared light and finally radio waves. We can't see ultraviolet, X rays, or radio waves but we can see the "visible" wavelengths of light — from purple to red. A fly or bee can see from ultraviolet to perhaps green, but it cannot see red light. Again the ability to see light — and thus see various objects — is a physical phenomenon. Sight involves *physical* — not *spiritual* — substances.

One can visualize the photon as a "snowball." The larger the "snowball," the shorter will be its wavelength. Thus the X ray, being composed of larger particles, would have more "snowflakes" in its structure than the smaller radio wave. Yet all photons — all light — would travel with the same speed in a vacuum. But can the larger "snowball" or photon be broken up into smaller ones? Or can the smaller ones form larger ones?

In 1923 an American physicist, Dr. Arthur Compton, discovered that when an X ray struck some object (matter), it was scattered. The scattered wave was *longer* than the original X ray. One can visualize this phenomenon by continuing the analogy of the snowball for the photon. As the snowball — the photon — hits the object (such as an electron), part of it is captured by the electron and the remainder is bounced off into space. As a result the original "snowball" is thus reduced to a smaller "snowball" — because a fraction of it became a part of the electron. Consequently its wavelength is lengthened: for example, the original X ray has now been transformed into visible light. The electron which was hit by the photon has become energized and thus it is hurled off into space in the same manner that a satellite would leave its orbit if its rocket engine were ignited. And in its race through space, the fraction of the original X-ray photon — or "snowball" — which was absorbed by the

electron is released periodically. Thus the original "snowball" is broken up into many smaller ones. Consequently, photons appear to be composed of many component parts which can be broken up or combined together.

Light: A Different Form of Matter

If you burn a piece of wood, you can see flames of fire being released from the wood. As the carbon atoms in the

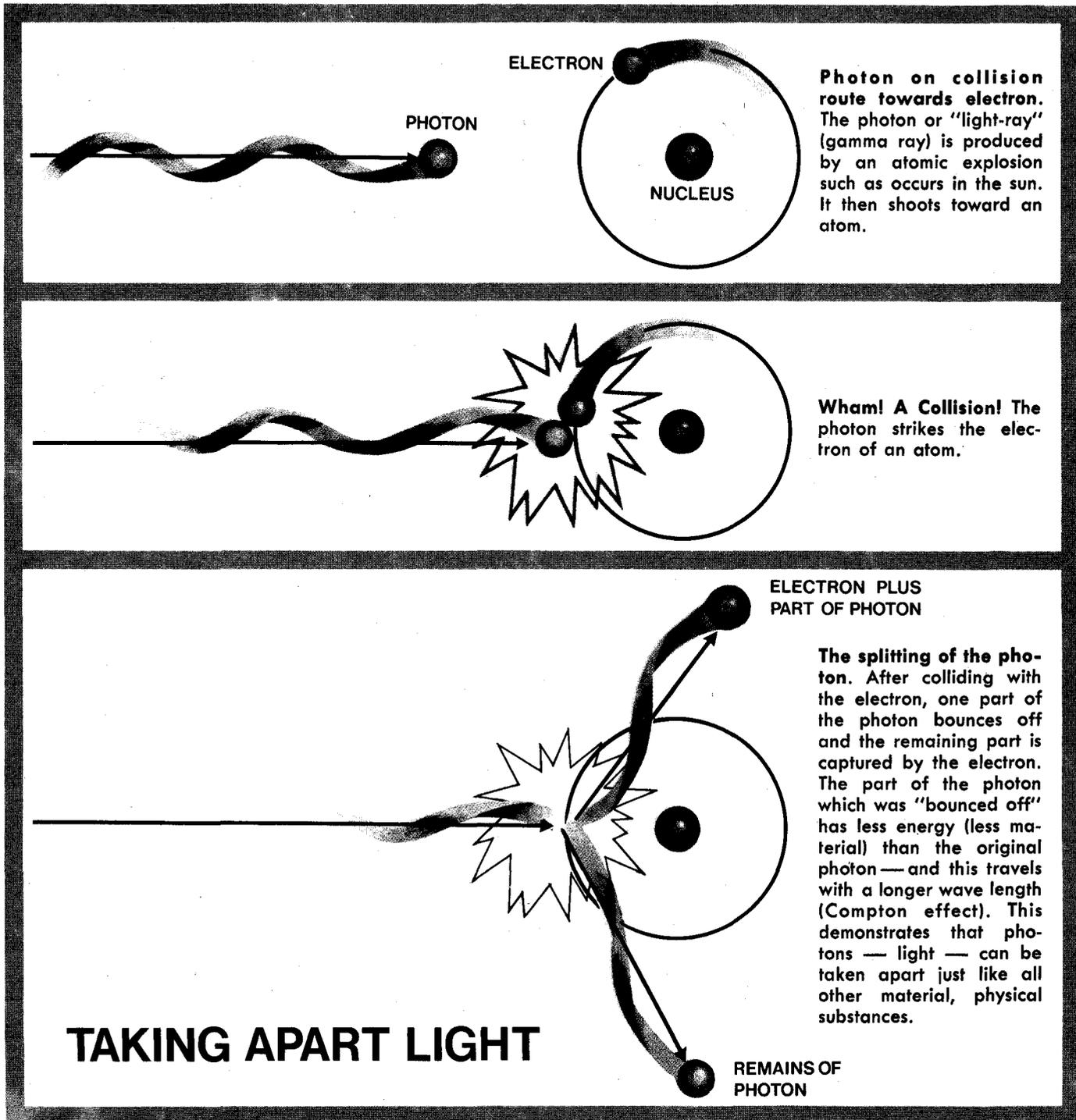
wood combine with the oxygen atoms in the air, the outer electrons of these atoms fall into a "lower orbit" (lower energy levels). In doing so, they release photons. These photons radiate in all directions — and when some hit our eyes, we then "see" the fire. The different colors in a fire come from the presence of other elements which can make different-sized photons — or "snowballs" — from those photons released by the burning carbon. Thus energy (that is, photons) is released and the

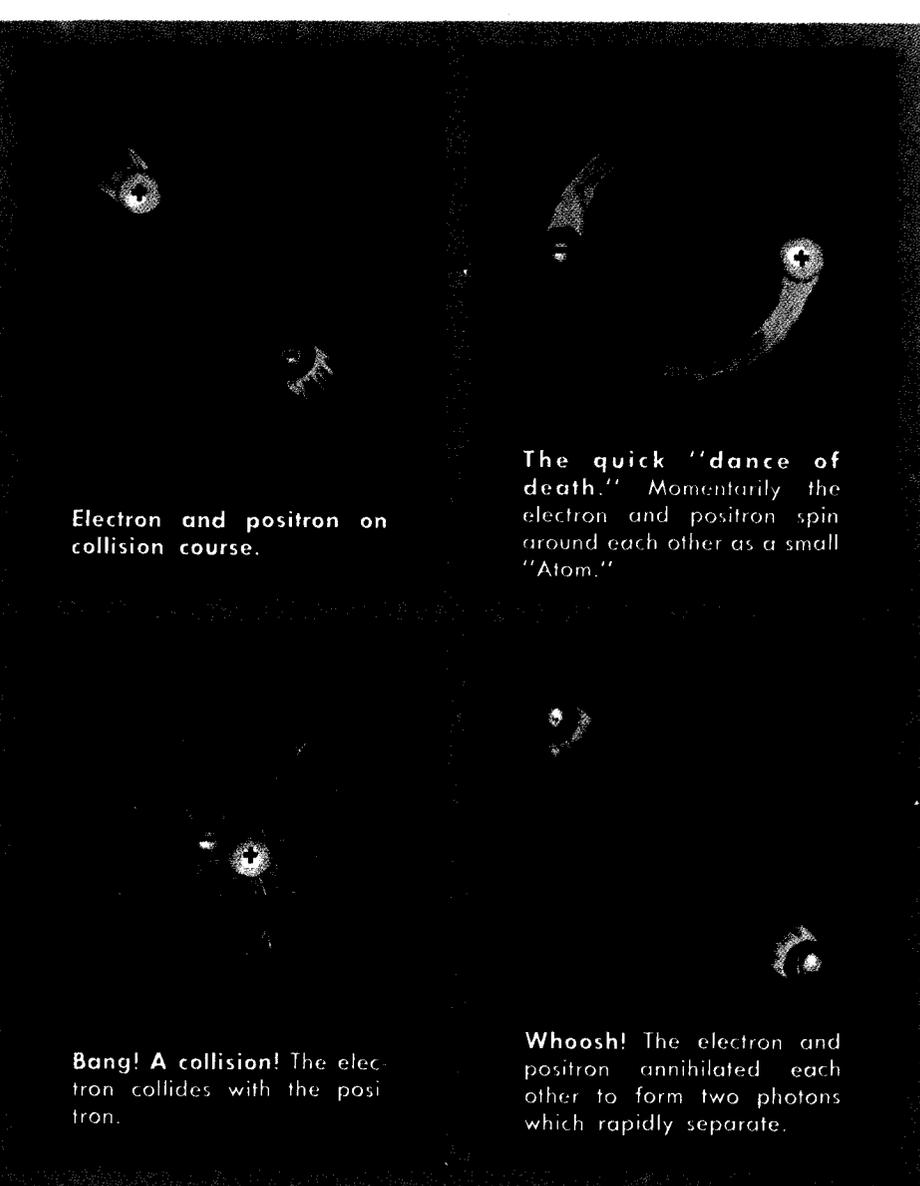
total weight of the materials involved is reduced ever so slightly. Thus photons are a part of matter and can be released from matter.

But what is *matter*?

Consider Einstein's revolutionary equation, $E=mc^2$. This equation relates the square of the speed of light to energy and mass. Thus the total energy E can be transformed into (or produced from) the total mass m .

Now apply this absolute law to the extremely high temperature situation —





Electron and positron on collision course.

The quick "dance of death." Momentarily the electron and positron spin around each other as a small "Atom."

Bang! A collision! The electron collides with the positron.

Whoosh! The electron and positron annihilated each other to form two photons which rapidly separate.

The interconversion of energy and matter: Two particles collide and are completely transformed into energy (light and heat). One particle is matter (the electron) and the other is anti-matter (the positron). The explosion which results is much greater than either the hydrogen or atomic bomb where only a small part of matter is converted into energy. This proves that light is a physical substance — merely another form of matter.

as in the interior of the sun — where the energy of a photon can be equal to or greater than the total mass of *two* electrons. When such a photon passes by another particle, such as a proton or electron, then something extraordinary happens. The photon is converted into an electron (which is matter) and into another particle called a positron (which is antimatter). (The presence of a third particle is necessary in order that the extra momentum can be taken up. See, for example, *Elements of Nuclear Physics* by Walter E. Meyerhof, McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1967, p. 102, and *Worlds-Antiworlds, Antimatter in Cosmology* by Hannes Alfvén, W. H. Freeman and Co., 1966, pp. 28 and 54.)

If now an electron and a positron are shot towards each other, for a split second they will rotate around each other like a small atom and then finally collide. The collision annihilates both particles and produces pure energy (two photons or gamma rays). Thus photons can be converted into matter and antimatter and, conversely, matter and antimatter can be converted into photons.

Similarly, the snowball can be converted into a puddle of water. The building block is the same, but the appearance and physical makeup of the water is different. The same is true for the conversion of a photon into matter. Consequently, matter is made of altered photons. Or conversely, photons are altered particles of matter. Thus photons can be said to be the basis of *all* matter — of the *entire* physical universe — since photons can be both transformed into, and generated from, matter. As we have seen, Einstein's classic equation, $E=mc^2$, theoretically demonstrated the equivalence of matter and energy. The atomic explosion at Alamo-gordo in 1945 experimentally proved it.

What Is God?

So where are we? What have we accomplished?

We wanted to determine whether God is composed of physical *light* — since this is how He has appeared throughout the Bible.

We can safely answer in the *negative*. Because light (photons) is just as much a *physical* entity as flesh and

blood are physical quantities. And God is *not* physical. He is Spirit (John 4:24).

Perhaps you have been taught — or have just intuitively held the opinion — that Moses actually saw God (the One who became Christ) in *all* His glory and in His *real* form, but those who saw Jesus in the flesh did *not*. The logic for this conclusion is that God supposedly manifested Himself to Moses as *pure light*, whereas in the body of Jesus He manifested Himself only as flesh and blood. This reasoning is obviously wrong. The Form that Moses saw was just as *physical* as the man Jesus — the only difference was that Moses saw a closer representation — a more direct physical manifestation — of the full spiritual glory of God.

God states in Isaiah 45:7 that He forms (creates) light.

Light is part of God's *physical* creation.

Scientific studies have shown that even though light can travel about 670 million miles per hour (186,000 miles per second), it would take a beam of light *billions* of years to travel across the universe. Therefore God can not be composed of light — otherwise how would He have been able to create the universe in any reasonable span of time? If God had to travel at — and be limited by — the speed of light, it would have taken Him billions of years to create the universe. And when He had finished creating the final portion, other earlier parts would have already burned themselves out!

Furthermore, God could not be in full control of His creation — He could not be the Sustainer — if He were limited by the speed of physical light. The reason? It would necessitate multiple billions of years for each two-way communication — “between communicues,” if you please — from one side of the universe to the other. Consequently, God would always be billions of years behind on His job. Which is, of course, *ridiculous!*

God and Christ must travel faster than the speed of light — essentially instantaneously — and therefore they cannot possibly be composed of physical light. Light is limited by the restrictions and boundaries of physical law. And

God and Christ are not! They are not composed of physical material, but rather of *spiritual* material.

But now how do we explain the description of God in the Bible as being *like light!* To do so, we must first reiterate the nature and mechanism of light.

Light (photons) is physical material just as matter (for example, flesh and blood) is physical material. And we see flesh and any other material object only because light (photons) is emitted from or absorbed by these objects. Thus Moses saw God only in a physical form — the release of *photons*. In other words, God made Himself visible to Moses by allowing physical light (photons) to come into the eyes of Moses and impinge on his retina, thereby triggering electrical impulses to his brain. Moses' brain then was able to interpret these signals as the form and appearance of a Great Being.

Consequently, in order to impress upon Moses His strength, God manifested His form in physical light. God can thus make His appearance to man either as a human being or as a being which emits light. But remember, *both* are *physical* forms.

Christ said, “He that has seen me has seen the Father” because God's structure and personality were revealed through Christ in His physical form. Consequently Moses did not see God (the One who became Christ) in His true spiritual form any more than did Christ's disciples. It is impossible to see, as we normally define the operation of seeing, God or any spirit being unless *they choose* to manifest themselves into photons or other forms of matter — or unless our eyes are changed in some supernatural fashion as in the case of Elisha and his servant (II Kings 6:17).

In His “real reality” — not just in His “manifested reality” — *God is spirit*, and is therefore *not* composed of photons or other physical substances. Consequently, the presence or existence of God or of any other spirit beings *cannot* be ascertained by physical instruments or techniques. That is, science by its physical nature, by its inherent limitations, cannot *detect* the presence of, or changes in, *spirit*.

But by examining God's creation —

science — we can conclusively infer that God does exist (Romans 1:20).

And this Great Creator God is *not* composed of *physical light*. But He does radiate a fantastic *spiritual light!*

And in God's soon-coming Kingdom we *will* be able to see God's *spiritual* light — His “*REAL reality*” — because *we will be like Him* (I John 3:2).

— Stig R. Erlander

ASTRONOMY

Was it “an eclipse of the sun” which caused the darkness at the time of the crucifixion of Christ?

PEOPLE by nature seek natural explanations for supernatural events. A case in point is Luke 23:44-45. In translating from the original New Testament Greek, the Moffatt version gives us: “By this time it was about twelve o'clock, and *darkness covered the whole land* till three o'clock, owing to *an eclipse of the sun...*” In contrast, the King James Version states “there was a *darkness over all the earth...* the *sun was darkened...*” — but *without* specifically assigning any particular cause.

Now we *are quite sure* that there was a 3-hour period of darkness in the middle of the day that Christ was crucified. But the question is: *How* was that darkness *caused*? Are we dealing with a *natural* cause — a solar eclipse? Or must we properly assign a *supernatural* cause?

The answer can be easily determined by anyone familiar with both *astronomy* and the *Sacred Calendar* followed by the Jewish people at that time (and incidentally the same calendar they still follow today).

The Gospel accounts all state that the events accompanying the crucifixion took place at the season of the *Passover*. And Passover (the 14th of the month) is very near the time of the *full moon* (despite a Hollywood movie showing a crescent moon at that season). Any possible eclipse of the sun would thus be at least two weeks away, that is, at the time of the *new moon*.

Today, all true commemorations of

the crucifixion are held with reference to the lunar month and all are near the time of a *full moon* in *spring*. A solar eclipse (with the moon in front of and blacking out the sun) at this time of the lunar month is *impossible*. The reason? *The moon is in the opposite part of the sky, 180 degrees away!* Nor could it have been a *lunar* eclipse visible at noon, for lunar eclipses are seen only *after sunset*, and they *do not darken the sun!*

Passover is properly the fourteenth day of a lunar month, a month that begins with the *new moon* (usually accompanied by the sighting of a faint crescent of the new moon in the western sky by an observer in the vicinity of Jerusalem). Lunar eclipses occur *at mid-month*; solar eclipses occur *on* or *after* the final day of the calendar month.

The crucifixion of Christ was on the *14th day of Nisan*, on Passover day. The *15th of Nisan*, the "feast of the Passover," or "high day," would begin at sunset. The approach of this "high" sabbath made it imperative that His body be taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb before sunset. And His betrayal and death were also timed by the religious leaders so as not to be on this approaching "annual Sabbath," lest there be an uproar among the people.

Consider the historical record. An eclipse season (a 37-day period occurring twice a year during which eclipses of the sun and/or moon occur at new and full moon) did coincide with the Passover season in the years 31, 32 and 33 A.D. Lunar eclipses were produced on or after Nisan 14 in all three years, but *only* in 31 A.D. was a lunar eclipse clearly visible at Jerusalem.

A total lunar eclipse also occurred on Passover day in 32 A.D. but was seen on the opposite side of the earth. In 33 A.D. the final half hour of a partial lunar eclipse was visible at Jerusalem but would have gone practically unnoticed. The sun would have just set and the slightly eclipsed moon would be rising in the east.

Now examine the year 31 A.D. carefully. It is the correct year for the crucifixion, and the date of Nisan 14 that year was Wednesday, April 25 on the Julian Calendar. Nisan 14 had begun at sunset the evening before: Thus it was

Tuesday evening (after sunset) that Christ ate the Last Supper. But it was the following evening (after sunset) on Nisan 15 that the "feast of the Passover" was to be observed. It was only this latter day which the Jewish religious leaders were keeping.

Note the sequence of events on Nisan 14. Darkness from noon till three — A SUPERNATURAL DARKNESS — covered these final hours of Christ's suffering. Death followed shortly after from a spear wound at the hands of a Roman soldier. Joseph of Arimathaea requested that he might take down Christ's body for burial prior to the rapidly approaching annual sabbath (Nisan 15).

Continue the events of that Wednesday in 31 A.D. The nearly full moon rose about 6:30 p.m. just as the sun was setting. For many Jews (and Israelites) the celebration on Nisan 15 of the night of the Exodus of their ancestors from Egypt would last well into the night. As ten o'clock approached a darkening of one edge of the moon became apparent. This partial eclipse of the moon reached its maximum by 10:45 p.m. with the earth's shadow covering about a third of the moon. An hour later the moon was *once more* free of the earth's shadow.

This partial *lunar* eclipse was visible throughout Europe, Asia and Africa, as well as from the vicinity of Jerusalem. It marked the very midpoint of the lunar month and coincided with the 15th day of this particular Nisan.

Can the time of this lunar eclipse be determined? Oppolzer's *Canon of Eclipses* makes that an easy calculation. April 25, 31 A.D. was "Julian Day" number 1732 495, a day count starting with the arbitrary date of Monday, January 1, 4713 B.C. at noon as zero. Merely divide the "Julian Day number" for April 25, 31 A.D. by 7 and the remainder is 2, a number (by the rule specified for this system) for Wednesday!

The time given by Oppolzer for the middle of this eclipse is 20:24 Universal Time, which would be 8:24 p.m. for an observer in England and about 2 hours and 21 minutes later in the night for Jerusalem, which is 35 degrees farther east. Thus 10:45 p.m. was the midpoint of this lunar eclipse.

Is there also an *eclipse of the sun* for this 31 A.D. Passover season in Oppolzer's Canon? Yes, about two weeks later on May 10, which would be Nisan 30 on the Sacred Calendar. But the path of this solar eclipse crossed northeastward across Ceylon, Burma and China. No portion of this eclipse of the sun could have been seen from the Holy Land.

Further search shows that *no spring-time solar eclipse would be visible from Jerusalem between the years 27 A.D. and 33 A.D.* (popularly assigned years for the crucifixion) and that not until 38 A.D. does an eclipse path cross as near as southern Ethiopia.

The scriptures insist (Matthew, Mark and Luke in full agreement) that darkness covered the earth from noon till three p.m., the time of Christ's death — far longer than any proper solar eclipse, which is caused by the moon coming *briefly* in front of the sun. Seven minutes is close to the maximum for such a solar eclipse, with perhaps a *half hour before and after that might be* termed semi-darkness. The entire time for a solar eclipse from beginning to end can be four hours. But the darkening of the sun is gradual, requiring up to two hours. *And the return of light is also gradual.* This is hardly what the Scriptural account depicts.

Even a total eclipse of the sun does not darken the whole earth, only a small area about fifty miles wide, which moves rapidly eastward across the globe. Yet historians wrote of a great, inexplicable darkness throughout all Europe causing panic among the people at this time. The darkening of the sun was properly considered a miracle by millions who experienced the event. It has a Scriptural counterpart in the "darkness in all the land of Egypt three days" during the time of Moses and the plagues on Egypt preceding the Exodus.

As is the case with all miracles, one can only describe, *not explain*, the darkening of the sun at the time of Christ's crucifixion. At the death of the One whose fingers had framed the universe and given light to the sun to light the earth, a miraculous cessation of that light occurred. Theologian, historian and astronomer alike bear witness to it as a miracle.

The STORY of MAN

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A TYRANT'S BOAST AND DIVINE JUSTICE

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE

HEZEKIAH soon learned that the king of Assyria had accepted special tribute from Judah without honoring the promise to cease war. The humiliation and distress of Hezekiah, king of Judah, wasn't easy to bear. (II Kings 18:13-17.)

But there wasn't time to brood. Rab-shakeh, one of the Assyrian officers, was addressing the people of Judah who were standing on top of the wall. He continued his loud tirade against Hezekiah.

An Officer's Boast

"Where is the military power of your king, who is so foolish as to rebel against the powerful Sennacherib?" Rab-shakeh roared. "Could it be that your Hezekiah is waiting for the Pharaoh of Egypt to come galloping to his rescue on his overrated horses? If that's the way it is, your king is due for disappointment, because Pharaoh is about as dependable as a broken reed in the Nile River!

"And don't ask us to believe that it will do your king any good for him to rely on his God! Hezekiah forced you to stop sacrificing to your God in your favorite high places and made you crowd in before only one altar in only one temple! How can help be expected from a God who was thus offended?

"Why are you people willing to face death by famine merely because your king tells you that your God wants to save you from Sennacherib? Don't you know that for generations the Assyrians have crushed other nations whose gods were never able to protect them? Your God isn't even as powerful as those other gods!

"Since Pharaoh won't help you, we will make a

wager. We'll give you two thousand horses that are superior to any you could find in Egypt! Then you can send your army out to fight if you dare. Or do you think you could scrape up anywhere near two thousand riders from among all of you?

"Now listen to this, which will surprise you!

The Assyrian officers took turns bellowing out their reasons why the people of Jerusalem should surrender to Assyria.



Because your God doesn't care for you anymore, He has asked us to destroy you if you resist!" (II Kings 18:18-25.)

With this, Rab-shakeh stepped aside for Rab-saris, the chief of Sennacherib's attendants. He continued in the same blasphemous vein.

By the time he had finished, the audience was somewhat stunned by all the loud bragging and lying. Then Eliakim, Hezekiah's chamberlain, held up his arms for the attention of the Assyrian officers.

"If you have more to say," he called down to them in the Assyrian language, "considerately talk in your native language instead of Hebrew. The three of us understand Assyrian, and we'll pass on your remarks to our king. No good will come of our people hearing what you have to say."

"King Sennacherib didn't send us to speak just to you and your king!" Rab-shakeh bellowed back in Hebrew. "We came here to tell all of you that unless you come out to us peacefully, you'll soon have nothing to eat or drink except what comes from your own starving bodies!" (II Kings 18:26-27.)

Rab-shakeh continued: "Now hear me, you people of Judah! The mighty Sennacherib warns you not to believe your king when he tells you that your God has the power to save this city! It is a lie! Your only hope is to come out to us! Then you will be free instead of prisoners inside those walls, and you will be given farms to live on in comfort! Many of you will be favored by being taken to a bigger and a richer land where there is an oversupply of grain, grapes, olives and honey! Do you have the wisdom to choose these good things, or do you choose to foolishly follow your fanatical king to your death?" (II Kings 18:28-35.)

The King Appeals to God

There wasn't a sound of reaction from the people of Judah, who had been instructed to remain silent regardless of what they heard. This was disappointing to the Assyrian leaders, who had hoped that there would be some in the crowd who would become so fearful and frantic that they would start clamoring for immediate surrender. He should have realized that when people have strong, concerned leadership, they obey their leaders. Many of the people quietly left the walls, while the more curious stayed to see what the Assyrian leaders would do next. Eliakim, Shebna and Joah were so upset by the

situation that they tore their coats in the ancient manner of Israelites who were greatly grieved. (II Kings 18:36-37.)

Hezekiah had retired to where he couldn't hear the loud shouting of the Assyrians, but when Eliakim told him all that had been said, he, too, was so overwhelmed by grief that he ripped his coat. Then he removed his royal attire and dressed himself in sackcloth, an Israelite custom of expressing extreme sorrow. He went to the temple to pray.

"We must take this matter of impending attack to God through the Prophet Isaiah," Hezekiah later told Eliakim. "You know where Isaiah lives. Take Shebna and some of the leading priests with you. Request the prophet to ask God what we should do." (II Kings 19:1-2.)

Isaiah had lived a long time in Judah. Back in the last days of King Uzziah he had become a faithful and obedient follower of God's laws. (Isaiah 1:1.) One time when he was in the temple, he was startled to see God sitting on a high throne surrounded by shining, six-winged creatures known as seraphim, who were moving about in a haze of smoke and calling out in praise of the Creator. (Isaiah 6:1-4.)

"I am going to die!" Isaiah muttered fearfully to himself. "I am not worthy to see God and live! I am one of a nation of people with unclean lips!"

The vision he was seeing was so real to Isaiah that it was as if he were actually before God's throne. To add to his fright, one of the seraphim flew to a fiery altar, picked up a glowing coal with tongs, and headed straight for Isaiah as though to deliberately burn him. Isaiah couldn't move. The coal was pressed against his mouth, but there was no pain.

"Now that this has touched your lips, you have been purged of sin," the seraph said, and flew off to leave Isaiah puzzled and trembling. (Isaiah 6:5-7.)

"Whom shall I send to warn the people of Judah of what they will face in the future?" a voice thundered.

Isaiah's Commission

Isaiah looked up to see the God of Israel gazing expectantly down on him.

"Send me!" Isaiah called out, surprising himself with his readiness to volunteer for something he didn't yet know about.

"So be it," God nodded. "You are chosen to tell

the people of the misery to come to them unless they turn from their idolatry. They won't listen and they therefore won't understand, but they won't be able to say that I didn't warn them. I shall instruct you from time to time what to say to them. Your warnings will only cause them to become more blind and deaf and have less understanding because they will refuse to change their ways. Nevertheless, continue warning them."

"But if they won't listen, how long must I continue doing this thing?" Isaiah asked.

"Until the people have been herded from their cities and fields and have been forced to go to other parts of the world," God answered. "Long after that, a tenth part of them shall return, like a planted tree seed, to start a new national growth." (Isaiah 6:8-13.)

Like one coming out of unconsciousness, Isaiah slowly realized that he was in the temple, and not in heaven, and that he had only had a vision of God and the seraphim. He understood that it was a commission from God, and that for the rest of his life it would be his duty to prophesy as God would direct.

Down through the reigns of Uzziah and Jotham, Isaiah came to public and royal attention because of his predictions. But in Ahaz's day he was generally ignored. Before the predictions came true, he was usually ridiculed. But by Hezekiah's time, because so many in Judah had turned back to God, Isaiah gained national respect. Hezekiah considered him the man closest to God in Judah. That was why Eliakim and Shebna were sent to him. (II Kings 19:2.)

Isaiah wasn't surprised when he saw the two officials at his door. They were dressed in sackcloth, as were the priests who accompanied them. Having been given a strong sense of discernment, Isaiah was aware of why his visitors had come.

"I know the king is dismayed by the close presence of the enemy," the graying prophet told them, "but God has already made it known to me that there is nothing to fear. Tell the king that Rabshakeh has left to ask Sennacherib what to do next. Tell him that bad news will come to the king of Assyria and cause him to change his plans. He will return to his country, where God will cause him to be murdered." (II Kings 19:3-7.)

Meanwhile, to the southwest toward the border

of Egypt, Sennacherib had ended his siege of Lachish. He decided, next, to move his army north-eastward toward Jerusalem, to another walled city, Libnah. This is where Rabshakeh found him. (II Kings 19:8.) Sennacherib then received a troublesome report that the king of Ethiopia, a nation also known then as Upper Egypt, was on his way north with an army to help the soldiers of Lower Egypt push back the Assyrians. (II Kings 19:9.) Sennacherib immediately decided to pit all his troops against Judah's capital. If he could take Jerusalem, he was certain that the whole nation would be his and that the Ethiopians would be defeated. However, he still had hopes of sparing his army from a costly battle by frightening Hezekiah into surrendering without any fighting.

Sennacherib's Blasphemy

The king of Judah soon received this letter from the king of Assyria:

"I, Sennacherib, king of the world's most powerful nation, herewith advise you that I am moving the main part of my army to Jerusalem to join my troops who are already there. When all my troops and all my battering rams are put into action, they will reduce the walls of your city to rubble. But I am as fair as I am powerful. I do not war for the sake of war. I liberate men from their attachments to weak and deceptive gods. No god has yet been able to protect his people from me. Neither will your God. It would please me and save thousands of the lives of your people if you would arrange to surrender to my troops who are already there. Then, when I arrive with the part of my army that is with me, we can calmly and reasonably discuss a good future for your people.

"But if you are so foolish as to trust in your God, who has deceived you by boasting of His ability to protect Jerusalem, your future will be short and bloody! I shall smash and plunder your city and drag away as slaves any who escape my spears, arrows and swords! Your fanciful God won't be able to do any more for you than the gods of other nations did for their people whom I killed or captured!" (II Kings 19:10-13; II Chronicles 32:9-19.)

Hezekiah was so perturbed by this letter, delivered directly by Sennacherib's messengers, that he went at once to the Temple. There he spread the

letter out before God and kneeled down to pray.

“God of Israel, Creator of the universe,” Hezekiah began, “please listen to me. See in this letter the blasphemous words of the king of Assyria and how he has tried to belittle you. He boasts that the gods of other nations have failed to save those nations from his invasions. To brag about being more powerful than lifeless idols of wood, stone and metal is nothing. The troublesome part is that he *has* swallowed up one nation after another because they trusted in idols instead of trusting in your supreme power. Rescue us from this pagan scourge, I beseech you. Then people everywhere will learn that you are the one and only true God.” (II Kings 19:14-19; II Chronicles 32:20.)

When Hezekiah returned to his palace, Eliakim and Shebna were waiting for him with the encouraging message from Isaiah.

They informed the king of Judah that God had heard and would answer the prayer he had uttered at the temple, asking for help against the Assyrians.

God's Justice

“With God as your strength, there is no reason for you to be fearful or discouraged,” Isaiah's message read. “Even the young women of Jerusalem hold Sennacherib in such contempt that they laugh at the mention of his name, though his troops are just outside the city. God has been greatly angered by his blasphemy and his boasting about the nations he has conquered.

“This swaggering tyrant, suffocating in his egotism, would be shocked out of his shirt if he could know that he never would have become king of Assyria or won even one small battle if the God of Israel hadn't allowed it. Any success he had in conquering other nations was because the Creator chose to use him to carry out a small bit of a plan formed centuries ago.

“Now God is through with him, and because of his despicable acts and words against our God and against you, God will send him back to his country. Then the fields and orchards the Assyrians have ravaged will produce of themselves, in spite of their mutilated condition — a miraculous sign of God's power and willingness to help Judah. Those who have been driven off their farms, and are taking refuge in Jerusalem, shall return safely to find fruits, grains and vegetables starting to grow without attendance.

“As for Sennacherib, he shall not set foot inside this city. Not one arrow shall be shot against it from an Assyrian bow. No enemy soldier shall approach the wall with his shield in front of him. The Assyrians shall not put even a shovelful of dirt against the wall to start building a bank from which to attack you. God will protect Jerusalem because He wants to, and because of the covenant He made with King David more than three hundred years ago. All this God has made known to me so that I should inform you.” (II Kings 19:20-34.)

Calmed and comforted by Isaiah's message, Hezekiah couldn't help but feel shame and regret for having fallen into doubt, especially after trying to strengthen and encourage his people by telling them there was nothing to fear as long as they obeyed and trusted God. When the inhabitants of Jerusalem heard what Isaiah had to say to their king, most of them felt almost jubilant.

By this time the sun was setting. Darkness came. It was the eve of the Passover, the 14th of Nisan — the first month in the spring of the year. That night (II Kings 19:35), all that could be learned of the Assyrians was that they were very busy, judging from the shouted orders and the clatter of arms and equipment. This was followed by the



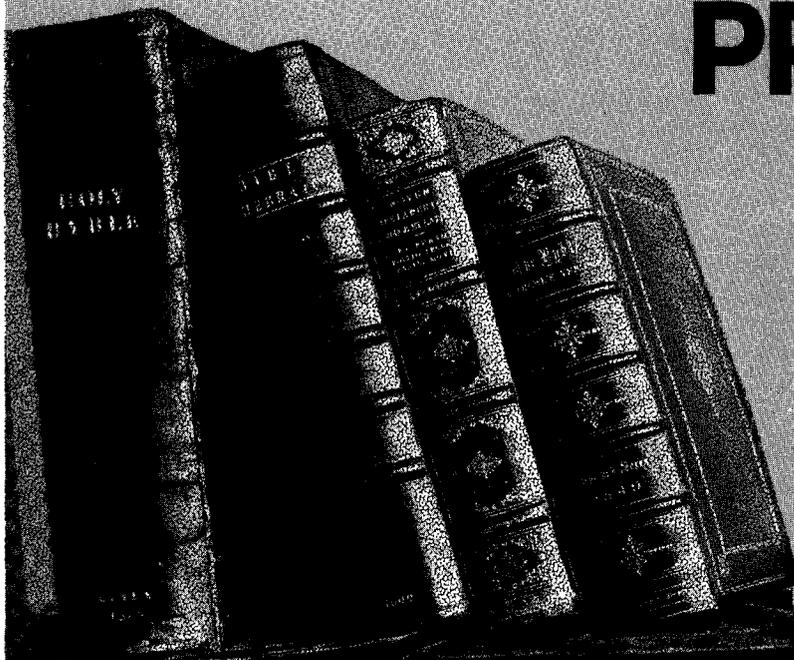
Soldiers on Jerusalem's walls could only stare out into the darkness and wonder what the nearby Assyrian army was doing or about to do.

sounds of obvious revelry for the next two or three hours. That was followed at midnight by an ominous silence.

Either the Assyrians had decided to sleep for the night — or they were silently carrying out some plan of attack.

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Here's Why the Critics Can't Ignore the PROPHETS



Bible prophecy is an emotionally loaded subject. In it a great supernatural Being claims to know EXACTLY what will happen to man in the next few years. Some marvel — most ridicule. Some believe — most criticize. Criticize? That's the "sport of scholars." In this article we examine "modern theology's critical analysis" of Ezekiel, Daniel and Isaiah — and discover why the critics cannot ignore the prophets!

by Ronald L. Dart

WHY IS IT that man cannot dismiss the Bible with a wave of the hand as he might other writings of the ancient world? The Bible — more than all other books put together — has drawn unparalleled attention from critics. Nothing in the history of literature can begin to compare with it. It has been examined, dissected, reviled, pulled apart, and even put back together again and defended.

For some reason, man could not simply say, "I don't believe it" — and then carry on as always. There are many reasons why. But standing head and shoulders above all the rest is *prophecy!*

Prophecy Troubles Critics

The human mind, even gifted with the greatest insight and sagacity, can go only so far in predicting future events. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Dan-

iel, and the twelve minor prophets have all gone *far* beyond the tightly limited boundaries of mortal man. So the critics have a choice: Either they must admit that a power and intelligence greater than their own human mind had inspired these prophecies, or they must find some other way to explain them.

Guess which alternative the critics have chosen!

They have chosen to look for a *human* explanation. Their usual solution is ridiculously simple — they "re-date" the prophecies! They shove the date of composition forward a few centuries — so that the prophecies appear to have been written after all of the prophesied events had *already* occurred!

It is significant that no critic has ever attempted to deny the divine origin of these prophecies *while leaving them in their own time setting.*

Actually, this effort of the critics

unequivocally proves the phenomenal accuracy of the prophets. Why else would a materialistic "scholar" feel it necessary to fabricate a new date? If the prophecies were *not* accurate — if even only *one* were wrong — critics would love to expose this obvious incompetence and glaring error by *retaining* the true dates. But they can *not* do so. They full well realize that Bible prophecy — if they don't tamper with the dates — is unerringly, precisely accurate in even its most intricate details.

So the critics have only one choice — they must alter the *date* of the prophetic statement and turn it into contemporary history.

But can we know the dates with any certainty?

We certainly can!

In this article we will demonstrate the absolute prophetic authenticity of

three of the most important prophets — Ezekiel, Daniel and Isaiah.

Date of Ezekiel

Ezekiel is one of the easiest of the prophets to date. No one was any more thorough — he gives us no less than twelve *specific dates* in his book.

Ezekiel dates his prophecies from the year of "Jeboiachin's captivity" by Nebuchadnezzar which occurred at the time of the spring equinox in 596 B.C. (II Chron. 36:10). Since all historians agree upon the dates of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, we can compose the following list of dates for the book of Ezekiel:

Chapter 1:1-2	5th day of the 4th month in the 5th year (592 B.C.)
Chapter 8:1	5th day of the 6th month in the 6th year (591 B.C.)
Chapter 20:1	10th day of the 5th month in the 7th year (590 B.C.)
Chapter 24:1	10th day of the 10th month in the 9th year (beginning of 587 B.C.)
Chapter 26:1	1st day of a month in the 11th year (586 B.C.)
Chapter 29:1	12th day of the 10th month in the 10th year (end of 587 B.C.)
Chapter 29:17	1st day of the 1st month in the 27th year (570 B.C.)
Chapter 30:20	7th day of the 1st month in the 11th year (586 B.C.)
Chapter 32:1	1st day of the 12th month in the 12th year (beginning of 584 B.C.)
Chapter 32:17	15th day of the month in the 12th year (584 B.C.)
Chapter 33:21	5th day of the 10th month in the 12th year (end of 585 B.C.)
Chapter 40:1	10th day of the beginning month of the civil year — Tishri, the seventh month — in the 25th year (572 B.C.)

Now that's *evidence!* Yet some critics just toss aside such careful, meticulous dating!

Where Critics Go Wrong

Why, then, do the same critics attempt to place the authorship of the book of Ezekiel between 400 and 230 B.C.?

The answer is twofold. First they must assume — without proof — that Ezekiel's prophecies are *not* of divine origin. Then, proceeding from

this assumption, they reason that Ezekiel *had* to have had certain historical information available before he could have written these remarkable "histories." His in-depth script for the fall of Tyre, for example, was still being acted out in fantastic detail until about 320 B.C. Consequently, the critics reason, Ezekiel *couldn't* have written it before that time! But Ezekiel's prophecies about Tyre's destruction were indeed written in 586 B.C. — as is clearly proclaimed. How then could the critics explain its incredible accuracy for the next 250 years without acknowledging their Creator God in heaven?

(In reality, the prophecy concerning Tyre is *still* being fulfilled *today* — so using the critics' own reasoning, we would have to conclude that the book of Ezekiel *has not been written yet!* Send for our free booklet *The Proof of the Bible* for a full explanation.)

Let's put it bluntly: We are asked to believe that Ezekiel's dates are an out-and-out *fraud*. Furthermore, we are asked to believe that *this fraud in dating went undetected until the present day!*

A "Pseudo-Ezekiel"?

Now let's consider the problems that this imaginary, "pseudo-Ezekiel" would have had to face in getting his spurious book accepted as the work of an original Ezekiel and then have it accepted as Scripture.

During the time of the Babylonian captivity there was a recognized religious authority among the Jews. Ezekiel refers to them as the "elders of Judah" (Ezek. 8:1).

Later, when Cyrus decided to give permission for the Temple to be rebuilt, "Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the *priests*, and the *Levites* . . . to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem" (Ezra 1:5). The leaders of this expedition were Zerubbabel the *governor* and Joshua the *high priest*.

A little later, about 457 B.C., Ezra comes to Palestine. Ezra is called "a ready scribe in the *law of Moses*, which the Lord God of Israel *had given*" (Ezra 7:6). "Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments" (verse 10). Notice that

Ezra was not a *lawgiver*, but a *scribe* — a copier — of an already existing code of law.

Throughout Ezra and Nehemiah, it is quite obvious that there is a *ruling body of Jews* concerned with ecclesiastical affairs *and* that there is a "*holy scripture*" — an *authoritative* body of religious writings (see Neh. 8:1).

There can be no question that this "law of Moses" was the *Torah* — the first five books of your Old Testament. Remember this was *before* 400 B.C.

Now back to the mischievous plot of "pseudo-Ezekiel." He would have had the rather formidable task of palming off on a group of Jewish *priests, Levites, and governors*, a totally *new* book which none of them had ever heard of before — and convince them that it was written during the Babylonian captivity. Quite an assignment!

The Jews have always been an intelligent, practical people with a great deal of common sense. Would they have accepted a book purporting to have foretold, *in advance*, the history of the last few years, yet which did not appear until after the event?

Would you have accepted such a book?

Suppose some individual would try to convince you that he has found a book listing in detail all the major events of 1967-1969 — and that the book was published in 1944! Would you immediately accept this would-be prophet?

Wouldn't it seem just a little bit contrived?

When one comprehends the exalted position of the Torah among Jews past and present, the obstacles that a "pseudo-Ezekiel" would face become absolutely insurmountable.

Why Was Ezekiel Accepted?

Why then were Ezra and the men of the Great Synagogue (the assemblage of priests and Levites constituting the religious authority) willing to accept the *real* Ezekiel at all? The answer becomes obvious when we understand that the Canon of the Old Testament — that is, the books making up the Old Testament — was complete by the end of the fifth century B.C. Ezra and the Jews with him in Babylon were aware of the

prophetic work of Ezekiel when they returned.

Ezekiel had been part of the succession of prophets: He had held an office which was honored and respected. His prophecies had *already* begun to come to pass. And as they continued to be fulfilled before the Jews' very eyes — *while the book was in their very possession*. Nobody could question the authenticity of the book.

Interestingly enough, even the critics have not been willing to call Ezekiel an out-and-out fraud. Their reason is obvious: *Frauds have ulterior motives*. And any ulterior motive would have been transparent throughout. But no such motive can be found in Ezekiel. And no fraud writes like Ezekiel writes.

Ezekiel rings true. Literature with such a powerful moral force simply *does not arise from a hypocritical mind*.

Finally, since both Jewish tradition and the Jewish historian Josephus state that the Old Testament was completed about the end of the fifth century B. C., there can be no question of a later date for Ezekiel.

Absolutely the only claim that can be seriously advanced to question Ezekiel's own date is the fact that NO MAN could have made the prophecies that Ezekiel made. This, however, is not evidence for a later date. It is PROOF OF A DIVINE ORIGIN!

Date of Daniel

Daniel was a contemporary of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. He was carried into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar about 604 B.C. — and continued to live and write for more than the next seventy years.

Certain critics, however, date Daniel between 165 and 175 B.C.! That shouldn't come as too great a surprise. But, just for curiosity, let's examine whatever reasons they have fabricated. Again, topping the list, is the *assumption* that the Book of Daniel is of purely human origin.

The fundamental axiom of criticism is the dictum that a prophet always spoke out of a definite historical situation to the present needs of the people among whom he lived and that a definite HISTORICAL situation shall be pointed out for each prophecy (George L. Robinson, *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*).

Consider what this means. It is a "*fundamental axiom*" that every prophet always spoke to and about the *present* needs of the people *among whom he lived*. In other words, Daniel is *not* seen by the critics as a prophet contemporary with Nebuchadnezzar, but rather as a "pious fraud" writing about 175 B.C. This "pseudo-Daniel," it is reasoned, was directing his "prophecies" to the current needs of the people in the second century B.C., since some of his "prophecies" cover that period.

Daniel Is Challenged

When one understands what was going on about 175 B.C., the critics' motives become embarrassingly obvious.

This was the time of the Maccabean revolt against Antiochus Epiphanes. The book of Daniel covers historical details of the breakup of Alexander the Great's empire into four divisions and the subsequent war between the king of the north and the king of the south, climaxing in Antiochus Epiphanes' invasion of Jerusalem. Daniel's spectacular *in-advance* description of the minute details of *all* of this (in Daniel 11 — the longest prophecy in the Bible) are too absolutely accurate to have been written hundreds of years before they took place, say the critics.

Too accurate to have been conceived by *man*, that is.

Therefore, the "fundamental axiom of criticism" is applied — and Daniel is quickly put into a "time-machine" and "re-materialized" some four hundred years later — as an attempt is made to set his prophecies into the "proper" historical situation of the Maccabean revolt.

There are two things wrong with this hypothesis:

1) Daniel himself did not understand all that he wrote. When he asked for further understanding, he was told: "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the *time of the end*" (Daniel 12:9).

2) Daniel's words were *not* directed to the people of his own time nor even primarily to those in the second century B.C., but to those living at *the time of the end*.

Of course, some will argue that this was an attempt to make the people of

his time believe that the end was near. Fair enough, but why then did they accept the book into the Canon when the end didn't come?

A Critical "Fairy Tale"

Once upon a time (about 175 B.C.) a *pious* man (really a religious nut or a clever fraud) resolved to avail himself of the traditions surrounding the name of Daniel. He then set about to write the circumstances of his own time. And so, in the name of "Daniel the prophet," this fast-talking "pseudo-Daniel" proclaimed words of admonition and prophecy to the "faithful" (deceived idiots) around him in the second century B.C.

Now ponder what this imaginary situation would have to have been. This wily fellow — living long after the time of Daniel — decided to attempt to foist off a series of spurious prophecies on his gullible contemporaries (perhaps motivated by a dare from friends). He then proceeded to embellish his phony predictions with a *detailed description* of life in Nebuchadnezzar's court, including punishment given for certain crimes, details of the religious leaders, customs of the time, etc.

The critics have generally felt that many of these details were fanciful tales, since a Jew living so much later would have had no direct knowledge of these ancient times. He would have had to have been something of a historical novelist.

The third chapter of Daniel is thought by critics to bear this out. The "story" of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego has been labeled "*preposterous*." The very idea of throwing men into a furnace seems absurd. It simply doesn't fit the *normal* pattern of executions.

A letter (dated even *before* the time of Nebuchadnezzar), however, has been found (and is in the Nies Babylonian collection at Yale University) which contains a royal decree ordering the death of a slave by burning in a furnace! (John B. Alexander, "New Light on the Fiery Furnace," *Journal of Biblical Literature*, Vol. 69, 1950, pp. 375-6.)

Daniel's details of Nebuchadnezzar's court have been proven to be remarkably accurate. Sir Henry Rawlinson

found that the magicians in Babylon at that time correspond exactly to the three classes of Chaldean doctors which Daniel enumerates.

Fairy tales *don't* come true.

Daniel's Prophecies for Today!

Daniel's prophecies didn't *finish* in 175 B.C.! *And that's crucial* — for this article, and *for your life*.

Having had Daniel's prophecies in hand since the sixth century B.C., it must have been quite an experience for the Jews of the time to see these things being fulfilled before their eyes. The prophecies of chapters 2, 7 and 8 were proving to be absolutely accurate. The Babylonian Empire was succeeded by the Medo-Persian Empire, which was in turn conquered by Alexander.

When Alexander came to Jerusalem, we are told:

He went up to the temple, where he sacrificed to God under the direction of the high priest, and showed due honor to the priests and to the high priest himself. And, *when the book of Daniel was shown to him*, in which he had declared that one of the Greeks would destroy the empire of the Persians, he believed himself to be the one indicated (Josephus, *Antiquities*, XI, viii, 5).

With Alexander's rise to power at such a young age and his unbelievable march across the civilized world, it must have seemed *impossible* to those who were holding the book of Daniel that his kingdom could be broken at its peak of strength as Daniel had prophesied (chapter 8:8). Yet it happened! Not only was his empire broken, but it was later — as Daniel had said — divided into four primary divisions.

Daniel's Prophecy for Rome

A person living at the time of the degeneration of these four kingdoms and the rise of Rome in the West could — if we allow our imaginations to be stretched — have forecasted what was about to take place. This, of course, is what the critics believe a *pseudo-Daniel* did about 175 B.C. A man could — at that point in time — *have possibly* predicted that Rome would become the fourth great world empire. What a man could *not* have predicted at that time, was that Rome would be the *last!*

But Daniel did.

And he did not stop there. He went on to describe the *nature* of the Roman Empire: what it would be like, how it would develop, predicting that the Roman Empire would endure incredibly — being "resurrected" many times rather than being *replaced*, as the pattern of world history up to that point *had been!*

And, finally, as incredible as it may sound, what it would do before the returning, conquering *Creator God* would destroy it!

The story is worth reading.

It would have been logical in 175 B.C. to look at the lesson of history and thereby assume that Rome was going to be just like all the rest — another fighting, conquering, pillaging, destroying world empire. Daniel, however, *emphasizes* that this fourth kingdom would be *different* from all the kingdoms before it (Dan. 7:7, 19, 23).

The unique strength of Rome, its terrifying nature, its twofold division, and its later history are all foretold by Daniel with *stunning accuracy*. So are the successive revivals — and a final union of ten European kings prophesied to destroy the English-speaking peoples *in this generation*.

How could a "pious fraud" have foretold the future *beyond* the *latest* dates given by the critics?

Or beyond *today's* date? Daniel's *prophecy* is alive in today's headlines — and tomorrow's! Using the critics' historical approach to Daniel for a moment, we would have to again humorously conclude that his book is *not yet written!*

For further information on Daniel and his prophecies, see the next article and write for our free reprint article

"The Middle East in Prophecy."

One Isaiah, Two Isaiah — Three Isaiah, Four . . .

Isaiah is dated by Isaiah himself between 760 and 695 B.C. Notwithstanding, and as we might expect, critics have attempted to alter these dates by as much as *300 years*. One even went so far as to place Isaiah in the *first* century B.C. — but was rather embarrassed when archaeologists discovered a complete scroll of Isaiah,

copied and preserved, dated in the *second century* — 125 B. C.

When we examine the reasons for the difficulties that critics have with Isaiah, we find the same answer that we found for Ezekiel and Daniel — Isaiah is just a little too accurate for their materialistic tastes.

But with Isaiah, the problem could not be solved by merely pushing the date forward. The critics had to *dissect* the book — and have it attributed to the fraudulent writings of between two and five authors!

Jewish tradition informs us that King Manasseh of Judah had Isaiah *sawn in two* — the New Testament book of Hebrews alludes to this (Heb. 11:37). But today's "higher critics" have butchered him into *five* pieces!

Why were two to five fictitious authors needed by the critics? To understand, we must return to the "fundamental axiom of criticism."

Having decided that a prophet cannot foretell the future, it is *essential* for the critics that the "pseudo-author" be writing for his own generation. When we have begun with this assumption, it is only natural to look to history for a historical context into which each prophet can be fit. What is strange about Isaiah, however, is that *there is no historical situation into which Isaiah AS A WHOLE can be squeezed!*

So there's only *one* "solution."

Isaiah must be "sawn asunder."

Critics With Saw in Hand . . .

According to some, "the conversion of the heathen" lay quite beyond the horizon of any eighth century prophet; consequently, Isaiah 2:2-4 and all similar passages which foretell the conversion of those outside the chosen people are to be relegated to an age subsequent to Isaiah (George L. Robinson, "Isaiah," *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, p. 1505).

Other ideas which are supposed to be "beyond the horizon" of Isaiah are those of "universal peace," "universal judgment," "the Apocalyptic character of chapters 24-27," "the return from captivity," and even the poetic character of some passages. All this, according to critics, means that Isaiah *couldn't* have written the entire book.

The question we have faced in

Ezekiel, Daniel, and now in Isaiah is whether their prophecies were dreamed up by "religious geniuses," or whether they were inspired by God. The *only evidence* advanced by the critics to prove a *later date* for these prophets is the prejudicial "evidence" — actually circular reasoning — that *no man* could have written the prophecies when these men said they did.

That isn't proof!

That's begging the question! We all agree that the concept of the "conversion of the heathen" might have lain completely "beyond the horizons of any eighth-century prophet." But it doesn't lie beyond the horizons of God, nor does it lie beyond the ability of God to convey His concept to a prophet who otherwise could never have understood it! (See II Peter 1:21 and I Cor. 2:9-10.)

Now, what shreds of *evidence* have the critics mustered up to indicate that Isaiah *may* have been written by more than one prophet?

All their hopes are placed in the one basket of *literary criticism*. A "first Isaiah" is supposedly distinguished from a "second Isaiah" (and a "second" from a "third") solely on the basis of *changes in writing style*.

But the real crux of the matter is *not writing style*. Nothing definite can be determined by counting particles, articles, conjunctions, or any other "characteristic traits" of a man's writing. The fact of the matter is that an accomplished author's writing style *should and will* change through the years — so any evidence based upon writing style is tenuous at best. (Modern computer-based literary analysis has claimed that Paul only wrote five of his 14 epistles, that Ian Fleming didn't write James Bond, and that the works of Graham Greene and G. K. Chesterton had "more than one author.")

Obviously, literary analysis of writing style *completely* fails to take into account the possibility of a *purposeful change in form* of the literature in question — i.e., a switch from prose to poetry, or a switch from one form of poetry to another (in which the writer uses or omits words for the sake of euphony, rhythm, etc.).

The critics must face their own motivations.

The *real* criteria for breaking Isaiah down into sections are the *prophecies themselves*. No man could have written them as "prophecies." And any man who wrote them as "histories" would have had to be present in *several* eras of Israel's history.

Which might be possible for a *tree* — but not for a man.

Ageless Test of Prophecy

Another reason for the critics' confusion in the prophetic books of the Bible is their failure to understand the simple principle of *duality* in prophecy.

In the 40th and 41st chapters of Isaiah, God is challenging Israel to *prove* their idols and false gods. The test He proposes is one of prophecy — foretelling the future. In the process of challenging the idols to prove that they are indeed real gods, an important principle of prophecy is expressed:

Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen [in the future]: let them shew the former things [fulfilled prophecy], what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come (Isaiah 41:21, 22).

This is something which God does repeatedly in prophecy. In preparing to give us the understanding of the latter end of a thing, He gives us a prophecy which will have *two* fulfillments. The former is *not* the *primary purpose* of the prophecy, but is merely a "type" — a model which we can examine to understand the latter fulfillment. It is this latter fulfillment — the "antitype" — which, being far more comprehensive in its scope, is the main goal of the original prophecy.

Isaiah's prophecies *are* this way — and Isaiah himself knew it. He not only understood that prophecy was dual, but he understood *why* it was dual. It was not merely to help us understand the latter end of these prophecies — it was also *to confound and confuse the skeptics*.

In Isaiah 28:9, Isaiah asks: "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine?"

them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." The spiritually immature will not understand. Isaiah goes on to say:

For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little . . . that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken (Isaiah 28:9-13).

God did not intend for scornful men to fully comprehend His Truth. Therefore, the prophecies of God are *purposely NOT* laid out in a simple, straightforward manner — but are found "here a little and there a little." And they are *dual* — and it takes a *mind imbued with spiritual discernment* to understand (I Cor. 2:12-14). (Christ used the same technique when teaching in parables — parables were designed to *hide* the meaning; see Matt. 13:10-17.)

The critics only confound themselves, because it is utterly impossible to confine Isaiah's prophecy to any one historical context. The prophecies are deliberately dual — and are obviously intended for people of *other* ages.

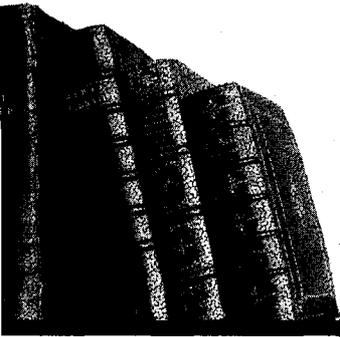
When the facts are considered, the criticism leveled at *all* the prophets becomes *transparent*. The critics have neither correctly evaluated the evidence nor logically combined it. They have started with an *assumption* — that the authors of the prophets were completely human and had no divine inspiration. From this point on, all criticism degenerates into a simple effort to explain away the fact that God's prophets foretell the future with stunning accuracy.

But why should anyone want to be rid of the prophets?

Paul characterized a group of men who seemed to want to get rid of God. Perhaps there's a comparison.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress [marginal reading] the truth in unrighteousness . . . because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools . . . and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind . . . (Romans 1:18-28).

(To be continued)



Daniel—Battleground of Biblical Criticism

WHY the hostility toward the traditional dating of Daniel in the sixth century B.C.?

As Mr. Dart has shown in the previous article, it all boils down to one fundamental reason. If the sixth-century date is accepted for Daniel, critics have no alternative but to admit that a supernatural Being inspired him. There can be no other possibility, considering the incredibly accurate historical record so clearly set forth in Daniel 11. John C. Whitcomb sums up the matter:

The Book of Daniel has long been a battleground of Biblical criticism. The reason for this is not to be found in the lack of historical information concerning the date and authorship of the book, but rather in the very nature of the book itself. . . . He who thus finds his path blocked in his own peculiar conceptions, which eliminate both miracles and prophecy, must of necessity dispose of this book in some way . . . (*Darius the Mede*, p. 1).

Half a century ago skeptics sneeringly pointed to Belshazzar and declared there was no such person — the record in Daniel was nothing but so much imagination. Today we do not even need to discuss whether Belshazzar was historical, or whether Daniel was accurate on this point. Critics have been forced to admit and accept it. Doubters have only to check Dougherty's volume titled *Nabonidus and Belshazzar*. It gives proof from many secular records, including contemporary cuneiform inscriptions.

In light of this amazing confirmation of Daniel's accuracy regarding Belshazzar, might it not be possible that the other historical points in the book are also just as factual? One must admit that the critics have eternal optimism that proof in this regard will not turn up, even though it has time and again in the past.

Let's examine four major points confirming Daniel's date according to the

Bible. We do not choose these four points idly — they are precisely the ones which the critics themselves have chosen to supposedly prove that Daniel was a fraud.

1. Proof From Language

The embarrassing back-pedaling, oftentimes painfully necessary for critics, is illustrated by two quotes from the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. In the 1946 edition this positive, no-alternative, no-compromising statement was made:

Comparison of the language of the sufficiently abundant inscriptions and papyri shows *beyond question* that the Aramaic of Dan. ii-vii represents a type which *cannot possibly* be carried back of 300 B.C. (Vol. 7, p. 20, emphasis ours throughout unless otherwise indicated).

The point was "beyond question" in 1946. But in 1970 "the Aramaic is inconclusive for a 2nd-century date"!! (Vol. 7, p. 51.)

One of the main arguments for a later date (rather than the early Biblical date) for Daniel has been the presence of Greek words in the book. "This proves," critics have claimed, "that Daniel was written under the Greek influence of the second century." In the early days of Biblical criticism some scholars claimed to have found ten or more Greek words in Daniel. That count has dropped to two or three (and some deny there are any!).

A handful of Greek words is hardly proof that the book of Daniel was written in the second century B.C. At that time Hellenistic culture was in its prime, and consequently one would surely expect many more than three possible Greek words. One would have expected perhaps dozens — in addition to a very definite Greek influence in style. *This we do not find.*

Actually the words of supposed Greek etymology are quite easily

explained. They are the names of musical instruments. In fact, they are all found in chapter 3, not scattered through the book. It is hardly surprising that the Greek names for certain musical instruments would be found in Persia in the sixth century. There is abundant evidence to corroborate a great degree of intercourse between Greece and the East long before the second century.

Terpander's harp was invented in 650 B.C. Assurbanipal, king of Assyria, died 625 B.C.; that is, only twenty-five years lapsed between the invention of the seven-stringed harp and the death of Assurbanipal. The significance of these figures will be seen when it is stated that this harp with seven strings is sculptured upon a monument of Assurbanipal's (Urquhart, *New Biblical Guide*, vol. VIII, p. 249).

Terpander was a Greek poet and musician. Yet a record of his instrument is found in Assyria within 25 years of its invention! Strabo records that several famous Greeks fought on the side of the Babylonians in the time of Nebuchadnezzar. He also shows that certain Greek musical styles and instruments originated in the East.

The few Greek words in Daniel confirm it was written when stated, in the sixth century, rather than proving it was later.

In fact, further proof that Daniel was written in Babylon, rather than in Judaea under the Maccabees as some claim, is that *no solely Hebrew* instruments are listed among the six mentioned. This is despite the fact that the Judaeans Hebrews had about *ten* of their own! The description fits perfectly with sixth-century Babylon.

A Jew in the time of Antiochus Epiphanes in the second century B. C, who would have written a sacred book partially in Hebrew and partially in Ara-

maic would be looked upon as rather odd by his compatriots. Before the exile, only Hebrew was spoken by the Jews. But Aramaic was the official language of the Babylonian, and later the Persian empire. So it would not be surprising to find Aramaic and Hebrew in a book of the Bible written during the Babylonian or Persian Empires. Daniel and Ezra quote Babylonian and Persian records in Aramaic, which would be fine for the sixth century but very unusual for the second.

As far as the Hebrew of the book is concerned, C. F. Keil points out that "the Hebrew dictum of Daniel harmonizes peculiarly with the language used by writers of the period of the exile, particularly by Ezekiel" (*Biblical Commentary on the Book of Daniel*, p. 44). He cites a number of examples in a footnote on the same page.

2. Historical Proof

Language is not the only proof for the early (i.e., *Biblical*) date for Daniel. The historical accuracy of the book is quite astounding (and quite disconcerting to scoffers and doubters).

Notice another "positive" statement made by an early critic: "The historical pre-suppositions of Dan. 5 are inconsistent with the evidence of the contemporary monuments" (S. R. Driver, *Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament*, p. 499). But Dr. R. P. Dougherty, who did a lengthy study on documents relating to Daniel at a later time, found an entirely different picture:

The foregoing summary of information concerning Belshazzar, when judged in the light of data obtained from the texts discussed in this monograph, indicates that of all non-Babylonian records dealing with the situation at the close of the Neo-Babylonian empire the fifth chapter of Daniel ranks next to cuneiform literature in accuracy so far as outstanding events are concerned. The Scriptural account may be interpreted as excelling because it employs the name of Belshazzar, because it attributes royal power to Belshazzar, and because it recognizes that a dual rulership existed in the kingdom (*Nabonidus and Belshazzar*, pp. 190-200, italics his).

Despite this acknowledgment from an eminent authority, there are still those who pick and carp at the prophet.

One major objection concerns Darius the Mede. But here we find Daniel is our *chief witness* to a historical personality only hinted at by secular historians.

W. F. Albright pointed out that those casting aspersions on the existence of Darius were treading on shaky grounds:

Torrey's view that Darius the Mede is a confused reminiscence of Darius Hystaspes [Darius I of Persia]... is ... not likely. Darius I was a Persian of the Persians, of the purest Achaemenian stock, and his victory over Pseudo-Smerdis was also a triumph over the growing Median influence ... After the cuneiform elucidation of the Belshazzar mystery... the vindication of Darius the Mede for history was to be expected ("The Date and Personality of the Chronicler," *Journal of Biblical Literature*, XL, 1921, footnotes on pp. 112-113).

As several ancient and modern sources point out, there was *without question* a Darius recognized in Persian history *before* Darius I (Hystaspes).

"To this may be added, that profane history speaks distinctly of a King Darius, *more ancient* than the son of Hystaspes, a monarch who, according to some, was the first to introduce into Western areas the silver coin known as the daric which took its name from him" (George Rawlinson, *Testimony of History*, p. 186). Rawlinson makes reference to the classical writer Harpocration, who said Darius the Mede was the first king of the Medes and Persians who coined gold.

The names in Daniel were once considered simply the clumsy invention of a second-century author. But again archaeology has confirmed what scoffers once declared fake. Daniel's name "Belteshazzar" is a Hebrew form of the Babylonian *Balat-su-usur* meaning "Protect thou (O God) his life."

Shadrach is a Hebrew form of the Babylonian *Sudur-Aku*, "command of Aku (Moon-god)." Abed-nego is uncertain, though many have thought it to be the Babylonian for "servant of (the god) Nebo." Arioch is from the Babylonian *Iri-Aku*. Although Daniel and other Bible books use the form Nebuchadnezzar, unlike the monument form of Nebuchadrezzar, the famous Babylonian historian Berossus uses the

same form as Daniel. This simply means that *two forms* of spelling were current. Jeremiah uses *both* spellings.

Rawlinson quotes ancient authorities to show that the use of the term "Chaldean" applied to the *priestly-magician class* as well as to the race of people in Babylon — exactly in the same way Daniel uses it (*The Historical Evidences*, p. 351). He also demonstrates that the Magi were divided up into the same three classes which Daniel enumerates *along with* the astrologers and priests (*Testimony of History*, p. 175).

Some have tried to say that Daniel showed a nonexistent Median Empire. This is absolutely ridiculous. He continually refers to the Medes and Persians *together as one empire* in such passages as 5:28; 6:8, 12, 15; 8:20. The reason for such an accusation is given below.

3. Testimony of Ancient Writers

Some have asked why Daniel was not mentioned by Ben-Sirach (writer of the apocryphal *Ecclesiasticus* — second century B.C.) in his list of illustrious men. It is true that the book of Daniel is not mentioned by name. But then neither is Ezra! Yet Nehemiah *is* mentioned.

But Ben-Sirach does borrow phrases from Daniel, as he does from other Bible books, showing that he was acquainted with Daniel: *Ecclesiasticus* 18:26 from Daniel 2:9, and 33:8 from Daniel 2:21. There are also allusions to certain passages of Daniel: *Ecclesiasticus* 17:17 alludes to Daniel 10:20-21 and 12:1, and 10:8 alludes to Daniel 8:23. According to some, Ben-Sirach did not mention Ezra or Daniel as "punishment" for using Aramaic instead of Hebrew! But he was certainly aware of Daniel.

So were the Maccabees (who lived at the very time critics say Daniel was written). Daniel and his three friends are cited as examples of faith and zeal in I Maccabees 2:59-60. Yet the Maccabees considered the prophets to have been *far in the past* (4:46; 9:27; 14:41). In the same way Josephus (*Contra Apion*, 1, 8) states *nothing* was accepted into the Old Testament

Canon after the time of Artaxerxes (fifth century B.C.).

Josephus tells us further that the book of Daniel was shown to Alexander the Great (4th century) when he came to Jerusalem, and his fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy was pointed out to him. This is backed up by the very considerate and friendly treatment which Alexander accorded the Jews (*Antiquities*, XI, viii, 5).

4. Fulfilled Prophecy

But here is the crux proving Daniel: prophecy fulfilled *after* it was written.

Daniel speaks of four world-ruling empires: Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman. But some critics say Daniel spoke of a Median Empire and a Persian Empire to try to make the Greek Empire the fourth and last.

But Daniel specifically labels the Medo-Persian Empire as only one, and the Greek as *the third*, not the last.

Then he describes *the Roman Empire*. Josephus definitely tells us Daniel meant Rome (*Antiquities*, X, xi, 7), though his testimony is not necessary since Daniel's description identifies it. *Even* if Daniel is falsely put at the time of Antiochus Epiphanes in the mid-second century, he *still* would have had to be inspired to record the prophecies yet to be fulfilled at that time.

At the time of Antiochus Epiphanes, Rome was only barely beginning to rise. The Carthaginian wars were not yet over. But even an astute observer who prophesied the rise of Rome *could not* have described the *later* revivals of the Roman history so precisely.

Notice as a final point the judgment

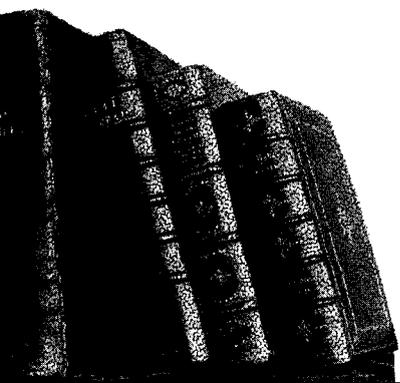
of one eminent scholar about chapter 5. The consensus of critics is that Daniel is one unit. It stands or falls together. So what he says of chapter 5 applies to the entire book:

The view that the fifth chapter of Daniel originated in the Maccabean age is discredited... a narrative characterized by such an accurate historical perspective as Daniel 5 ought to be entitled to a place much nearer in time to the reliable documents which belong to the general epoch with which it deals (Dougherty, p. 200).

The language, the history, the testimony of other witnesses, and the prophecy all point up that Daniel is not a "pious fraud."

It is part of God's revelation to man of essential knowledge we need to know in this 20th century.

— L. I. Grabbe



How to Understand PROPHECY

Can Bible prophecy predict the "big stories" of the '70s?

IT IS NOT our purpose to "convince" you that the answer to this question is "yes." We couldn't do so if we tried. Rather it must be the months and years ahead that will do the job. And do the job it will — much more effectively than we could ever hope to do.

Presently our objective in this short article is more limited. Yet, in a very real sense, it is *fundamental* to the whole issue.

Is Bible prophecy "*relevant*" to the twentieth century — to our "sophisticated society?" We want *you* to be able to determine the answer to *this* question, privately, for yourself.

So, what we propose to do is to explain a LOGICAL SYSTEM that you can

use for your own personal evaluation of Bible prophecy.

Actually we must present *two* such logical systems — one for the analysis of Bible prophecies *already* fulfilled in the *past* and the other for the analysis of Bible prophecies *yet to be* fulfilled in the *future*.

PAST PROPHECIES

There are three steps to the process:

- 1) Read the prophecies in the Bible.
- 2) Read the fulfillments in history.
- 3) Prove that the prophecies were written in the Bible long before the fulfillments were happening in history.

It sounds simple. And it is. But it is assuredly *not* simple-minded. There *is* a difference.

Look at the procedure again a bit more fully.

First, read the prophecies in the Bible concerning those international events which have occurred in the past. But to read them you must of course *find* them. (Understanding them is generally quite easy.)

We can give you a start. There are certain key chapters with which you should be familiar: Daniel 8 and 11 for the astoundingly accurate ancient history of the Persian, Grecian and Roman empires; Ezekiel 26 for the detailed description of the destruction of the commercial center of the ancient world, Tyre; Isaiah 53 for the in-advance setting forth of the purpose of the Messiah's physical life.

These are but three examples — there are literally dozens of others. (To go further, send for our free booklet *The*

Proof of the Bible and the reprint article "The Middle East in Prophecy." They are almost exclusively devoted to a discussion of Bible prophecies which have already been fulfilled.)

Second, read the actual historical occurrences — the fulfillment — as they were originally recorded by unbiased, independent, secular sources. Prove just how accurate Daniel 8 and 11, Ezekiel 26 and Isaiah 53 really were. An easy place to begin your historical search would be a good Bible commentary, for example the one by Jamieson, Faussett and Brown. But go further. Check some authoritative history books. George Rawlinson's *Manual of Ancient History*, for example, is excellent for showing the historical fulfillment of Daniel 11.

For the third step, we must assume that you have completed the first two steps. Now we are not trying to prejudice your independent study, but we are sure that you will find an incredibly precise correlation between the clear statements of prophecy and the actual historical events. Even Bible critics admit this. In fact, as odd as it sounds, "fulfilled prophecy" is the underlying motivation for their criticism. Because if — and here is our *third* and final point — the prophecies of the Bible were indeed written *before* the historical event had occurred then it would be embarrassingly obvious that no man could have made them up.

A Supernatural Being — a *Great God* to be blunt — would have had to have been involved.

This is not a very desirable conclusion for certain individuals. And so the advent of Bible criticism. Here was a method by which self-appointed critics sought to demonstrate that Bible prophecies were in fact written *after* the events had occurred. They hoped to prove, as a result, that what "appeared" to be spectacular prophecy was merely ordinary history. Or, more accurately, history written in a "prophetic style."

So the whole issue of Bible prophecy — indeed the whole issue of the divine inspiration and validity of the entire Bible — focuses in on this one point: Were the prophecies of Isaiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, for example, *forgeries*,

written after the historical events described — as some few Bible critics claim? Or can we believe the dates undeniably stamped by the Bible itself?

These fundamental questions are conclusively resolved in the articles on pages 33 and 38 of this issue.

FUTURE PROPHECIES

Here we offer only a slightly more complex *logical system* — a four-step process for the evaluation of *future* Bible prophecies.

1) Understand that God reveals prophecy through His true servants.

2) Learn the keys of Bible prophecy.

3) Read the prophecies in your Bible.

4) Read the fulfillments in your newspaper — watch the fulfillments on television.

As we did for PAST PROPHECIES, we again explain in more detail.

First, Amos 3:7: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

Remember, *ONLY* God's true servants have come to properly understand prophecy. Others try — by the thousands of hours of preaching and by the tons of printed material. But all for nothing.

God's true disciples in *this* age will be shown "the things to come" by God's Holy Spirit (John 16:13) — given to them because they believe in, preach and *obey* God (Acts 5:32). These individuals have a "good understanding" because they keep God's Commandments *to DO them* (Psalm 111:10; Rev. 22:7, 14). Wherever you can find a "Work of God" which fulfills these conditions — which keeps God's Commandments — there you will also find God revealing His secrets — which means opening up Bible prophecies for the practical understanding of future events. For further information on this point, write for our free article "Why Prophecy?"

Second, in order to enable these ancient and divine prophecies *to be opened*, we do in fact need certain "keys." We must know *about whom*

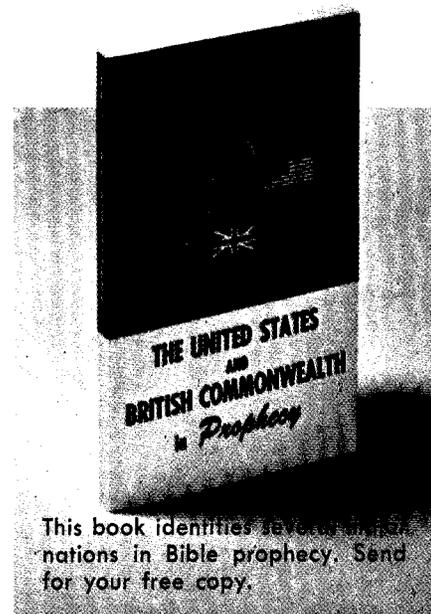
and *to whom* the many prophecies are speaking; we must know the *modern identities* of the peoples being referred to — in terms of *today's* world and in terms of the basic geography of the 1970s.

These keys are available!

How can the major nations be identified and then "tracked" in Bible prophecy?

You need to write for the book, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* to find out.

Third, once learning these basic keys to Bible understanding, the next step is easy: *Read* what these prophecies say.



But please, no interpretation — of *any* kind. We have said over and over again: "The Bible interprets itself." Just read what the words themselves say. Of course God allows you to decide whether or not you want to *believe* them. That's your prerogative. (But your decision will not alter the prophecies which will come to pass *on schedule*.)

Fully one third of the entire Bible is prophecy — and about 90% of that one third is directly concerned with events in the coming decades, the '70s and '80s. And just as we have been publishing for some 37 years now, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* will continue to focus in on *prophecy*.

Fourth, and finally, you must "WATCH." Christ said it in Luke 21:36 when discussing how *we* — those of us

who are alive in the 1970s — can comprehend *beforehand* the events leading up to the end of man's age and the beginning of God's Age.

And "watch" means *watch world news*. Read a major daily newspaper. Subscribe to a reputable weekly news-magazine. *Watch* one of the three television network news programs.

But don't just watch *passively*. That's not really watching!

Begin to think *actively*. And *creatively*. Correlate what you have read in

prises — radical twists of events. The prophecies of the Bible are literally astounding. What might *seem* at the moment to be a logical conclusion to a given situation in world affairs can often be almost the opposite from what God has predetermined. Witness the Six-day War in June of 1967.

Consequently, you need to know *what* to watch for. And there is only one way to know. A person has to be conversant with the Bible. He has to know the overall framework of Bible

and trade war, cold war and hot war internationally are finally being recognized. But there are military, economic, political, and religious situations and occurrences on the horizon of which not one political commentator or news analyst — outside of *this Work* — is aware. The world will be utterly stunned. And that is an absolute fact. But those who will have read the publications of Ambassador College will have at least been forewarned.

So you must keep your priorities straight.

Read your Bible.

Read *The PLAIN TRUTH and TOMORROW'S WORLD*.

Know in advance what will be happening.

Then find it in the news.

That's called "*watching*."

By the way, don't be overly disturbed when you consistently discover that the *critical items* in the news — the portentous events in the Middle East, the developing situation in Central Europe or the ominous trends within the United States — are all neatly tucked away on page six, sandwiched between advertisements for toothbrushes and tablecloths, while page one is filled with the local scandals and murders (for the third straight week). Don't be disturbed — remember most newspapers feed the masses what they want to read. Newspapers don't "*watch*." *We* do. And *you* must.

One closing note. Recall the *third* point in our first *logical system* — the one for evaluating the prophecies fulfilled in the past. We had to conclusively prove that the various scriptures had significantly *pre-dated* the historical event. We have *no* such point to prove with respect to the Bible prophecies (90%, remember) which *will be and are being fulfilled* in the 1970s and beyond. We have no need to counter any Bible critics. Everybody knows that the Bible was not written (or even edited) last year. And the events prophesied to occur have not yet occurred.

So the test is simple.

Wait.

Watch.

And see.

— R. L. Kuhn



Ruins of Tyre.

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the Bible with the *end result* of the specific happenings of the day, week, month and year. Discern the underlying *principle* involved. Don't expect every event in February 1971, for example, to be mentioned in the Bible. But do expect the *trends* to be there. Carry these trends forward to their conclusions. And expect these conclusions to be in the Bible also.

But a word of caution. Many conclusions and many trends are not all that apparent to even the most astute geopolitical observer. There will be sur-

prophecy (point *three*), he must be aware of the identity of today's major nations (point *two*), and he must know where God is presently enabling obedient minds to comprehend prophecy (point *one*). Only by diligently applying these first three points can an individual really accomplish point four — and *watch* effectively as is commanded in Luke 21:36.

The events that will literally shake this world in a very short time are today still largely ignored. True, the threats of pollution, crime and divorce nationally,

"Under" LAW?

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diate condition at the exact time of his total repentance and surrender to God; that is, justification is the "condition" of the newly repentant sinner which is the result of God's grace!

Neither grace nor justification comes by the works of God's Law. They do not come by obedience to *God's Law*, or to *any other law*.

Rather, your Bible *plainly shows* that God *will extend* His unmerited pardon, His grace, to those who have been totally repentant because they have disobeyed. They have now *resolved* to begin obeying! Once they have *made this resolve* in their minds, God says such persons can *BE justified!* Once Almighty God ascertains that basic *attitude* of total surrender toward God, He will now extend His righteous and merciful grace toward that sinner, by *forgiving* him of all his past sins!

Now notice an important scripture on this subject you've probably seen or heard quoted many times: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast."

This is where most theologians always *end* the quotation. But let's read *all* of it. "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus [the "new man" as a result of God's Holy Spirit] unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them*" (Eph. 2:8-10).

[EDITOR'S NOTE: There are several other scriptures — Rom. 3:20; 7:4; 10:4; Gal. 3:13, etc. — that some still wrest and twist to try to "prove" that we no longer need to obey God's Law today. All these scriptures are carefully and correctly explained in our free booklet, *What Kind of Faith Is Required for Salvation?* and the reprint "The New Testament Teaching on Law and Grace."]

We are the handiwork of God, created as new creatures, once we have been *converted*, "in Christ Jesus" for the express purpose of living by every word of God! Living by every word of God means living in obedience to God's laws. It means living in humility. It means living a "good" life — but Almighty God is the One who tells us what a "good" life is!

He tells us by the perfect example of the life of Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ obeyed, *PERFECTLY*, all His Father's commandments!

Peter says, "...because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should follow His steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth" (I Peter 2:21-22).

Did you notice it? Jesus Christ, by doing no sin, did obey all of God's Ten Commandments. He set you, and He set me, an example! Are you willing to follow His example?

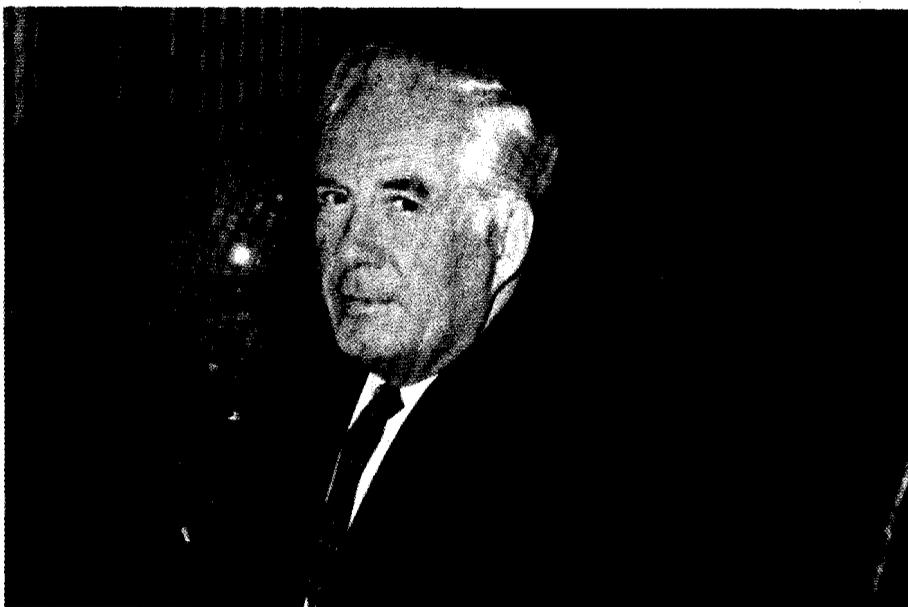
God's Law Must Be OBEYED!

Now read these plain scriptures, and come to your own private decision as to

well: But if ye have respect to persons ye commit sin, and are convinced of *the law* as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the *whole law*, and yet offend in *one point*, he is guilty of all" (James 2:8-10).

"And hereby do we know that we know Him, *if we keep His commandments*. He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth *not* His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:3-4).

Finally, read the definite description of the end-time remnant of God's *true Church* at the precise *moment* of their persecution in the wilderness, just immediately prior to the second coming of Christ!



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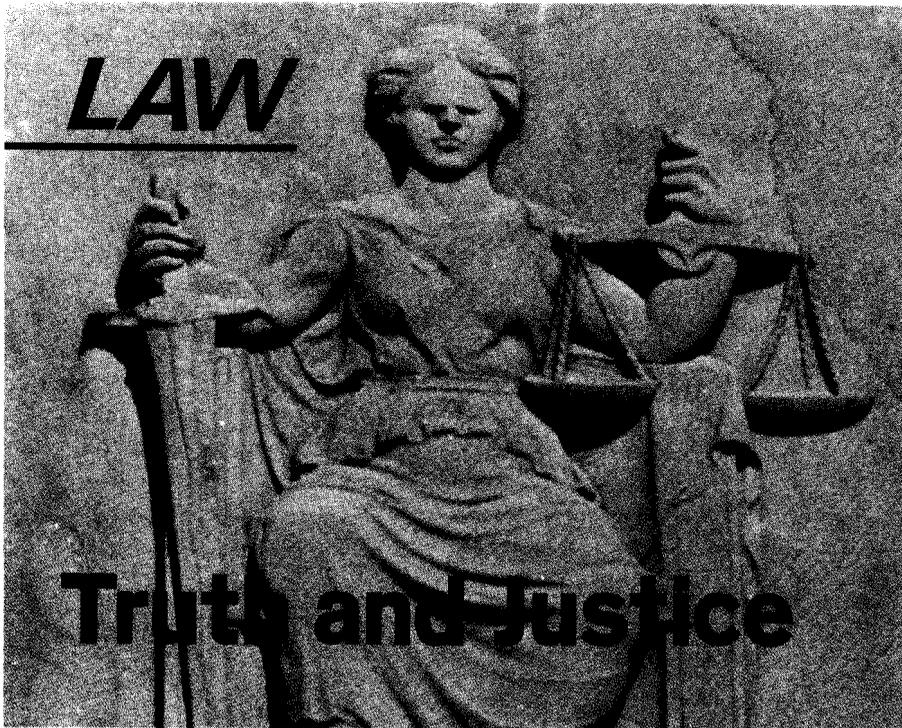
Chief Justice Warren Earl Burger

what you shall do with them. Jesus said plainly, "...but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matt. 19:17). Paul wrote, "Wherefore the law is *holy*, and the commandment *holy*, and *just*, and *good*" (Rom. 7:12). Paul went on to say, "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. ... If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is good*" (verses 14 and 16). "For I delight in the *law of God* after the inward man" (verse 22). "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the *law of God*; but with the flesh the law of sin" (verse 25). "If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, *WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST*" (Rev. 12:17).

Can you now come to see? The truly converted Christian is living *WITHIN* God's Law, and has experienced God's loving grace in being granted forgiveness for his *past transgressions* of God's Law.

May God help you to come to *see*, in *your own Bible*, these plain truths. Be *honest with yourself*. What will you do about it? □



Harold M. Lambert

ONE OF THE principal issues in the recent elections was that of law and order — or should we say the lack of it? The candidates all denounced violence with statements to the effect, “the irresponsible element in our society must learn that we will not tolerate violence any longer.” The audience then, all in favor of such a platform, would give vigorous approving applause — then be silenced. The speaker would go on to some other issue.

And that seems to be as far as it goes.

There are those who are blowing up our public buildings, besieging our police stations, burning banks, willfully plotting and killing police officers, proliferating the knowledge of how to make homemade bombs and other weapons, offering men from this country to fight on the side of the North Vietnamese against the American troops, not to mention those openly advocating the destruction of this nation.

As this lawless element grows in power and audacity, in a fearless affront to every element of law enforcement, all we continue to hear is the same effete speeches that “they had better stop it.”

But let's consider the question of “why should they?” Put yourself in their position. Consider yourself — for a moment — to be an anarchist, firmly

dedicated to destroying this present government and society.

Now then, you answer the question, *why should you quit?* You have a goal to accomplish. You tell the country openly what it is. You *sincerely* believe in it. You take violent measures of arson, murder and that which is close to all-out war to bring it to pass. Then when you do someone tells you, “You had better stop it.”

Now again I ask, “Why would you?” The answer is obvious that you would *not*. You have no motive, no reason to stop. You would have *to be stopped*, and mere words of cajoling or threats would not be enough.

And herein lies the heart of the problem — the failure to get to the truth of the matter and bring the guilty party to justice.

This nation has forgotten what truth and justice are in respect to criminal matters. We have come to accept half-truths as satisfactory. We have adopted a perverted definition of justice. We have come to reverence a meaning of justice and a means of ascertaining the truth that are absolutely impractical.

The result of our folly in criminal cases is that the rights of the accused are shrouded in sanctity — to the absolute detriment of the innocent men, women and children who were their victims.

We have come to the place in society where, as an everyday matter of life, we bury the victim under the sod and the guilty party's wrongdoing under legal linguistics.

From the inception of this country, it was deemed just that if a person were guilty of a crime he was punished. As a result, that particular element bent on destruction was either deterred or removed from society, and those remaining saw the penalty inflicted and were fearful of following the same course. Hence relative peace and calm prevailed.

But today in our “modern” concept of justice, we no longer seem particularly concerned whether or not the accused person in fact did commit the crime. Whether or not the person actually did the wrong is totally obscured with hypertechanical procedural questions. The trial then becomes not one of guilt or innocence. It is not based upon the question of whether or not the man committed the wrong, but largely based upon the question of “Are we proving him to be the guilty party according to a formal set of procedural rules?”

The conclusion being, that if we don't prove that the person actually committed the wrong in strict accordance with these arbitrary rules of formality, the accused person is acquitted. Perhaps absolutely free to walk the streets again and commit the same wrong, even though he is in fact guilty of the crime with which he was charged.

This simply is not Godly justice and we are reaping the penalty. The penalty that comes from either the guilty going free, receiving a penalty totally inappropriate to the crime, or justice so long delayed that the penalty is not logically related to the crime. Hence, the lawless only hear of the profit of crime, because the possibility of punishment is minimal, and there is not the deterring *fear to disobey* that comes from seeing justice enforced.

One example of reliance on a ritualistic rule lies in the Supreme Court case of *Miranda vs. State of Arizona*, 384 U. S. 436 (1966). This case required in part that in order for a voluntary confession of an accused to be admissible

into evidence against him it was necessary that the law-enforcement officer first advise him: (1) That anything he says could be used against him, (2) that he has a right to remain silent, and (3) that he has a right to representation by an attorney. And that if he cannot afford one, one would be furnished without charge.

If the rule of the Miranda case is followed, the confession of the guilty party, although voluntarily given without promise of favor, threat or physical violence, although admitting in minute detail a heinous crime, cannot be used in court as evidence of his guilt.

Now we recognize the reason for these stipulations — to protect the individual. Nonetheless, as a result of the Miranda case men have been convicted by a jury that heard all the evidence, but the conviction was reversed and the accused acquitted of the crime. Why? Because the law-enforcement officer didn't advise the accused of his "rights." The law-enforcement officer didn't use the magic words. Hence, the absolute truth of the matter was suppressed, the accused acquitted, justice thwarted and society left open to the same attack that the unfortunate victim had experienced.

Truly it applies to the criminal justice in this nation what God inspired to be written in Isaiah 59:4, 8-15: "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies, they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. The way of peace they know not, and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men... And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment."

— R. K. Helge



MANY people today believe Christians are under a NEW law — a law which says "love one another" and "love your brother as yourself." They look upon the laws in the Old Testament, including the Ten Commandments, as the rigorous bondage of an ancient religion.

Christ, they claim, brought a NEW law — one of "love."

Is this true? Many assume it must be. They've never looked into it for themselves, but they assume Jesus did away with the Ten Commandments. They've even heard *ministers* speak of the "Terrible Ten."

But wait a minute. Let's take a good look at the Ten Commandments, and see what's so *terrible* about them.

The first commandment states we should have no god before the true God. The second states we should not make idols to worship. The third states we shouldn't take God's name in vain. What's so terrible about those commandments?

Notice the fifth commandment: "Honor your father and mother" (Ex. 20:12, Goodspeed). Is that so bad? Or the sixth: "You must not commit murder" (verse 13). What's wrong with that law? The seventh commandment forbids adultery, the eighth prohibits

theft, the ninth proscribes lying, and the tenth states we must not greedily covet the possessions of somebody else (verses 14-17).

Just pondering these commandments and their practical application to our "modern" problems, we should see clearly that they are not at all the rigorous bondage of an ancient religion. They are GOOD commandments! Society is suffering, today, because of their VIOLATION — not because of their being observed!

But, millions assume, Christ did away with the Ten Commandments — the "Terrible Ten" — and brought us a NEW law, a law of LOVE. What is the truth?

Did the law of LOVE begin with Christ, in the New Testament? The shocking truth of the matter is that the Bible teaches LOVE from Genesis to Revelation. Although few people realize it, in the laws given in the third book of the OLD Testament — in the book of Leviticus — we read God's command: "Thou shalt LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF" (Lev. 19:18).

Prepare for another shock. In Deuteronomy 6:5 God told Moses: "And thou shalt LOVE THE LORD THY GOD with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and

with all thy might." That's in the OLD Testament! Obviously, the Law of LOVE was known in Old Testament times, long before Jesus Christ was born of the virgin Mary. Therefore, Christ's "NEW Law" of loving one another wasn't really new at all! The whole basis of God's Law, from the very beginning, has been to LOVE GOD and to LOVE ONE ANOTHER!

The Apostle John himself asserted that this was not really a NEW commandment. He wrote: "Brethren, I write *no new commandment* unto you, *but an OLD commandment* which ye had from the beginning" (I John 2:7). He explained: "For this is the message that ye heard *from the beginning*, that we should *love one another*" (I John 3:11).

That's the SUM TOTAL of the message of God in the Bible. But, just what is "love"? People often make up their own definitions. Some think love is sex. Some say love is affection or strong emotion. What does the Bible say?

Is there a verse in the Bible that says, "Love is," and then goes on to define the word for us? Yes, there is! In fact, twice in the New Testament we have the word "love" defined for us. Notice! The Apostle Paul (apostle to the *Gentiles*) wrote: "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore *love IS the fulfilling of the law*" (Rom. 13:10). In other words, love is fulfilling — that is filling full, keeping, observing, *doing* — God's commandments!

The Apostle John, often called the apostle of love, also wrote and told us what the love of God is. He said: "For *this IS the love of God, THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS...*" (I John 5:3).

How clear it should be. From the very beginning, God taught that we should love Him and love one another. That's the basis of His Law. But HOW can we show forth that love? Again, God tells us in His Word. We show forth true love, the love of God, by *keeping all His Commandments*, which tell us HOW to show love. The first four of the Ten Commandments tell us HOW to love God; the last six tell us HOW to love our neighbor (by not lying, stealing, committing murder, etc.).

God's Law of love has always been in force. It is in force, today. If we break God's Law, and transgress *any* of the Ten Commandments, then we are *not* showing forth true love!

As Paul wrote to the Romans: "... the love of God [which **KEEPS** His Commandments] is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5). God's Spirit provides *power* to keep God's Commandments — to manifest *true* love. His Spirit enables us to fulfill the righteousness of the Law (Rom. 8:4).

Finally, we go to the inspired words of Jesus Christ Himself. And we are *not* going to be interested in what certain theologians *say* that He said. Rather we are going to be "naïve" enough to believe that Jesus did in fact say what He Himself really wanted to say.

In Matthew 22:35-36, a lawyer came to Christ with a question: "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus answered that the first great commandment is to love God with our whole being (verses 37-38) and the second great commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves (verse 39). And this is where many religionists conclude their explanation, thereby leaving the distinct impression that these two great commandments pre-empt, anti-quate and eliminate all other previous commandments, namely the "Big Ten."

Now we have a question. Why do these theologians cut Christ off in the middle of His thought? Why is His last and concluding sentence left out? Was it an oversight? Or was it done "conveniently"?

Well, let's read Matthew 22:40: "On these two commandments *hang all the law and the prophets*!" In other words, God's entire law is *still in force* — and it is *being* supported by the two great commandments, which are simply the two fundamental principles underlying the Ten Commandments, the first great commandment underlying the first four of the "Big Ten" and the second great commandment underlying the latter six of the "Big Ten."

Isn't it time we all began showing forth the TRUE LOVE of God — the love which OBEYS God's Law — the love which **KEEPS** His Commandments?

— W. F. Dankenbring

SEVEN KEYS

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proof of this basic key in our free book, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. Write immediately for your free copy if you have not read it.

6) Bible Interpretation of Symbols

God has concealed until now His prophecies of these colossal end-time world events now occurring by means of SYMBOLS used to describe these events — as well as by the fact of His dual principle, and that our Israelitish identity has been hidden from men.

Symbols, like parables, were used, not to make meaning clearer, but to *hide* and *conceal* God's true meaning until the time came for *Him* to reveal the interpretation of the symbols. Just as Jesus' parables were not understood until Jesus Himself explained them in plain language, so with symbols. For generations men have been putting human interpretations upon God's symbols. An important KEY, therefore, is that these symbols are interpreted in plain language in the Bible itself — if not in the context, then elsewhere — and we must search for God's own interpretation, never apply our own.

7) God's Sabbath

Since this is the *test* commandment — the one most professing Christians refuse to obey — the one which causes the greatest *test of faith* and reliance upon God to be able to keep it, it stands as the *final completing basic key* — for "A GOOD UNDERSTANDING have all they that *do* His Commandments"! (Proof that the Sabbath was created for Christians *today* is available in our free booklet *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?*)

The Sabbath is also the basic key to the *identity* of the true God — the CREATOR OF ALL (Ex. 31:12-17) and the key to the *identity* of ISRAEL. The

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ANSWERS to your Questions

● "Please explain the meaning and origin of the so-called 'peace symbol'  so popular among our youth today."

Speculations abound today about the origin of this symbol. The fact that most of these theories are promulgated by various political factions makes it difficult to ascertain its exact origin. Research, however, seems to indicate it has been in use for centuries.

The modern popularity of this symbol — whatever its origin — began with the first Ban-the-Bomb Aldermaston March staged in England at Easter in 1958. An artist, Gerald Holtom, designed the symbol for that march. He said that this emblem represented the composite semaphore (flag) signal for the letters N and D, standing for "Nuclear Disarmament" (*Spectator*, April 12, 1963). Later, Holtom said the form of his symbol "was the elemental life-shape of man with palms out-stretched downward, a product of despair at the realization that the 'Christian' church organizations were unopposed to the manufacture of the H-bomb."

● "Recently on a television interview program there was a clergyman who made the statement that nowhere in the Bible had he ever found reference to our living again in this world after the return of Jesus Christ. Is that so?"

Read Revelation 20:4 — "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them . . . and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Now read Revelation 5:10 — "And [Thou] hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." These two scriptures prove that Christians shall

reign with Christ on the earth *after* His second coming.

● (From the same reader) "In view of the above, what did Jesus mean when He said, 'I go to prepare a place for you?'"

The word "place" in John 14:2 means a position or an *office* in God's Kingdom. For proof, request the free article "What Is the Place That Jesus Is Preparing?"

● "Will you please look up the scripture in the Bible where it says the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and tell me the book, chapter and verse?"

We receive many such questions. A Bible *concordance* is very helpful in searching out particular scriptures. A concordance is an *index* of the words found in Scripture. By knowing just a few words of a passage you will be able to find the scripture in your Bible.

A concordance can also help you to understand your Bible in two important ways. (1) A concordance has all the scriptures containing a certain word listed together, enabling you to bring related material together so that you can get the whole meaning of what the Bible has to say about a particular subject. (2) A concordance will help you to find the meaning of *symbolic* words. For example, to find who or what is the "dragon" of Revelation 16:13, look up the word "dragon" in the concordance. You will find this word is also found in Rev. 12:9, where the identity of the dragon is revealed.

Several concordances are available. The small *Cruden's Concordance* is very popular and quite good for general Bible study. Then there are the large,

complete concordances showing meanings of words in the original Hebrew and Greek such as *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance* and *Young's Analytical Concordance*. These can be obtained at most Bible bookstores, local bookstores or your local public library.

By the way, looking up the word "blind," we find your scripture is Isaiah 35:5.

● "Just how important a part will France play in the future of Europe?"

Charles de Gaulle has just passed from the scene. Undoubtedly, the greatest French leader of this century, De Gaulle has done more than any Frenchman since Napoleon in striving to make his country *great* in the family of nations. De Gaulle has left France with a more stable government than she has had for decades. With the strongest nuclear striking force in Western Europe and some measure of economic prosperity, France cannot avoid a crucial role in the development of European affairs. But De Gaulle's dream of a Western Europe *dominated* by France will *not* come to fruition.

Economic events of the past twenty years — and Bible prophecy — reveal that Germany will continue to dominate Western Europe. There is coming in Western Europe a short-lived combine of ten nations (or groups of nations), representing the final resurrection of the ancient Roman Empire (Dan. 2:31-45; Rev. 13; 17:8-14).

● "Where did the Egyptians come from?"

All humankind descends from Noah through his three sons. "And the sons of Noah, that went forth [out] of the ark, were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. . . . These are the three sons of Noah, and of them was the whole earth overspread" (Genesis 9:18, 19). The ancient Egyptians descended from Mizraim, the son of Ham. In fact, the Hebrew word everywhere used in the Old Testament for Egypt is Mizraim. In Psalm 105, Egypt is called the land of Ham (verses 23, 27). In modern Egypt, however, the majority of the people are Arabs whose father was

Ishmael, son of Abraham. Only a small minority of the original Mizraitcs remain and they are known as Copts.

● "Should instrumental music be used to worship God?"

This question has been a matter of special concern to many of those who are serious in their efforts to *please God* in religious services. The problem derives from a seeming lack of attention given to instrumental music in the *New Testament* — although much is written on the subject in the *Old Testament*. What then is the answer *God Himself* gives?

Jesus said that man must live by *every* word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4). This means that a properly balanced, rich and complete life can be lived only by following God's Word *in its entirety*, Old and New Testaments complementing one another — each making the other clear and complete. God is, as He always has been, the same perfect character *forever* (Heb. 13:8; Mal. 3:6). This great God, the Builder of our awesome universe, is also the Creator of music — a wonderful artistic medium, capable of *expressing* God-like beauty and majesty.

I Chronicles 15 and 16 show how King David, the man after *God's own heart* (Acts 13:22), set up special musical administrations to worship God in song. And II Chronicles 5:13-14 powerfully reveals God's warm and dynamic reaction to an occasion in His honor, dramatized by majestic instrumental and choral music, properly used *in worship*. "As the trumpeters and singers were as one . . . PRAISING and THANKING the LORD . . . then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD . . . for the glory of the LORD had FILLED the house of God."

God hasn't changed since those events. Revelation 5:8-10 and 14:2-3 reveal that God, in *New Testament times*, brings beautiful, *accompanied* choral music into His very throne room. These are *eye-witness* reports about spirit beings worshipping God — in God's

ing that God tells His *New Testament Church* to be "speaking to yourselves in PSALMS . . ." (Eph. 5:19). Not only does the Greek word *Psalms* imply instrumental accompaniment, but the Psalms themselves are quite liberally embellished with commands to use *every basic type* of musical instrument — *in worship!* What more forceful *New Testament* sanction for musical instruments could we possibly hope to find, than the command to be "speaking to yourselves in *psalms* . . .?"

Of course, this does not mean it is *wrong* to sing *unaccompanied* in religious services. *A capella* singing has a mellow beauty all its own. But to limit religious music to unaccompanied singing is a *woefully* unnecessary restriction. God richly *enjoys* the skillful use of musical instruments *in worship*.

Personal

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character, based on the laws of God — and in a manner to live, always, by EVERY WORD OF GOD!

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SEVEN KEYS

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House of Israel threw away this key to their identity — and thereby became the "Lost Ten Tribes"! Some of the House of Judah likewise threw it away, and lost their identity — not known even today! The Jews who returned to Judaea under Ezra and Nehemiah became strict Sabbatharians and have since retained the knowledge of the Sabbath — and therefore the world looks upon them as constituting the *entirety* of ISRAEL (because they carry Israel's *identifying SIGN*) although they are only a portion.

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Letters to the Editor

Personal from the Editor

I find all the articles thrilling, especially the *Personal from the Editor*. You explain things so very down-to-earth. It's like chatting with you personally.

Donna B.,
Hoquiam, Wash.

I wish I could tell you what your *Personal* article in the Sept.-Oct. issue of *Tomorrow's World* has shown me, but since I can't, all I can say is thank you. A few minutes ago, I was sitting with a loaded rifle in my hand crying my eyes out, trying to convince myself the logical thing to do was to blow my brains out with it. But I couldn't get the muzzle of the stupid rifle pointed anywhere near my direction. After I got through pouting, I read your article. It greatly inspired me. Thank you again.

Vincent E.,
Fort Scott, Kansas

I received my copy of *Tomorrow's World* today. It is so full of good news that I had to start reading at once. Especially, I look forward to *first* reading what the Editor says, which is Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's writing; and then I go on reading the rest of the magazine.

Ina M.,
San Antonio, Texas

The Ten Commandments

I have read your article, "Were the Ten Commandments in Force Before Moses?" I enjoyed it very much. Please send me your booklet *The Ten Commandments*. It has been a long time since I applied these commandments to my life.

Edward B.,
Minot, North Dakota

Tomorrow's News Today

I have finished reading the Book, from Genesis through Revelation. The Old Testament, that the world calls dull and uninteresting, I found to be jam-packed with thrilling, exciting reading. Many times it was difficult to close the Book.

A number of years ago I was a District Circulation Manager for the Detroit Free Press in Grand Rapids. News in the Free Press got to be known by the people in Grand Rapids as "YESTERDAY'S NEWS TODAY," because of the time involved in daily transporting it by truck the 150 miles between the two cities. The slogan of the local Grand Rapids Press (painted on the sides of their trucks) is "TODAY'S NEWS TODAY." And now those who read the prophecies in the Bible along with your publications and other literature have "TOMORROW'S NEWS TODAY."

Lloyd L.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Suspicious Age

I wish to express my appreciation for your faithfulness in sending your literature even though I've never made any contributions thus far. I find *Tomorrow's World* extremely interesting. I took the magazine to the laundry with me; and while I was placing my clothes in the washers, a young fellow became absorbed in your magazine.

I told him I could get another one free, but I think by his looks he questioned my statement. I guess he's like most people — figures there's nothing free unless a gimmick is involved some way.

Glen S.,
Russellville, Missouri

• *If you see the same fellow again, why don't you ask him to prove whether the subscription is free or not by writing and asking. The most he could be out would be the price of the stamp!*

Co-Worker Letter

Thank you for the interesting report in the Co-Worker letter. It is such a pleasure to get a glimpse of what is going on in this wonderful Work. Sometimes at first I sort of wondered if everyone was "for real," as I am not very good at making mental pictures of people or happenings. But there was never a doubt that the message was for real.

Mrs. Robert K.,
Tampa, Florida

Priceless Reward from Understanding the Bible

Thanks also for sending me *Tomorrow's World* and, of course, *The Plain Truth*. After the Bible they are all I enjoy reading. In fact, your books taught me how to read and understand the Bible. I wish the world would not only listen to your programme, but like I do, read your books. The reward is priceless!

Reader from Trinidad,
West Indies

Correspondence Course

Please send me your Correspondence Course on the Bible. The July-August issue of *Tomorrow's World* arrived today. As I picked it up it fell open to page 8, "The Bible — How to Understand it." These past ten years I have studied the Bible. For the last year I have looked for a Bible study course that would help me understand those difficult, evasive parts within it. Perhaps your guide will help me — am anxiously awaiting that "Good News" from you. Thank you in advance.

Lewis D.,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Visit Requests

Could you have someone near here (26 miles from Cleveland) call on me? *He'd better be smart.* I'm a college graduate and need help.

Cyril D.,
Elyria, Ohio

Will you please have one of your people contact me? I'm so tired of being on the fence, in the middle, and so undecided. I need all the help you can give me.

Mrs. A. D. W.,
Sunnymead, California

In the *Tomorrow's World* magazine, I read the article "What About Baptism?" I have been subconsciously debating the

idea of baptism for the past few years and have concluded that I was merely "sprinkled." I was advised in the article that if I wished *spiritual counsel* to write and tell you. May I have this counsel by a *true minister of God?*

William S.,
Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Thanks for Visits

Your personal representatives so kindly opened our eyes to truths we had passed right over before. I have not written a personal letter to you before because I was, for one thing, not completely motivated in doing so and also thought you must have very much mail to go through without unnecessary mail from me, but I began feeling you have a right to know the results of your ministers' visits and the impact of your magazines. They are both great.

Mrs. Walter D.,
East Providence, R. I.

My grateful thanks to you for the valuable visit to my home by your representative. These visits mean so much to my spiritual welfare for which I thank God. This young man is so thoroughly versed in the Bible, it is a thrill to listen to him talk.

Roscoe K.,
Tallahassee, Florida

Read the Book in 160 Days

"Read the Book" was the title of an article in the March-April issue of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine. It took me about 160 days — at an average of just under 20 minutes per day — and so I have accomplished what Mr. Hill's article asked. This is the first time that I have in fact read the Bible completely from Genesis to Revelation!

Charles A.,
Aberdeen, Scotland

Tithing

I have just finished reading your article "Why Should I Tithe?" in your Sept.-Oct. issue of *Tomorrow's World*. Up until now I have felt very guilty about not tithing. My reason for not tithing was because I felt my motives were strictly selfish. I don't want them to be, but I feel they still are. However, the article states, "Malachi shows that tithing is one of the first things to do when a person wants to return to his God." I want to return to God very much and your statement keeps running through my mind. However, I would like very much to give our tithes to you and pray that God will help me to do it for Him and not for myself. So please accept this small amount.

Mrs. L. G. S.,
Azusa, Calif.

Sir, the latest issue of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine clarified a question for me. I am fairly new at tithing and I was tithing on what I was clearing after taxes and deductions. I now know that the tithe is based on the gross income. What I did was my mistake, but it was an honest mistake and I will make up for it.

Louis L.,
Montclair, Calif.

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