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The World Will *NOT* End This Way!

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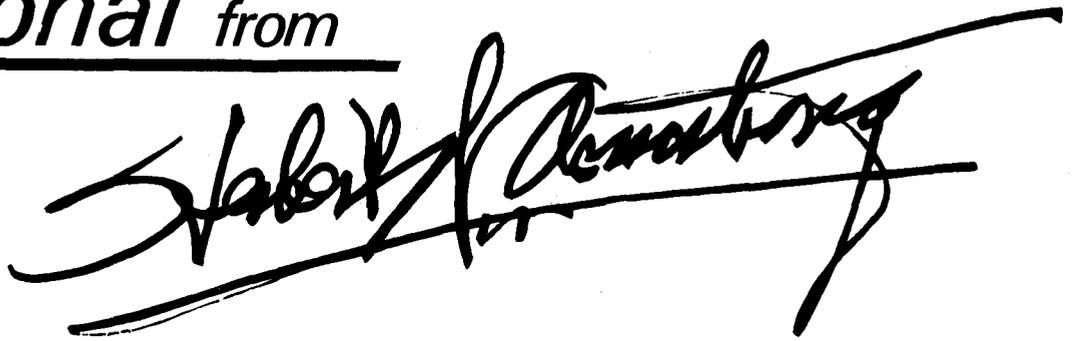
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## Why this Work Is Unique!

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**H**OW GRATEFUL we should be, that God has seen to it in all ages that HIS TRUTH *could not be erased* from human accessibility!

Ever since the time of Christ there have been organized conspiracies to destroy the Bible.

Jesus Christ started God's Church in 31 A. D. And in 33 A. D. the Great Conspiracy got under way to organize and build the GREAT FALSE CHURCH — Satan's church! The Great Conspiracy sought to destroy the true Church of God, and to blot out the Word of God, by *counterfeit* doctrines. They appropriated the NAME of Christ, and called themselves "Christian" — then presented a *false* Christ and a *false* "Christianity."

No religion had ever before offered the forgiveness of sins until Christ died to pay the sinners' penalty. As a palliate for guilty consciences, the Satan-influenced conspirators early seized on "the blood of Christ," deciding that "grace" would be a wonderful selling point to make their pagan religion universal.

But REPENTANCE from sin — turning *away* from sin — which means OBEDIENCE to God's Law — that was something quite different. They well *knew* the natural mind of man is *hostile* to the idea of obedience to God, and is not subject to the Law of God (Rom. 8:7).

So they "did away with" God's Law. They substituted "penance" for repentance. They perverted the true Gospel of Christ in a manner to make it utterly ineffective. And THE WHOLE WORLD has been misled and deceived!

During the Middle Dark Ages, every organized attempt was made to DESTROY the Bible itself. But God saw to it that His Word was preserved. Finally, after

the invention of printing, copies of the Bible became accessible to the public.

A few early Protestant ministers began searching for TRUTH. They were buried so deeply in the mire of false teachings, palmed off as "Christianity," that they could not emerge from the morass of confusion at once — or during their lifetime. Each of these religious leaders did recognize and grasp a few rays of light shining here and there through the darkness. But it is ten times more difficult to UNlearn error, once believed, than to learn a *new* truth. So each of these men retained perhaps half or more of the error. Each added a certain amount of NEW erroneous doctrine of his own. Thus a hodgepodge of denominations arose.

Certain Protestant scholars, during the latter part of the 18th century and through the 19th, devoted lifetimes to producing various works, more or less scholarly, to assist in Bible study and understanding. These were the exhaustive concordances, the lexicons or Greek-English and Hebrew-English dictionaries, the marginal reference systems in the printed Bibles, the religious encyclopedias, the Bible dictionaries, and the commentaries.

Most of these men were scholarly enough — but their minds still were largely blinded to spiritual truth. They had been taught false doctrines from childhood and blindly assumed them to be true.

Nevertheless, these exhaustive works and Bible helps were making it gradually possible, for those who would be willing, to come to more truth, more rapidly — and at the same time the more rapidly to dispel error. The real TRUTH was becoming too nearly revealed — Satan became disturbed, then stirred to action.

He introduced German rationalism and the theory of Evolution into modern education. Also after the Dark Ages, he began removing his brakes against

acquisition of scientific and technological knowledge. To pervert this latter, Satan mixed it with German rationalism in educational institutions. The new learning became rapidly materialistic. It became agnostic, then more and more atheistic. It began to be considered "old-fashioned" to believe in God. Now "higher criticism" of the Bible gushed forth like an avalanche. Men began sitting in judgment of GOD — began CRITICIZING GOD.

As we developed through the 20th century, this "new" rationalism gradually found its way into the religious seminaries where future ministers were being taught. Students entering seminaries had already encountered the new supposed "rational" knowledge. It appealed to intellectual VANITY. It was the fashion of the day. Men wanted to BELONG. They wanted to CONFORM. So they floated along on the atheistic tidal wave.

This latter is the process that was getting started in real earnest when God brought me to a study of His Word, nearly forty-five years ago. The Bible helps had not been "modernized" as yet. They were still on the shelves of the public libraries, and available in secondhand book stores.

I started my study in an effort to *refute* a Biblical truth the big denominations had lost. My determined motive was to prove these denominations were RIGHT. But in the BIBLE *itself*, and checking with all these "helps" besides, many of which had even then deliberately distorted the facts on this subject, the TRUTH reluctantly emerged. I was faced with an uncomfortable decision. I didn't want to accept it. To do so meant some DOING. It meant being a DOER of God's Law — not a "hearer" only.

And that DOING meant persecution, probably the ridicule of former friends and business acquaintances. But to reject it meant to be deliberately dishonest. It meant to *knowingly* disobey GOD — and I had come to see what the consequences would be!

It was not easy, but I made the surrender to God. I told Him that this meant the END of my life for myself — or in the world and among business associates. It meant utter isolation from them and the former life. This I realized. It meant *giving up* my life as I had lived it and planned to live it.

So I then and there made a covenant with God — not a BARGAIN — just a covenant in which I GAVE my life over to GOD. If He could use it, I told Him He could have it. I meant it!

Now I am human, and I have my share of human nature, which I have *tried* to fight. I have cried out to God to fight it for me and through me. Yet it has, inevitably, asserted itself and caught me off guard a number of times.

Being human I have, at times, just as everyone who ever lived has done, allowed this human nature for the moment to snatch this life out of God's hands and reappropriate it for its own interest or desires. But — once awakened to what had been done — this has been repented of.

I *did mean it*, when I GAVE my life, literally, and in unconditional SURRENDER to GOD! I have tried to leave it in His hands. I haven't done a perfect job, but GOD has done a perfect WORK in spite of human frailty.

But, I can reflect back on two or three contemporary experiences of other men.

One young man had made quite a splash in the ministry. He started out accepting the sponsorship and backing of human religious organizations. To be free of narrow sectarian bias he reasoned he should remain interdenominational. But this did not increase freedom to declare God's TRUTH, but, on the contrary, further restricted it! He soon found that he was limited, in what he was free to preach, to those few doctrines which *all* of these sponsoring, but differing, denominations approved.

God has shown me that when a man sets out to answer God's call to serve HIM, he must rely on God *alone*. If he relies on MEN, he must serve MEN — not God!

Somehow, God brought about circumstances in my own life so that I have been forced always to rely on Him *alone*.

When I was first ordained, I accepted a very small salary from what I then believed to be God's true Church. But envious and scheming ministers, influential near the top, demanded that I preach and act contrary to the plain truth of God's Word. I guess God saw to it that my salary then was *so small* that it was not too great a temptation to give it up. I did give it up, and promised God then and there that henceforth I would trust Him alone, in faith, to supply the financial need.

And God did. Tithes and freewill offerings seemed at once to replace the amount of salary I had relinquished.

But gradually God increased the amount, that His Work might grow. A few months after my wife and I

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# What Kind of FAITH Is Required For SALVATION?

*Do you know millions who actually believe in Jesus Christ  
have no salvation at all . . . because they trust in the wrong  
kind of Faith?*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**N**O SUBJECT pertaining to Christian salvation is more generally misunderstood than that of *saving* FAITH!

Just "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," is the popular teaching today. And that statement is absolutely true — if you understand what kind of BELIEVING is required!

Unfortunately millions are being deceived — led to trust in a faith that will never save one single soul — by a very popular and very false teaching.

It is customary to quote only a PART of the scriptures on this subject — reading a false meaning into them — and thus by subtle *half-truths*, popular teachings shackle most of Christendom to spiritual blindness and deceptions.

## Do These Scriptures Contradict?

God does not usually reveal *all* the truth respecting a particular subject in any one passage alone. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? . . . Precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little and there a little" (Isa. 28:9-10). To understand any general subject in the Bible, it is necessary to view *all* the scriptural

evidence touching that particular subject. And we cannot read *our* inherited or desired meaning into any particular passage; for "no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (II Peter 1:20), but each passage is interpreted by, and in the light of, *other texts*.

For example. It is quite popular to quote Romans 3:20: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight," and from this passage alone assume that salvation comes by faith, in *disobedience to God's Law!* Those who thus interpret this passage never tell you that in Romans 2:13 the same Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the *DOERS of the law shall be justified.*"

Is there contradiction here? If the one scripture is intended to reveal that we do not have to make an effort to obey God's Law to be justified and then saved — but that we are *saved* by faith *without obedience to God's Law* — then, indeed, God contradicts Himself in His Word! And if you wish to make Romans 3:20 say that, you must consistently acknowledge there is contradiction in the Scriptures, and if this be true, you have no basis for your faith!

Again, Ephesians 2:8-9: "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." But those who quote this text so freely to teach the doctrine of "no works," never tell you that the same inspired Scriptures say also:

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man *say* he hath faith, *and have not works?* can faith save him? . . . Even so FAITH, *if it hath not works*, IS DEAD, being alone . . . I will show thee *my* faith BY my works. Thou BELIEVEST that there is one God; thou doest well: *the devils also believe, AND tremble.* But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith *without works* IS DEAD?" (James 2:14-20.)

There is no contradiction here!

Rather, by putting all the scriptures on the subject of "Saving Faith" together, we learn that there are TWO KINDS of faith. And the kind so blindly trusted in by the majority of this day is nothing but a DEAD faith — and a DEAD faith *never will save one soul!* Notice James 2:20: "Faith *without works* is DEAD" — just a DEAD faith.

James continues: "Was not Abraham our father JUSTIFIED by *works*, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest

thou how FAITH wrought *with his works*, and BY WORKS was faith made perfect? . . . You see then how that BY WORKS A MAN IS JUSTIFIED, and not by faith only" (James 2:21-24). Then are we saved by works *instead* of faith? No, NEVER! We are saved by FAITH! But faith functions *with our works* and BY WORKS our FAITH IS MADE PERFECT! That is LIVING FAITH!

Why do we even *need* salvation? Because we have SINNED, and the penalty of sin is DEATH!

But *how* have we sinned? What is sin, anyhow? "Sin is the transgression of THE LAW," is God's answer (I John 3:4).

"Yes," answers the victim of modern fables, "but we are not under the law today, but UNDER GRACE!" Why certainly! "What then?" asks the inspired Paul, "shall we SIN [transgress the LAW], because we are not under the law, but under grace?" And Paul's answer is, "GOD FORBID"! (Rom. 6:15.) And again, "Shall we continue in SIN [transgressing the law], that grace may abound? GOD FORBID! How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2.)

The law has a penalty — DEATH. It claims the life of the one who transgresses it. The law has power to take the life of the transgressor. It therefore is more powerful than the sinner — and is OVER the sinner, holding a claim on his life. It is the SINNER who is UNDER the law. But when the sinner REPENTS of his transgression, and accepts the sacrifice of Christ as payment of the *penalty* of the Law, then he is PARDONED — UNDER GRACE — the law no longer stands OVER him, claiming his life. Those who are still sinning are still UNDER the law! And those who, through repentance, obedience and FAITH have turned from disobedience and are, through faith, KEEPING the Law, are the *only* ones who are UNDER GRACE!

### God's Spiritual Mirror

Let us understand it! "By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight." No, certainly not! That scripture is 100% true, and there is no contradiction! You cannot be jus-

tified BY the deeds of the Law — not at all!

WHY? The last half of this same verse gives the answer — why do most preachers never quote it? "For by the law is the KNOWLEDGE of sin" (Rom. 3:20). THAT'S WHY!

The purpose of the Law is not to forgive, to justify, to wash away, to cleanse. Only THE BLOOD OF CHRIST can do that! The purpose of the Law is to tell us what sin is — to define it, to REVEAL it — so we can quit it. Sin is the transgression of the Law — that's what sin is.

All women ought to understand this. In every woman's handbag is a little mirror. She knows what it is for. Every little while she takes out this mirror and steals a glance at her face. Sometimes it reveals a speck of dirt. And we might truthfully say, "by the use of these mirrors are no dirty faces washed clean." You women understand what we mean! But do you throw your mirrors away because *by them* your faces are not washed? Of course not — what a silly question it seems, when applied to a MATERIAL case! And if we ask you WHY your faces are not washed clean by your mirrors, you answer: "Because by the mirror comes the KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIRT."

God's LAW is His spiritual mirror. We look into it, and see the dirt on our hearts! But by looking at the Law, or keeping it, no dirt is WASHED from our hearts — only Christ's BLOOD can do that. By the Law comes the KNOWLEDGE OF SIN!

Listen to James explain it! "But be ye DOERS OF the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect LAW of liberty, and *continueth therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:22-25).

### Is It Possible to Keep the Law?

"But," argues the "no-law" deceiver, "no man can keep the Commandments.

It is not humanly possible. Since FAITH has come, we keep no law — faith has made it VOID."

Thus even "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of LIGHT. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness — for such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of CHRIST" (II Cor. 11:13-15).

"Do we then make void the law through faith?" comes the question in inspired Scripture — and the answer: "GOD FORBID: yea, we ESTABLISH THE LAW"! (Rom. 3:31.)

Yes, faith *establishes* the Law! By keeping it, is faith made PERFECT!

Yet, *can* we keep the Commandments? Is it possible? Satan's "no-law" deceivers say NO! What is the PLAIN TRUTH?

A man came to Jesus and asked how to be saved. The Saviour Himself replied, "If thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Matt. 19:17). "When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but *with God all things are possible*" (verses 25-26).

There is Christ's own answer! With men it is impossible — utterly impossible to really KEEP His Commandments. But — here's the blessed truth — WITH GOD, it is possible, even to keep His Commandments. Do you begin to see? IT TAKES FAITH — faith in the power of GOD! And, just as your own diligent effort coupled with faith makes faith perfect, so faith coupled with your effort makes PERFECT OBEDIENCE! The two go hand in hand. And you cannot have the one without the other!

A LIVING FAITH — the only kind that will SAVE — is an *active* faith — one that TRUSTS GOD to make it possible to OBEY HIM — to live the true Christian life — to KEEP His blessed Commandments!

Think! Could a just God command men to do what is IMPOSSIBLE to do? Or can we conceive of Jesus as a smart-

aleck young man who knew more than His FATHER, and who did away with His Father's COMMANDMENTS? How absurd! Yet this is the popular conception today!

### The Law Is Eternal

God's Law is not a horrible monster! Just and right laws are a terror only to the criminal — they are made to PROTECT the good! God's Law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7); it is a SPIRITUAL Law (Rom. 7:14), HOLY, and just, and good (Rom. 7:12). ALL His commandments are SURE, and stand fast FOREVER AND EVER (Psalm 111:7-8). Don't you believe it, when men tell you differently!

God's Law is, simply, LOVE! It is the perfect way of life. Every particle of human suffering, unhappiness, misery and death has come solely from its transgression! It was given to make man HAPPY, and is the *only* philosophy of life that can do so! It came from a God of LOVE, and LOVE is the *fulfilling of the Law* (Rom. 13:10).

But not YOUR own natural love! It requires "the love of GOD . . . shed abroad in our hearts BY THE HOLY GHOST" (Rom. 5:5). God has, and will give you, the love that will fulfill His Law. And so it *is* possible through FAITH, and the GIFT of God's Holy Spirit, for man to keep His Commandments! And whoever claims differently, God calls a plain LIAR (I John 2:4).

The true Commandment-keeper is forced to trust God to make obedience possible. And thus faith does not void, but *establishes* the Law! And to keep the Law requires FAITH!

A thrilling example of this eternal truth is recorded in the book of Daniel. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, erected a great golden image.

"Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of the [band] . . . ye fall down and worship the golden image" (Dan. 3:4-5). "And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (verse 6).

Set over the affairs of the province of Babylon were Daniel's three young Jew-

ish friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. One of the Commandments of God's eternal spiritual Law forbids such worship of images.

Had *you* been in their place, what would YOU have done? Would you not have said, "Well, I *have* to bow down to this image — I have to do it or be killed!" And perhaps you would have excused yourself by reasoning thus: "I don't think God would be fair if He punished me for this, when He knows I am FORCED to do it. Anyway, He tells us to be subject to the power of the state!" Yes, it is easy to use reason to excuse disobedience to God. But God is not looking for chances to punish us — but rather for opportunities to SAVE us through faith — to save us from the folly of SIN and the sad consequence our own acts impose!

God's Law is intended to *protect* us from suffering. Whatever we sow we shall reap. It is not God who punishes us when we do wrong; it is merely our own acts rebounding like a boomerang!

But these three young Jews knew the truth — that we should OBEY GOD, rather than men, that through FAITH God makes it possible. When they firmly REFUSED to bow down to worship the king's image, Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded they be brought before him (verse 13).

Listen to the quiet, trusting, unafraid answer of these lads. "O Nebuchadnezzar . . . our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace" (Verses 16-18.)

Sometimes God *tries* our faith. He tried theirs. You might think He failed them, but He only permitted their faith to be tested.

"Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed . . . therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated . . . Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments" — surely the God whom they trusted would have them released *now*? But no — there was no physical evidence whatever that God so much as heard! — "and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace" (Verses 19-21.)

The furnace was so hot the flames leaped out and "slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego." And they "fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace"!

God permitted them actually to be thrown in! Was He unmindful of those who trusted in Him to make possible the keeping of His Commandments? Not God!

The king looked into the furnace, and said, "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of GOD"! (Verse 25.) So Nebuchadnezzar came near the mouth of the furnace and called to them.

"Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither! Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego came forth of the midst of the fire. . . these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and DELIVERED his servants that TRUSTED IN HIM"! (Verses 26-28.)

THERE was an example of *living* FAITH — a faith that TRUSTED God to make it possible to live the way of His Law! Yes, WITH GOD, it is possible to keep all His Commandments — don't let any man deceive you to the contrary!

### Can You Believe and Worship Christ in Vain?

When God's Word says, "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," it does not mean the DEAD faith now popularly taught! The common teachings of this day distort this to mean a mere belief in the FACTS of Christ's existence, His sacrifice, and His saving work. Just accept these FACTS, and accept HIM — without any obedience to God's Laws! But the demons believe these things — and they TREMBLE — but they are *not* thereby *saved*!

Christ was the Messenger of the New Covenant — a Messenger sent from God. You cannot BELIEVE on such a di-

vine Messenger unless you believe, and obey, the MESSAGE that He brought! "If thou wilt enter into LIFE," was His teaching, "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS"!

"REPENT," said the inspired Peter, and "ye SHALL receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). God gives His Holy Spirit only to them that OBEY HIM (Acts 5:32). And His Holy Spirit is the LOVE which God gives us to fulfill and to keep His Commandments! And it all comes BY FAITH!

Christ came to save us FROM, not in, our sins! To FREE us from the enslavement of sin and the unhappiness and wretchedness it brings — not to make us free to commit sin!

Is it possible to BELIEVE in Christ — to worship Him — in the customary manner of the day, *and yet be lost*? Christ Himself says, "YES!"

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord! Lord! shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven," He said (Matt. 7:21).

Hear Him again!

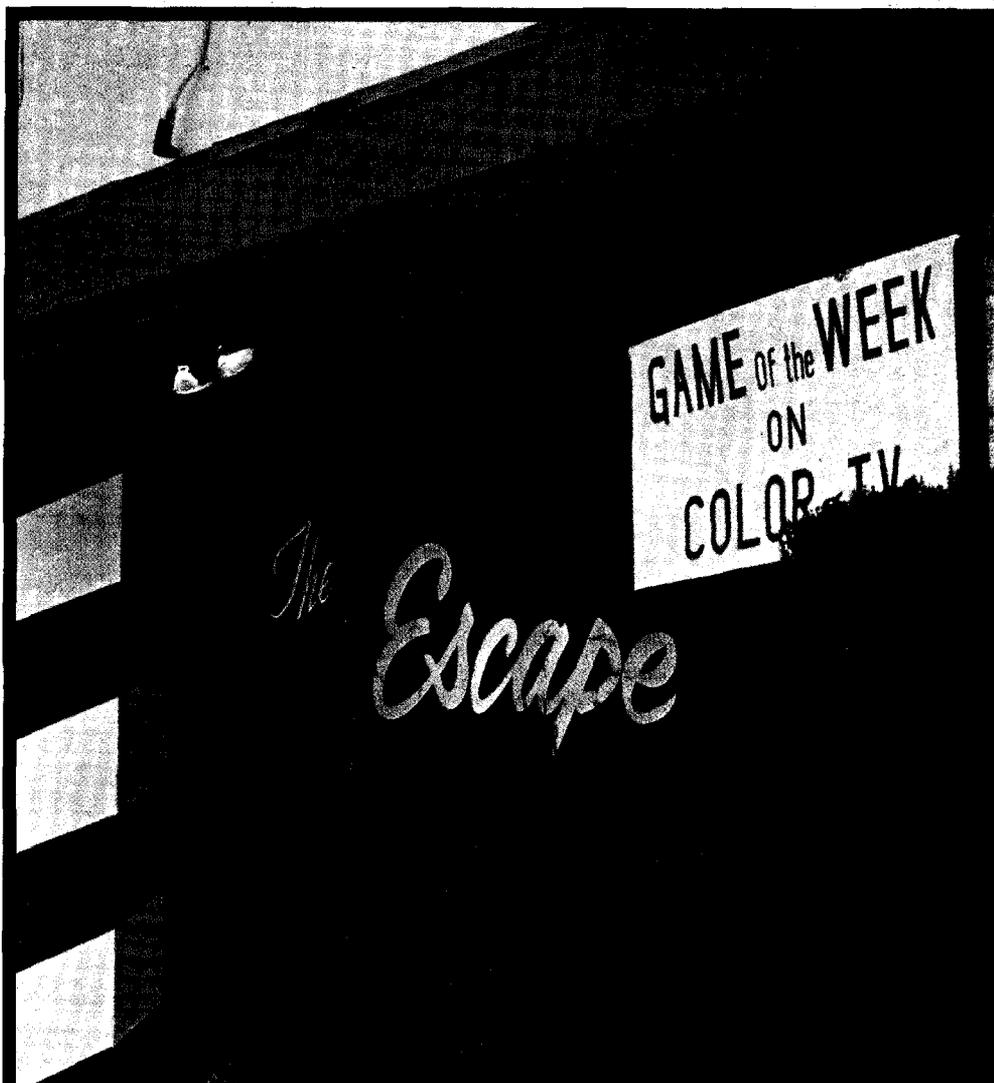
"Howbeit IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men" (Mark 7:7-8.)

There it is! From Jesus' own lips! Such a dead faith — such worship — is IN VAIN! Those who trust in it, and in the men and denominations which teach it, ARE LOST! And the quicker we come to realize it, the better!

God's PURPOSE in salvation is to rescue men from SIN, and its resulting unhappiness, misery, and death! To REPENT of sin is the first step! Then the BLOOD OF CHRIST, upon acceptance and faith, cleanses of all past sins. And by FAITH we are kept from sin in the future. Thus the resulting righteousness is of FAITH — the righteousness *imparted from God*.

We are not justified BY THE LAW — we are justified by the blood of Jesus Christ! But this justification will be given only on condition that we REPENT of our transgressions of God's Law — and so it is, after all, only the DOERS of the Law that shall be JUSTIFIED (Rom. 2:13).

How plain, and how beautiful is God's TRUTH! □



# ESCAPISM

has become the biggest social problem of our times!! With the future unthinkable, the present unacceptable, millions seek ESCAPE from the problems they can't face! And EVEN THIS was prophesied! See, in this article, what escapism is doing to the moral fiber of our peoples, and where God says it's leading.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

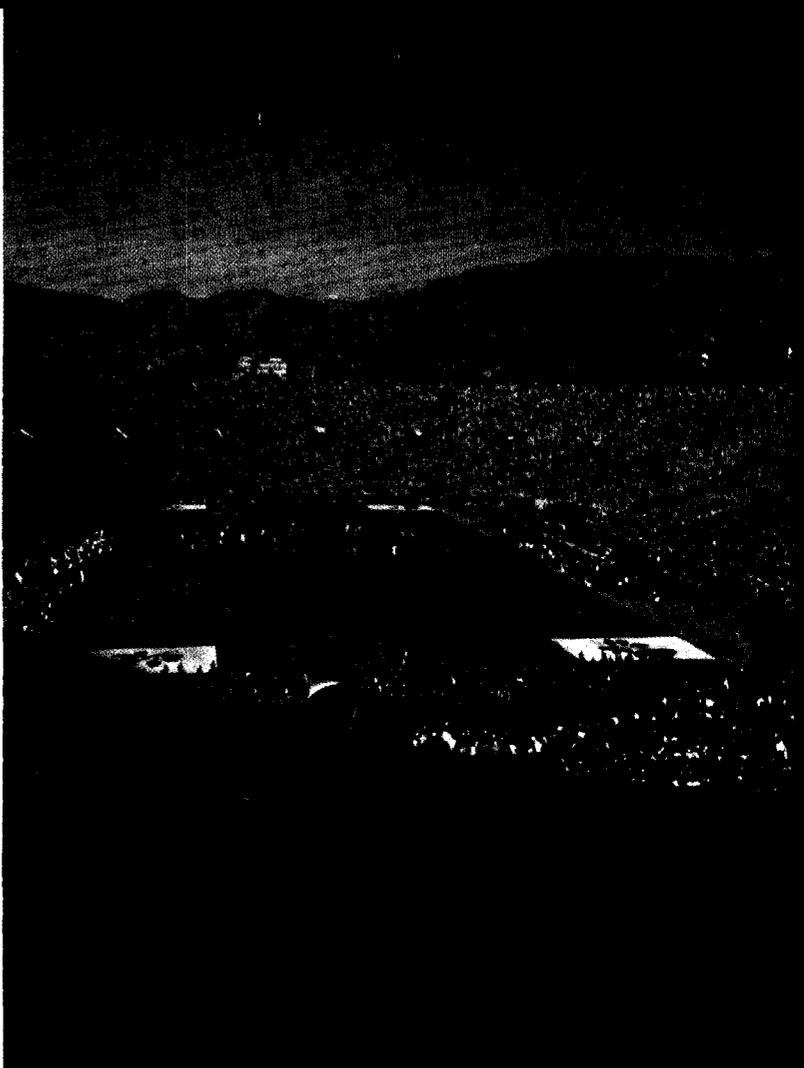
THE "4-F's" of our time are not just those unfit for military service; they're the frightened, fearful, futile and frustrated.

Said a syndicated columnist:

"Anyone who seeks to analyze and define this age in tangible terms is

likely to experience a sense of bafflement.

"It is an age of contradictions, of challenging paradoxes. In a time when men are seeking to explore the stars, they are finding it increasingly difficult to solve the problems which affect them on this planet. And in a period when



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technology promises to usher in a new scientific Utopia in which everyone will be happy, millions are gripped with a feeling of insecurity. Small wonder someone has called this 'an age with a split personality'!"

And small wonder that, when a little boy was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up, he answered, "Alive!"

You're living in staggering times!

Probably, you refuse to admit to yourself how truly FRIGHTENING these days are. If you're like so many millions of others, the mere mention of hydrogen bombs, nuclear war, world famine, impending race riots, mass starvation, or the war in Vietnam gives you a sort of "willies" — and you turn instantly to something more comforting.

It's the "something more comforting" that has become a part of frightening reality!

Millions of our peoples are playing a desperate game of "let's pretend"! "Let's pretend" these shocking problems aren't REAL — and maybe somehow they'll go away. But the problems *don't* go away — and much GREATER problems are being created by the millions who won't face the ones that exist.

The fruits of this awesome fear we refuse to face are everywhere around us. Public preoccupation with sex, increased degeneration and lasciviousness among teen-agers, gambling, alcoholism, and drug addiction are some of the temporary *escapes from reality* being used today.

And we can't even face the LITTLE problems, let alone the big ones!

### What ARE the "Big" Problems?

You immediately think of the dreaded spectre of environmental pollution — one of the greatest problems facing mankind today. Another awesome problem is the population "explosion" — the steady, irrevocable increase in the number of human beings on this crowded earth. *Still* more awesome and inevitable a problem than even the threat of nuclear war is the obvious *result* of overpopulation — impending FAMINE on a global scale!

Directly related to famines, DISEASE epidemics are still another problem of mammoth worldwide proportions.

Next comes the threat of extinction through THREE SEPARATE MEANS!

First and most widely publicized is the threat of NUCLEAR-BOMB WAR, and the *total annihilation of all mankind!*

Second, and perhaps even more staggering because of the prospect of a *lingering* death for multiple millions, is the possibility of CHEMICAL warfare, *nerve gases*, new chemicals which destroy the *will* of an enemy to resist, or which effect total changes in the personality!

Third, and equally as nightmarish in portent is BIOLOGICAL warfare!

The public has been warned that even a *tiny* dose of certain germ cultures, such as botulinus toxin, into the water supplies or air of enemy nations would kill multiple millions before it was ever detected!

Staggering? Frightening? Awesome? These words lack the force and power to really describe such massive problems. We simply lack the *ability* to describe in terms real to OURSELVES the unbelievable FACTS of this modern age of ours!

Taking all these really BIG problems together, you must multiply their significance many times over when you realize the tremendous ideological struggle under way between the big powers today!

Seeing the imminent proliferation of atomic weapons, the decay of NATO, the emergence of dozens of new nations (each with a vote equal to that of the United States or USSR in the United Nations General Assembly), the deep and seemingly insoluble problems of race, culture, language, religion, and government — looking at the WHOLE picture — is it any wonder most seek ESCAPE?

Millions of us find these incredible facts UNACCEPTABLE! We simply "CAN'T" believe it's all that *bad*. "Don't WANT to" might be a better term!

### Too Many LITTLE Problems to Worry About

Paradoxically, it's not these overpowering BIG problems from which most people seek escape.

When a former United States Secretary of Defense said in a casual, clinical,

dispassionate way that "130,000,000 Americans would perish" if the Soviets attacked with missiles tomorrow — it scared no one. But an announcement by major tobacco companies about a hike in the price of cigarettes? It could touch off demonstrations!

People seek escape from their DAILY pressures more than any other thing! The high-tension living of our modern age of automation, mechanization, and impersonal dog-eat-dog competition drives many to drink!

And rising taxes, the boss on the job, the mother-in-law, racial tensions, the war in Vietnam, and the constant cry of the daily news is enough to make most people want to escape from it all!

Our modern plays, book titles and music illustrate the point! "Stop the WORLD, I Want to Get Off," they cry. Or, "HELP!" Or, at the very bottom of the barrel of incredible loneliness is the cry of "I Want to Hold Your Hand."

Take a look at the myriad forms of escape we're using.

### Get Away From It All!

How many times have you heard someone say, "I've just gotta GET AWAY from it all for a while!?" And how many times have YOU felt the same way?

The most obvious form of escape is literally getting away, LEAVING the scene of your personal problems.

In Britain, "HOLIDAY" is a colorful, exciting, pulsating word of fun, frolic and fancy! And business, enterprise, service, emergency or birth can WAIT when "holiday" is around the corner.

Millions of Britons who can little afford it rush frantically to the dozens of "holiday" camps, to Scotland or Wales, to Europe or America.

The millions who want to see the world before it blows up (as one teenager put it, "I want to get to Europe this summer, because who knows whether Europe will *be* there next year?") provide the *most important industry* in many nations. Without *tourism*, Mexico, Denmark, Switzerland and *many other* nations would find their national economies *seriously* injured!

The sales of airline and steamship tickets, of leased and rented cars, of train and bus tickets, and the "go-now, pay-later" plans being offered so prolifically today are mounting into HUGE sums — but this is only a part of the picture.

Sales of various types of travel and camping equipment have boomed into the multiple millions of dollars per month!

People are traveling today as NEVER BEFORE IN HISTORY!

This massive onslaught of tourists is related directly, of course, to increased wages, more leisure time, and the impulse to rush forward to capture the pleasant experiences of life before they disappear forever.

So, at this time in world events when technological knowledge has led mankind to the brink of nuclear insanity, man tries to *escape* the frightening world of his own devising by frantically running "to and fro" — thinking a change in physical environment can somehow blot out the fears and worries of day-to-day living.

Travel *can* be broadening and educational. It *can* be recreational in the *right* sense — well-earned travel to carefully selected places for specific and right purposes is NOT mere "escape."

But the nagging, driving URGE to travel, to LEAVE the scene of one's own frustrations — travel for the *purposes* millions admit they travel — is pure escapism.

However, travel is by no means the greatest form of escape, and is probably the least harmful of all.

### Entertainment Mania

In our calloused, "shock-proof" societies, entertainment has taken on new and sinister meanings.

An almost unbelievable avalanche of sex, perversion, pornography, "blue" films, sadism, masochism, bestiality, murder, rape, and brutality has flooded into the public view through the modern "boob tube" of television, or the movies and lurid novels.

Where audiences formerly went to the "legitimate" theatre to be *shocked* by the indiscriminate use of choice four letter Anglo-Saxon words, they may  
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# "This Generation SHALL NOT PASS..."

**M**EN HAVE been speculating on the return of Jesus Christ for *millennia*. There were those in *Paul's day* who thought the return of Christ was imminent. The apostle to the Gentiles had to warn the Church in his day not to be deceived by unfounded and unreliable information concerning the return of the Messiah. "And now, brothers, about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and his gathering of us to himself: I beg you, do not suddenly lose your heads or alarm yourselves, whether at some oracular utterance, or pronouncement, or some letter purporting to come from us, alleging that the Day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way whatever..." (II Thes. 2:1-3, *The New English Bible*).

## Christ WILL Return

But there is no doubt that the Messiah *will* return to this earth to set up the everlasting Kingdom of God! The Bible is filled with prophecies describing the second coming of Jesus Christ. The question is not *whether* He will return, but *WHEN*!

Human speculation on this has come to nothing. The truth must be *revealed*. Those sections of God's Word, the Bible, which reveal future events are known as *prophecies*. Only those who have been given special wisdom and insight by God are able to comprehend the meaning of prophecies and rightly use them. "...None of the wicked [those not living in God's right way of life] shall understand; *but the wise shall understand*" (Dan. 12:10).

Peter, referring to the Church, said, "*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed...*" (II Peter 1:19).

It is through this "sure word of prophecy" that we can understand the truth about the return of Jesus Christ.

And the Bible reveals that Jesus Christ will return to set up His world-ruling kingdom *in your lifetime and mine!* (That is, barring any unforeseen termination of your life or mine!) *Christ's return will occur in this generation!*

Did you notice we did not say "maybe," "perhaps," or "it might occur"? It *will* happen in your generation! It is entirely possible that YOU, as an individual, will live to witness this greatest event in contemporary history!

But you say, "How can you be so sure? Aren't you sticking your neck out too far this time?"

Not at all! The answer is simple. Jesus Christ personally stated, "Verily I say unto you, **THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS**, till all these things be fulfilled" (Matt. 24:34).

## Which Generation?

But how can we know Jesus is talking about **OUR GENERATION TODAY**? How can we be sure He wasn't talking about the generation of *His* day? Let's understand.

Matthew 24 records what is commonly called the "Olivet Prophecy." It is so named because it was on the Mount of Olives that the disciples of Christ came to Him and asked about the prophecies concerning *His second coming* and of the *end of the world* [age — verse 3].

The whole prophecy is about *the age* in which we live — this generation.

In answering the question about the end of the world, Jesus foretold a series of events that would occur just before His return. He told about false prophets in this end time (verse 5). He talked about war and rumors of war, about world war (verse 6). He foretold famines, pestilences and earthquakes in different places (verse 7).

Then Christ explained that this Gos-

pel of the Kingdom would be "preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the **END** come" (verse 14). He foretold great tribulation and heavenly signs just before His return.

Then to make it abundantly clear what He was talking about, Jesus gave a parable of the fig tree. He said, "...When his branch is yet tender, and *putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh*: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that *it is near, even at the doors*" (verses 32-33).

Christ showed that *when these* great earth-shaking events *began* to happen the end of the age was at hand. Today, these events are beginning to happen. No thinking person today doubts we are in the end of the age. We're in the time when God must intervene, or there will be no flesh saved alive. Jesus was talking about our day today. He said people would know when He is about to intervene in world affairs *by* world conditions. There is no question about it — Jesus Christ was talking about **THIS GENERATION**.

And He said, "So likewise ye, when ye see *these things* come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, *This generation* [during which you see "these things" occur] shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled" (Luke 21:31-32).

We have the **SURE** word of prophecy and it says *all* these things must come to pass first, and they haven't come to pass yet. On the other hand, that same sure word of prophecy says **THIS GENERATION** will not pass, till *all* these things are fulfilled!

When will Jesus Christ return? **NOT TONIGHT!** On the other hand, He will come in **THIS GENERATION** — your lifetime and mine! Will you be ready?

# The Bible Defines—"THAT DAY!"

## "... In That Day ..."

**T**HIS PHRASE frequently occurs in Biblical prophecies. What "day" is being spoken of? You need to know the vital significance of this important term! Shocking events are prophesied to occur "in that day," and surprisingly enough *they concern your very life!*

Occasionally the term means an event that was to occur at some historical time already past. But most often the phrase "in that day" is referring to the cataclysmic times *we are now entering!* It applies to the end time in prophecy.

Notice Isaiah 24:21-22, for instance: "... *In that day, ... the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. ...*" Here we see "that day" is a time of punishment upon *world rulers*. It is to take place *on this earth*. It is a time when strong armies and normally courageous men will run and hide (Amos 2:15-16). Their flight will not save them, however, because "in that day" God will disrupt the normal cycles of day and night (Amos 8:9). Many will die (Amos 8:3).

## The Day of the Lord

"That day" is also called the "day of the Lord" in many scriptures. Notice Zephaniah 1:14-17: "The great *day of the Lord* is near. ..." That day is a day of wrath, a time of trouble and distress, a period of desolation and destruction. It is described as a time of darkness and gloominess. It is a day of WAR, when the alarm — the "trumpet" — is sounded against those areas which will be militarily fortified. Zephaniah continues to describe "that day" as a *period of punishment* on those who sin against God by violating His great Law! Read the remainder of Zephaniah 1.

Sin is the transgression of God's Ten Commandment Law (I John 3:4). If you break the laws of God, *they break you!* If you keep them, they keep you!

Those who insist on continuing to fly in the face of God's eternal spiritual laws will incur His wrath. He will punish those who continue in sin.

"Behold, *the day of the Lord* cometh, cruel both with *wrath* and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall *destroy the sinners* thereof out of it" (Isa. 13:9). "In that day" God will destroy His enemies (Jer. 46:10).

## Christ's Return

The "day of the Lord" is also the "day" or time of the imminent return of Jesus Christ to this earth to set up *world government!* In Zechariah 14 we find Christ returning to fight against those who resist His government. (And there will be whole *nations* fighting Him at His return!) His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives in modern-day Israel, and from that point He will begin to consolidate His rule over all earthly nations. Read Zechariah 14:1-9 for yourself.

Jesus Christ warned Christians not to lose sight of the significance of these sure prophecies. His warning is found in the book of Luke. "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so *that day* come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass ..." (Luke 21:34-36).

Jesus again spoke of *that day* when He said: "Many will say to me *in that day*, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils [demons]? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:22-23).

Many professing Christians will find out they were not *really* Christians after all. They had merely appropriated the

name of Jesus Christ but were not willing to obey Him and follow His example.

God inspired the ancient Prophet Malachi to prophesy of "that day." He said it would be a time when the wicked would be burnt to a crisp. A day when they would become *ashes* under the feet of God's saints (Mal. 4:1-3).

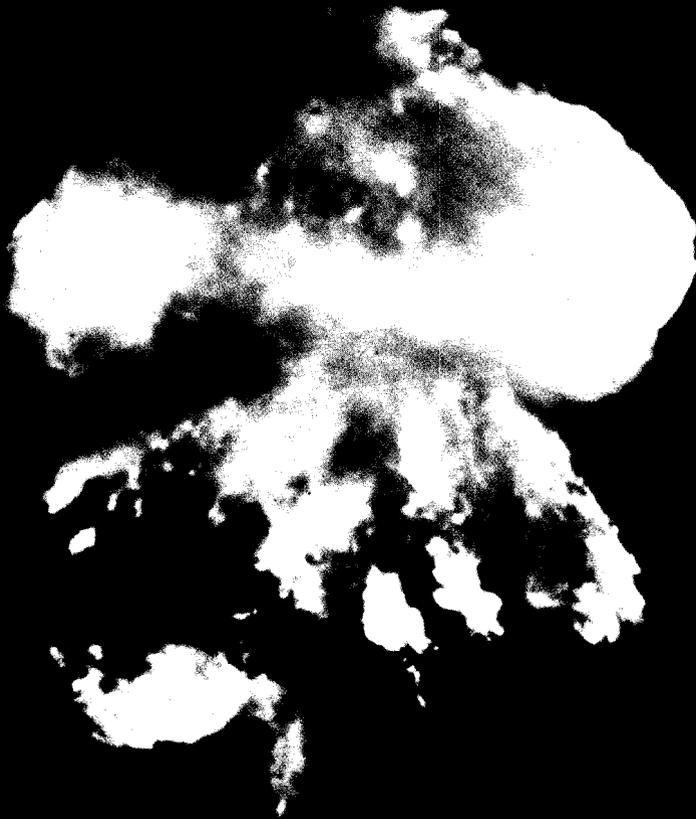
But God holds out a different promise to those who are willing to obey Him "in that day"! He says of those who have been willing to commit themselves to Christ in obedience to His Law: "... they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, *in that day* when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not" (Mal. 3:17-18). God likens true Christians to jewels and says that they will be rewarded when Christ returns to this earth.

Malachi 4:5 is a prophecy being fulfilled in your lifetime — right now! "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Luke 1:17 says that John the Baptist came "in the spirit and power of Elias [Elijah]" to prepare the way before the first coming of Christ. Another Elijah is prophesied to warn the world "before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord" — the return of Jesus Christ *in power* and glory to punish the unrepentant nations of the earth! *This Work* is performing that commission!

You are being warned in advance! The Day of the Lord is coming. "That day" is just about *this day!* The question is which verses will apply to you? Malachi 3:17-18 or Malachi 4:1, 3?

The decision is yours. — Dennis G. Luker

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# What Do You Mean— “THE END of the WORLD”?

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*Armageddon. DOOMSDAY. The End of the World. Heart-stopping terms! The language of religionists and self-appointed prophets of gloom and doom? Not anymore! Now erudite scientists and rational leaders in many fields freely use such expressions. Could it really happen? Is Doomsday just around the corner?*

by Brian Knowles

**F**OR CENTURIES men have been jeering at the proverbial picture of the eccentric, slightly mad, self-appointed “prophet of doom” who belligerently marches in the face of general ridicule loudly proclaiming that “the end of the world is nigh.” Usually such

a person is pictured wearing what looks like an ankle-length “bedsheet” and open-toed sandals. His hair looks as though he had just received a severe electric shock — snow-white and wildly dishevelled. His eyes burn in darkened sockets sunken deeply into an ashen

face. He carries a placard or sign emblazoned with crude lettering announcing his message of destruction.

His pessimistic diatribe is often referred to as a “Jeremiad.” The term means “. . . a prolonged lamentation or complaint by one who is pessimistic

about the present and who foresees a calamitous future." This definition is taken from a *misunderstanding* of the Old Testament Prophet Jeremiah.

Of course, to date, all such individuals have ended up with "egg on their faces," because their prophecies haven't come to pass, much to the delight of a generally cynical and sardonic public. *The world is still here.* And so are the "prophets of doom"! But *the general laughter* has been *dying down* as the world gets shakier. The world, it seems, is getting *nervous*. Many are beginning to shift uneasily in their once comfortable seats of cynicism.

Why?

Because *new* and *prestigious* voices are chiming in — the chorus grows louder! Now learned and dignified men of *science* and representatives from the hallowed halls of learning around the world are adding their voices to the frantic shrieks of impending catastrophe. *World leaders* are saying mankind's days are numbered unless we solve the problems of war, overpopulation and the destruction of our life-sustaining environment. There has been much talk, but no solutions have been effected and none are forthcoming.

### Cockeyed Optimists

On the "flip side" of the record, however, we have the "cockeyed optimists." In spite of the pressing realities of pollution, overpopulation, ever-escalating wars and the constant threat of new conflicts, growing rebellion of youth, the breakdown of world morality, the looming spectre of planet-wide disease epidemics and a host of other life-threatening problems — somehow these idealists feel the "greater good in human nature" will somehow prevail! Everything will be all right. Somehow we'll weather the storm. There'll be a brighter day tomorrow and the sun will arise on a peaceful, deliriously happy, utopian world of harmony and plenty produced by the twin gods of science and human rationalism.

### Both Views Wrong

Neither viewpoint is correct.

The world is NOT going to end. Not soon — *not ever!* This planet has a *per-*

*manent* and vital place in the universe! Nor will mankind bring about his own extinction — almost, but *not quite!*

*There will be a world tomorrow!* And it *will* be a UTOPIA of peace and plenty. Such a world is *just around the corner.* You can bank on it!

But it will *not* be brought about by man's efforts! It will be introduced *in spite* of him!

Let's understand.

### What, Then, Does "End of the World" Mean?

The expression "end of the world" needs defining. Granted the Bible *does* use the term. Let's examine one such instance in Matthew 24:3: "... The disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us... what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the END OF THE WORLD?" Notice the phrase "the end of the world" is related to the *return of Jesus Christ to this earth.* Does this mean Christ will return only to *destroy* this earth and blast to oblivion the planet He Himself created? Not at all! The word "world" in this verse comes from a Greek word *aion* which does not signify the physical globe we call the "world." It means "age" and has been so rendered by a number of translators.

The return of Jesus Christ signifies the conclusion of this age and the commencement of another — a millennial age — upon this earth. Beginning at His arrival, Christ will subdue all earthly kingdoms and assume the reigns of *world government* (Dan. 2:44; Rev. 11:15). This will signal the opening of a thousand-year period known prophetically as the *millennium.* It will be a time of constantly increasing peace, prosperity and plenty. It will be a period of the rebuilding of this *ravaged earth.*

Great *ecological restorations* will be enacted and after a while even the old *cities* of this present age will be rebuilt (Acts 3:20-21; Isa. 61:4). Of course, this rebuilding will be done in an *orderly* and sensible manner. There will be no urban sprawl or slums in the cities of tomorrow. It will be *God's world.* And *God is not the author of confusion!* (I Cor. 14:33, 40.) Today's

cities are disorganized, confused botches on the face of the scarred and polluted landscape. Tomorrow's cities will be orderly and free of pollution.

### The End of This Age

Before Christ's millennial rule begins, however, man's allotted 6000-year age must come to a tumultuous climax! Many prophecies will be fulfilled in a relatively brief period of time. In the Bible this mind-shattering climactic period is known as "*the time of the end.*"

The Apostle Paul in describing this period said, "... In the last days the times will be *full of danger...*" (II Tim. 3:1, Phillips translation). Conditions on this earth will be so dangerous that ALL LIFE, human or otherwise, will be threatened with EXTINCTION! Only the intervention of the returning Christ

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will prevent *global catastrophe.* Notice how Jesus Himself described this now imminent period in Matthew 24:22, "And except those days should be shortened there should *no flesh be saved* [alive]..."

Christ will have to step in and *save man from himself!*

### Brink of Cosmocide

In recent decades man's technological knowledge has rapidly increased at a staggering rate. But so have man's *troubles!* Why? Because man does not have the *wisdom to rightly use* the technology at his disposal. For example, *every* new weapon that has been invented has eventually been *utilized.* Now man has the *hydrogen bomb* stockpiled in *overkill* proportions!

And yet newer and more bizarre weapons of mass destruction are on the drawing boards. The military potential of orbiting satellites is inconceivable. Laser beams and bacteriological agents

are weapons too horrifying for the average person to consider.

But the solution to war and international struggles and conflicts is not a change of weaponry to more lethal and devastating munitions. Nor is it the ever-growing stockpiling of existing weapons of mass destruction. It is a *change of heart* on the part of mankind in general. **MAN MUST DEVELOP THE WISDOM TO AVOID WAR — NOT THE WEAPONRY TO WAGE IT!** As wise old King Solomon said centuries ago, "Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but [weapons in the hands of?] one sinner destroyeth much good" (Eccl. 9:18).

### When Will Christ Return?

This has been the question of the ages! Great theologians have pondered this question. Wild-eyed religionists have cried "wolf" too many times. The public is skeptical about the whole subject. Society has even coined an expression which mirrors this doubt. When someone is slow in arriving, people have been overheard to say, "He's slower than the second coming of Jesus Christ."

God, of course, prophetically anticipated this attitude. Notice the words of Peter, "... There shall come *in the last days scoffers*... saying, *Where is the promise of his coming?* for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (II Peter 3:3-4).

The Prophet Ezekiel also spoke of this feeling that the return of Christ and the accompanying prophecies were not working out as anticipated. He expressed it this way, "Again a message came to me from the Lord: 'Son of dust, what is that proverb they quote in Israel [modern America and Great Britain] — *'The days as they pass make liars out of every prophet'*.'" (Ezek. 12:21-22, *Living Psalms and Proverbs with the Major Prophets Paraphrased*).

But the time *has come* to SILENCE THIS DOUBTING, SKEPTICAL AND CYNICAL ATTITUDE. This is the "end time"! Prophecies ARE being fulfilled at an ever-accelerating and snowballing rate. The words of Matthew 24 are *coming alive* in today's world news.

"The Lord God says, I will put an end to this proverb and they *will soon*

*stop saying it*. Give them this one instead: "The time HAS COME FOR ALL THESE PROPHECIES TO BE FULFILLED" (Ezekiel 12:23).

*You are living in that one generation* during which almost 90% of prophecy will be fulfilled! Read Matthew 24:34.

### False Prophets Cry "Wolf"

For centuries a wily and crafty adversary of God has sent his false prophets to delude man into expecting the imminent return of the Messiah. Always there has been a letdown. Christ did not show up when these misguided self-appointed "prophets" said He would. Consequently, people have become doubtful that Christ really will ever return. This is exactly what the devil has desired! Because when God's *true* servants stand up to announce the imminency of Christ's return, a "once bitten, twice shy" public will not believe it! They've been "had" too many times!

But who can you believe? Before you accept the words of any alleged servant of God, "... believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God: because MANY FALSE PROPHETS ARE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD" (I John 4:1). You need to *prove* who God's servants really are!

God dogmatically states whenever He does a major act *He will inform His servants beforehand* (Amos 3:7). God's Word, the Bible, *tells* how to recognize the conditions that will precede Christ's second coming. When the disciples asked what the sign of Christ's coming would be, He gave them a *number* of such signs! They are listed in the 24th chapter of the book of Matthew. He listed an ever-skyrocketing curve of wars and rumors of wars, famines, disease epidemics, coexisting with a dramatic increase in religious fervor which would culminate in the arrival on the world scene of one great false religious leader of enormous influence and power. Read it for yourself in Matthew 24:3-15 and II Thessalonians 2:3-9. Accompanying this would be persistent rumors that Christ's return has already taken place (II Thes. 2:1-2). Notice also Matthew 24:23-24. *Do not be deceived!*

God's Word plainly says, "Watch

therefore, FOR YE KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR WHEREIN THE SON OF MAN COMETH" (Matt. 25:13). *This Work has never set an exact date for the return of Christ!* After all, who are we to dictate to Christ when He must arrive on this earth?

Though we cannot know at this time the precise day of the return of the Messiah, *we can know the approximate time in history*. We can watch the news of the world fulfill the specific and meticulous end-time prophecies of God's Word. When we see these prophecies being fulfilled (which they are!), we can also recognize the imminency of Christ's arrival. As John the Baptist prepared the way for the first coming of Jesus, *this Work is preparing the way for His second arrival!* (Mal. 4:5-6.)

### What You Can Do

In the light of this most cataclysmic time in human history, many readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD have asked: "*What can I do as an individual?*"

*Watch world news. Study* the prophecies of your Bible and observe their fulfillment every day in your newspaper (Luke 21:36). Realize that "... when ye shall see all these things, KNOW THAT IT IS NEAR, EVEN AT THE DOORS" (Matt. 24:33).

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Begin to be *serious* about your relationship with your Creator. Prove the Bible is His very inspired Word. Find out where God is working. And, finally, *get involved!*

How? For a start, compare what you read in this magazine with what you read in your Bible. Then consider. Is this just another "sect"? Or is this the **WORK OF THE LIVING GOD?** You *can prove it*. Your *eternity* could depend on it! Your immediate future will *surely* depend on it.

No, "Doomsday" — the end of the world — is not imminent! It will NEVER occur. This world and the race of man that inhabits it have a brilliant, glowing future! But *only* because a loving and compassionate Creator is waiting in the wings to *save* man. *From himself. And soon!* □

# Is This The Time of THE END?

*"There have ALWAYS BEEN false prophets, wars and rumors of war, famines, pestilences and earthquakes . . ." some will claim. "It's nothing new." How can you KNOW whether this really IS the end-time generation? Can you PROVE it?*

by Robert L. Kuhn

**T**HERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN . . . is a catchall phrase used by those who scoff at Bible prophecy. Wars, famines and disease epidemics are nothing new. They have always been with us claim the skeptics. Earthquakes and other natural disasters occur in cycles and are based on the "law of averages," they assert.

So when someone can't believe that anyone in the 1970's would be so incredibly unaware, uneducated, unscientific, and unintelligent (other than a Bible-belt fundamentalist) to think in terms of the *literal* (not figurative) "end-time generation," "last days," "great tribulation," etc., we must understand his feelings. As a matter of fact, Peter prophesied of precisely this approach in II Peter 3:3-4, followed by a powerful description of what would happen thereafter. But if someone can't see it yet, it's not his fault.

We fully admit that it takes a certain amount of perception and savvy to scan through the usual news reports of local murders, national politics and international gossip and to be able to locate, collate, and correlate the significant happenings of our time. Then to go further and to *understand* what the trends mean when projected forward into the future takes a mind well-versed in Bible prophecy — which is a pretty accurate description of many of the more than 2,000,000 readers of this magazine. And, of course, we are very grateful that our inner family of TOMORROW'S

WORLD readers does believe that this generation is the end time. Not for our good — but for theirs!

Yet even the full 2,000,000 are but a small fraction of the world. And it is *the whole world* that we are commissioned to reach.

## The Proof

There is one statement in the Bible that is beyond refute. In the year 1971 it stands unequivocally above the convenient ploy of academic argument.

In one sense, it is no big deal. It is merely a short comment in a long prophecy. It is a simple declaration that Jesus Christ made in answer to His disciples' direct question: "What shall be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the world [age]?" (The original Greek word is *aion*, meaning AGE — not the physical earth on which we live.)

It must have sounded utterly absurd to that small audience about 1940 years ago. It sounded just as absurd to an audience about 37 years ago, in 1934, when Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong first began to preach it to the world.

Yet suddenly, some 11 years later, in the year 1945, it began to make sense. Today it makes *full* sense. *Today, everybody knows. Today*, right now, it is being repeated across the length and breadth of the United States and on around the world. Scientists and heads of governments alike are proclaiming it. And as they do, they are *unwittingly*

"usurping" the responsibility of the theologian. Because what they are in fact doing is paraphrasing Matthew 24:22: *If this time of world trouble is not cut short, not a single human being will be saved alive.*

## For the First Time

Never before in history has man been able to literally exterminate *every* human being on earth. Not just a large part of the enemy's army, not even most of the opposing civilian population — but every last man, woman, and child *on earth*: in Canada, Australia and South Africa; in Honduras, Peru and Chile; in Indonesia, Southeast Asia and Korea; in Manchuria, Iceland and Antarctica — *all over the world.*

We've all heard the gruesome statistics that there are enough nuclear weapons stockpiled right now to kill every human being 5, 10 — or is it now 50? — times over. Then, in addition, to finish everything off, the world would be made so radioactive that *no* living thing, human or otherwise, could survive. And all of this was *before* MIRV — the Multiple, Independently-targeted Reentry Vehicles — which multiply the number of nuclear bombs that every ballistic missile can carry from one to three to ten!

When the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, the military commander of that B-29 bomber had the power to destroy one medium-size city. Today, a scant

twenty-six years later, the military commander of a nuclear submarine — still just one man, remember — wields the power to obliterate over 150 large cities. (Each submarine carries 16 Poseidon missiles and each missile has 10 or more nuclear warheads.)

### The Ultimate Weapon

“There have always been ‘ultimate weapons,’” retort the skeptics. Axes, bows and arrows, gunpowder, rifles, cannons, machine guns, tanks, etc., are all brought up as “pseudo-ultimate weapons” of the past. So how can we in God’s Work be so sure that nuclear weapons are *really THE ultimate* weapon — which they must be if we are to prove that today is the end time?

Good question — with a very simple two-part answer:

1) No other “ultimate weapon” could ever kill every human being on earth. Nuclear weapons can. 50 times over! (How much more “ultimate” can we get?)

2) Nuclear weapons work by exploiting the most fundamental physical law in the universe — the equivalence and interconvertibility of matter and energy. The hydrogen bomb works the same way the *sun* works! All future “ultimate weapons” could only be refinements of this basic process — they would still have to work on the same basic equation:  $E(\text{energy}) = M(\text{matter}) C^2$  (the speed of light squared).

### What About Poison Gas?

Sooner or later this argument always comes up. It goes something like this: “Nuclear weapons will *never* be used. Each side, the United States or the Soviet Union, for example, knows that the other side has the same incredibly destructive capability. And in any nuclear exchange, the entire world (which happens to include both sides) would be devastated. Consequently, this ‘balance of power’ [or, more accurately, a “balance of terror”] will maintain the peace. Neither side would ever dare precipitate a nuclear exchange. A solid precedent in this regard was set during World War II when both the British and the Germans had vast stores of poison gas, but neither side used them

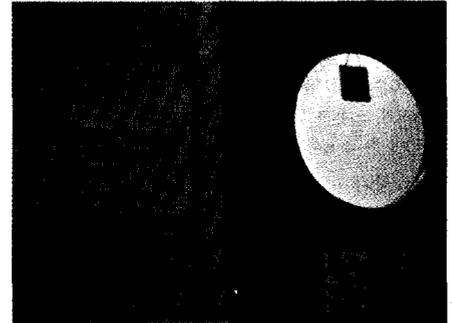
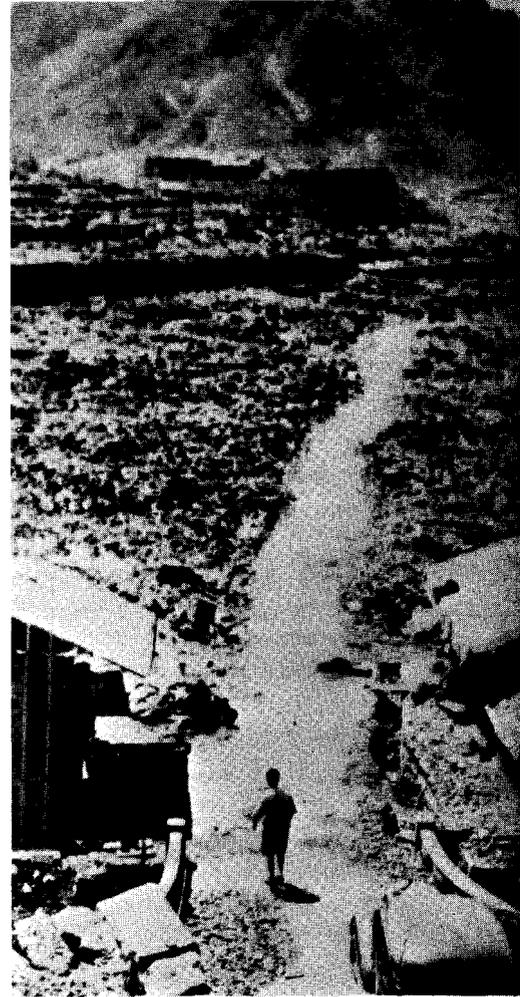
because each knew the retaliatory capacity of the other side.”

Unfortunately, there are at least six fundamental reasons why the above argument is invalid:

1) Nuclear war by *accident* is a frightening reality. Considering the accumulation of nuclear weapons, the proliferation of countries in the nuclear

There have always been famines. These pathetic small victims of the recent Nigerian civil war (bottom) are tragic, but not unique in the course of history. What IS unique is man’s newly found capability to utterly destroy *all* life on earth — never before possible until now. One deadly and efficient method is microbiological warfare (middle right). Missiles tipped with nuclear warheads are a proven means of total destruction (middle left). “Primitive” nuclear bombs such as the one dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, (top) were the forerunners of a nuclear capability able to destroy all forms of life many times over.

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club, nuclear bombs inadvertently dropped from aircraft, the unidentified blips on radar screens, wrong messages flashed on wires, off-course missiles, etc., the statistical “improbability” of an accidental nuclear war is tragically no longer so “improbable.”

2) The “balance of terror” theory is founded on the axiom that the men in control of every power, the men whose fingers rest on “the buttons,” are, if nothing else, *rational*. Now, while the great majority of world leaders today are indeed rational, we are not dealing with a democratic procedure. All we need is *one* irrational leader in *one* country which happens to possess a nuclear capability. And then, even though all the rest of the world’s lead-



ers are perfectly rational, this one man can trigger the feared chain reaction of a gigantic nuclear exchange. Do such men exist? Even recent history has seen national leaders who are mentally troubled come to power and quickly degenerate into becoming mentally deranged. Hitler would have used nuclear weapons had Germany developed them in time. Other leaders of other countries as well, distinctly paranoid in their thinking, could indeed choose to use nuclear weapons in some last-ditch, self-destructive, suicidal urge. Remember, nuclear holocaust doesn't require a majority of world leaders to be mentally sick; it doesn't even need two of them. *One* is unfortunately quite sufficient.

3) An *unauthorized* nuclear attack, launched by a group of desperate and diabolical individuals *without* the government's consent, must not be discounted in this age of rampant revolution and irrational activism. Writing in *Commonweal*, Dr. Edward S. Boylan, a mathematician at Rutgers University and a consultant on strategic issues to the famous Hudson Institute "think-tank," poses the following frightening scenario: "Suppose, for example, that a civil war breaks out in Communist China, that rebels capture the Chinese ICBM weapons and that they threaten to attack the United States unless it intervenes on their behalf. . . ."

4) Even more chilling is the prospect of an *anonymous* nuclear attack. Here an *unknown* government could think to gain enormous geographical, political and/or economic advantage by triggering a nuclear war between the super-powers (or at least by blackmailing one or more of them). We again quote Dr. Boylan: "One can conceive of a tense diplomatic crisis occurring between the United States and the Soviet Union. A Chinese Communist leader might seek to instigate a war between the two nations by sending submarine-launched ballistic missiles at New York or Moscow [or both]. . . . In a similar vein one can conceive of the White House receiving an anonymous message that unless the United States stops supporting Israel one submarine-launched missile a week will destroy an American city."

5) One nation might think that it could most effectively protect its own

*vital interests* by a quick preemptive strike against any and all real or imagined foes. Such an attack would be designed to destroy the enemy's missiles in their silos on the ground. If such an attack succeeds, half the world dies. If it fails — as it would — *everybody goes!*

6) We haven't forgotten about the poison gas analogy. It is indeed crucial to the whole point. Let's go back to World War II. True enough, poison gas was never used. But had Germany launched her much-heralded invasion of England, that statement would no longer have been true. William L. Shirer, in his classic work, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, reports that British plans called for the extreme all-out utilization of poison gas had conventional methods of defense failed — even though such action would have surely meant a brutal German retaliation on the British civilian population.

"Had the invasion been attempted the Germans would not have been received gently by the British. . . . [Peter Fleming in his book, *The Sea Lion*, says] the British had decided. . . . as a last resort and if all other conventional methods of defense failed, to attack the German beachheads with mustard gas, sprayed from low-flying airplanes. It was a painful decision, taken not without much soulsearching at the highest level; and as Fleming comments, the decision was surrounded by secrecy at the time and ever since" (William L. Shirer, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, Fawcett Publications, Inc., 1962, p. 1030).

In other words, when the vital interests of a nation are being threatened, when that nebulous line "*here and no further*" is crossed, a nation will use every weapon at its disposal to defend itself. And as more and more countries acquire nuclear capabilities, the number of "here and no further" lines likewise increases. Imagine India and Pakistan, Israel and Egypt, East and West Germany, North and South Korea! — bringing new perils into an already precarious situation.

#### Matthew 24:22

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be

*saved*: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

In this popular King James translation, the meaning of "saved" is ambiguous.

What is meant by "saved"? Spiritual salvation? Or simply, as we have explained here, the preservation and continuance of physical human life? If this verse refers to the *spiritual* condition of individual human beings during a certain period of history, then the whole prophetic significance would be lost. The original Greek can go either way. The answer must be determined from the context.

And the context is very physical. The entire twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew deals with the basic problem of *staying alive* during wars (verse 6), famines, pestilences, and earthquakes (verse 7), religious persecution (verse 9), great tribulation (verse 21), etc. Consequently, more modern translations emphasize that Matthew 24:22 refers to the fact that human *life* would literally be on the verge of total annihilation — and this was to be a sure sign that the last days of the end-time generation had arrived.

"If that time of trouble were not cut short," begins *The New English Bible*, "not a soul would be saved alive," continues Moffatt; "not a mortal would survive," states the Berkeley Version of the New Testament; "no living thing would have escaped," paraphrases E. V. Rieu; "no human being would survive," concludes Phillips.

#### Overview

We have faced the question: How can we prove that *this* generation is the end-time generation as described in the Bible when *there have always been* wars and famines and pestilences and . . . ?

Matthew 24:22 gives the answer: The time of Christ's second coming and the end of the present age would occur at a time when mankind would be on the brink of the ultimate abyss of complete destruction. All human life on earth would not only have to be in danger, but in fact, literally about to be obliterated.

This is precisely the situation *today*. It has *never* been this way before. *This is the end time!* □



# The Greening Of The World

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*The Youth Revolution has been widely hailed as the vanguard of a new wave of humanism — called the “Greening of America” in one noted book. Another noted Book offers a “Greening of the WORLD” program being pioneered by another type of group — “the elect.” Here’s a comparison of these two plans.*

by Gary Alexander

**M**AMA CASS ELLIOT sings, “A new world’s coming; and it’s just around the bend. There’s a new world coming; this one’s coming to an end.” But the Apostle John went one better, predicting a “new heaven *and* a new earth” (Rev. 21:1). One is interpreted as “humanism”; the other, as religious obscurantism. Why?

Another well-known, modern sing-

ing group tells of this new world’s people: “People on their way, beginning a brand new day; All over hearing people say, ‘It’s a beautiful day today.’” But *Isaiah* previously said, over 2500 years before, that “. . . All sorrow and all sighing will be gone forever; only joy and gladness will be there” (Isaiah 35:10, *Living Psalms and Proverbs With the*

*Major Prophets Paraphrased* version).

Songs such as “The Impossible Dream” or “If I Ruled the World” tell of man’s innate yearning for Utopia. Such songs bring tearful yearning to most listeners. Why then do people snort in disbelief when the Bible describes such a beautiful new world? Hosea, Daniel, Micah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Paul, and Jesus Christ spoke of a *new*

world coming, yet that fact is lost on most people who seek a better world.

### "The Greening of America"

In the current best-selling book *The Greening of America*, Yale Law Professor Dr. Charles A. Reich describes his conception of the beautiful "new world coming." He sees today's Youth Revolution as the vanguard of this new era of love, concern, closeness to the earth, unity with fellowman, and peace.

As his title indicates, the United States is the only "new world" he discusses, but we're sure he would also wish these blessings for the entire globe eventually. In essence, Reich divides the history of the U. S. into three "worlds," which he calls Consciousness I, II, and III. "Consciousness I is the traditional outlook of the American farmer, small businessman, and worker who is trying to get ahead [self-reliant "pure" capitalism]. Consciousness II represents the values of an organizational society [the impersonal "Corporate State"]. Consciousness III is the NEW GENERATION" (Charles A. Reich, *The Greening of America*, New York, Random House, 1970, p. 16).

Is it merely a coincidence that two of the leading apostles of Christ spoke of a "chosen generation" (I Pet. 2:9) "... in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation...?" (Phil. 2:15.)

When the Bible promises a world which fulfills all the collective hopes of men — be they written, sung, or merely dreamed — why do humans fight it so? Today's popular singers and writers are merely taking the very phrases out of the mouths of Jesus Christ, His apostles, and His prophets and converting them into gold records and best-sellers.

But the perennial best-seller of all time, the Bible, beat them all to the punch. Compare the parallel between the best-selling "Greening of America" program of Dr. Reich, and the "Greening of the World" program promised in your Bible. And, remember, you read it first in the Bible.

### Mankind Needs a "New Head"

At the outset of his book, Reich makes this specific purpose statement: "At the heart of everything is what we

shall call a change of consciousness. This means a 'new head' — a new way of living, a new man" (p. 5).

The Apostle Paul's fourteen letters abound with similar phrases. He describes the converted Christian as "a new creature" (Gal. 6:15), the "new man" (Eph. 2:15), and even "a new lump"! (I Cor. 5:7.) As the *Living New Testament* translates Paul's admonitions, "When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand-new person inside" (II Cor. 5:17); or, "You must be a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with this new nature" (Eph. 4:24).

And this is not merely "nicey-nice" talk about "givin' your heart to the loarrd." What Paul meant was clearly a change in your way of life. Notice in Hebrews 10:20 where Paul says, "This is the fresh, new, lifegiving way..."; or, "You are living a brand new kind of life" (Col. 3:10, both verses from the *Living New Testament*).

To the Galatians Paul wrote, "What counts is whether we really have been changed into new and different people" (Gal. 6:15). Jesus Christ taught this in His parable of new wine (new religious beliefs, based on the Bible) demanding new bottles, or wineskins (a change in the person who believes).

In just two chapters the Bible refers to "that way" of life four separate times (Acts 18:25, 26; 19:9, 23). Therefore, it would have been nothing new to Bible readers if they had read this statement in *The Greening of America*:

"What is coming is nothing less than a new way of life and a new man — a man with renewed energies and imagination..." (p. 350).

But what does he mean, "way of life"?

"To describe a new way of life is to describe fully the SOCIETY that is coming. For the locus of that society is not in politics or economics, but in how and for what ends we live" (p. 357).

Examine now the way of life — the society — of the "new world coming."

### Society in the World Today

Nobody really loves cities, and precious few people love their city jobs. Sociologists recognize this fact. As if with one voice, they call for dis-

mantling cities, spreading cities out, starting new "model" cities, or just going back to the farm. The "greening" of America refers in part to a literal return to the small family farm, a return to the land!

"Of all the changes that have happened to man, perhaps the deepest and least understood is the loss of the land, of weather, of growing things..." (page 173).

What are the results of this dislocation of society? Dr. Reich compares it to the vitamin-C deficiency disease, scurvy: "Today we have... mental illness, psychopathic personalities, crime, and anti-social behavior. Are they the scurvy of today, caused by a lack of contact with the land or sky, or by lack of work for the hands, or physical exercise, or something else that our civilization has eliminated as nonessential?" (Page 168.)

As a result we build mock reality into our make-believe lives. We escape to a world of make-believe and it temporarily satisfies our deep craving for the real product — God's earth.

"To a young person, the Corporate State beckons with a skeleton grin: 'Step right in, you'll love it — it's almost like living'" (p. 187).

Thus the "escape industry" is directly caused by the total lack of fulfillment in most urban jobs. The job has nothing to do with life, and the salary has everything to do with life. Result? Workers greedily demand more money than they're worth for doing a job that seems worthless.

"The majority of adults in this country HATE THEIR WORK. ... Recent strikes have repeatedly shown the depth of worker disaffection [dissatisfaction], and the fact that it goes beyond a mere question of wages" (pp. 274, 272).

And what of the family's part in this work? "Technology has deprived the family of almost all of its functions. The family has no work to do together, no mutual education" (p. 182).

What is the ideal work situation, then, of the World Tomorrow?

"The new way of life proposes a concept of work in which quality, dedication, and excellence are preserved, but work is nonalienated, is the free choice of each person, is integrated into a full

and satisfying life, and expresses and affirms each individual being" (p. 19).

On pages 389-390 of *The Greening of America* is an interesting picture of what Dr. Reich foresees in tomorrow's society: "... the peaceable kingdom of those old American paintings that show all manner of beasts lying down together in harmony and love."

Now, how do the elements of this program compare with the "Greening of the World" predicted in the Bible?

### Society in the World Tomorrow

You'll find a full description of the kind of life, work, and family unity foreseen by Dr. Reich in this following quotation from "The Greening of the World," in the book of Isaiah:

"And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and MINE ELECT SHALL LONG ENJOY THE WORK OF THEIR HANDS. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock" (Isa. 65:21-25, *The New English Bible*).

You've never read of a "greening" program so complete as this world system proposed in your Bible. Isaiah says further, "... the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly..." (Isa. 35:1, 2). Even the most optimistic of ecologists can't hope for such desert abundance, since they have no control over the "rain in due season" (Lev. 26:4), which God promises for the society of tomorrow, if and when man begins to obey His laws.

The Prophet Micah foresaw a time when "... they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks..." (Micah 4:3). This famous prediction still represents the highest ideal of mankind, inscribed on the United Nations Building.

Micah's "Greening of the World"

section continues with a less familiar prediction: "... They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree..." (Micah 4:4). This means a farm-based society and economy.

The Prophet Amos added these words:

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall be no more pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God" (Amos 9:13-15).

Notice these are all predictions of the future — prophecies. Not one of them refers to the days of ancient Israel, but rather to "the days to come," or "in the last days," or "they shall" do thus-and-such. Ancient Israel never fulfilled these predictions.

### A Time to . . . Live!

Midway through *The Greening of America*, Dr. Reich lists many dozens of mind-expanding "trips" deprived us by the inhibiting structure of today's society. Some few are contrary to God's laws of life, but most of them fulfill the fundamental needs of man, such as adventure, travel, nature, morality, bravery, worship, awe, dance, spontaneity, ceremony, creativity, alterations of time, seasons, learning, change, personal excellence, wholeness, sensuality, pain, and joy (pp. 152-155).

These qualities of life are robbed from most people today. Very few are free to live life as it was deeply lived by Abraham, David, Paul, or Jesus Christ. Life has become drab, scheduled, sterile, and automated. Our robot-like "efficiency" offers no time to drink of life's deep draught.

But look at the life God promises — a time to plant, pluck up, kill (animals), heal, break down, build up, weep, laugh, mourn, dance, cast away stones, gather stones together, embrace,

refrain from embracing, get, lose, keep, cast away, rend, sew, keep silence, speak, love, and enjoy peace (Eccl. 3:2-8).

God doesn't offer a society that attempts to be "just like living." He offers you *the good life*. "... I am come that they might have life," said Jesus Christ, "and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

But what does today's narrow "meritocracy" (as Dr. Reich calls our competing city life) do to our personalities? Here is a sample — "... hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings..." and the many other sickening "works of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19-21).

God's expansive way of life in the millennium offers instead — "... love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, [and] temperance..." (verses 22, 23). Those are the fruits of the right way of life that will be practiced in the World Tomorrow, a "green" world.

### First — Darkest Night

But will the world painlessly dissolve or evolve into such a millennium of "humanism," with no "birth pangs"? Not at all. Even Dr. Reich foresees the necessity for the new generation to "rescue us from destruction" (page 19) ... "in this moment of utmost sterility, darkest night, and extremest peril..." (page 20).

Not a very bright picture! But at least he foresees a group of people who will rescue us out of destruction, then "go about the task of learning how to live in a new way" (p. 19). That's more pleasant to contemplate than cosmocide — destruction of all life on earth.

But before the "greening" arrives, the world is going to see much "blackening" through war, disease, poverty, and famine. This diagnosis agrees remarkably with the future picture portrayed in your Bible:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive — see Moffatt version]: but for the elect's sake those days

*shall be shortened*" (Matt. 24:21-22).

*The Greening of America* refers to "this moment of utmost sterility, *darkest night*, and extremest peril" (page 20). Jesus Christ said more than 1900 years previously, "... Night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4), and Paul echoed these words, saying, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand..." (Romans 13:12).

In another prophecy, Paul wrote, "... When they shall say, Peace and safety; then SUDDEN DESTRUCTION cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of the light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness" (I Thes. 5:3-5).

This "day-night" metaphor is not intended to make Christians feel self-satisfied, separated from this "hell-bent" world! Rather, *God* has chosen a "select few" for *His* purposes: "... a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people..." (I Peter 2:9) to TURN THIS WORLD RIGHT-SIDE UP!

### "Overturning Reality"

*The Greening of America* mentions the need to "recapture life" and "recapture the truth" (pp. 228, 344). The radical nature of these phrases is clarified in this key statement:

"No education short of a TOTAL OVERTURNING OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S PICTURE OF REALITY will alter his convictions" (p. 275).

Paul's comparison of the "children of light," and darkness (quoted above) must have made special sense to the Thessalonians to whom he wrote. While in Thessalonica, some months earlier, Paul was accused by "certain lewd fellows of the baser sort" of being a preacher "that [had] turned the world UPSIDE DOWN" (Acts 17:5-6). Their perspective of life was the exact OPPOSITE of God's. Upside down appeared to be right-side up; night appeared to be day; black seemed white to them.

In truth, the Apostle Paul told the Thessalonians how to live *right-side up*. THEY were already upside down, but didn't know it! Therefore, they accused

Paul of being upside down. God inspired Isaiah to prophesy of today's philosophy of "turning of things upside down" (Isa. 29:16). "Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!" (Isa. 5:20.)

Perhaps you didn't know that your eyes *automatically* turn things "upside down" — your mind must reverse the visual image a second time so that you see it right-side up. A few years ago, a man experimented by putting on special glasses which turned his vision "upside down," that is, right-side up. After two weeks of dizziness, pain and confusion, he was finally able to walk, run, catch, and otherwise perform as normal with these special glasses. When he took them off and went back to "normal" (that is, switching from TRUE normal back to the upside-down images which *appeared* to be normal), he again became nauseous and dislocated but finally was able to adjust back to "normal."

Turning the very basis of your life "right-side up" is no easier to accomplish!

This turning self right-side up involves "recapturing truth and life" in Dr. Reich's phrases, or, as the Bible says, to "*restore all things*" (Matt. 17:11) through a "[time] of [refreshing and] *restitution of all things*" (Acts 3:19-21). But to the world, this way is still "upside down."

### The Changing of SELF

*The Greening of America* rightfully states, "Social change cannot be accomplished without the support of an appropriate *consciousness in the people*" (page 57).

And how do PEOPLE change?

"All [changes] depend upon changing consciousness. All require, as their one indispensable element, *changing one's own life first*... even the most courageous battle is senseless if it mistakes the source of evil... only changing one's own life confronts the REAL ENEMY" (pp. 342, 344).

Placing the guilt on the nature of individual human beings agrees with the Biblical analysis: "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately

wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9.) And the "Greening of the World," which the Bible prophesies, is near-unanimously "supported by the consciousness of the people." Notice!

"In that day He who created the royal dynasty of David will be a *banner of salvation* to all the world. The nations will rally to Him..." (Isa. 11:10).

"'Come,' *everyone will say, 'Let us go up* to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Israel; there He will teach us His laws, and we will obey them..." (Isa. 2:3, both from *Living Psalms and Proverbs With the Major Prophets Paraphrased*).

The World Tomorrow is going to be unanimously supported by all the nations of the world (except a relatively few rebellious ones at the beginning and conclusion of the *millennium*).

But make no mistake — it isn't going to come by and through the efforts of man. It will come *in spite of man!* Men will fight it to the very last! (Read Revelation 16 for an example of this prophesied resistance.)

But the world will *eventually* support God's benevolent RULERSHIP which will green this earth, beginning now with a group the Bible calls the "elect." And who *are* they?

### The Hippie Counterfeit

According to Dr. Reich — and this is the main failing of his book — the vanguard of the World Tomorrow is the present Hippie Revolution. He ascribes to them a total sincerity and love which few of them have, and a near-perfect style of life, which virtually none of them has.

The closing paragraph of the book summarizes his feeling of this movement. The Youth Revolution is "... like flowers pushing up through the concrete pavement. Whatever it touches it beautifies and renews: a freeway entrance is festooned with happy hitchhikers, the sidewalk is decorated with street people, the humorless steps of an official building are given warmth by a group of musicians" (p. 395).

One full chapter describes the paraphernalia of the hippies, and how each relates to a "greening" process of America. The hippie clothes, for instance, are

the blues, greens, and browns of nature, whereas the "establishment" wears the grays and blacks of machinery and computers. Of course, many businessmen wear suits of "natural" colors (aren't all colors found in nature?); also, aren't hippies found in gray?

And cleanliness is a "missing dimension" in hippie clothing. In fact, Dr. Reich explains their odor as being the "smell of the earth," honest dirt, whereas, the "establishment" covers its natural odors with man-made perfumes. But God says, "... Be clean, and change your garments" (Gen. 35:2). You might say the Levitical laws of God show a "fetish for cleanliness" not shared by today's Great Unwashed.

The hippie music, also, is called "personal and natural," whereas the establishment's *muzak* is impersonal and lifeless. Of course, this indictment is true of much "establishment music," but hippie music uses the most "unnatural" combinations of all — overly amplified, distorted guitars, distorted voices, abusive noises. None of these are the least bit "natural."

These points may seem "picky"; but since the book wrongly ascribes such idealistic qualities to hippie life, we feel such points must be rebutted. In doing so, we in no way defend the "establishment" or malign the sincerity of youth. The following points clarify more important failings of the hippie counterfeit.

#### Hippie Communes — Weak Counterfeits

The hippie *communes* are a weak counterfeit of "every man sitting under his own fig tree" (Micah 4:4). They are motivated by sincere desires, but look closer at these communes. They are merely a microcosm of urban social problems — immorality, drugs, competition. Most communes just grow enough food for themselves, thinking it would be "capitalism" to sell to others. Of course, *they* buy goods and services which *others* produce — capitalism. And if everyone lived on communes, no one would be around to rent them the U-Haul trailers they use, or to fill their jalopies with gas or sell them the supplies they buy. In *this* world, communes are a cop-out.

Then there's the greatest counterfeit of all, the spiritual life. Prayer, Bible study, and meditation have been twisted all out of their Biblical meaning. The hippie "might cultivate visual sensitivity, and the ability to meditate," wrote Reich, "by staring for hours at a globe lamp" (p. 258).

Attributing a greening trend to the hippies is idealistic, but it is merely an empty counterfeit of the "new generation." In fact, Dr. Reich later said, "If this isn't the way hippies *are*, at least this is the way they *should be*."

Who then are the *elect* which will pioneer toward Tomorrow's World?

#### The True Elect

The theme of Ambassador College is to "recapture true values." Our campuses have extensive agricultural programs which are turning barren, sandy soil into a *green* paradise. In a more vital sense, the *attitudes and character* of hundreds of Ambassador students and thousands of you, the readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD and our Co-Workers in the Adult Education Program are being literally *greened*.

Love is being restored, families are being reunited, the "give principle" is being taught. God prophesied that this end-time, Elijah-like Work would "... turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers..." (Mal. 4:6). Thousands of lives are being brought back to life, joy and peace — "greened" — through this worldwide Work.

However, we realize the whole world isn't going to change as a result of our preaching this message. In fact, we can know by experience that very few are willing to change their lives and accept the most thoroughly enjoyable way of life possible — God's way. We realize that the full and complete greening of this earth is going to come only by God's *forcing* these blessings down the rebellious throats of men. But after that momentary pain is over, this is what awaits this earth. . . .

#### The Greening of the World

In the millennium there will be plenty of food for all (Isa. 25:6). There will be none who shall say, "I am sick" (Isa. 33:24) — no more tens

of thousands dying of starvation and diseases of malnutrition. Cities will be dismantled, becoming a "quiet habitation . . . a city quiet and unmoved" (Isa. 33:20, *Living Psalms and Proverbs with the Major Prophets Paraphrased*).

The most vital change of all is a change of *attitude*, which will precede all changes of society, economy, or even agriculture.

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Ezek. 36:26-27).

And as a result of *that* change, look at the change that will be on the land: "... I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine. . . . And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is BECOME LIKE THE GARDEN OF EDEN . . ." (Ezek. 36:29-30, 34, 35).

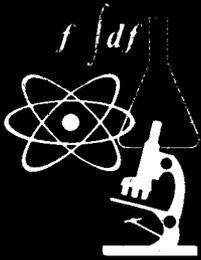
THAT is the kind of greening this world needs! □

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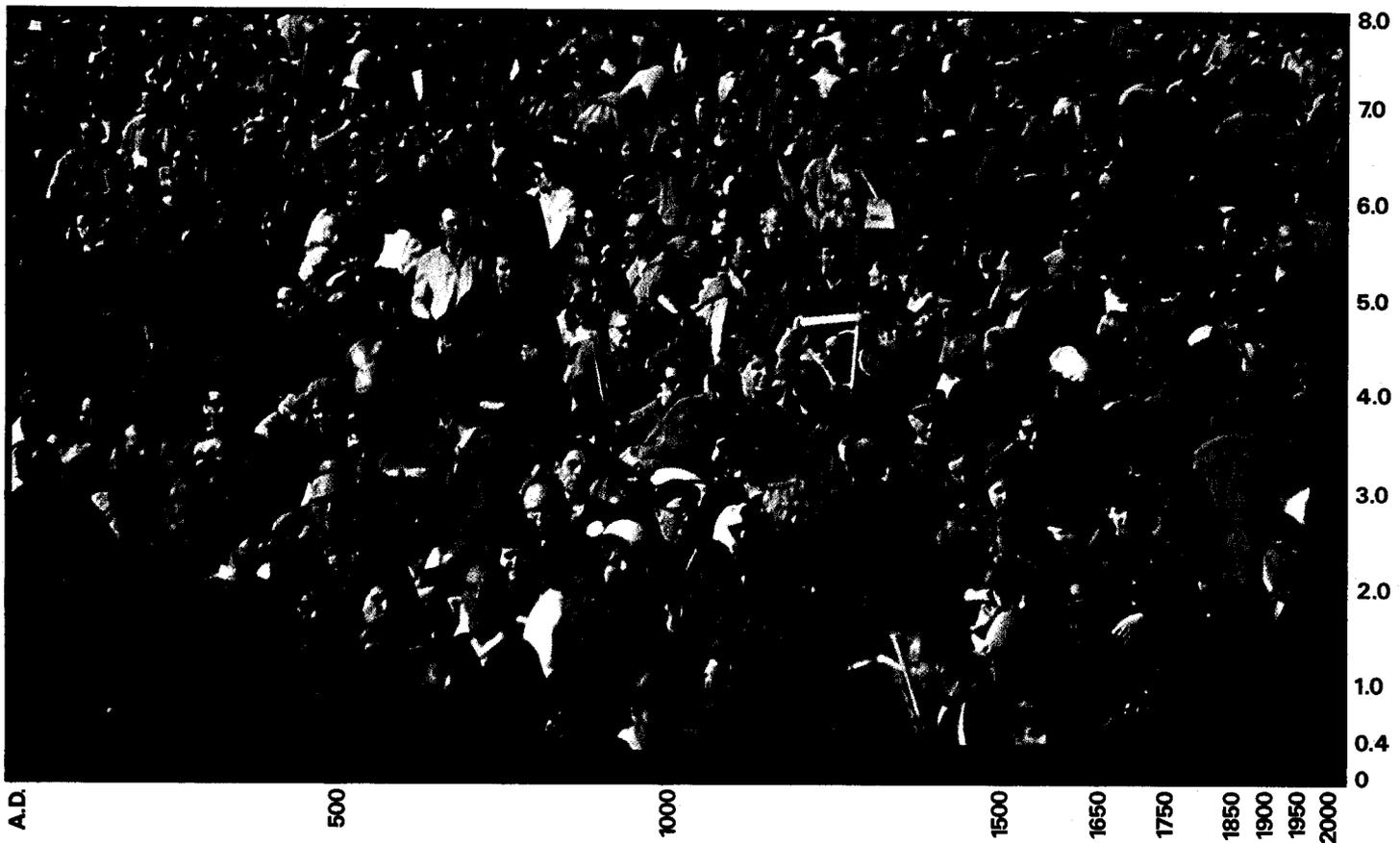
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# Science vs. Theology?

## THE BIBLE PREDICTED THE POPULATION EXPLOSION!

BILLIONS/WORLD  
POPULATION



Estimated world population A.D. 1 to A.D. 2000.

The population explosion and the threat of widespread famines in the near future *are real*. World leaders, prominent scientists, and people who have troubled themselves to study the problem are deeply concerned. Newspapers, magazines and professional journals carry articles on a regular basis discussing aspects of the population dilemma facing mankind, yet few — if any — understand the *real significance* of these events.

Graph shows staggering surge in population increase. Notice relatively slow growth until 1900's when line soars rapidly upward as humanity multiplies explosively to the point of crisis.

**T**HE POPULATION EXPLOSION and the associated problems of massive famine are *global problems today*. Reference is often made to Thomas Malthus, a nineteenth-century Englishman who observed that famine, pestilence and war operate as natural curbs on population. What is generally

overlooked in such cases is that Malthus had merely come to the same conclusion that someone else had already pointed out some 1800 years before! In fact, Malthus probably owned a copy of the book that contained this "prophetic" information. That book was the Bible — and the person who beat Malthus to the punch was none other than Jesus Christ! However, Christ did Malthus (and modern "prophetic" journalists) one better. He told *WHY* such events as famine, war and pestilence — when they would come to pass on a *global*

## LEADERS WARN OF FAMINE

"We are told more and more frequently with messages of steadily rising urgency that the present rapid expansion of the world load of human beings must inevitably and quickly lead to a crisis in the degradation of the environment and to enormous catastrophes in human suffering through FAMINE . . . THE CRISIS IN FACT IS ALREADY HERE in its preliminary stages. . ."

— David M. Prescott  
Editor, BioScience

"In 1950 many students of the population resource situation concluded that a major catastrophe was in the making. TODAY, when we view the growth of world population in relation to what mankind is doing about the situation, THAT CATASTROPHE APPEARS A NEAR-CERTAINTY."

— Dr. Harrison Brown

"I stress again that ALL responsible investigators agree that the tragedy will occur. They differ only as to whether it will take place in ten years or less, or in ten years or a little more."

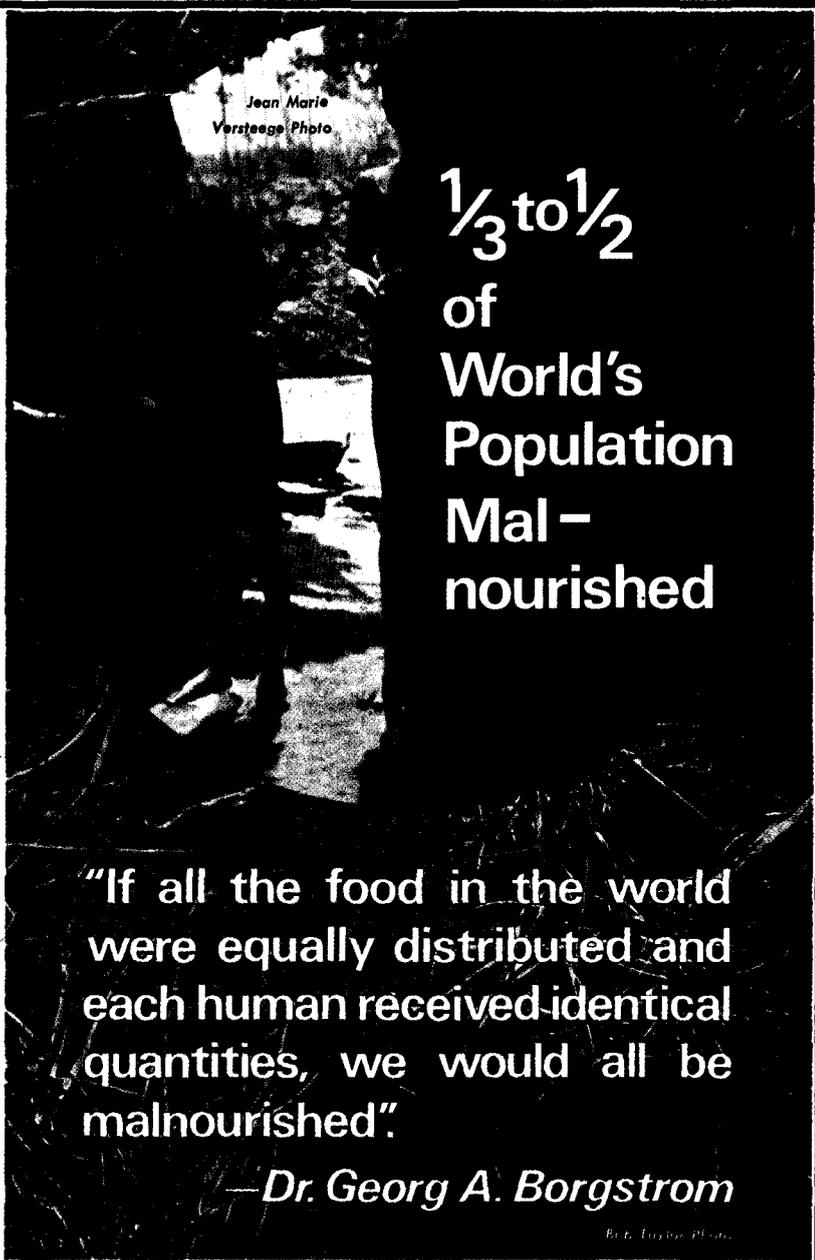
— Dr. James Bonner

"Mass starvation will be the most painful fact of life on this planet in ten years."

— Sen. George McGovern

"If the rate of food production cannot be significantly increased, we must be prepared for the FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE!"

— Dr. Binay Sen



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"If all the food in the world were equally distributed and each human received identical quantities, we would all be malnourished".

— Dr. Georg A. Borgstrom

scale — would be significant. In other words, Jesus Christ — almost 2000 years ago — gave the *real meaning* of events that are making headlines today!

The written record can be found in the 24th chapter of the book of Matthew. It is there for all to see — and has been for almost 2,000 years. During a discussion with His disciples concerning a very significant future event, Jesus stated quite plainly, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars . . . for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom [world wars]: and there shall be FAMINES, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Matt. 24:6-7). Here

we see "famines," which are now being predicted by population biologists and world leaders, were prophesied to occur in conjunction with "wars and rumours of wars."

Jesus went on to mention later in the chapter that, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37). When you turn to the story of Noah in Genesis 6:1, you find these words, "Now a *population explosion* took place upon the earth" (Gen. 6:1, *Living Books of Moses*).

In plain Biblical language, then, the wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes spoken of in Matthew 24 are

to be accompanied by a population explosion. These events, occurring *together* on a *worldwide scale*, will announce the *imminent return of Jesus Christ* to this earth and the *close* of this present age! Read it for yourself in Matthew 24:3.

While you may not believe what your eyes have just read, it's there in black and white, in the pages of the Bible — the so-called outdated Book "written by ignorant men groping for a concept of God." What is all the more remarkable is that those "ignorant" men were able to somehow predict the very events that are making headlines today!

— D. Winnell



## Science vs. Theology?

# The DEATH of the OCEANS!

Scientists warn us that all life in the sea is in jeopardy! This is not science fiction, but science forecast. As man's power to alter the environment grows greater, the scope of his destructive capacity includes the entire globe and staggers the imagination. Your Bible not only scooped the news of this mind-boggling prospect, but it also foretold the method, the means and the execution of the solution to the pollution of seventy percent of the earth's surface.

by K. C. Lee

**S**PEAKING TO the peoples of modern United States and the British Commonwealth of nations, God levels this stinging rebuke:

"Hear the word of the Lord, oh people of Israel, the Lord has filed a lawsuit against you listing the following charges: There is no faithfulness, no kindness, no knowledge of God in

your land. You swear and lie and kill and steal and commit adultery. There is violence everywhere, with one murder after another. That is *why* your land is not producing: it is filled with sadness and *all living things grow sick and die*: the animals, the birds and **EVEN THE FISH BEGIN TO DISAPPEAR**" (Hosea 4:1-3, *Living Prophecies* version).

This is a vivid description of our MODERN 20TH-CENTURY WORLD! Who could deny the obvious connection between this prophecy and today's impending "terraced"?

And when we speak of *earth-death*, we must consider the vast reaches of this globe that are covered by water.

"If our planet were being studied from afar by intelligent beings somewhere in outer space," writes Seabrook Hull, author of *The Bountiful Sea*, "the single feature of Earth that would amaze them most would be the abundance of water — which they would be able to discern not only by spectroscope, but also by our planet's beautiful color as it sparkles fresh and clear like an aquamarine against diamond-studded black velvet."

We live on an *oceanic* planet. Over seventy percent of the earth's surface is

covered by ocean water. The ocean takes up an area of 140 million square miles with an average depth of two and one-half miles. There are at least 330 million cubic miles of sea water in the oceans today!

Could such a gargantuan oceanic mass of water exist without asserting a tremendous influence on the earth? Could it exist without serving some purposes?

*What would happen if our oceans should die?*

Is this possibility too farfetched?

### What If We Didn't Have the Ocean?

"Without the ocean to cool the tropics and warm the frigid climes, and to act as thermal balance wheel, this would be a harsh world indeed, *with largely uninhabitable extremes of climate and sudden violent changes in the weather*" (Seabrook Hull, *The Bountiful Sea*, page 81).

Our ocean can be likened to a giant thermodynamic "flywheel" regulating and modifying the weather worldwide. This amazing feat is achieved through the commonest substance on earth — water! Of all the liquids and solids — except ammonia — water has the highest *specific heat*. That is — it has the greatest capacity to absorb heat with a minimum rise in temperature. Raising the temperature of the surface of the sea at any spot by only a few degrees represents a tremendous storage of heat. This great capacity means that a prodigious excess of heat can be stored in ocean waters for long periods of time without appreciably affecting the temperature of the lower atmosphere.

Consider this illustration: If all the solar energy reaching the earth for two and a half years were used to heat up the ocean, it would add only about two degrees Fahrenheit to the ocean's average temperature.

Such is the remarkable ability of oceanic water to absorb and store heat with little increase in its temperature. This heat, when stored, can be given off in winter or at some distant place (where the water may be transported by currents) if the air above the water at the second place is cooler than the sea. Obviously, then, great volumes of air

can be heated with little reduction in the temperature of the water. Air is another remarkable medium to store as well as to give off heat. Together, the ocean and the atmosphere regulate the climate of the whole world.

### Other Benefits of the Ocean

The ocean serves not just to regulate the earth's climate but to perform many other important functions as well.

It is a source of the water that enters the atmosphere and forms our clouds, falls on our continents and returns by our rivers to the sea.

Without the oceans there would be very little FRESH water on earth! Yet if the oceans were fresh water like rivers and lakes, they would be frozen solid most of the year — even in the tropics!

Oceans also provide us with valuable food. This food is an excellent supplement to food from the land. Remember, "one way or another, the mineral wealth of the land gradually migrates to the sea" (Robert C. Cowan, *Frontiers of the Sea*, page 260). Many marine plants and animals can pick up some of the more valuable minerals, even though they may now occur in extremely diluted form. For example, iodine salts are so diluted in sea water that they scarcely show a trace in a chemical analysis. Yet algae can concentrate these diluted salts enough to be an economically valuable source of the element. Many minerals of the land can be reclaimed from the ocean via these living organisms.

### All-Important Oxygen

While providing us with food, the ocean also supplies us with up to 70% of the oxygen of earth! This vital, life-sustaining gas is produced by the "grass of the sea," phytoplanktons. Dr. La-Mont C. Cole of Cornell University warned that in some big cities 40% more oxygen is being used than the land is producing. This oxygen depletion has to be made up from somewhere. It comes from the ocean. Consequently, "if we should inadvertently kill enough marine diatoms or the organisms they depend on for fixed nitrogen, we would start running out of oxygen to breathe!"

Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan, an ecologist at the University of British Columbia, warned of an easier way to court disaster! He said that if a ship loaded with defoliant chemicals were to sink in a similar manner as the *Torrey Canyon* did off the British coast in 1967, the consequences of such an accident would be unimaginable! Phytoplankton, the major producer of oxygen, are particularly vulnerable to such an accident, because they inhabit the surface of the sea.

The death of our ocean is more than a scientific fiction. It *could* happen!

### A Second Death

Even if an accident does not happen, our oceans could still die — from slow, inevitable strangulation by pollution!

Pollution began when man first failed to understand the real purpose of the ocean. Many have casually assumed that the ocean is supposed to be a receptacle of waste. Everyone can see that the ocean is a convenient garbage disposal site! Its water is plainly very corrosive. Irons and most steels, as you know, will rust in it. Aluminum will also corrode; so will magnesium, copper, brass and other metals. Old junk (like Roman villas, English castles, and Western saloons which were thrown into the sea by the Hollywood movie studios) is rendered indistinguishable.

Man has long used the ocean as his garbage dump. Should our oceans be used for such a purpose? As long as the wastes were natural organic or inorganic refuse, and as long as they were in small enough quantity, not much harm was done. In fact, it could be argued that perhaps these wastes fertilized and possibly added to the productivity of the sea.

But times have changed. The "chemical revolution" marked the beginning of a new era in history — the sewage revolution! The wastes are no longer just natural organic or inorganic refuse. "Now all kinds of new organic chemicals and poisons are being poured into the oceans" (Athelstan Spilhaus, *The Ocean Laboratory*, page 63).

It is as if "the whole ocean receives the discharges of civilization in ever-increasing amounts and in ever-increasing complexities," lamented Dr.

Edward D. Goldberg at the 1969 AAAS Convention at Dallas, Texas.

### "Desert" in the Sea

A routine voyage of the Navy's *Deepstar* near Santa Catalina Island, in Southern California on December 4, 1966, made a shocking discovery. A layer of fine brown flocculent material was seen on the bottom just north of the island. Occasionally a dead fish or squid was seen.

As the Navy vessel cruised along, some 3000 feet deep, nothing moved outside the craft. In another dive half a mile away they found the same dead underwater sea.

Chemical analysis of the water showed that less than two milliliters of oxygen were dissolved in each liter of water. This is too little oxygen to support any kind of life.

These poisoned and polluted waters, according to Dr. Bruce W. Halstead, marine biotoxicologist and Director of the World Life Research Institute, are the result of chemical waste being dumped into the water (*Science News*, March 4, 1967, page 218).

This is a dramatic discovery. Who knows how many dead seas are waiting to be discovered?

### Poisons from Industry

Industrial toxins may not always create such graveyards under the sea. Instead, they may become absorbed and reincarnated into the marine food web, and eventually find their way into our bodies via the food we eat!

Mercury, used as a fungicide and as a catalyst in the chemical industry, for example, finds its way to the oceans at a rate of about 4000 tons per year. The lead from the combustion of lead tetraethyl in internal combustion engines also drifts oceanward. "Lead is now being deposited in the North Pacific and the North Atlantic at 50 times the normal rate of the past" (C. W. Mattison, *Man and His Resources*, page 57).

Pesticides (primarily the chlorinated hydrocarbons such as DDT), chemical fertilizers and other chemicals used in agriculture also make their grand entry into the sea.

Petroleum also smears the high sea.

Every year two billion tons of petroleum are pumped out of the earth, half of which is shipped across the oceans. The loss through shipping amounts to one million tons annually. It does not require too many years to build up a sizable amount of petroleum in the sea! We have not even included the leakage of petroleum from the large and increasing number of drilling sites. Have we forgotten the tragedies of the *Torrey Canyon* and the oil leaks off the coast of Santa Barbara? Have we forgotten what ecological disasters they were?

We have yet to mention the many radioactive wastes that find their way into the ocean. "If releasing vast quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere is man's biggest geophysical experiment, polluting the oceans with radioactive wastes could be his biggest geophysical mistake. Once introduced into the sea, radioactivity will be impossible to take out...radioactivity spread by ocean currents would be a global menace" (Robert C. Cowan, *Frontier of the Sea*, page 286).

For a long time, it was believed that the world's ocean was too large to be adversely affected by man. This is no longer true today. Our oceans have become POLLUTED.

We are accustomed to thinking of chemical reactions taking place within a few seconds, a few minutes, or at the most, a few days.

But reaction time in the ocean takes place in terms of hundreds and even thousands of years. Listen to what Dr. Goldberg, of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has to say: "The chemical invasion of the oceans by man involves time periods quite different from those encountered in terrestrial water systems. Where a river renews itself annually, lakes in periods of decades or centuries, the oceanic environment maintains its components for times order of magnitude greater. [The ocean takes more than many centuries to renew itself]. *Present-day introductions of materials will be measured for many thousands of years in the future.*"

In other words, what we dump into the ocean will be circulated throughout the entire mass of the ocean and its ef-

fect will continue to be felt. The mercury that we dump today, for example, not only will affect us right now, but also will affect our children and their children after them! Such is the way the ocean acts, because of its currents, which are capable of distributing any chemical far and wide, and because of the vastness of the ocean and its slow reaction time.

Even if we stop polluting the ocean TODAY, the harm that we have done will stay with us for many thousands of years to come!

No man-made solution can ever cleanse the ocean. No wonder the Bible proclaims the only solution — the GOOD NEWS — that is workable *without* the factor of time.

### God's Solution

The entire natural world — the sea, the land, and the air — groans in travail. "For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for," the Bible declared centuries ago, "the manifestation of the sons of God" (Romans 8:19). This is the time when God will set up His government on earth. This heralds the era of the happy world tomorrow. This is the time of the "*restitution of all things*" — the restoration of God's KNOWLEDGE.

God will solve the problem of oceanic pollution by performing a miracle.

The book of Ezekiel provides details: "These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go *into the sea*: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. *And it shall come to pass, that everything that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, SHALL LIVE*: and there shall be a great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh" (Ezek. 47:8-9).

That is the type of ocean we can look forward to: an ocean that functions perfectly to regulate the world's weather, to give us fresh water, oxygen, and a bountiful supply of nutritious foods; an ocean that we can swim in, travel on, admire; an ocean that will give us LIFE and not DEATH! ▣

# *The* STORY of MAN

for children five to one hundred five

by Basil Wolverton

## Tyrannized by Babylon

### CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT

**T**HERE was loud cheering when the Babylonians released King Jehoiakim and allowed him to re-enter Jerusalem. It would have been much louder and more enthusiastic if Jehoiakim had been more popular with his subjects and his soldiers, many of whom didn't have much respect or admiration for him. Right away he called together his officers and advisers. They all congratulated him on his return, but few of them appeared overjoyed. Nor did they show much enthusiasm when he told them of his problem.

#### The Temple Looted

"I want this thing done right now, even if you have to strip the temple of its valuable utensils!" Jehoiakim roared, suddenly angered by the situation. "Then I intend to find out who was responsible for the decision that I should die by the hands of the enemy while everyone else remained safely here!"

Long before noon the valuables from the temple were borne out to the Babylonians, who would have been foolish to try to charge through the gates while they were open. Shortly after the tribute was delivered, the triumphant invaders took down their tents and moved away to the north. (II Chronicles 36:5-7; Daniel 1:1-2.)

To all appearances it looked as though Judah — and Jehoiakim — had come through another crisis. But there was greater trouble and misery ahead, as the Prophet Jeremiah was still foretelling.

Jehoiakim was busy for months trying to weed out from his government those in high offices who

opposed him. At the same time he tried to convince his people that he had done his part in saving Judah from the Babylonians, and that from then on it was their responsibility, if they wanted to remain free, to contribute willingly all that was asked of them.

Two years dragged by, during which there were disturbing reports that the king of Egypt was furious when he learned that Jehoiakim had disavowed Egypt and had declared loyalty to Babylon. There were also rumors that the Egyptians were mustering and training an army superior to any they had raised before. These things gave heavy concern to Jehoiakim, whose weakened nation lay in a perilous location between the two great competing powers. And because they had forsaken God for idols, God was not helping Jehoiakim and his people. (Jeremiah 22:1-19.)

During those two years, and for quite a while afterward, Jeremiah remained concealed, except to reliable friends. Several old family friends had repeatedly befriended Jeremiah — Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and several sons and grandsons of Shaphan the Scribe. (II Kings 22:8-13; Jeremiah 26:24; 29:1-3; 36:11-13, 25.) The king's police no longer sought Jeremiah with their former fervor, although if any had come face to face with the prophet, they would have arrested him.

#### Another Crisis

When it was about time to start equipping caravans for bearing the third year's tribute to Babylon, Jehoiakim realized he would have to make a decision. If he continued the heavy payments, he would be making even more enemies in Judah. He would also be running the risk of an attack from the

Egyptians, to whom he preferred to give allegiance. But if he withheld the promised tribute to the Babylonians, he could expect the threatened ravaging of his nation.

Jehoiakim decided to withhold the payment. He hoped that he could make a reconciliation with Egypt before the Babylonians would bother to send an army to collect their dues. Mostly he hoped that his overlords would consider the trip too costly, and give it up.

Time passed. Babylon and Egypt were so busy sparring with each other for supremacy that neither bothered to invade Judah for a while. There was no word from Babylon, and no report from Jewish spies in the Euphrates River region that any great number of Babylonian troops had been seen moving west. The king of Judah happily began to think that he had made the right move.

Then the unexpected happened. Fierce bands of well-armed Syrians, Moabites and Ammonites, mounted on fine steeds, began to make surprise night attacks on Judah's towns and villages. Murder and looting grew by leaps and bounds. These attackers were too fast and wily to be captured. Almost overnight much of Judah fell into the power of the savage invaders, whose numbers increased steadily. (II Kings 24:1-4.)

One morning, guards on Jerusalem's walls were startled to see, with the first light, a large number of mounted soldiers at a safe distance from the gate. They were being joined by many other horsemen who resembled the raiding Syrians, Moabites and Ammonites.

"Look at those cavalrymen they're joining!" a guard exclaimed. "They're holding the flag of Babylon!"

The large Babylonian cavalry force was joined by many Syrian, Moabite and Ammonite troops. Except for the Babylonians, these were the soldiers who had been terrorizing people in many small towns and villages of Judah.

The Jews learned later that these soldiers had been hired by the Babylonians, and had gradually left their homeland in such small bands that they weren't at first considered a menace. Collectively, they comprised a sizeable threat even to Jerusalem. Although they had no catapults or battering rams, there were enough of them to bottle up the city. (II Kings 24:1-4.)

## A Desperate Plight

The sight of the invaders struck fear into Jehoiakim. This was Nebuchadnezzar's stark answer to Jehoiakim's unwise decision to hold back tribute. Now he would have to pay dearly for it. The only possible way out was to rush troops against the invaders at the risk of losing the city.

"We have urgent business with your king!" a Babylonian officer bellowed in Hebrew. "Send him out to us — *now!* Otherwise, we'll rip through every unprotected village and farm that hasn't already felt our swords!"

In the special wall lookout with his officers, Jehoiakim heard and shuddered.

"If they do as they threaten, at least we'll get them away from here," Jehoiakim observed unfeelingly.

Most of his officers — the ones who had relatives and property elsewhere in Judah — openly glared at him.

"After they're out of sight, we could send troops after them," a leading officer suggested.

"No!" Jehoiakim snapped. "I don't want any trouble with the Babylonians!"

"No trouble?" the staff officer inquired incredulously. "We've had nothing but trouble with them for weeks!"

"You know what I mean," the king answered irritably. "I don't want to antagonize them. I don't even want the gates closed against them. Go see that they're opened so that our visitors, however warlike, won't consider Jerusalem an armed fort that has to be besieged. I'll be in my quarters in the event our visitors insist on coming inside to make their demands."

As Jehoiakim walked shakily out of the lookout, his officers stared at him as though he had suddenly gone mad. Nevertheless, the king's orders were carried out. The gates were opened to the Babylonians, who soon took advantage of this surprising opportunity to get inside the city.

"Before we go in, be sure that the gates are securely fixed to remain wide open," the Babylonian commander instructed his men. "We can't risk any part of us being trapped."

## The King's Ignoble End

A small number of the invaders cautiously rode inside, while hundreds of cavalrymen swarmed close

to the gates, ready to dash inside in the event of any resistance. The first thing the Babylonian commander and his picked men intended to do was to seize the king of Judah and hold him prisoner under threat of death as an example of what would happen to anyone who failed to pay tribute to the Babylonians.

But Jehoiakim, who had now realized that Jeremiah was right about it being wise to cooperate with the Babylonians, was so frightened that he hid himself. Only a few hours later he was discovered.

The Babylonian commander was so irked by the time and trouble used in ferreting out the king that he had Jehoiakim tossed from one of the highest parts of the walls. They then dragged his body outside the gates like a dead beast without the accord of a funeral, much less a royal interment.



The reign of Jehoiakim, eighteenth king of the Kingdom of Judah, ended when he was thrown from Jerusalem's wall in the sight of thousands of invaders.

"Let no one move or bury that carcass!" the Babylonian commander shouted to his men.

For several warm days and cold nights the king of Judah's body lay outside Jerusalem, just as the prophet Jeremiah had predicted. (Jeremiah 22:1-19; 36:27-31.) There were those in Judah who wanted to give their king a royal burial, but the invaders didn't allow Jehoiakim's body to be touched except by insects, animals and vultures. Thus ended, at age thirty-six, the life of a king who chose to ignore God and live according to his cruel, selfish and pagan desires. (II Kings 24:5-6; II Chronicles 36:5-8.)

This was far from the end of trouble from the Babylonians, who didn't feel that matters could be settled simply by a king's death. Many Jewish nobles and men of high rank and ability were also put to death. More than three thousand others were taken captive and forced to march to Babylon, hundreds of miles distant. (Jeremiah 52:24-28.) The stronger ones were made to help carry valuable items plundered from the temple. Among the prisoners was a young man by the name of Ezekiel.

Jehoiachin, eighteen-year-old son of the late king, was immediately made the next ruler of Judah. The Babylonians impressed the new young king with the necessity of his regarding them as absolute conquerors of Judah, and himself completely subject to the will of the king of Babylon.

In spite of the circumstances, Jehoiachin followed in his father's idolatrous ways and showed only disdain for Jeremiah's warnings and advice. To make matters worse, he showed little inclination to bow to the Babylonians, whose commander was so incensed that he seriously considered doing away with the young king of Judah. To add to his troubles, Nebuchadnezzar began to fear that Jehoiachin might feel so strongly about his father's death that he would lead his nation in a serious revolt against the Babylonians.

### A Woebegone Young King

Much to the surprise of Jehoiachin, the Babylonians swiftly descended upon Jerusalem and demanded its surrender. Jehoiachin, hoping to avoid bloodshed, had the gates opened and led his mother and his officials out in surrender. But the Babylonians were not in a kindhearted mood. They quickly rounded up and chained about ten thousand of the men of influence, priests, leading craftsmen and best soldiers of Judah.

Jehoiachin's main cause of surprise was that he, his mother, government dignitaries and his close friends were added to those thousands. Oblivious to wails of complaint and shouts for mercy, enemy soldiers herded the captives outside the city. Stunned at this sudden, dismaying turn of events, the young king dropped his youthful dignity and loudly demanded to talk to the Babylonian commander, who eventually rode to him on his richly outfitted mount.

"When I was seized and put in chains, I was so surprised that I was speechless!" Jehoiachin shouted indignantly, struggling to hide his fear. "The least you can do, failing to show due respect for a king, is explain what you intend to do with us."

"We didn't explain because we wanted to spare your being perturbed if you knew the facts," the Babylonian grinned. "Like your father, you have failed to show the cooperation we expected. You've been king for three months and ten days, yet you've made no move to make the tribute payments your father withheld from us. Our patience is at an end. The matter will be resolved by taking you and these people of yours to our land, where we intend to put all of you to good use. Besides, we'll take a fair amount of your valuables."

Jehoiachin stared in disbelief. Finally he managed to express himself.

"The king of Egypt will avenge this inhuman treatment!" was the only thing he could think to say to try to impress the commander.

"The king of Babylon would welcome the king of Egypt to try it," the commander smiled. "If your father hadn't relied on Egypt, but on Babylon instead, he would be safe on the throne of Judah right now, and we wouldn't be here to take tribute from you."

Jehoiachin continued staring, finally finding his voice for the second time.

"You mentioned taking valuables," he said. "How can you take valuables from us when you have already bled us dry of such things?"

"There are still some items of great worth in your God's temple," was the reply. "We won't leave here empty-handed."

What the unhappy Jehoiachin didn't know was that many bundles of loot from the temple were already being packaged, to be tossed over the wall and picked up by soldiers surrounding the city. Much of this loot included gold stripped from the walls of the temple.

Unwilling to talk any more with the frantic young king, the Babylonian commander turned his horse about and rode off, shouting orders to his men in their native tongue. Guards passed among the prisoners, removing the heavy chains so that they could carry items they were forced to bear.

The outlook of tramping over hundreds of miles of rough and barren ground was a bleak one for Jehoiachin and his people, but there was nothing to do now but comply. Even with proper leadership and arms, the Jews wouldn't have dared move against the Babylonians and their well-armed, superior numbers.

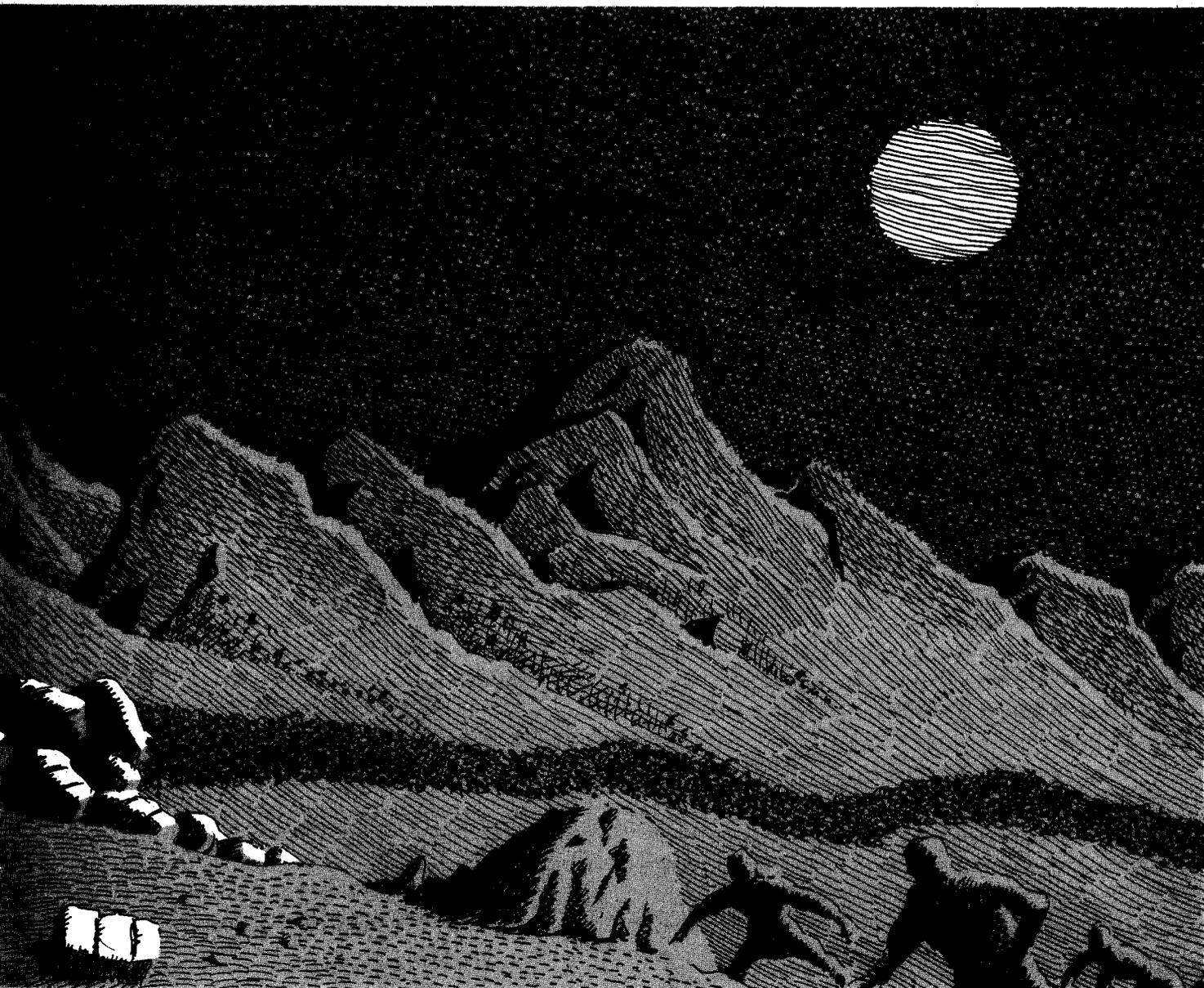
### Babylonian Captivity

Only a fraction of the invaders were needed to take the Jews east. The others, including most of the Babylonians, stayed in their camps close to Jerusalem, where they still had unfinished business. It was to direct the Jews in deciding what man would be the next king. The Babylonians insisted that it should be Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle.

"You will make him your king right away," the Babylonian commander told the Jews. "If there is any delay, we shall take more of you to Babylon. And because your new king will be controlled by us, we shall start by changing his name. From now on he is to be known as Zedekiah." (II Kings 24:8-13; II Chronicles 36:9-10; Ezekiel 1:1-3.)

The dignitaries of Jerusalem and the representatives from other areas solemnly and obediently carried out the ceremonies of making Zedekiah king. The Babylonians were satisfied, having investigated Zedekiah's political beliefs, and having been informed that he wasn't in favor of any trade or





Bundles of loot from the temple were tossed over the walls of Jerusalem and snatched up by some of the hordes of soldiers surrounding the city.

Judah. Actually he wasn't so much against allying with Egypt as the Babylonians had been informed, but in the weeks while the invaders still stayed around, he was very careful to give them the impression that he would faithfully please his master in all matters.

Convinced that Judah would turn out to be a profitable vassal nation under Zedekiah's rule, the Babylonians and their allies disappeared as abruptly as they had appeared many weeks previously.

With the enemy obviously gone, people began

diplomatic ties with Egypt.

Zedekiah was fully aware why the Babylonians had chosen him to be the next ruler of

moving in and out of Jerusalem again. At last it was possible to learn the extent of loss of people and property to the invaders. At least eight thousand men and about two thousand women and children had been taken captive. Seven thousand of the men were husky young soldiers who could be used at hard labor. A thousand were skilled workers in many crafts, especially smiths, so they couldn't make more armaments for Judah. The Babylonians had purposely chosen these capable men to deprive Judah of leadership in order to better please King Nebuchadnezzar. (II Kings 24:14-17; Jeremiah 29:1-2.)

Soon a few neighboring nations, including Egypt, heard what had happened to Judah. Their leaders were quite concerned that Judah's army hadn't been used effectively. They sent representatives to Jerusalem to try to convince Zedekiah that

their nations intended to stand fast against Babylon, and that if Judah would join them, the combined forces of the western nations could successfully hold out against any attacks by Babylon.

### Jeremiah's Warning Ignored

Despite what had occurred in his country, Zedekiah began to seriously consider what these men had to say. It was so difficult for him to come to a decision that he sent for his prophets to ask their advice. He knew about Jeremiah, but because he continued in the idolatry practiced by the kings preceding him, he didn't want anything to do with a prophet of God.

"Egypt is growing in strength," the false prophets reminded their king. "So are the other nearby nations. It would be wiser to be friendly with neighboring nations than try to please one so distant."

Jeremiah was perturbed when he heard how the king's prophets had advised him, and how Zedekiah had decided to stop sending tribute to Babylon. He sent a message to the king, telling him that his prophets were wrong, and that it would be a fatal move for Judah to break the agreement with the Babylonians. (Jeremiah 27:1-22.)

The king's prophets were naturally angered at Jeremiah's warning to Zedekiah, even though Jeremiah was ignored. One of them, Hananiah, publicly declared at the temple that God had spoken to him there, assuring him that Babylon had passed the peak of power, would rapidly weaken from then on, and within two years wouldn't have enough strength to ward off nations that attacked. Hananiah furthermore contended that God had told him that Jehoiachin and all the Jewish prisoners would be returned to Judah, along with all the treasures that had been taken from the temple. (Jeremiah 28:1-4.)

"Under these circumstances, what foolishness it would be to continue sending our much-needed wealth to a pagan nation hundreds of miles away!" Hananiah shouted to the crowd. "If Jeremiah, who calls himself a prophet, wants to be a subject of King Nebuchadnezzar, we'll not prevent him from walking to Babylon!"

Now that Jehoiakim was dead and Jehoiachin taken captive, Jeremiah was again free to come and go as he wished. God had instructed him to make wooden yokes, or collars, symbolical of servitude, to send to the heads of the nations which wished to rebel against Babylon. They were to be reminders

that they were going to remain as vassals to Babylon or be punished by God through the Babylonians. Jeremiah was told to wear one of the collars as a reminder to everyone who saw him. (Jeremiah 27:2.)

### Jeremiah Ridiculed

He was in the temple when Hananiah made his speech. In spite of his being the object of laughter caused by the false prophet's snide closing remark, he walked up to speak to Hananiah.

"I wish you were right. It would be good if our people could return and the temple properties were restored. A prophet will prove to be a true one if he teaches what is in Scripture and if he warns of an event, and the event comes to pass at the given time. I say that Babylon won't fall for many years, but will in fact once again take Jerusalem. As for our people who have been taken away, they shall remain slaves for many more years!" (Jeremiah 28:5-9, 13, 14.)

Hananiah glared at Jeremiah, then reached out to vigorously yank the wooden collar from the prophet's neck and smash it on the floor.

"Nebuchadnezzar's yoke of bondage on all nations will be broken like that within two years!" he called out to the crowd as Jeremiah walked away.

At another time when Hananiah was at the temple trying to convince more people that God had revealed the future to him, Jeremiah stood up and accused him of lying. He declared that God would punish him by taking his life within a year. Hananiah made a great display of indignation to try to hide his embarrassment and fright. Within less than two months Hananiah was dead. Many people, including the king, were sobered by this event. (Jeremiah 28:1, 10-17.)

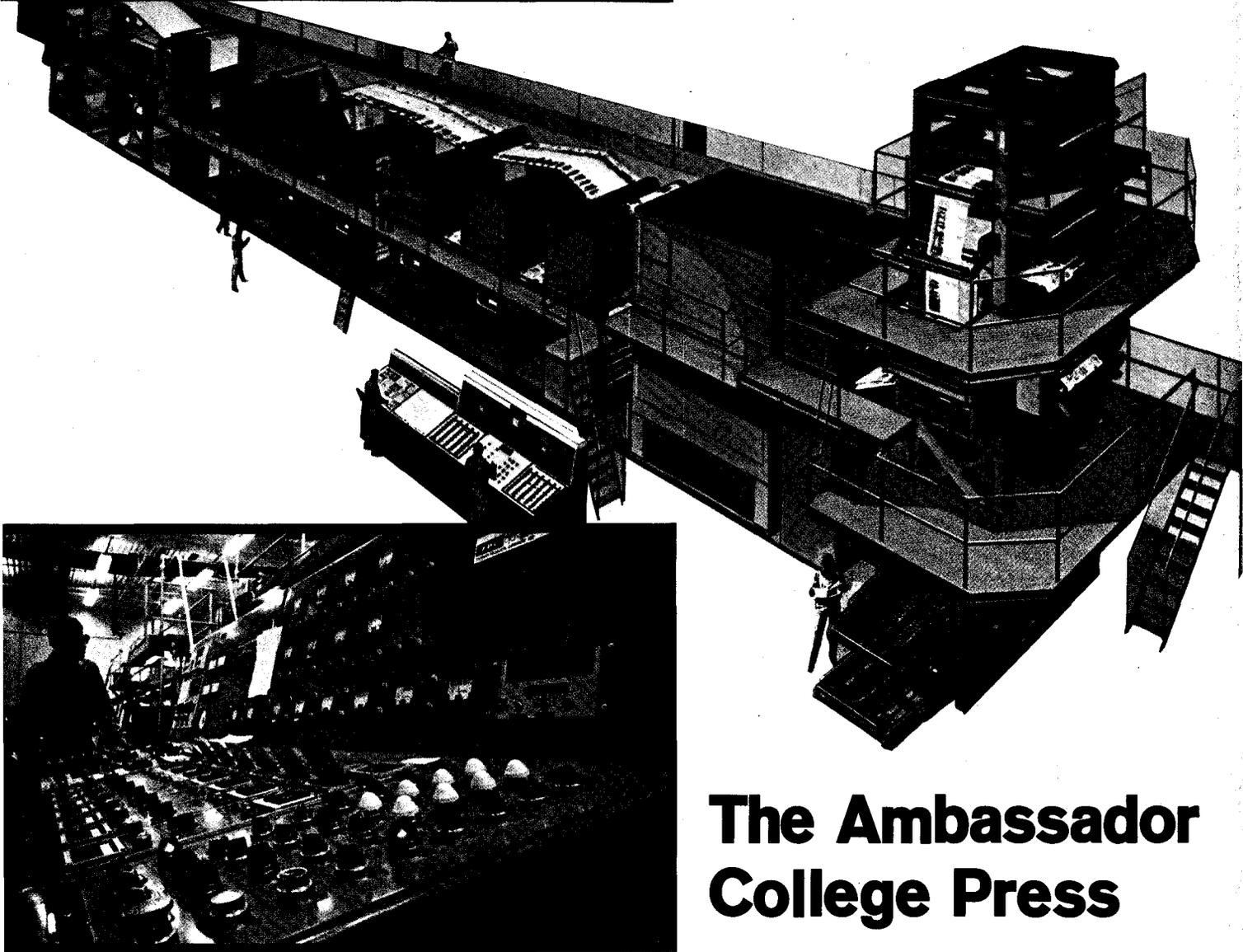
Nevertheless, Zedekiah persisted in turning against Babylon and in continuing in idolatry. Meanwhile, Jeremiah faithfully kept on informing the people of dire warnings from God. He also wrote letters to the Jewish captives in Babylonia, encouraging them to keep up family life and bring up children for a time when liberation would come. (Jeremiah 29:1-14.) Among the captives who were happy to hear from Jeremiah was Ezekiel, later chosen by God as one of the great prophetic writers.

The beginning of the end started for Judah with a paralyzing report to Zedekiah that a massive army was crossing the Jordan above the Dead Sea with King Nebuchadnezzar as commander! (Jeremiah 39:1.)

*(To be continued next issue)*

A panoramic view of the Goss Publication-50 press with insert photo showing the control panel.

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## The Ambassador College Press

*Last month we gave you a brief history of the publishing phase of God's Work. Now here is a behind-the-scenes look at the Ambassador presses — making it graphically clear how an article is produced, from the author's typewriter to the finished magazine in your hand.*

**C**AN YOU imagine a world without printing — with no newspapers, magazines, books, reference works — and no Bible? Without printing we would still be stumbling in the ignorance and poverty of the Dark Ages! The world without printing lay dormant for millennia. Because books could only be produced painstakingly by hand,

only a very select few had access to their store of knowledge. Massive ignorance pervaded every corner of the globe until printing loosed a flood of knowledge, and made available to everyone what had previously been the proud possession of a select few.

Sadly, as with every good gift God grants to man, the world as a whole

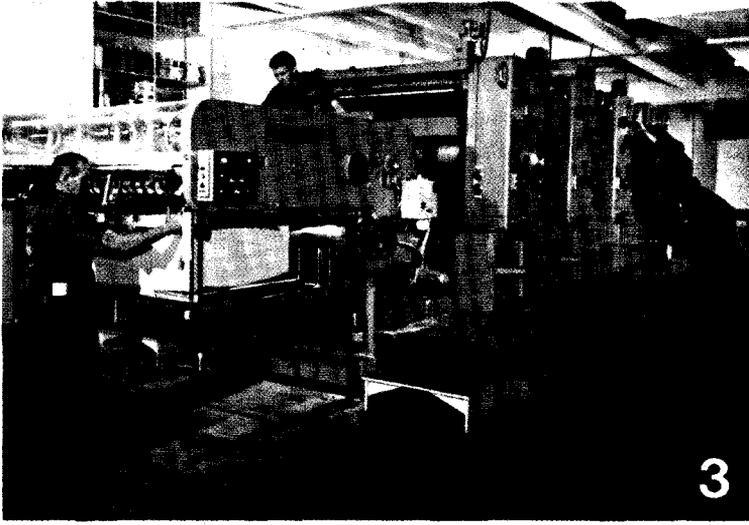
misused the wonderful gift of knowledge that printing made available.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” God says (Hosea 4:6). While there is no lack of scientific data — expanding at a rate estimated at one million book equivalents a year — there is a woeful, grievous lack of the “knowledge of God”! (Vs. 1.)



A diversity of Ambassador publications — in full-color and in five languages.

- (1) The front entrance to our Pasadena Headquarters plant. This press complex occupies more than 100,000 square feet of floor space.
- (2) The ingredients — paper and ink. Last year the Pasadena plant used 2,500 tons of paper and 70,000 pounds of inks to print 33 million pieces of literature.
- (3-5) Scenes of our presses in operation: North Sydney, Australia (3); Big Sandy, Texas (4); Radlett, England (5).



For though the gift of printing made available the knowledge that *could* save the world — the Bible being the first and most-printed book in existence — the world chose to remain spiritually ignorant. Instead of using the Bible as the constant guide to all the knowledge made available through printing, the world chose to use the knowledge as *it* saw fit.

And as we have emphasized in the pages of this very magazine, the knowledge explosion is hurtling the world toward suicide! Just as man has polluted food, land, air and water, so he has polluted the priceless gift of printing! Mankind has employed his presses to turn out volumes without number filled with *his* vanity, *his* philosophies, *his* dreams, *his* inventions, *his* perversions, *his* religions!

**Printing Used God's Way**

Applying the Ambassador motto — "Recapture True Values" — the Ambassador Press is using all the inventions of printing for the right purposes — to disseminate *God's* knowledge.

Ambassador maintains three major printing plants: in Pasadena, California; Radlett, England; and North Sydney, Australia — with a smaller plant in Big Sandy, Texas.

The Ambassador College Press complex in Pasadena occupies more than 100,000 square feet of floor space. Last year this plant used 2,500 tons of paper and 70,000 pounds of ink to print 33 million pieces of literature — including 10 million **PLAIN TRUTH's** and 3 million **TOMORROW'S WORLD** magazines. Further facilities include 62,000 square feet in England; 24,700 in

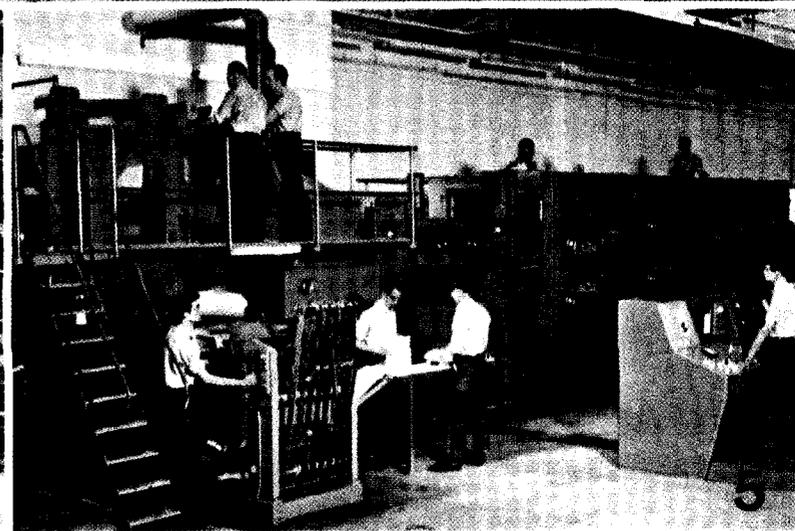
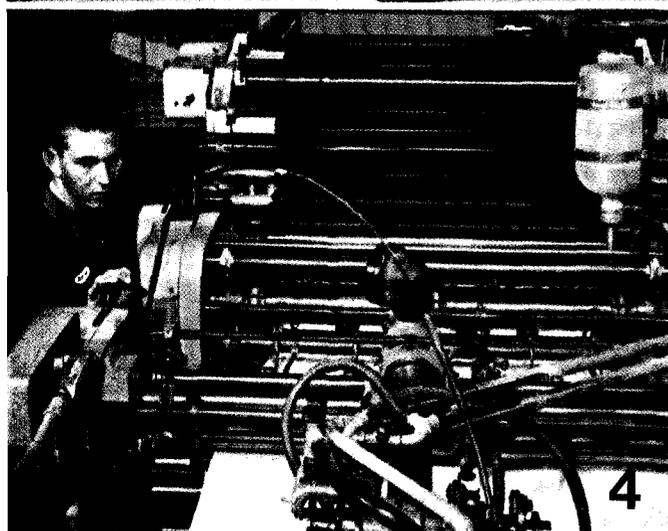
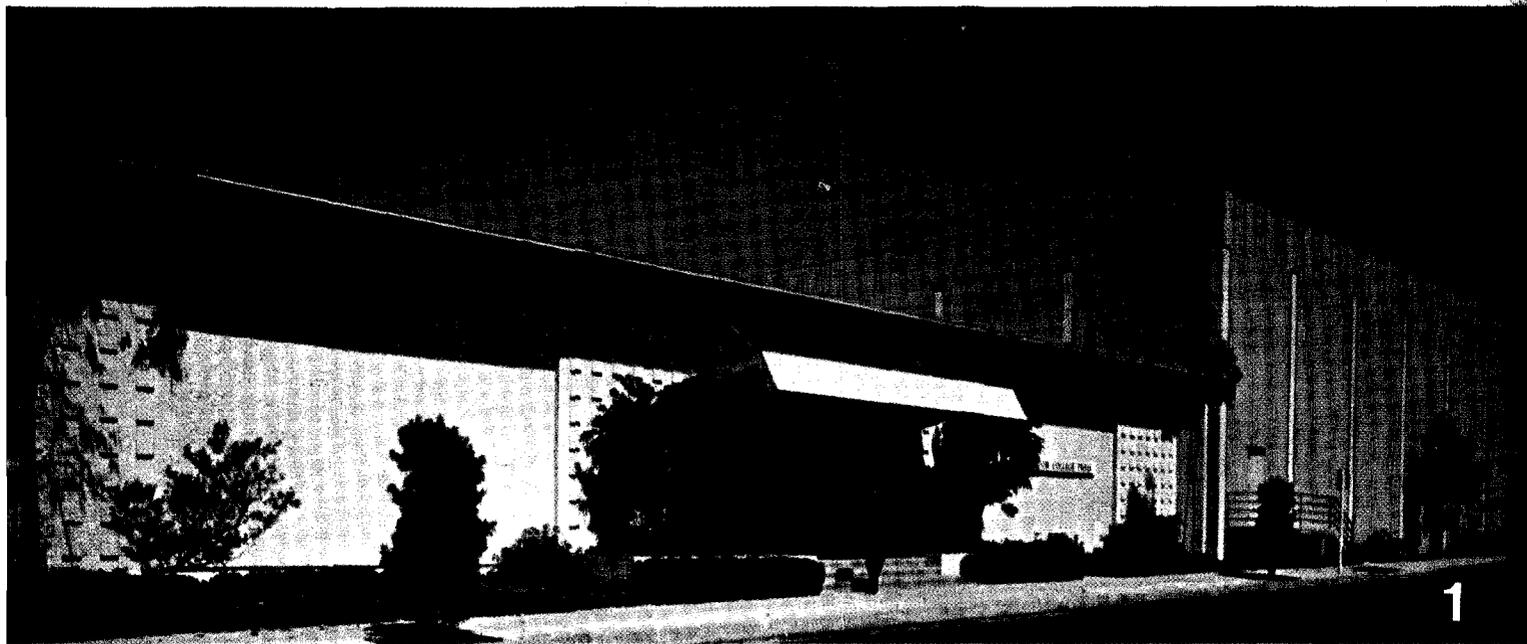
Australia; and 5,400 in Big Sandy.

It's a big operation. It requires hard-working, dedicated people — 125 in Pasadena, 80 in Radlett, 35 in North Sydney, and 11 in Big Sandy. Many of them are specialists in their fields, trained by years of work requiring a great deal of learning and apprenticeship. Others are receiving on-the-job training. All of them work as a team to fulfill the great commission to publish the Gospel (Mark 13:10).

Now let's examine the behind-the-scenes story of one of these operations — in our Headquarters plant at Pasadena.

**The Production Office**

Directing the operations of the Press on a day-to-day basis are the Press Department Head and the Production



Control Section office. When Ambassador College Press receives the initial request for a job to be done, the Production Control Section goes into action. This is where the job request is written up on a job ticket, where all facets of the jobs are considered and the "big picture" of the job is formed. Schedules are set, machine work loads are planned. Vital information concerning paper, ink and the best machinery to do the job is forwarded to the various sections of the Press through job tickets and in daily production meetings with section supervisors.

The Department Head and the Plant Manager are assisted in their work by the Production Control and Administration Section.

This section performs many functions. It keeps the Department Head and

the Plant Manager informed on not only detailed hour-by-hour production status, but also budgetary matters, job costs, and overhead costs.

Included in the Production Control and Administration Section is the Plant Engineering function. This group keeps abreast of our ever-changing, ever-growing building and machinery needs. It helps each section of the Press plan for efficient expansion — installation planning for new equipment, building expansion, and environmental control. It is their responsibility to make sure the Press facility remains an outstanding example of good taste in construction and safe working conditions.

### The Composing Room

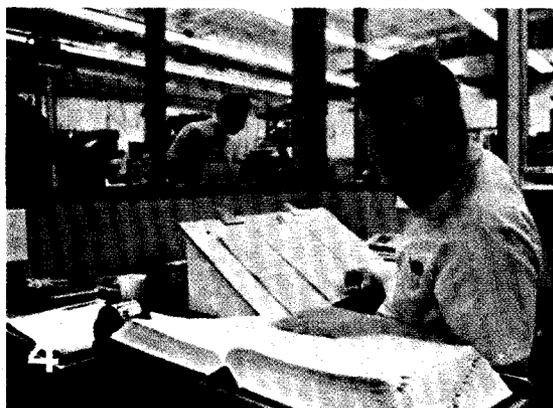
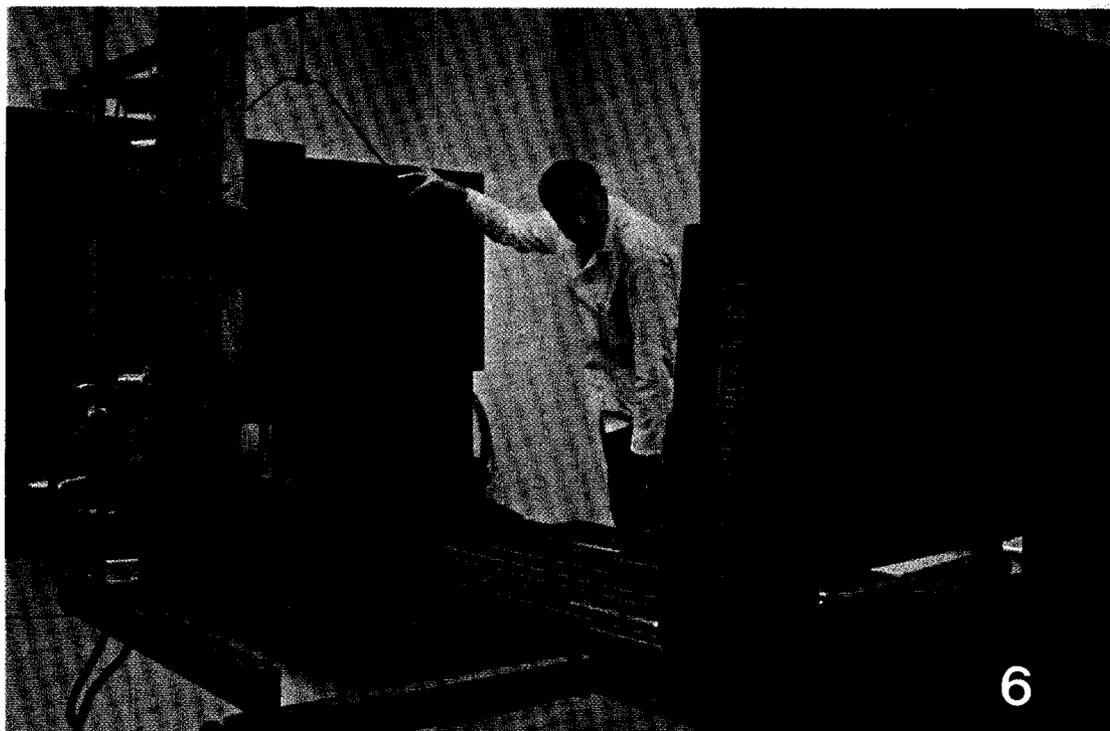
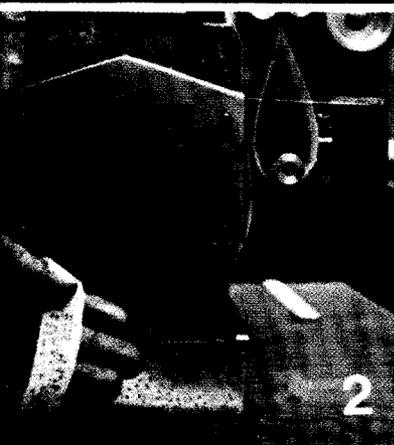
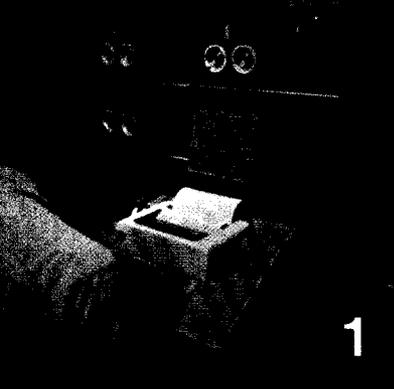
We will begin our actual production journey in the composing room. It is

here that typed manuscripts arrive from the editorial departments to be set into metal type.

When a manuscript arrives in composing, it first goes to the markup room. Here the markup man marks the copy so the men will know what size to set the type, headlines, and subheads.

When this has been done, the copy is then taken to a perforator operator. The perforator operator retypes the copy on a machine that produces a punched paper tape. This punched paper tape is as yet "unjustified." That is, the copy has yet to be spaced out (justified) into columns with even left- and right-hand margins.

The perforator operator feeds the unjustified tape into a small computer, which produces a new hyphenated, "justified" tape. This justified tape is,



in turn, fed into the typesetting machine where the type is cast in hot lead and set in lines of type.

The cast lines of type are set in order in a tray called a *galley*. This column of type is then inked and several impressions of it are made on long, narrow sheets of paper — these are called *galley proofs*. These galley proofs are carefully checked by *proofreaders* for typographical errors. Any necessary corrections will be made by one of the linotype operators.

When the galley proofs agree perfectly with the copy, they are sent to the Editorial Department for any additional corrections. There they will be cut up and affixed to layout sheets the same size as the publication, in exactly the place the editors intend for them to appear in final form. Border lines

are drawn to indicate where the pictures appear on the layout. Picture captions are written. This is called a *layout*.

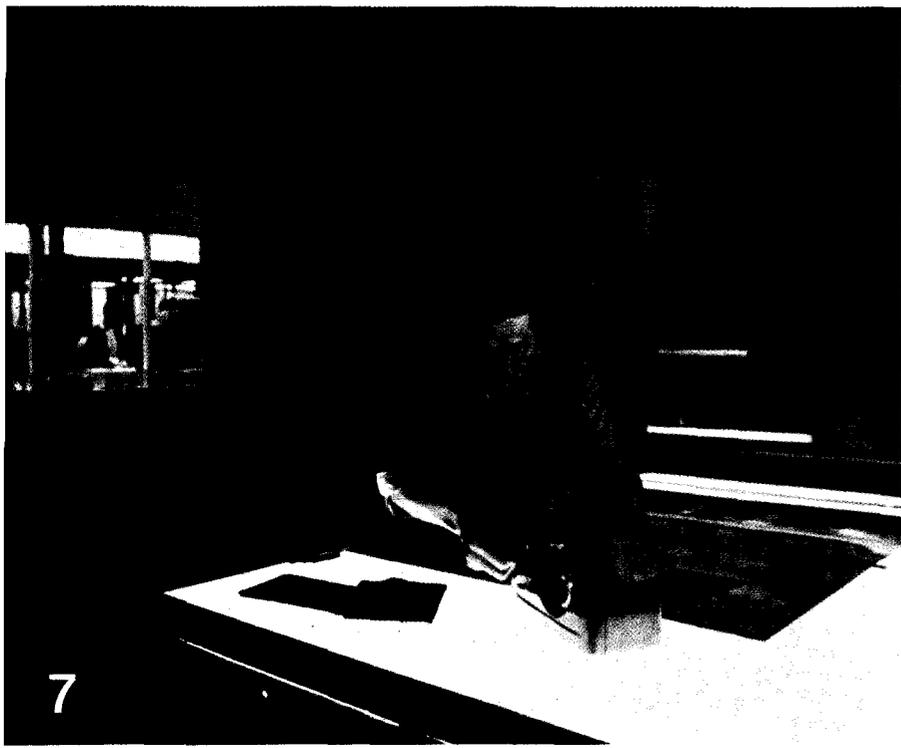
The layout is returned to the composing room. There a makeup man will arrange the columns of type in page form to conform to the editor's layout. This type is again inked, and *page proofs* are made, corrected, and sent to the Editorial Department. Once more the page proofs are checked, and any additional corrections are made. When a page is ready to go into the magazine as is, a *reproduction proof*, or *repro*, is made. These are impressions of the type made on bright, white paper that will photograph well. These repros are then sent on to the next link in the publishing chain. All told, about twenty men are necessary to handle the

vital work of the composing room.

The publication graphics division of the Press provides finished artwork for the publications, giving them high quality and aesthetic appeal. The black-and-white photographs are retouched, and the repros are composed into final camera-ready copy.

### Pre-Press

This page of TOMORROW'S WORLD that you are now reading is made of two things: paper and ink. The difference between this page of TOMORROW'S WORLD and the previous page is simply a matter of a different arrangement of ink. The instrument in a printing press that correctly patterns the ink on each page is called a *plate*. Pre-Press is the section that performs the function of producing the plates that are used



(1-2) Tape is set, then justified by computer for automatic typesetting.  
(3) Headlines are set separately.  
(4) Proofreaders carefully compare the galley proofs with the original copy.  
(5) A "repro" of each page is made.  
(6) The camera room.  
(7) Copy and pictures are "stripped" into correct position on sheets of plastic.  
(8-10) Making the printing plate.  
(11) "Color correcting" a color separation photograph.



on the printing presses themselves.

Pre-Press receives the repros as well as black-and-white pictures, color transparencies, and layouts. All of these different elements have to be properly assembled together before making the plate. Here's how that is done.

The color transparencies first go to transparency duplicating. Here men duplicate and enlarge them to the size required in the layout. Next, because a printing press can print only one color of ink at a time, each transparency must be turned into four separate black-and-white films.

This process, called color separation, provides a black-and-white film for each of the basic colors — blue, red, and yellow. This separation is accomplished by rephotographing each photo through a series of filters — each designed to

block out all but one specific color.

Next, each color-separation negative must be "screened" — broken up into minute dots. (This is done to distinguish darker and lighter tones in printed pictures. Look at any printed picture with a magnifying glass and you will see that it is made up of tiny dots.)

These films then are given to another man — the dot-etcher, who produces color-corrected positive film. Press proofs are made for final check of color quality. Then, finally, a film (negative) is made of each color. These films are revised to positive and sent to the "stripping" department.

Meanwhile, in another part of pre-press — the camera room — a cameraman is photographing black-and-white photos and repros with two cameras. (These cameras are some five

feet high and twelve feet long!) These films are also sent to the stripping department.

The color films, black-and-white films, and films of the copy are assembled ("stripped") into correct position on large sheets of plastic, one sheet for each color. Proofs of the stripped-up material — showing the copy and pictures as they will appear when printed — are now made. These are called *brownlines*. The brownlines are sent to the editor for one last-minute check. When the brownlines are approved, the stripped-up job is then sent to plate-making.

In plate-making, the images on the large plastic sheets are burned directly onto four separate light-sensitive sheets of metal, one sheet for each color. These sheets of metal are called *plates*.



A view of the press room. The press to the left is the Goss P-50. To the right is the Halley-Aller. Further to the right, out of the picture, preparations are under way for the installation of the new Goss C-38. Inset, upper left: Paper is continuously fed into the "web" presses from giant rolls of paper

The image of each color is burned onto its individual plate by an extremely strong light passing through the films, which (remember) are assembled on the plastic sheets. The plates are then developed by a chemical bath, and sent to the press room.

This highly complicated operation involves another twenty-five Ambassador College personnel.

It should be obvious by now that each stage of the printing process is built upon those previous to it. Each step, and each man, is essential!

### The Press Room

The Ambassador College Press has been constantly growing, and this growth is nowhere more evident than in the printing section of the Press. Right now, the Press has two giant web-fed

presses in operation. The Halley-Aller began operation in October, 1968, and for two years it did the bulk of the printing for *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD*. Now that load is shared with the new Goss P-50 Web, which started operation this year.

"Web-fed" presses work on the principle of feeding giant rolls of paper (rather than individual sheets) into the press. Both the Goss P-50 and Halley-Aller are four-color presses, which means that they print four colors on both sides of the paper (or web). The colors are printed one at a time, in the proportions determined by the plates.

On our presses, the "offset" method of printing is used. That is, the plates — which have had the printing images burned onto them — are mounted on cylinders in the press. The plates pick

up the ink and transfer it to rubber blankets — which are mounted on adjacent sets of cylinders. The ink is then transferred from the blanket to the paper. The reason this is done is because the rubber blanket produces higher-quality printing, as well as reducing wear and tear on the plates.

On both the Halley-Aller and the new Goss P-50, 32 pages of *TOMORROW'S WORLD* size can be printed simultaneously.

In addition to the large web-fed presses, we have four smaller sheet-fed presses — two four-color, one two-color, and a one-color. These are used for smaller jobs, as well as for high-quality color printing.

Thirty men are involved in running the presses.



## The Bindery

In the bindery areas the printed pages and covers of the magazines are assembled together, stapled, and trimmed. For the most part, the bindery receives the printed material in signatures (16-page sections).

Signatures printed on the big web-fed presses are folded as they come off the press. But when material has been printed on one of the smaller sheet-fed presses, it comes to the bindery in unfolded sheets. Covers for *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD*, reprint articles, and special letters are examples of this.

Unfolded material usually goes first to the cutter operator who cuts the sheets into the size desired for folding. Then the material is sent to the men in

the folding area. They operate the large Dexter folders — each of which can turn out about 30,000 magazine covers in an hour.

Another area of the bindery is the "McCain" section. This is the area in which the signatures are collated (assembled in proper order), stapled, trimmed, and prepared for mailing. At present, our bindery has two large McCain binders which are able to produce a combined total of up to 23,000 copies an hour.

The next step in the bindery chain is the mailing section. Last year Ambassador Press instituted an "in-line" mailing operation. This means that as the finished *PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* magazines roll off the McCain binders, they are fed directly into the Cheshire mailer to be addressed

before being bundled and mailed.

The magazines are fed into one pocket of the Cheshire mailer while the mailing-list address labels (produced by the Data Processing Center) are fed into another area of the machine.

Address labels are individually affixed to the magazines in zip code order. One man is responsible for sorting the magazines, determined by the zip code, as they pour along the belt of the machine toward an automatic tying machine.

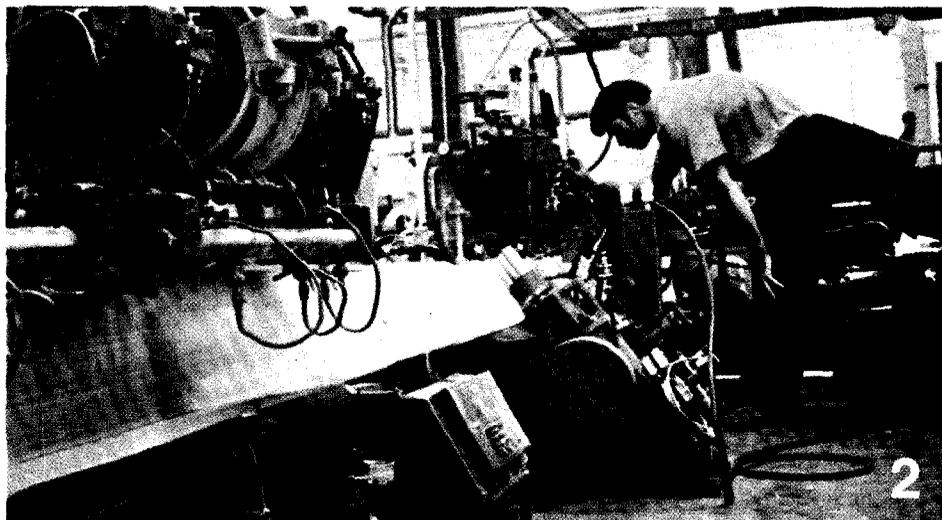
At the automatic tying machine (an invention of Ambassador Press) the bundles are tied and sent off the ramp at the end of the machine where three men work furiously to bag the magazines and load them into Post Office barrows. About 21,000 magazines per hour pour through the Cheshire machine.



(1-2) The magazines are folded, collated, stapled and trimmed.

(3) They are transported to the labeler, where computer-set labels are attached.

(4) Then they are tied for mailing.



Fifteen men are required to handle the entire bindery operation.

That's the process from finished manuscript to finished magazine.

#### Machine Maintenance

Another important group of men are the *machine maintenance* crews. Without the composing room maintenance men, the press and bindery maintenance men, and the electricians, the equipment on the production line would soon break down, wear out, freeze up, or become otherwise inoperable. With no machines running, there would be no production.

It takes scores of dedicated, skilled

men to "keep the presses rolling."

Actually, the plant in Pasadena is only one of four Ambassador plants.

Our facility at the Big Sandy, Texas campus handles the printing of *La PURA VERDAD* — the Spanish-language *PLAIN TRUTH*.

Jumping across the Pacific to North Sydney, Australia, we find the Ambassador College Press has grown from a small beginning in 1962 to the capacity of handling *The PLAIN TRUTH*, *TOMORROW'S WORLD*, and the booklet load for Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, and Southeast Asia.

The magazines and booklets for Europe, Africa, and parts of Asia roll off the press at Radlett, England. *De ECHTE WAARHEID* (Dutch-language *PLAIN TRUTH*), *Die REINE WAHRHEIT* (German), and the Eastern Hemisphere

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All the composing operations for the overseas printing are done in Pasadena — that is, the typesetting for the overseas English, Spanish, German, and Dutch editions. The negatives needed for making plates are sent to the two foreign locations, and they take it from there.

Ever since its small beginning in 1934, the expanding Ambassador Press has been a foundational part of this Work. Millions of lives have been changed by publications carrying this Message into six continents.

To borrow a phrase from our British friends, "The sun never sets on the Ambassador Press." Nor on the men who have devoted their lives that the Gospel might be published!

# News of The Work



## Report from Our New Zealand Office

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*In July 1968 we began one of our more recent overseas offices — in Auckland, New Zealand. Here is an up-to-date report on God's Work there.*

by Graemme Marshall

**N**EW ZEALAND is a land of lush green pastures, trout-filled lakes and snow-capped mountain alps. Comprising two main islands, it is the length of California. Yet its *entire* population of 2.8 million is slightly less than that of the city of Los Angeles! With its southern tip only a thousand miles from Antarctica, New Zealand is situated in the southern part of the Pacific Ocean some 1200 miles from Sydney, Australia, and as far again from the central Pacific Islands of Fiji.

In these islands that Queen Elizabeth termed "this God-blessed land," the Work of God is having an ever-increasing impact!

Of New Zealand's almost 3 million people, more than 11,000 are now receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. Though our faithful family of New

A view of the Princess Court Building with the Inter-Continental Hotel immediately behind. Our offices are located on the top floor of this fine modern building.

Zealand Co-Workers is less than a thousand, their combined effort has made possible the sizeable New Zealand Work. Additionally, their wholehearted support has enabled our office to *greatly assist* the Work in Southeast Asia and Oceania — an operation *several times larger* than the New Zealand Work itself!

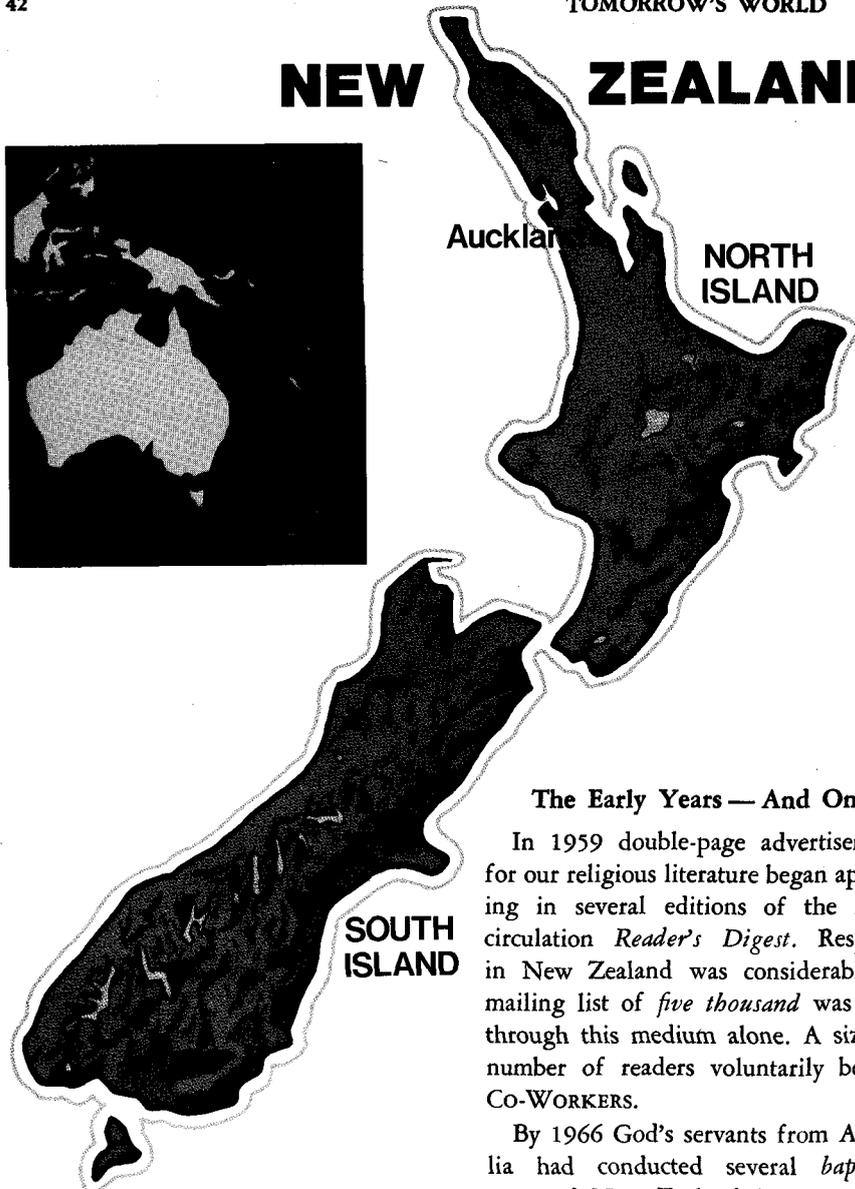
### The Gospel to Asia

In fact more than *half* of the voluntarily given support from New Zealand Co-Workers has actually been spent to help reach thousands of less-privileged

people with the good news of tomorrow's world — people who **COULD NOT** HAVE the truth in many cases if they had to pay for it themselves. But because our family of Co-Workers firmly *believes* that it is **MORE BLESSED TO GIVE** than to receive, thousands of **PLAIN TRUTH** and **TOMORROW'S WORLD** magazines, and literally *tons* of additional booklets and articles, have been sent out **FREELY**.

As of January 1971 some 38 Micronesians are receiving *The PLAIN TRUTH* each month. In Melanesia there are 104 subscribers. Even in Okinawa eight **PLAIN TRUTH** readers exist. We send 158 magazines into Japan, 451 into Formosa, 1,312 into Indonesia and 1,760 into Sarawak. 25,352 Malaysians receive their own copies of *The PLAIN TRUTH* every single month! South Viet-

# NEW ZEALAND



## The Early Years — And On!

In 1959 double-page advertisements for our religious literature began appearing in several editions of the mass-circulation *Reader's Digest*. Response in New Zealand was considerable. A mailing list of *five thousand* was built through this medium alone. A sizeable number of readers voluntarily became Co-WORKERS.

By 1966 God's servants from Australia had conducted several *baptising* tours of New Zealand in response to readers' requests. Soon there was need for a representative to reside in the country and provide personal contact with these converted Christians, and to visit the increasing number of readers writing for personal counsel.

An ordained minister, a graduate of Ambassador College, was sent to raise up the Work in New Zealand in August 1967. Then just one year later, our office in Auckland was opened!

Though the New Zealand workload was relatively small, the Sydney office was heavily overburdened in serving not only Australia but also the entirety of Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

But because of the generous Co-Worker response in New Zealand, we saw that a new subsidiary office there could effectively be used to serve both the people of New Zealand as well as the Southeast Asian and Pacific Work

— freeing the Sydney office to handle the growing Work within Australia.

Ambassador-trained personnel were engaged. Letters from New Zealand, Southeast Asia and Oceania were then directed to the Auckland office!

But as the Work expanded, it became clear that in order to keep track of our growing mailing list, a more sophisticated filing system was needed! All PLAIN TRUTH files were then placed on a modern IBM 360 computer in our Regional Headquarters in Sydney. Letters from these Asian and Pacific nations are again directed to the Sydney office where they are given efficient personal attention.

Meanwhile, the Auckland office was free to handle the response from the giant doors of radio and advertising opening within New Zealand itself. At the same time we have been able to continue assisting the actual *mailing* of literature to countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

## Radio and Advertising

The advent of private commercial radio in New Zealand during 1970 has opened the way for the dynamic WORLD TOMORROW broadcast to be thundered to this nation! Negotiations are now in progress to place *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast on available stations. With continued prayers and support from our family of Co-Workers, this door of radio will open wide to the Work.

During 1969 advertising space was purchased *monthly* in the popular *Woman's Weekly* magazine. These ads, along with further advertising in *Reader's Digest* during 1968-69, have *doubled* the New Zealand mailing list in the time the Auckland office has been in operation!

Not only has *The PLAIN TRUTH* doubled in readership, but this magazine, TOMORROW'S WORLD, now goes to *half* of the mailing list! In addition, hundreds are studying the tuition-free Ambassador College Correspondence Course.

Yet ALL of this has been accomplished by *less than a thousand Co-Workers!* Truly, even the *widow's mite* can accomplish a tremendous amount in God's Work! □

name readers number 67. The people of Hong Kong devour 1,464 magazines; South Korea, 63. We send 6,469 PLAIN TRUTH magazines into Singapore. The peoples of the tiny islands of Fiji and the island kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific Ocean are also learning HOW to live — through 1,900 monthly copies of *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Some nations — such as Brunei, Burma, Polynesia or Thailand — receive *hundreds* of PLAIN TRUTH magazines, while others like Laos, Cambodia or Macao have only a handful of subscribers. But no matter how small the number, the *truth* is going to *all* nations (Matt. 24:14).

And FRUIT IS BEING BORNE!

Many lives have changed, become repentant, converted, throughout Southeast Asia and the islands of the Pacific. Hundreds in New Zealand itself.

# ANSWERS to your Questions

● “I read your article about the ‘Jesus Trip.’ How could the Wise Men have found Jesus in a house when Luke 2:12 says, ‘Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger?’”

This is a question from which a good and very simple lesson of Bible study can be derived.

In Luke 2, we enter the story with Joseph and Mary going into Bethlehem to comply with Caesar’s tax law (verses 1-5). Mary was due at this time, and after giving birth, laid the child Jesus in the manger (verse 7). In the *same* general area, there were *shepherds* watching over their flocks out in the fields during the night (this was fall, not winter). An angel told them that a Saviour had been born, the Christ, who could be found in the manger (verses 11-12). This is the account surrounding Jesus’ birth — a clear story, easy to follow.

Then in Matthew 2, we find certain “wise men” arriving in *Jerusalem from the East* and inquiring where the child could be found. These men *weren’t* the Bethlehem shepherds who had been clearly told — on the night of Jesus’ birth — that Jesus could be found in a manger. We are dealing here with *two different groups* of men, as shown by the context of the two accounts given in Luke 2 and Matthew 2. The key is that *two distinct groups* are in action at *two separate, distinct times*.

In one case, on the night of Jesus’ birth, *shepherds* are told to find Him in a manger. In the other case, men of recognized wisdom are led westward, make inquiry in *Jerusalem*, and go from there to Bethlehem — all of this taking place some time *after* Jesus’ birth — where they find Jesus in a *house* (Matthew 2:11). The family had moved

from the emergency accommodations of the manger to a private home.

This is a very easy story to understand — no hocus-pocus — if you read the story for what it says, *as it says it*. Of course, you have to put the pieces together correctly (Isaiah 28:10, 13).

● “In *Tomorrow’s World*, you claim to answer the question ‘What is the third resurrection?’ I don’t see that the question is answered at all. How can there possibly be a *second* death *after* a *third* resurrection?”

There are three categories or groups of people with whom God is dealing. Each class has its own distinct resurrection.

Those who have truly repented, whether living or dead, will be resurrected as spirit beings when Christ returns to rule this earth in the *first* resurrection. (See I Thes. 4:15-18; I Cor. 15:51-54 and Rev. 2:26; 20:4, 5.) Rev. 20:6 says: “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the *FIRST* resurrection: on such the *second* death hath no power.” These resurrected saints will rule with Christ for 1000 years on this earth (Rev. 5:10 and 20:4).

The second category of people is the millions and billions of individuals who never heard or understood the Gospel, never had a chance or opportunity for salvation during their lifetime. They are referred to as the “*rest of the DEAD*” in Rev. 20:5 who “lived not again UNTIL the thousand years were finished.” They will be resurrected to *physical* life and given their *first* opportunity for salvation (no “second chance” doctrine here) in what is called the Great White Throne Judgment. See Ezek. 37:1-6; Rev. 20:11-12; Luke 10:12-14. Notice that in Ezek. 37:5-6

a resurrection to *physical* life is referred to because these people will have sinews, flesh, and breath. This is obviously NOT the *first* resurrection. But it *is* a resurrection. It is the *second* resurrection mentioned in chronological order in the chapter about resurrections in Revelation (chapter 20). Therefore, we refer to it as the *second* resurrection. (Write for our free articles “Is This the Only Day of Salvation?” and “What Is Death?” for further information on this subject.)

The third category is the people who have *willfully* chosen not to repent or *willfully* rejected God’s way after repentance. They are brought up in still another resurrection *after* the Great White Throne Judgment. Notice it in Rev. 20:13-14: “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [Greek word *hades* meaning “the grave”] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. *This is the second death.*” The second death then, occurs *immediately after this third or last resurrection*. Those in the third resurrection have already died *once* (Hebrews 9:27). And since they have “judged themselves unworthy of eternal life,” God mercifully puts them to death permanently for the *second* time.

Now for the arithmetic. The general resurrection happens *second* in time order. It is mentioned in Revelation 20:11, 12. Nobody who is in the “first” resurrection will be in the “second” and vice versa. Many in the second resurrection will inherit eternal life. Some, however, will reject the way of God and suffer the second death. But before they perish forever, there will be a third resurrection of those who knew the truth in this life and rejected it. This second death will be visited on all who rejected the truth, whether they came up in the second resurrection to judgment, or in the third to condemnation.

Other references to the “third” resurrection are given in Mal. 4:1-3; II Pet. 3:10; and Heb. 10:26-31.

Don’t forget to send for the two FREE reprint articles mentioned above. They will explain these concepts in much more detail.

● **"How many sons and daughters did Adam have?"**

The Bible gives us an abbreviated account of the lives of Adam's *dominant* children — Cain, Abel, and Seth — because of their profound effect on history. Aside from this we are only told that Adam "begat sons and daughters" (Gen. 5:4). No exact number is given.

One Jewish tradition tells us that Adam and Eve had 33 sons and 23 daughters. And after all, Adam lived 930 years (Genesis 5:3). How much time did he have to beget sons and daughters? You figure it out and pick a number.

● **"Why is it that Red China has a low crime rate among teen-agers considering they are under the Communist yoke?"**

This is a seeming dilemma rather easily understood when you realize that we are dealing with a people with a national GOAL! Just as an athlete must discipline himself rigidly to take any honors, a nation must properly govern and discipline itself and its youth if its goals are to be realized.

To answer your question in much greater detail, write for our FREE article "Communism — 'The Unfinished Revolution.'" It deals with the character and goals of the USSR — a nation whose governmental system we seriously question — just as we do Red China's. But Russia is a nation with a *goal*, nonetheless. And they are *working* at it. How the Russians are going about their quest will fully answer your question.

One point should be clearly understood. Just because Russian and Chinese youths have relatively good moral character does NOT necessarily mean their governmental system is right.

In times past, youth in the United States and the British Commonwealth had a good measure of moral character under our governmental system. Of course, today's permissive educational trends and parental laxity are fast eroding that character.

While some Communists in the West deceitfully preach permissiveness and moral depravity for *our* children —

their counterparts in the East teach *their children* moral responsibility and self-discipline. Foolishness and juvenile disorderliness are not tolerated in Red China — especially after the rampages of the youthful Red Guard's Cultural Revolution became evident.

Remember to write for our FREE reprint "Communism—'The Unfinished Revolution.'"

● **"I have often wondered about the contents of the 35th chapter of Jeremiah. Where are the Rechabites and who are they known as now? Could it be the people known now as Gypsies?"**

The Rechabites are in no way related to the Gypsies. Notice carefully Jeremiah's account: Although the Rechabites were to dwell in tents, there is no in-

dication they were to wander about as nomads. In fact, verse 11 shows they settled down in Jerusalem for fear of the Chaldean army. In verse 19, God promised their descendants would live on through all generations.

Also one of the characteristics of the Rechabites was that they did not drink wine (Jer. 35:2-14). There has been some speculation as to just who these people are today, but no concrete proof. We do not know who the descendants of the Rechabites are.

As for the Gypsies, they will tell you they descend from a part of the ancient Egyptians. The letters "Gyp" in their name are indicative of this. Their ancestors were taken captive from Egypt in the days of the Babylonian and Persian Empires, and brought to *India*. From there they have migrated all over the world.

## THE PROOF OF THE BIBLE

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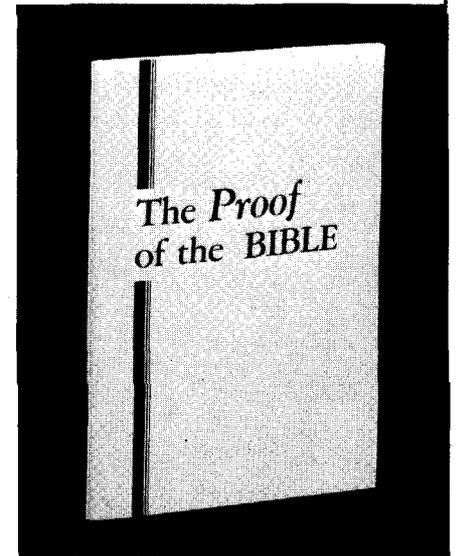
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# ESCAPISM

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now calmly listen to such filth in public movie houses.

In British television, almost unbelievable references to lewdness, perverted sex and depravity are as open and unabashed as a news report.

Pornography alone, in the United States, is **BIG BUSINESS!** Enough pornographic books are sold each year to more than fill the Empire State Building *five times over*; and many of these books find their way into the hands of children.

How many hours of your life have been spent watching ready-made day-dreams in the movies, or on television? Probably, an incalculable number. And the *effect* these hours have had on your *personality*, your *attitude* toward life, and your very *character* is also incalculable!

People today seem gripped by a form of **INSANITY** when it comes to their favorite form of escape.

In 1966 when astronauts Armstrong and Scott were tumbling wildly in their space capsule, which had become uncontrollable after their "docking" with the unmanned Atlas-Agena space vehicle, the major networks interrupted television programs across the United States to give the latest conditions.

Station switchboards were immediately swamped with angry callers.

"Why did you interrupt my favorite program?" they demanded! Later, it was revealed thousands of the callers were angry because their favorite program had been preempted.

Can you *believe* it? Here, over their heads, was a **REAL-life** drama of **LIFE AND DEATH** being enacted: the greatest space achievement yet in the making and a sudden emergency occurring which caused the aborting of the mission, and which *could* have caused the first *disaster* in space for the United States!

I *was* really *concerned* — and subsequently relieved when they returned safely.

And, while I have no personal involvement with the space program, and feel no chauvinistic motives in man's space race — I am, nevertheless,

very much in admiration of the great *courage* of these men, and sincerely hope no more of them ever meet disaster in this headlong race into outer space.

And yet many Americans were so "plugged in" to their modern society — so completely **ENRAPTURED** and **ENSLAVED** by their favorite method of **ESCAPE FROM REALITY** that they became *enraged* when **ANYTHING** disturbed it!

Incredible as it seems, it's all sickeningly true! Self-indulgence today has reached new lows!

Multiple **BILLIONS** of dollars are spent by the lust-driven public each year to *satisfy the senses!* And multiple billions more are spent in an attempt to **CURE** the aches and pains resulting from such artificial and temporary "satisfaction." American adults alone swallow 16 billion aspirin tablets each year — enough to fill four 100-car freight trains.

"Relief" shouts one ad, "is just a swallow away!" So you are encouraged to overeat, smoke furiously, watch the "boob tube" until your eyes feel like they're coming out of your head, swill booze until you feel like you have *two* heads; and a nice, easy, form of escaping from the results of your escape lies conveniently at hand.

Which brings us to yet another form of escape — and perhaps most immediately destructive of all — escape through artificially induced moods, fantasies, and a sense of well-being. Alcohol and drugs.

## Alcoholism and Drug Addiction

Alcoholism is reaching disastrous proportions in America, Britain, Australia and Canada. It's a serious problem in Sweden, Denmark, and even Russia.

But the extreme form of escape through liquor, becoming an alcoholic, is only a small part of the picture. It's the multiple millions of steady, serious drinkers who simply cannot face the afternoon's work without that second and third cocktail at lunch — that is the big problem.

Drinking is part and parcel with the glamour and glitter of modern society. The cocktail party, the neighborhood piano bar, the cocktail hours in leading

restaurants have become as familiar a part of life as the favorite television show.

If the statistics could ever be compiled to show how many accidents on the job, how many automobile accidents, how many acts of violence, how many divorces, how many cases of fornication and adultery, how many disastrous business decisions had occurred through overindulgence in alcohol, it would be staggering!

But today, people drink to forget! Or they drink to stifle *sheer boredom*. Or they drink for the hazy, rosy sense of "well-being" they receive to replace the harried, enervated, worried, fearful attitude of mind plaguing them most of their waking hours.

Thousands of jokes revolve around drinking — and around drinking to make the local scene appear more pleasant, more palatable. It's a wonder some whiskey company hasn't yet labeled their bottle, "ESCAPE."

But millions **DO** "hit the bottle" to escape. And this does *not* imply only a small segment of society, a tiny fringe group of irresponsible husbands who hate to go home to their wives, but an increasingly *large* and *growing* percentage of the population!

Government leaders in many nations are concerned about alcoholism among *youths*.

The futility imposed upon them by world conditions drives millions of youngsters to seek the adult thrills and pleasure **NOW**. Millions of them drink regularly today, form lewd sex clubs, or protest violently against adult society by descending into the limbo of modern "beat" music and clothes.

From the "filthy speech" movement at Berkeley to the gang fights in Britain, our youth of today *revolts* against the unacceptable and frightening present. This, too, is only their own insane way of escape — a youthful yearning for yesterdays gone too soon, and tomorrows they suspect may never come.

But drinking is often only the beginning.

Soon the kicks and thrills of liquor are too mild. Soon the drinker hears whispers of something a little more "hip" — a goofball or thrill pill that can

send him clear to "cloud 9" and back in only moments.

The stories of permanent brain damage, of weird, reckless acts perpetrated by youngsters on "glue" did little to discourage the wild fad of "glue-sniffing" that swept youthful society. Hospitals are still attending hopelessly injured teen-agers whose minds are simply *gone* because they so frantically sought escape from the unbearable pressures of life. And escape they did. Some are dead. Others are lying in mental wards, staring blankly at the ceiling, seeing nothing, their minds destroyed.

The use of drugs such as marijuana has skyrocketed in recent times.

Why?

Because word goes around about *heightened perceptions*, about feeling like "you're on top of the world," and about the delightful unrepressed urges you feel, and about the wild, wild times *others* claim they had.

And besides, each new drug user is convinced HE won't get "hooked." HE will succeed in taking only just a LITTLE, in taking just barely enough to get his "kicks," but not enough to "do any harm."

This fools' reasoning has made a "mainliner" out of many a high school student, transformed many a juvenile looking for thrills into a hardened prostitute or dope-pusher, because they just had to have the stuff, and had to find some way to provide the money it costs!

### The LSD Craze

LSD leaped into the news some time ago.

It's one of the worst of the hallucinatory drugs, supposedly sold only under prescription, and to be used primarily by psychiatrists in the treatment of mental patients.

Some of the most widely circulated weekly news magazines have told how LSD has permanently damaged the very personality and character of its users.

Still, the youthful, the fearful, the frustrated and futile, search for an escape from reality. Reaching out, they seize whatever means available to propel themselves swiftly *out* of this noxious world of fright and evil por-

tent into a dreamland of "heightened perception."

So some have heard voices telling them to jump in front of moving trains. Others have been told to leap at the moon, and bark like dogs. And some have STILL not recovered.

Yes, WHY? WHY do youngsters, or adults either, for that matter, go to such EXTREMES to BLOT from their minds the frightening realities around them?

Simply because they're frightened. They're scared. They're terrified of the present, and awe-stricken about the future. They see NO HOPE for the world, and NO SALVATION for mankind, or themselves. They've simply QUIT TRYING. They've given up — and, perversely, tried to sink down into the mire of their own personal physical experiences to blot the apprehensions from their brain.

But no one ever *really* escapes from reality.

Rather, they only compound their problems by creating new and different ones, and not solving any that do exist.

Believe it or not, this mad rush for physical satisfaction in the face of disaster was prophesied in a book few have studied — the Bible.

In this Book, Paul told Timothy, "This know also, that in the last days *perilous times* shall come. For men shall be *lovers of their own selves, covetous*, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, *lovers of pleasures* MORE than lovers of God; having a *form* of godliness, but denying the *power* thereof: from such *turn away*"! (II Tim. 3:1-5.)

And you have witnessed, with your own eyes, this very prophesied SOCIAL REVOLUTION in the past two decades!

You have SEEN, and you KNOW you've seen, more degeneration, more public blasphemy, more trucebreaking, more SELF-LOVE, more disobedience to parents (juvenile delinquency), and more LOVE OF PLEASURE than at any other time in all history!

The Bible means what it says!

And, incredible as it seems, your Bible prophesied the paradoxical escap-

ism of today. God said mankind simply WOULD NOT FACE the plain truth about world conditions. He prophesied men would turn to PHYSICAL PLEASURES in the face of imminent national DESTRUCTION!

He said men would become licentious, lewd, lascivious, filled with SELF-love as NEVER before — and during the exact time of the greatest collection of urgent problems this world had ever seen!

### The Unacceptable Present

Britons just can't face the fact that their once-proud Empire is gone! The bitter fruit of becoming a third-class power is almost too much. And Great Britain has thoroughly CORRUPTED herself almost as NO other nation!

British television is shocking. Immorality, homosexuality made "legal" by the highest authorities in the land, mounting venereal disease, rampant gambling, wild, impassioned frantic "demonstrations" by weird, ghoulish-looking youths — these have become the familiar British scene.

British "humour" is becoming a sardonic, acidic, sarcastic, disillusioned, frustrated, abandoned type of carping at life. Public officials, royalty, religion, marriage, the courts, law, decency — *anything* that smacks of stability — is impugned, sniped at, ridiculed, mimicked, belittled, besmirched, and made the brunt of caustic "jokes" which are anything but funny.

It's as if the British public is embarked on a dizzying course of insane and inane fools' laughter at anything and everything that represents the "old-fashioned" terms: "honesty," "stability," "decency," or "morality."

And the *fruits* of this bizarre type of escapism?

Only further emptiness. An unsatisfied, gnawing feeling of unfulfillment, of hopelessness and futility.

Britain sees herself sinking slowly into national irrelevancy — and she hates every moment of it. So most Britons simply refuse to think about it.

They choose to play. They choose to watch idiocy on the "boob-tube," or carp at public officials, or take a "holiday," or gamble. They prefer a lively discussion at the local pub about football, or the latest sex scandal, or the

latest lurid article in a yellow rag called a "newspaper" in which there is no "news" — only suspicion, scandal, or lewd and suggestive stories.

And in the United States, Australia and many other nations it's not much different.

Rising crime, spiraling divorce, mounting immorality, weakening religion, deepening racial tension, increasing economic difficulty, disappearing national resources and surpluses; it's enough to make anyone who doesn't know the true outcome TRY to escape!

### Ezekiel Predicted It

Ezekiel wrote to OUR peoples! He meant the pleasure-loving Australians, the gambling, drinking Britons, the sex-obsessed Americans, the passion-driven Canadians and South Africans.

The peoples of the United States and British Commonwealth (Britain, Australia, Canada, etc.) are the descendants of the ancient Israel of your Bible. So our peoples are mentioned in Bible prophecy.

And Ezekiel wrote of future *calamities* to befall our peoples of ISRAEL!

Yet he wrote of Israel over one hundred twenty years *after* the peoples of Israel had already GONE into captivity! Ezekiel was a *slave*. He was inspired to *write* his messages, even though commanded to *give those warnings to the leaders of many great nations!*

But Ezekiel never *got* to the heads of state. *He never delivered* the messages!

Like the prophecies of Daniel, the message of Ezekiel has remained *closed*, HIDDEN from human understanding until NOW! Write for our free article, "WHY PROPHECY?" for further understanding of this vital point.

Notice the plain language in which Ezekiel spoke concerning this obsessive drive to ESCAPE THE IMMINENT REALITY of impending national destruction!

"Then said he unto me, Son of man, these are the men ["spiritual" leaders of the nations] that devise mischief, and give wicked counsel in this city: which say, IT IS NOT NEAR; let us build houses . . ." (Ezek. 11:2-3).

And today you're told about "gross national product," and glowing predictions about our marvelous glamour world of tomorrow, when wives can

sneak down to the corner drugstore, and get an "anti-grouch" pill for hubby.

You're told "God is dead," and asked, "Who WAS Christ?"

You're besieged by cries of the "new moralists" who seek to strip from our societies the last vestiges of sanctity, chastity, decency and morality.

True to the prophecy of Ezekiel, the cry today is ESCAPE! Build new homes, buy a boat! "Any two-car family can afford a boat," says one ad. Drink, have new "experiences" with others, urge the "women's" or "girlie" magazines.

Emblazoned across the covers of thousands of our periodicals and magazines is the single word, "SEX," to keep your mind on *yourself* — to keep you primed with LUST and DESIRE!

And why?

Because of a nagging FEAR millions share. They FEAR World War III. They FEAR "the bomb." They FEAR when they hear of political and military clashes in the world.

Notice what God says about it. "And the Spirit of the Eternal fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the Lord; Thus have ye said, O House of ISRAEL: for I *know* the things that are come into your mind, *every one* of them. Ye have *multiplied your slain* in this city [there are more murders in Houston, Texas, each year, than in many European countries], and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, *they* are the flesh, and *this city* is the caldron: but *I will bring you forth out of the midst* of it!" (Ezek. 11:5-7.)

We talk of the "flesh-pots" of the world, the big, sprawling cities of gambling, vice, and crime. And people FLOCK to the Londons and Las Vegases of the world — in droves — by the millions! But God says He'll suddenly EMPTY the dimly lit, smoke-filled dens of foul rot and filth; says He'll pour their sallow-faced, unhappy-looking crowds out into the streets, and send them running frantically into the countryside for TERROR!

Notice it! "Ye have *feared the sword* [the very REASON for our frantic desire to blot out the present!]; and I WILL BRING A SWORD UPON YOU . . ." (Ezek. 11:8.)

No one will ever escape the *certainty* of the coming calamities by kidding himself they don't exist. No one will *really* find protection, *real* escape, by refusing to face the awesome FACTS of this day in which we live.

But there is a way to REALLY ESCAPE! And I'm not talking of some type of "sanctimonious," "self-improvement" or "positive thinking" course!

I mean LITERAL escape. Escape from the horrors of war. Escape from race riots, drought, famine, disease epidemics. I mean escape from the ravages of weather and other "natural" calamities that will soon strike this earth in increasing fury!

I'm talking of the escape Jesus Christ offered His only TRUE disciples — those who would be diligently performing His own WORK on this earth!

Listen to what *He* said about it!

"For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION [including, in verses 5 through 7, wars, drought and famine, disease epidemics, and earthquakes!], such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be *shortened* [cut SHORT, by the supernatural intervention of Almighty God!], there should NO FLESH BE SAVED . . ." (Matt. 24:21-22.)

NEVER before has mankind lived in a time when those words were so poignantly REAL! NEVER before have we lived in times when the *total annihilation* of humankind was possible by THREE SEPARATE METHODS!

But Jesus said those days WOULD be cut short. He said God WOULD intervene! And He said that intervention would come so a number, called "the ELECT," WOULD ESCAPE!

Notice it! "... But for the ELECT's sake those days SHALL BE shortened!" (Matt. 24:22.)

Jesus Christ of Nazareth said, "*Watch* ye therefore [and He meant watch world conditions — which He had just outlined to His true servants], and *pray always*, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

He promised, "Because thou hast

kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation [TRIBULATION], which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth"! (Rev. 3:10.)

THAT is the only *true* escape left to any human being!

God says these approaching calamities are SURE. They really WILL happen! Blotting them out of our minds will *not* make them go away — but facing them squarely, *admitting* conditions *really are* "that bad," and seeking our Creator for His protection in the times ahead *will* save us from them!

Jeremiah was inspired to write, "Alas! for that day is great, so that NONE is like it [the SAME times of which Christ spoke]: it is even the time of *Jacob's* [Israel's] *trouble*; but he shall be saved *out of it*" (Jer. 30:7).

Those of us who *know* God's true plan, and who know He has given us a part in His own Work are NOT fearful of the future. We face the future with a feeling of *security*, of *confidence* and FAITH.

It's about time *you* faced reality squarely — and found out how *you* may escape! □

## PERSONAL COUNSEL

Many hundreds have written asking if we have representatives in their areas to counsel with them personally — to answer their questions — and even to baptize in certain cases. The answer is yes, we do. As a service of our Adult Education Program, the Graduate School of Theology sends personal representatives into most communities of the United States and British Commonwealth and many parts of the world. These men are carefully trained under the sponsorship of The Graduate School of Theology which also publishes *Tomorrow's World*. Of course, *none* of these men will ever call on you unless they are invited. But, if you do have questions — or require personal counsel for any reason — feel free to write us and request a private appointment. We'd be happy to send our men to see you.

## Personal

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began to trust God ALONE, the door of radio and the printing press opened. And this Work has since grown at a fantastic rate.

Soon after I started on the air, a man came to see me. He represented a group of businessmen. They wanted to team me with a well-known evangelist, and build a big new church. These men offered to supply the financial backing. But of course there were STRINGS attached — I was to be MUZZLED! I showed this man the front door as an exit from my home!

When Ambassador College was opened, in 1947, I faced opposition within and without.

Other men preaching over the air have founded colleges or seminaries. I know of one who started such an institution. He sought out men of reputation in the field of religious education to administer his institution and to staff its faculty. He himself, though its founder, did not actively head or manage it.

He relied on MEN — men of reputation, yes, but still they were *men*, and not GOD. He was a Fundamentalist. But as the years went by, the modernist "rationalism" crept in and soon dominated his institution.

I could not help thinking of this example, and the comparison — or contrast — with our experience at Ambassador College. Like this contemporary, I had to go out into the world of education to find administrators and faculty members. There simply were *none* who understood and believed the TRUTH as God had opened my eyes to see. I could not fill ALL the jobs of administration and instruction — I am not *many*, but only *one* man. But two things I could, and did, do. I kept myself as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, appointing as Board members *only* those who believed God's TRUTH, keeping the setting of all POLICIES in the hand of the Board. And second, I made myself the sole instructor in Bible and Theology for the first several years.

The men I appointed to top adminis-

trative and teaching offices were, of necessity, men trained in *this world's* education. And I had in mind a totally different approach to education. These men were sincere and honest, but they were unable to see what God had held up before my eyes. I found it necessary to remain in CONTROL, and to vigorously combat every step tending to make our college a rubber stamp of this world's educational institutions.

In those early years God sent such young men, as pioneer students, as Herman Hoeh, Raymond Cole, my son Richard David, Raymond McNair, Roderick Meredith, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, and Kenneth Herrmann. I was able to steer their progress with close personal contact. Today Dr. Herman Hoeh is Vice President for Academic Affairs, Pasadena Campus. Dr. Roderick Meredith is Vice President for Student and Alumni Affairs and also Dean of the Graduate School of Theology. Mr. Herrmann is Registrar for our Pasadena campus. Today almost the entire faculty is Ambassador College trained — although several had done college work, or received degrees, in other institutions before coming.

But Ambassador College today could not be God's college if I had relied on MEN, instead of relying solely on GOD. At all times, GOD has been kept at the HEAD of these campuses, and of HIS WORK!

That is why this entire Work is *different* from anything else on the face of the earth in our time!

The moral for *you* is this: In *your* personal life — in all that you do — make GOD the HEAD of it, and RELY SOLELY AND ALTOGETHER ON HIM — and on HIM ALONE! Then it will be a success. Otherwise it will FAIL! Unless GOD builds the house, they labor in vain that build it! And whatever plant my heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up! □

If you would like further information about Ambassador College today, send for your copy of our full-color brochure *This is Ambassador College*. Sent FREE as an educational public service.

# Letters to the Editor

## Personal from the Editor

After reading your Personal in the May issue of *Tomorrow's World*, I want to give my sincere thanks. It seemed that the article was written at the time I needed it most. It sure opened my eyes to the truth that God will fight my battles if I pray, ask Him to intervene, and believe that He will.

Christine P.,  
Cleveland, Ohio

## Why God Not Real?

I received my *Tomorrow's World* magazine, and I was so interested in "Why God Is Not Real To Most People." I am a Christian, and have been active for a long, long time. But I can't help but agree with your statement about the five senses. When I pray I am more conscious of the people who are listening to me than I should be. I can't help but feel that I am talking to an imaginary God somewhere. I have prayed many prayers and tried to have enough faith for them to be answered but I have never had one answered yet. For this reason I am asking you to send me the booklets *Does God Exist?* and *The Proof of The Bible*. I wish I could really know this Great Ruling Creator like you say you do. I would give anything if he could answer some of my prayers.

Claude N.,  
Rule, Texas

• *Claude, there are certain conditions to answered prayer. If you conform to these conditions, God GUARANTEES answers. Send for our free reprint "The Answer to Unanswered Prayer." This article discusses these conditions in detail.*

## The "Jesus Trip"

I was very impressed with both of your articles on "The Jesus Trip." Your knowledge and use of scripture to validate your position overwhelmed my usually skeptical mind. During the past school year, I was affiliated with Campus Crusade. In this group, I learned firsthand many of the things you spoke of. At first, I thought my reservations about the "Jesus People" were all in my mind. After reading your article, I realized that my conceptions of them weren't so perverted after all. I myself was told not to be so narrow-minded about how a "Christian" should look, worse yet, about what they do. I was told that Christ was universal.

David P.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

## Read the Book

Last summer I wrote to you that I started to read the Bible, according to your article in the March-April 1970 number of *Tomorrow's World*. First the Apostle John, then the three other Gospels and the rest of the New Testament in proper order. Then followed the Old Testament all the way through. It was an experience. Exciting. Moving. Especially the books of Esther and Job. Also Daniel. But it is difficult to

mention some and not others. All of it to show us the consequences of right and wrong, good and bad, to show us the Way. We have much to be thankful for and to appreciate and learn from.

Peter L.,  
Glamsbjerg, Denmark

## Public Opinion Proves Evolution?

I have been interested in your views on evolution but fail to see why you think a Christian evolutionist is a contradiction of terms. I think there is much public opinion in favour of evolution. By telling people they are agnostic if they believe in evolution only destroys valuable arguments. Instead of working against the evidence for evolution you would gain a great deal by accepting that maybe the Bible speaks metaphorically; the day (of Genesis 1) meaning ages. You could then use the evidence for evolution as a valuable addition to your arguments in favour of the existence of God.

David L.,  
New South Wales, Australia

• *David, you need to send for our FREE reprints "Can You Believe Both the Bible and Evolution?" and "How Long Were the Days of Creation?" These articles prove Genesis one and evolution are incompatible.*

## Keep An Open Mind

I came across your May 1971 issue of *Tomorrow's World* and was especially pleased to read it. I found many of the articles extremely stimulating food for thought. Some of the arguments I agree with; others I violently disagree with. But all in all the magazine was a challenge to read. I would like the challenge presented to me regularly.

Phillip G.,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*Tomorrow's World* has become a source of comfort and inspiration during a very troubled period of my life. I feel compelled to let you know this because I had originally subscribed as a skeptic — expecting to find more evidence with which to criticize organized religion and only wishing to find fault with your publications. Because I wanted to criticize your beliefs, I often did — at first. But, in spite of myself, your message of understanding got through to me. I began taking some of your advice — slowly at first, but with increasing frequency. The impact on my life has been very profound.

"Chip" B.,  
Atlanta, Georgia

## "Science vs. Theology?"

I have enjoyed *Tomorrow's World* since it began publication. I was so impressed with the article "Science vs. Theology" regarding the evolution of the computer, in the May issue of *Tomorrow's World*, that I just had to write and tell you. I only wish that this article could be printed in the Japanese language for the people over

here to read. I think the simple logic of this technical subject might lead some of the technology-oriented Japanese to realize that there must be an all wise great Creator that made us remarkable human beings.

Gene V.,  
Kanagawaken, Japan

I would like to say how much I enjoy your section on "Science versus Theology?" in *Tomorrow's World* which tends to bridge the gap between the two.

Mr. C. M.,  
Nelson, New Zealand

## The Burning Bush

I dislike writing letters more than anyone I know, but I felt like I just had to write this one. You will never know how much *Tomorrow's World* and my Bible Correspondence Course have meant to me. It must be something like what Moses felt when He saw the burning bush. I think first he was curious, then he decided to investigate, and at last when he learned what or who was really there, that was the final touch. That is something like what they mean to me. A consuming fire that never goes out.

Mary P.,  
Paducah, Ky.

## Personal Counsel

We are writing this letter to you to request personal counseling, about being baptized. Neither one of us has been baptized before. We decided to write this letter — after reading the article in the May 1971 issue of *Tomorrow's World*. The article was — "Is God Calling You?"

Mr. and Mrs. John B.,  
Newark, Ohio

I have just recently received a visit from two of your personal representatives. It was a pleasant surprise to receive this visit so soon. I'm sorry that I hesitated so long in requesting this visit as both the young men were everything that your articles and information concerning them said they would be. Your recent literature, in the interim before their visit, had answered some of my questions and the others they answered quite forthrightly and candidly.

Mrs. Jerry J.,  
Spavinaw, Oklahoma

## Two Trillion Dollars in Debt

I've just read your article "Two Trillion Dollars in Debt — But You Can Prosper." We are a family of four — all Christians but need help with our finances. Kindly send me your booklet *Ending Your Financial Worries*.

Mrs. Audrey M.,  
Canoga Park, Calif.

• *Other readers fighting financial difficulties are welcome to write for Ending Your Financial Worries. Also Managing Your Personal Finances. Both booklets are sent free of charge.*

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