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# Personal from the Editor

**D**O YOU HAVE problems, difficulties, troubles? Some seem to think *God's* people meet no trials or tests but are blessed with continual smooth sailing.

In my personal responsibilities in the conduct of this great, important, always-growing Work of God, I have not found it a smooth, easygoing road with no difficulties. I have encountered repeated trials, problems, tests. There have been critical crises. There has been real persecution. There has been deliberate, vicious, lying, unprincipled misrepresentation.

One enemy printed and circulated a list of twenty things he claimed I believed and taught — and I didn't believe or teach a single one of them. In this Work of the living GOD there has been deceitful, malicious, ruthless opposition. Obstacles have had to be hurdled frequently. Problems constantly require solution. It has required unwavering faith, perseverance, determination, constant prayer for guidance, and reliance on God for both direction and protection.

Does the Bible teach smooth sailing for true Christians whom God is using? Did the men of God, whose lives pleased God, as recorded in the Bible, have only an easy time of it, or were they constantly meeting trials, tests, troubles of every sort — being continually forced to cry out to God for deliverance?

And WHY?

Listen to God's own instruction:

"MANY are the afflictions of the *righteous*: but the Eternal delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

"For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. . . . They are not in trouble as other men . . . Behold these are the ungodly who prosper in the world; they increase in riches . . . For all the day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning" (Psalm 73:3-14).

"We must through *much tribulation* enter into the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall suffer persecution*" (II Tim. 3:12).

"If we SUFFER, we shall also reign with Him" (II Tim. 2:12).

"For as the *sufferings* of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether *we be afflicted*, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the *enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer*" (II Cor. 1:5-6).

But is God unfair? Does He hate Christians and punish them, while He loves the ungodly and prospers them? *Not at all!*

There is great purpose in the trials, tests, tribulations, and sufferings the Christian must endure. For these are the very means of strengthening CHARACTER — of developing fine, upstanding, strong Christians.

God does not *bless the ungodly* with wealth — they acquire it usually in one or both of two ways: by setting their hearts and minds on acquiring it, and following through this purpose to the exclusion of all else, until, without realizing it, the pursuit of MONEY becomes the pursuit of their god, destroying the soul; or by dishonest means.

But God does bless those who seek Him *first* — not always with great money and wealth, but always, in the end, with material prosperity they never would have had otherwise. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness," admonished Jesus, "and all these things [material prosperity in shelter, food, clothing, etc.] shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). That is Jesus' PROMISE.

God loves to see His servants prospering. He says so through David and John. He corrects and chastens every son whom He loves. He allows His true children to suffer much — to fall into troubles, difficulties, to face trials and tests for their strengthening. But if we *endure* these tests, hard though they may be — and if we seek *first* our God, His righteousness, and His

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# Were the TEN in

**Here are the startling answers in response to questions asked by thousands of our readers.**

**by Herbert W. Armstrong**

**T**HE WORLD IS plagued with many times more troubles and evils today than when I was a boy. There was only a fraction of the crime. Divorces and broken homes were rare by comparison.

But today crime, revolt, riots, violence, wars — and the nuclear mass-destruction weapons — present the world with the SUPREME problem of human survival!

**WHY?**

And what possible connection could that have with whether the Ten Commandments existed before Moses? **PLENTY!**

There has to be a CAUSE for every effect. Do we *dare* recognize the sobering FACT that the world is bringing all these frightening conditions on itself?

Yes, there is a REASON for today's fast-accelerating world-chaos. But are you afraid to hear it? Will you deny the true facts?

### **The Very Basis of Life**

There is a creation. Of necessity there has to be a Creator. And the Creator set

# COMMANDMENTS

## *force before Moses?*

in *living motion* invisible SPIRITUAL LAWS to CAUSE human happiness, peace, and abundant well-being.

The CAUSE of all human troubles, woes and evils? Man's rejection and transgression of those laws!

That overall invisible spiritual LAW is THE WAY of giving, helping, serving, cooperating — the way of outgoing concern for others. That WAY produces all GOOD. And *that way* of life — is simply the way of the Ten Commandments.

Most people ignore that Law — and live diametrically contrary to it. Yet some will say, "But I've been taught that the Ten Commandments were *done away* — abolished by Christ, and we don't have to obey God's Law any more."

But when a law of God is actually in *living motion* like the invisible *physical* laws of gravity or inertia, it is something *far more* than a church ritual, to be observed during one period and abolished in another. To argue that this inexorable spiritual Law is abolished is like setting a religious doctrine that the laws of gravity and inertia are abolished — and telling people that they may freely leap off a high precipice or a tall building. But if they do, the LAW will exact its penalty.

All the harm — all the suffering — all the evils that have beset this world for six thousand years are the result of violating *God's Law!*

Yet many have been erroneously taught that the Ten Commandments were merely a law devised by Moses, and given to the children of Israel — *and them only* — and that the Ten Commandments never existed until Moses. And, further, that they existed *only* until Christ.

### The Paramount Question of Your Life

This is no mere, irrelevant theological or religious question. This is the very ESSENCE OF YOUR LIFE— your home life, your social life, your business life. It even has an important connection with inheriting *eternal* life — or of eternal death!

It's true that you cannot *earn* eternal life by obeying the commandments. But it's *just as true* that you can *earn* — and get *paid* — eternal death for unrepented transgression.

It's the very crux question behind world troubles today. Strange as it may seem, the Ten Commandments have been in FULL FORCE and effect SINCE HUMAN LIFE HAS EXISTED ON THIS EARTH!

They constitute a *spiritual law* that is inexorable and eternal. A law that is LOVE and the *fulfilling* of which is love — a law that was set in motion for our happiness to produce everything good which we have foolishly denied ourselves. These Ten Commandments are ENTIRELY DIFFERENT AND SEPARATE FROM the ritualistic law of Moses which

was just a code of *physical* laws, *not* spiritual laws.

### Proof That Commandments Were in Force at Beginning

The Ten Commandments were first made known to ADAM in the Garden of Eden. Why? *Because that is the very law that he broke in the "original" sin.* EVERY ONE of the Ten Commandments was then in full force and effect. It was SIN to transgress any one of them between the time of Adam and Moses. You can read this in your own Bible.

When did this thing that we call "sin" start anyway? Did it start with Moses?

We read the answer in Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and DEATH BY SIN; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." And in verse fourteen, "*Death reigned FROM ADAM TO MOSES.*"

"Sin is NOT imputed when there is NO law," you read in the 13th verse. Yet *sin was imputed because death did reign from Adam to Moses.* There must then have been a law from Adam's time.

### What Is Sin?

People have numerous IDEAS about what sin is. In Hollywood, years ago, I saw in a number of newsstands a book titled *How to Sin in Hollywood.*

Actually, the book was quite harmless. There wasn't necessarily anything that pointed really to sin, but sin always

seems to be the forbidden fruit that is most glamorous and that would be most desirable if only some "unfair God" had NOT denied it to us. That seems to be what human beings think of sin.

*What is sin?* Is there a BIBLE definition? Is there any place in the Bible where it says, "Sin is . . ." and then follows the definition?

The answer is in I John 3:4, "*Sin is the transgression of the law.*"

SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW! Do you realize that God Almighty is not only the Creator of matter — solid matter, liquid matter and gaseous matter, as we know it — but God also is the Creator of FORCE and of ENERGY and of EVERY POWER and of EVERY LAW — the laws of physics, the laws of chemistry, every law that is in motion and is energized? Do you realize that God Almighty also created a SPIRITUAL LAW? That *spiritual law regulates your happiness.*

### Happiness Instead of Suffering

You want happiness. You want to be happy above all things. Everyone does. You want to lead a life that is comfortable, pleasing and pleasant. You would like to lead a life that is full and abundant and INTERESTING — as a matter of fact, a little bit exciting all the way along, wouldn't you? And you want a life where everything is pleasant, where there are no pains or suffering.

You don't want a life of boredom. You don't want a life of sorrow, pain or suffering. You want a HAPPY life, and you would love to feel well, jolly and joyful — happy all the time.

You could have a life like that. Everyone could.

This ENTIRE WORLD could be like that — *if* we only UNDERSTOOD the WAY!

God Almighty in His great love for humanity set a law in motion. That law was DESIGNED to produce just that kind of life for YOU.

But you're *not* living that way! You're *breaking that law* and that law has been breaking YOU a long time, because that's precisely what happens.

That law is merely love, and love is an outgoing concern, not an in-coming lust. It's the way of love. It's the way that love should be expressed — love

toward God and love toward neighbor.

The Apostle Paul tells us what sin is in Romans 7:7, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin?" People think that the law is all wrong, that it's sin. Paul continues, "God forbid. Nay, I had NOT KNOWN SIN, BUT BY THE LAW." In other words, by the *law* is the KNOWLEDGE of sin, as Paul had said previously in Romans 3:20.

The law gives you the knowledge of what sin is. It directs you and guides you as to what you ought to do.

### What Is the Law?

You don't KNOW what is right and what is wrong except as God reveals. Paul would *not* have *known* what sin was if the law had not told him. Human nature will not teach you. Human nature is evil. As Paul says, in Rom. 7:7, "I had not known lust," that is, he wouldn't have known that lust was evil or wrong; he didn't have such instinctive knowledge, "except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." The law that said, "Thou shalt not covet," TAUGHT the Apostle Paul that coveting is wrong — harmful — SIN. And *that is the tenth commandment.* So the law that taught that principle is THE TEN COMMANDMENTS!

In Romans 7:12, Paul says that "the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." That isn't what you have been taught today, is it? Many people have been reared in the belief that the law is UNHOLY, that it is altogether WRONG, and that Christ had to do away with it.

In verse 14 of Romans 7, the Apostle Paul says, "For we know that the law is spiritual." *The law is spiritual.*

Paul said he was *carnal*. He was fleshly and material. So are you. So am I. But the law is a SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE, and it REGULATES YOUR HAPPINESS — a spiritual matter.

### The Original Sin

Every one of the Ten Commandments WAS IN EXISTENCE during the time of Adam. It was SIN to break any one of them PRIOR to the time of the law of Moses. The law of Moses, we know, didn't come UNTIL the time of Moses — 430 years after the time of Abraham. But the SPIRITUAL

LAW has been in existence *from Adam!*

The original sin is recorded in Genesis, beginning with chapter 2, verse 15: "And the Eternal took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. And the Eternal God *commanded* the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat."

God gave him permission. God is Supreme Ruler. He is Lord — Master. God is giving the orders. He is teaching. The man DIDN'T KNOW. The man had to be TOLD. He had to be TAUGHT and INSTRUCTED. Here is the instruction — the command, and a sentence. Notice: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt *not* eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt SURELY DIE!" That is, to take to yourself the authority to produce the *knowledge* of what is good and what is evil — to decide what *you* think is right and what is wrong, will result in death.

"The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). God was preaching the Gospel to the man. There it is! The very fact that God said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof . . ." shows that the man was ALLOWED to do it, that the man was a FREE MORAL AGENT, that the man himself had to make the choice. God designed that you and I CHOOSE whether we will obey His law, or not.

Animals don't make a choice. Animals have instinct.

God *ordained* that you and I *must* make a choice. And if we choose the *right way* to live, according to that law which God set in motion to produce happiness and contentment and a FULL, THRILLING, ENJOYABLE life, we can have it. But if we're going to choose to live the *other way*, if we are going to take to ourselves to decide what is right — if we are going to do what is right in our own eyes — there is no *other way* that is *right* but God's Law — and we shall automatically choose to transgress God's Law — and we're going to have suffering, sorrows and curses — that's what mankind has always done.

### The First Lie

To continue:

"Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the

Eternal God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, Ye shall NOT eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, LEST YOU DIE. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall NOT SURELY DIE" (Gen. 3:1-4).

"YOU SHALL NOT SURELY DIE" — there was the *first lie* that we have any historic record of. It was *not* told by a *man*, but by the DEVIL. "You will not surely die." "You're an IMMORTAL SOUL." Or "You have an immortal soul that WON'T DIE." That's what the DEVIL said.

Continuing: "For God doth know that in the day that you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and *you shall be as gods*, knowing good and evil."

In other words, it is the prerogative of GOD to determine *what* is right — and *what* is wrong. WHY? Because God created and put in living motion the spiritual Law that is the way that is GOOD — that produces GOOD, and the transgression of which automatically produces EVIL results. To create and put into living action can *only* be done by the Creator. But for any *but* God to decide — to assume the *knowledge* of what is GOOD and what is EVIL is to assume and arrogate to himself the prerogative of GOD — to elevate *himself* to be *as God!* Satan tempted the first humans to intellectual vanity — to produce the *knowledge* of what is GOOD or EVIL by their own minds.

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food" — she used her own judgment and didn't obey the law of God — she used her own human reason — "...the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise; she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" — the *first human sin!*

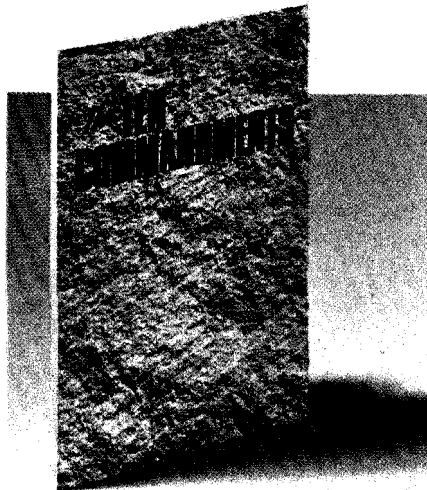
### The Commandments Broken

Analyze exactly what happened. GOD is the One we obey. Do you realize

that's one of the definitions of God? Whoever you obey is your god. Whatever you SERVE is your god. It might be your automobile. Maybe it's an idol. Whatever it is, that's your god.

Adam and Eve had another god in place of the true God — they obeyed Satan — they broke the first commandment. They *dishonored their only Parent*. How? In Luke 3:38 *Adam is called the "son of God,"* because God created him. Adam was the son of God by a direct creation. Adam was not God's son by begetting or birth.

Adam not only dishonored his only Parent, but he also broke the TENTH commandment. There was LUST when the woman saw that it was good for food and desired to make one wise — vanity, egotism and pride entered into her heart.



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Lust is what usually causes a person to have an inordinate desire to have something that is not legal. Lust causes you to *steal*, and Adam and Eve broke the EIGHTH commandment by STEALING what was not theirs.

FOUR OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE BROKEN IN THE ORIGINAL SIN.

And in other ways EVERY ONE of the Ten Commandments was actually broken in that very first sin.

### How Did Cain Sin?

Consider their first son. Genesis 4, beginning with verse 6: "And the Eter-

nal said unto Cain [their elder son], Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well," God said, "shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, SIN lieth at the door."

Notice what sin was in those days — in the days of Cain! "Cain talked with his brother, Abel, and it came to pass that when they were in the field Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and *slew him.*"

And the Eternal said unto Cain, "Where is Abel thy brother?" And he replied, "I know not." He LIED and broke another one of the commandments. That was sin, too.

He was a MURDERER. *Sin* did lie at the door.

Cain broke the *sixth* and the *ninth* commandments. *Every one* of these commandments was *known* from creation, because God had *revealed* them to Adam. He thus revealed them to mankind at that time. But humanity has rejected them.

### Idolatry Committed Before Abraham

Notice Joshua 24:2, "And Joshua said unto the people, Thus saith the Eternal God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and THEY SERVED OTHER GODS." IDOLATRY WAS A SIN in the days BEFORE Abraham and that was 430 years BEFORE the law of Moses!

Now turn to Genesis 35:1-4: "And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the STRANGE GODS that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: and let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob ALL THE STRANGE GODS WHICH WERE IN THEIR HAND."

They could hold these gods in their hands. Notice: "And all their *earrings* which were in their ears; and Jacob hid

them under the oak which was by Shechem." It was a sin to WORSHIP IDOLS and they had idol gods in their own hands.

### The Third Commandment

Notice the THIRD commandment in Leviticus 18:3, 21, 27. "After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein you dwelt, SHALL YOU NOT DO." Here's the instruction of God to the Israelites in the time of Moses, but IT WAS SIN TO BREAK THAT THIRD COMMANDMENT BEFORE MOSES!

"And after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, SHALL YOU NOT DO: NEITHER shall you walk in their ordinances . . . And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, NEITHER SHALT THOU PROFANE THE NAME OF THY GOD: I am the Eternal."

There's profanity, or profaning the name of God. Now the 27th verse: "FOR ALL THESE ABOMINATIONS have the men of the land DONE, which were BEFORE YOU" — *before this generation during which the law of Moses came.*

In previous generations PRIOR to the law of Moses, "ALL THESE ABOMINATIONS have the men of the land DONE, which were before you, and THE LAND IS DEFILED." It was sin. One of the sins was to profane the name of God. Therefore, profanity — taking the name of God in vain — was a sin before Moses.

### The Fourth Commandment Observed

Coming to the fourth commandment in Exodus 16:4, "Then the Eternal said unto Moses" — this was TWO WEEKS before they came to Mount Sinai and BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES was given or before they ever knew there would be a law of Moses — "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may PROVE them, WHETHER THEY WILL WALK IN MY LAW, OR NO."

Here is God's law. He was going to see whether the people would obey it *before the law of Moses was given* — WEEKS BEFORE they even came to Mount Sinai where the law of Moses was added.

Verse 5, "And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

Now notice verse 22: "And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much."

Verse 23: Moses said to the people, "This is that which the Eternal hath said, Tomorrow is THE REST OF THE HOLY SABBATH UNTO THE ETERNAL."

Then on the following day, verses 25-27, Moses said, "Eat that today, for *today IS a Sabbath unto the Eternal*, today you shall not find it in the field. *Six days you shall gather it*; but on THE SEVENTH DAY, WHICH IS THE SABBATH, in it there shall be none. And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the Sabbath for to gather, and they found none"!

God was showing them by miracles from heaven which day was the seventh day. TIME HAD NOT BEEN LOST. (Write for our free booklet, *Has Time Been Lost?*)

Some of them *thought* it didn't make any difference. They would wait to go out on the following day — on the Sabbath — BUT THERE WAS NONE! Did that make any difference? "And the Eternal said unto Moses, HOW LONG REFUSE YE TO KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS AND MY LAWS? See, for that *the Eternal hath given you the Sabbath*, therefore, He giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So THE PEOPLE RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY" (Verses 28-30.)

That was WEEKS BEFORE they came to Mount Sinai — BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES! It was the law of God at that time.

### The Fifth Commandment

Now turn to Genesis 9:21. "And he [Noah] drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and

their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness."

Continuing: "Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his [Ham's] younger son [Canaan] had done unto him. And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the Eternal God of Shem, and Canaan shall be his servant" (Gen. 9:21-26).

DISHONORING A PARENT WAS A SIN and a curse was pronounced in those days.

And now notice the seventh commandment against adultery. Genesis 39:7-9, "And it came to pass after these things, that his [Joseph's] master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph." This occurred when Joseph was in Egypt, long, long before the law of Moses. "And she said, Lie with me. But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold my master knoweth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; there is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and SIN AGAINST GOD?"

*Adultery was sin* — hundreds of years *before the physical law of Moses.*

Now we come to the eighth commandment against stealing in Genesis 30, verse 33: "Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted STOLEN WITH ME." This is Jacob and his experience with Laban. Stealing was a sin.

We come to the ninth commandment about lying: Genesis 20, the first nine verses: "And Abraham journeyed toward the south country, and he dwelt in Kadesh and Shur, and he journeyed to Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech, king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah." He was going to take her as his wife. He would have committed adultery with her, but God sent an angel to him in a dream to warn him. "Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart." The king, remember, heard Abraham say of Sarah, "She's my sister." "And also I" — God says — "*withheld thee from sinning against* (Continued on page 15)



# IT'S EASY TO BELIEVE A LIE!

People will believe almost ANYTHING! Hitler proved it. You may not have believed Hitler's lies — but how do you know what you believe is the truth? What is the REAL SOURCE AND AUTHORITY of your beliefs? STUDY this article — check up on yourself, and come to KNOW that you KNOW the Truth!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

**D**URING the battle for Kwajalein, in World War II, United States soldiers and marines were shocked to see Japanese soldiers and civilians alike committing mass suicide!

By scores and hundreds they plunged over cliffs, exploded hand grenades in their stomachs, or discharged rifles into their own mouths, rather than permit themselves to be taken prisoner.

*Why such senseless suicide?*

They had been taught to *believe a lie!* They FIRMLY BELIEVED if captured, they would be subjected to horrible tortures beyond imagination, and worse still, "brainwashed" by the "foreign white devils" into rejecting their religion and even losing their hope of eternity!

Did those who taught them KNOW they were teaching a lie? Certainly.

## The Darkness of This World

People *believe what they are taught!* The human is *not*, of himself, a RATIONAL being!

Rather, as a little baby, he openly and freely admits into his little mind any and everything that is *taught* to him!

Let's look at a few worldwide examples and come to UNDERSTAND about our *own* minds.

In India today, where the average life expectancy is 29 years of age, millions of cattle roam the village streets, munching contentedly on the shopkeepers' vegetables, dropping *offal* in the streets, or lazily chewing their cud *on the same streets* with dozens of bloated, blue-black bodies of the dead and dying.

Why? Why, because to the Indian, his cows are *sacred!*

In the Western world of the "enlightenment" of Christianity, we wag our heads in incredulous disbelief and pity toward these ignorant millions! We *know* that millions of such hapless people are firmly believing in a lie.

In tiny Laos, focal point of many a threatened international squabble, thousands of helpless little infants die yearly from malnutrition and starvation.

Why?

Because their mothers *believe a lie.* It is still a commonly accepted belief among Laotian mothers that they should *fast* for the first 20 days after their infants are born. Because of this prolonged abstention from food, most of the mothers lose their milk. Nearby, munching grass contentedly, may be dozens of Laotian cattle. But to the Laotian, it is a *sin* to drink milk. Therefore,

denied both their own mother's milk, and, through superstition and religion, unable to drink the milk of the cows — the Laotian babies continue to die.

## Take a Look at History

If you were to pick up a history book written by a German, and another written by an Englishman, and still another written by an American concerning certain aspects of World War II, you would be shocked.

History classes, as being taught in West German colleges and high schools vary *widely* from courses being taught in Britain and the United States.

Mr. T. H. Tetens says one of the appalling facts is that there exists, today, in Germany, a whole new generation of youngsters who simply DO NOT BELIEVE the Nazis ever put to death a single Jew!

Walking the streets of Western German cities and villages today are hundreds of thousands of teen-agers who *firmly believe* the Nazi concentration camps were a manufactured farce of American Zionists, and were never, in reality, operated by the Nazis in exterminating multiple millions of helpless Jews, and peoples of many other enslaved races.

Yes, MILLIONS of people *believe*

*outright lies!* Can we get the point?

There are *huge bodies* of people on this earth with whom you violently disagree! They may be political bodies, racial bodies, religious bodies. To YOU, some of their beliefs may be sheer insanity. Yet, you may never have *looked into*, carefully sifted, thoroughly analyzed, studied or *researched* into these beliefs to which you are so violently opposed.

And, what is probably far *more* important, you may never have carefully studied, researched, and reviewed *WHY* you believe the things you do!

Could YOU have believed any lies? Are you being honest with yourself?

### It's a Lying World

Ever buy a used car? Ever play the shell game in a carnival? Ever hopefully expect a politician to fulfill all his promises? Have you ever been shocked at the inaccuracies of a newspaper story if it was written about something in which you were directly involved? Ever wondered about some of the claims made in advertising certain commodities?

You are *living* in the day of the *sophisticated lie!* Almost every television show, every book, every motion picture, is literally filled with *shadings* of the truth, *half-truths*, *veiled* or *partially concealed* truths, *exaggerations*, or *outright lies!*

Even most comedy series are made up from people concealing portions of the truth, telling outright lies or inventing untrue situations, and then trying to "keep up appearances" by some frantic contrivance which usually appears to be ridiculously funny to the viewer.

You are living in a world of contradictions, assumptions, exaggerations, deletions, perversions, distortions, augmentations — a world of lies!

Have you ever told a lie? Certainly. All human beings have. The story of our George Washington and the cherry tree may be widespread — but, like the statement young George is supposed to have made to his father, "I cannot tell a lie," the story *itself* is false!

From infancy, we feed our children (unless we have been enlightened to God's TRUTH, and have learned to quit

practicing things contrary to God's law) on *lies*. We begin by telling them *fairy tales*, *fantasies*, or outright *lies* about Santa Claus.

The average young couple lies to its children about bodily processes, various adult situations, reasons why they should not touch a given object, or the horrible torture or dire punishment in the form of "the boogie man" which may appear if they get into mischief.

Children begin learning about "the sandman," "the man-in-the-moon," and "Jack and the beanstalk." Their little minds are completely FILLED with an endless series of sugared and candied lies!

They are introduced into a society of lies *gently*, "in baby talk" and child's language, but *persistently*, *continuously*. Children soon indulge in experimentation for *themselves*, trying to *get behind* the vast network of adult lies that have been told them. One of the first truths they usually discover in some unknown fashion is that little brother or little sister did NOT, after all, come from the stork, nor was he or she *purchased* from the "baby factory" at the hospital!

Yes, YOU *HAVE* believed in lies! Think about it for a moment!

What if you could not have *relied* on ANYTHING your parents had said to you? The very FIRST authority, the FIRST protection, the FIRST love, comfort, care, consideration — the FIRST WORLD — every little child meets is that of its parents.

From the FIRST, the hapless, helpless little infant is utterly DEPENDENT on its parents!

Yes, THINK about it. YOU were a little baby once. YOU were utterly HELPLESS — utterly DEPENDENT upon your parents for your very survival.

As a growing young boy or girl, you innocently and eagerly BELIEVED what your parents said to you!

You BELIEVED a certain neighbor was "BAD" if your parents *said* so!

And you FIRMLY BELIEVED Aunt Besie went to HEAVEN — if YOUR PARENTS SAID SO!

Remember? *Sure* you do! Probably, you were even told how she "heard the

angels singing, as they came to take her home"!

If your parents — who were your FIRST KNOWN AUTHORITY — had told you the moon was made of green Swiss cheese, you would have FIRMLY BELIEVED IT!

People believe what they have been taught! And they BELIEVE it — WHETHER IT IS TRUE OR NOT!

But there is a WAY to find out what is the TRUTH — about everything!

### There Is a Source of Truth!

Man *speculates* concerning certain physical phenomena. He then postulates, or *supposes* how it may be explained. In the various exact sciences, he is then able to *experiment*, in an attempt to PROVE whether his postulates and theories are true.

If all the experiments are finally successful, and certain absolute FACTS are established, man is able to KNOW certain things through such experimentation.

But the FOUNDATION of all knowledge *cannot* be discovered by EXPERIMENT!

Do you know *why* infant humans so readily believe whatever they're taught? *Because they were meant to be taught* — but they were meant to be taught the TRUTH!

Parents today believe they can NEGLECT to teach their children *anything* about religion, and wait until they are old enough "to decide for themselves."

But God has ordained that parents who KNOW the TRUTH, and KNOW THAT THEY KNOW it, should TEACH that truth to their children!

God told His people: "And these words, which I command thee this day, [the words of the Ten Commandments] shall be in thine heart [Heb. 10:16]. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes" (Deut. 6:6-8).

It's RIGHT to teach your children — to be POSITIVE about it — as long as



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Hitler duped millions into fanatical belief in his ideology by "The Big Lie" process — and he bragged about it!

you are teaching them the TRUTH! J. Edgar Hoover said, "A child who has been taught to respect the laws of God will have little difficulty respecting the laws of man."

But it's WRONG to teach your children FAIRY tales, FANTASY, LIES, GUESSWORK, HAZY NOTIONS, PREJUDICES, RACIAL HATREDS, FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT SEX — or ANYTHING that is FALSE! God condemns it as wickedness!

If YOU had been taught GOD'S TRUTH, FROM INFANCY — YOU WOULD BELIEVE IT TODAY! But *regardless* as to what you HAVE been taught — irrespective of WHAT you may believe about ANY important subject — there is a way for you to PROVE whether you are believing the TRUTH or LIES!

There is a SOURCE of truth!

It is POSITIVE. It is ABSOLUTE. It is absolutely UNSHAKABLE!

Think what a monumental catastrophe it would have been if you had been unable to depend upon your parents to tell you the truth about ANYTHING! What if they had said the stove was COOL, that knives didn't cut, and

*encouraged* you to play with matches? What a diabolical thing to do to a child! You learned, and sometimes through burnt fingers and bitter experience, to DEPEND on what your parents said — especially if it was a warning of danger!

What a CATASTROPHE it would be if you COULDN'T DEPEND ON GOD, AND ON HIS WORD!

Jesus said, "Thy word is TRUTH!" (John 17:17.) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16).

Your Bible says, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21).

David said, "All thy commandments are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172). "They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Psalm 111:8).

Everywhere in the Bible, God gives cross-checks — balances — specially

corroborative points, PROOFS of Him!

With regard to His laws of tithing, God said, "... prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away!" said Christ (Mark 13:31).

The Bible is the ONE source of ABSOLUTE TRUTH! You can DEPEND on it. (If you have not yet read our booklet, *The Proof of the Bible*, then write for your free copy immediately.)

### Willing to FORGIVE Christ?

But people today are WILLING TO FORGIVE CHRIST! Strange! It's *supposed* to be the other way around! The Bible tells us Christ must FORGIVE US — but many people are willing to OVERLOOK Christ's "mistakes" — His "errors," His "failures."

I remember one letter in particular.

The writer said, "You state that Christ said 'no man had ascended up to heaven, except He that had come down to earth from heaven.'

"I can't understand how that agrees with the passage in II Kings chapter 2, verse 11, wherein it states that Elijah did ascend up into heaven.

"Can this be explained in a manner that I will be able to read your writings again with confidence?" B. E. S., Greensboro, North Carolina.

I answered, "*Let's go back and reword that a little, B. E. It's not OUR WRITINGS you're wondering about — but the BIBLE! You see, WE DIDN'T WRITE Christ's plain statement of John 3:13 — JOHN did, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit.*

"So — it's not OUR WRITINGS you're wondering about reading with confidence, but the BIBLE! Briefly, however, there are THREE 'heavens' spoken of in the Bible! The first, our atmosphere, is where the birds fly, and clouds form. The second, outer space, is where the stars, galaxies and constellations orbit. The THIRD (II Cor. 12:2) is the place of God's THRONE, to which 'NO MAN HATH ASCENDED' except in VISION, as did John! Elijah was taken up into

the AIR, not the heaven of God's throne. David is NOT in heaven (Acts 2:34). You can read the Bible with CONFIDENCE, B. E.!"

Do you see? This man was unwittingly CHARGING CHRIST WITH ERROR! He didn't really GRASP this was what he was doing — but he was doing it, nevertheless! You see, it was two separate PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE he was so nettled over — NOT something "WE STATED" in our writings.

Today, vast armies of people believe in the IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL! Yet the BIBLE plainly denies this as a PAGAN teaching! (Write for our free article "Do You Have An Immortal Soul?" — and DON'T make up your mind in advance — CAREFULLY PROVE it to yourself.)

Millions fondly hope they will "get to heaven," when Jesus plainly said this is IMPOSSIBLE! (Write for our free article, "What Is the Reward of the Saved," and the free booklet, *Just What Do You Mean, Salvation?*)

Millions believe — because they have been TAUGHT — that God's LAWS are DONE AWAY, and that SUNDAY has long since replaced God's SABBATH as the day for Christian worship (write for our free, full-color booklet, *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?*).

WHY do millions believe these, and various other ideas?

It's what they have GROWN UP believing. They found OTHERS who believed it. It was diligently TAUGHT to them — NOT by comparing, searching, checking up in SCRIPTURE, to be sure — but taught constantly by lurid examples, by repetition, by suggestion, by preponderance of opinion.

MILLIONS accept Christ. But they DENY He will come again. Yet, HE SAID HE WOULD! They call Christ a LIAR — yet still claim to "BELIEVE" on Him!

Ever wonder why so many people "believe ON Jesus" but stolidly REFUSE to BELIEVE HIM — TO BELIEVE WHAT HE SAID?

### PROVE All Things!

Paul said, "PROVE all things; hold fast that which is good" (II Thes. 5:21).

"STUDY to shew thyself approved

unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). "To the law and to the testimony," shouted Isaiah, "if they speak not according to *this word*, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

*What about it?*

Have you sincerely, REALLY, wholly STUDIED to absolutely PROVE some of these biggest questions to your very future destiny? Have you carefully researched, carefully checked, thoroughly *proved* these most *basic* doctrinal questions in all your Bible? According to extensive survey of American and British church-attending, professing Christendom, most have not. Many pastors cheerfully admit their own people simply do not KNOW, thoroughly, what their own church teaches!

What about YOU?

Can you "afford" to take such a thing as the *day of your death* — which is ominously, irrevocably, surely, unalterably, and positively approaching every single day you live — carelessly and *lightly*?

Can you treat ETERNITY with impunity? This is not an old-fashioned "altar call"! This is not some type of "come on" to get you to "join" anything! It is a straight-from-the-shoulder appeal for you to research into WHY you believe the things you do — and how you came to believe them!

Admit it. You KNOW vast percentages of human beings on this earth firmly believe out-and-out LIES!

You KNOW *you* have believed in lies. Are you really and positively SURE you know the plain truth of God? Remember the stern admonition of the Apostle John, "He that saith, I know Him and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the TRUTH is not in him!" (I John 2:4.)

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you FREE" (John 8:32), said your Saviour! God intends that every line, every punctuation mark, every word of the Bible is ultimately *thoroughly understood* by His people! But God has carefully *guarded* the secret things of His truth! He has placed a BARRIER before the door of His truth. He says, "The beginning of wis-

dom is the fear of the Eternal!" "A *good understanding* have they that DO His commandments!" said David.

The very *starting place* is the most vital and important knowledge that God DOES EXIST, that He LIVES, that He is going to call each human being into a definite accounting for all his actions and thoughts, and that God stands back of His Word!

God said, "For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isa. 66:2).

The man whose letter you have read certainly was not *intentionally* flaunting God's authority! Perhaps human beings do not do this type of thing *intentionally*, or with full knowledge of what a tremendous transgression it must be in God's sight! But they DO it, nevertheless! We have all done it. We have all taken God's Word *too lightly* — treated His precious TRUTH *too carelessly!*

It's time you realized how truly EASY it has been for you to believe in a series of lies — and time to sincerely and earnestly STRIVE to understand God's TRUTH!

In this magazine, TOMORROW'S WORLD, we do not pull punches. We let the chips fall where they may. We speak PLAINLY. It is entirely up to you what you then DO about the knowledge you receive.

NEVER FORGET, Satan the devil understands all the Bible essentials! He KNOWS Jesus is the Christ! "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19). Yes, even the demons BELIEVE, and *tremble!* They BELIEVE — but they will not OBEY!

And so, even KNOWING the truth is not enough — but knowing it and OBEYING it is one of the beginning steps to salvation. Are you OBEYING the truths you learn through the pages of TOMORROW'S WORLD or hear over *The WORLD TOMORROW* program? Don't "kid yourself" any longer. Don't "deceive yourself" any further! "But be you DOERS of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). □

# IS SIN SO BAD?

*Our entire social system is changing. The past is now old-fashioned — out-of-date! New moral standards prevail. Sin is "in." Everybody sins! And why not? What IS so bad about sin?*

by Arthur C. Mocarow

**S**IN. It used to be a bad word. People once tried to avoid it. But today — well, "get with it, baby," times have changed.

"Sin? Great! That means fun. Where do I find it? I hope I can get there quick. How much will it cost? I hope I can afford *a lot* of it," seems to be the common response.

## The Paradox of Sin

Sin is a paradox. The word itself is thought to be an antique remnant of the pseudo-sanctimonious emotionalism so characteristic of "primitive" religions. Yet all the while sin makes people miserable, disrupts families, shatters communities, paralyzes cities, wrecks nations and threatens the very survival of mankind.

Sin is real. It exists. It exacts its toll. People don't have to "believe in" sin to be hurt by it. A baby bird doesn't have to "believe in" the law of gravity to be injured when it falls out of a tree.

What is sin? As with everything else, human beings go to equally absurd extremes in trying to neatly categorize it into their own mental filing systems. On the one hand, today's "intellectually liberated elite" think that previous generations were superstitiously fooled into taking sin too seriously. "That old-fashioned make-believe God was unfair in hating sin. He took all the fun out of life just to make men bend and obey Him. Why He was nothing more than a sadistic drill sergeant who enjoyed whipping green recruits into line."

On the other hand, religionists of this world exult in spewing out vicious invective about *their* mixed-up conception of sin. They gloat in painting a terrifying picture with their pronouncements on "sinners." But do people stop sinning? No. Religion, to most people, is out of touch with reality. And in this case "most people" are right!

We've all heard about sin. But "sin" evokes a different reaction in *every* human being. Some recoil in self-righteous horror. Some shake their heads in utter condemnation of the sins of *others*. Some smack their lips in the eager anticipation of personally getting involved in sin themselves. Some think it's all a big joke. Some relegate sin to an archaic moral system with a papier-maché God and super-strict laws. And some simply couldn't care less.

Everybody has his own opinion — and you have yours. But what good are "opinions"? *We want TRUTH*. So what's the *truth* about sin? You should know.

## We're Different

We don't believe in boring people with fuzzy philosophies and vague generalities. We don't use "scare tactics" either. In plain point of fact, *we don't obey the dictates of this world. We seek the Way of Truth — we teach the Way of God*. Therefore, we're not going to shout, rant and rave about sin. And we are surely not going to harangue you with the shrill proclamations of blood-thirsty tormenters and their typical dire

predictions of eternal damnation in an ever-burning hellfire for sinners.

What *are* we going to do? Be down-to-earth — literally. Deal with *practical living* — the day-in-day-out life experience of you, your family, your nation and your world. So what about sin? What does it have to do with real life? How does it concern you? Is sin so bad?

## Our Purpose

Why are we so interested in sin? *Because we care about you*. We want you to enjoy a scintillating life, brimming with success and overflowing with happiness. We want you to look forward to getting up each morning — as crazy as *that* may sound *now*.

Why are we so interested in making *your* life throb with excitement? Because the Eternal God of Heaven and Earth has created you to live an *abundant* (John 10:10) and *prosperous* life (III John 2). And He's our Boss, our LORD! *He's running this Work!* What He wants, we do. And He wants you to live a joyous life — now, today, in this physical life. So it's our responsibility to show you how.

Look at the lives of God's most holy men of old — Abraham, Moses, Joseph, David, Daniel. Their day-to-day activities sparkled with variety, challenge and enthusiasm. They all *loved* life. They were all fiercely determined men. They all understood ultimate Truth. They all occupied prestigious positions on earth. They were all

famous. They all wielded governmental authority. They all enjoyed the pinnacle of physical comforts — and yes, the peak of the pleasant use of their senses also. And *they all obeyed God's Law* — they all strove to *avoid sin*. Here were Godly men — living life to the full.

We have all been conditioned to associate Godliness with weak meekness and failure, obedience with boredom, and righteousness with abstinence. You can be absolutely certain that neither Abraham nor Moses nor Joseph nor David nor Daniel would have been considered "religious" by this world's "holier than thou," hypocritically pious, mealy-mouthed standards of "Godliness." Incredibly ironic as it may sound, this world's soft, effeminate caricature of true religion is part and parcel of the same sin-laden system which produces prostitution, drug addiction and murder.

Sin ruins the abundant life. That's why God requires that *we tell you* about it. Because when you *avoid sin*, your life undergoes a dramatic transformation. You become a man (or a woman) of God — with all the blessings of a prince (or a princess). Sin holds you back. Sin destroys, sin discourages, sin creates misery, sin breaks up families, sin ruins a person's position, sin decreases financial rewards, sin makes people sick, sin makes people hate life, sin cuts life short. Your God hates sin because your God fervently wants the very best life for you.

### What Is Sin?

The world defines sin as anything "fun." As usual that's precisely the *opposite* from the Truth. God defines sin as that which will *wreck* man's opportunity to enjoy life.

God defines sin as *the transgression of His Law* (I John 3:4). God's Law is *not* a strict collection of do's and don'ts expressly designed to throttle, inhibit and frustrate man! Most people have been trained to categorically equate obeying God's Law with walking a slippery tightrope suspended over burning coals. This is wholly untrue.

The English word "law," as used in the Bible, has unfortunately come to mean a *cold edict* which demands

instant obedience, and an *impersonal dictate* which exacts a severe penalty. Nothing could be further from the Truth. The Hebrew word "*torah*" — from which "law" is derived — has a much wider and extraordinarily more compassionate meaning. It *literally* means a "course of instruction" or an "order of teaching."

In other words, God's Law is the "course of instruction" which the Eternal has developed for the purpose of instructing man in the *way* to a zestfully thrilling existence. God's Law can be likened to a "lesson plan" or "curriculum" which a teacher prepares to enumerate and set forth the most effective methods and procedures to teach his students algebra, history, Spanish, etc. In the same manner, the Law of God is an "order (or a system) of teaching" through which our Creator enumerates and sets forth the most effective methods and procedures to teach *His* students — *all mankind* — how to live a thoroughly rewarding life.

God's "course of instruction" (Law) is based on the two foundational concepts of love toward God and love toward neighbor (Matt. 22:37-40). These are expanded into the Ten Commandments. Next are the statutes and judgments. Finally *all* the Biblical examples amplify the expanding scope of God's "order of teaching" (Law). Naturally, all of this is magnified and clarified by the pure revelation of Jesus Christ (Isaiah 42:21 and Matt. 5:17).

Obedience to God's Law produces the abundant life. Sin is the breaking of God's Law. Therefore Sin *destroys* the abundant life.

No one likes to be hurt! This is the modern criterion for morals today. "If it hurts me, I'm against it." Fine. We agree — if it hurts you we're against it too. That's why we're against sin. Because sin packs a devastating wallop. Sin will fill your life with pain, disease, discouragement and despondency. *All* of your troubles have been caused by the breaking of God's "course of instruction" for human behavior. *All* your troubles have been caused by *sin*.

We accept the modern criterion for morals. "If it hurts me, I'm against it."

Does sin hurt? Is it really as destructive and damaging to mankind as God claims? Is sin really bad for a *non-religious* person? Let's find out.

### Learn by History

Can history help prove our point? It can — if the sins of past generations terminated in chaos and destruction.

Consider the days of Noah. What type of a world was it? It was "normal." That's what Jesus Christ — the very God who spoke to Noah — tells us in Luke 17:27. People acted as if nothing unusual was occurring. "They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage. . . ." On the surface, everything sounds quite placid and tranquil — that is "until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all."

God destroyed that whole generation! Why? Observe what it *really* was like back then.

"And God saw that the *wickedness* [sinfulness] of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY" (Gen. 6:5). What a prodigious glut of depravity! And more. "The earth also was CORRUPT before God, and the earth was filled with VIOLENCE" (verse 11).

What was wrong with Noah's day? It was an era of *corruption*! What is corruption? It is the *perverse* use of what God created for the *right* use. In Noah's time humanity twisted and debased the *right* use of *everything*. Sure people ate — but too often, too much, the wrong foods and, incredibly, even *each other*! They married — but not at the right time, not in the right way, and not to the right person. Every proper human relationship was corrupted. It was a world seething with anarchy. Sin was treated lightly! And as a direct consequence, sin dominated man's actions. Did it hurt? It sure did! It resulted in *VIOLENCE*! (Gen. 6:11.)

Archaeology attests to the unbelievable mound of personal cruelty in the pre-Flood world. The broken skulls and shattered limbs of women and children bear a silent but tragic witness to the merciless mutilation which barbarically

blossomed into *the* worldwide sport. These multitudes of corrupt, violence-ridden, pathetic people had to be mercifully put out of their misery by a compassionate Father who had so lovingly created them.

It's interesting that the Hebrew word translated "*corrupt*" is precisely the same word translated "*destroy*." In other words, God considers the concepts "*corrupt*" and "*destroy*" as *one and the same*. In English, of course, there is a vast difference between the meanings of "*corrupt*" and "*destroy*." This is understandable since in man's hideous world corruption flourishes and the good is destroyed. Not so with God. He *equates* the concepts "*corruption*" and "*destruction*." Why? Because to God, *anything* corrupt *must* be destroyed — and *anything* destroyed *had* to have been corrupt. The pre-Flood world was indeed corrupt — and so that generation was utterly destroyed.

The human beings in the pre-Flood world thought they were "happy." "Things" seemed pretty normal. People enjoyed a measure of pleasure. *Good* news was mixed with the bad — and daily activities continued just as they always had. This all probably sounds a lot like your life. Our routine concern about family, food, friends and fortune pretty much coincides with Noah's day.

Now remember, God asserts that in Noah's time, mankind was *uncontrollable*, ungovernable with no restraints. Sound familiar? Noah's generation was destined for *total* self-annihilation. Sound even *more* familiar? You bet — just like our "bouncy" little world today. A coincidence? Read on.

Jesus warned us that history would *repeat* itself just before His return. "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man" (Luke 17:26). The pre-Flood society considered sin obsolete — just like our society does today. Yes, sin *did* hurt mankind during Noah's day — just as it is fomenting and generating the same noxious results in our "modern" day.

Does sin hurt *you* personally? That question affects your entire life. Should *you* keep from sinning? It's your deci-

sion. All we ask is for you to consider the direct physical effects of sin.

### Breaking the First Commandment

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:3). God places enormous importance on this First Commandment. We can read of accounts where Almighty God slew thousands of His chosen people for going after other gods (Josh. 7:1-26). Why did God deal so harshly with His people? Was He jealously obsessed with self-adoration? Was He self-righteously frustrated by watching those puny specks of life called "men" flagrantly flout His magnificent Law? Or, just maybe, could God's anger have been caused by a sincere, loving concern for His creation?

We can answer these questions by compiling the factual evidence of exactly what happens when man breaks God's First Commandment. Who really gets hurt?

Mankind today is fragmented by the worship of thousands of "major gods" (and millions of "minor gods") scattered throughout the myriad of ritualistic platitudes and sanctimonious charades which have been palmed off as "religious truth" on a gullible world. The more well-known religions — Moslem, Zoroastrian, Shinto, Taoist, Confucian, Buddhist, Hindu, Jewish, Christian — are all divided within themselves by splits, offshoots, mixtures, combinations and recombinations. Compounding these difficulties, national and racial characteristics add new flavors to each mongrelized hodgepodge of a religious system. *However* you'd like to worship *whatever* kind of a "god" you want, there's some religion made to order.

Primitive religions are as numerous and different as individual tribes themselves — worshipping anything from spirits in sticks to relatives in animals. In Hinduism alone, "The Hindu heavens teem with 330 million gods which some Hindus regard as separate deities while others look upon them as infinite aspects of the one Brahmin" (*Life*, Feb. 7, 1955). Hindu worship comes in many forms: Mind-blanking contemplation, begging priests, extreme self-mutilation (piercing the body with slivers of wood and metal) — take your choice.

In so-called "enlightened Christianity," there seems to be more darkness than anywhere else. Ponder the conglomerate of worldly Churchianity — Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Protestantism, with hundreds of its own conflicting denominations and sects.

"Don't bother us," many are probably saying. "What's the harm? As long as we all believe in God, what's the difference, why the big fuss? It doesn't hurt anyone!" Oh? It doesn't hurt anyone? Let's see!

### Proof — Personal Ills

Each year hundreds of thousands of once-vibrant human beings choose to terminate their own lives around our "fun-filled" world. *People kill themselves*. It's called suicide. You don't hear about very many because most are covered up by families anxious to avoid embarrassing questions.

Think about it — people kill themselves! That should sound absurd — but it doesn't. We have grown accustomed to suicide. In every country, from every walk of life, from every stratum of society, people decide to end their own existence.

Why? The cause is often an emotional ailment: *Depression* — one of America's deadliest diseases. Depression has goaded over two million Americans just this year to try suicide unsuccessfully. Mental depression presents an ugly picture: The victim feels an overpowering sense of grief. *He is so drained and fatigued he can barely move his body*. "Dr. Nathan S. Kline, Director of Research at Rockland State Hospital, Orangeburg, N.Y., said recently: 'MORE SUFFERING HAS RESULTED FROM DEPRESSION THAN FROM ANY OTHER SINGLE DISEASE. . .'" (*New York Herald Tribune*, Feb. 16, 1965).

Why this epidemic of depression? The answer is tragically simple. Man doesn't know *why* he is here! He doesn't know the *purpose* of life. And he doesn't seem to care. Human beings are confused. They stumble and bumble their way from one day to the next, going around and around in a never-ending circle, with no understanding and devoid of sense. Life without the

knowledge of the True God and His phenomenally exciting Purpose is useless, hopeless, frustrating, transitory, boring, depressing, morbid, and literally invites suicide as a welcome relief.

Perhaps this is a picture of your life — a monotonous existence of doubt, insecurity, drudgery and anxiety. You might have wondered what is the problem.

The problem is basic: ignorance of God's First Commandment. Here our Creator succinctly informs us that our primary and predominant thought — the one overriding goal in our life — *must be "Elohim": the God FAMILY*. Once we realize that our personal reason for living on earth is to learn about, qualify for, and grow towards *Sonship and Rulership in God's Family as a literal God ourselves*, then our present physical life will explode with enthusiasm and pulsate with purpose.

### Result — No Stable Government

By ignoring God's First Commandment — and so chose to *suffer horribly* (it hurts) under every weird variety of his own perversely devised governments. Monarchs, czars, dictators, military governors, political rulers, party rulers, class rulers, and even our so-called representative governments *all* have had weaknesses which have *always* led to great injustices to the subjugated peoples.

And today, the international strain among the 130 or more "independent" nations has brought humanity to the breaking point. Each separate government is divided from *every* other government by varying degrees of fears, jealousies and distrusts. What will your numerous enemies do? You don't know. Therefore, the strength and energy of your nation must be diverted away from economic and social development and poured into gigantic armament programs. Your enemies see what you are doing and are forced to do the same thing. The result? A spiraling arms race that sooner or later must topple into ravaging warfare.

So what's the product of breaking God's First Commandment? International insanity. Hysterical leaders.

Frenzied populaces. Worldwide paranoia. And the ultimate end? World suicide — COSMOCIDE!

That's why God hates sin! He *knows* the ultimate end. This is the reason God dealt strongly with the ancient Israelites when they broke His Commandments. God loves His creation and He wants man to understand His purpose in life. God longs for *you* to be happy (Deuteronomy 5:29).

### Breaking the Fifth Commandment

The foundation of any sound society is a stable family. Yet today divorce is rampant. Young people are running amok. The entire family structure is decaying. Why?

"Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be *well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth*" (Eph. 6:2-3). The Apostle Paul made this statement, not merely quoting the basic content of the Fifth Commandment but revealing the natural result if it is obeyed!

Today's youth, disgruntled with family life and abhorring their parents, have turned to the streets. Drug addiction, promiscuity, alcoholism, gang criminality, rioting, theft, murder, rape — these have become the spirit of youth today in all too many cases. Because of this debauchery, venereal disease has reached epidemic proportions. Diabetes, heart disease, etc., once reserved for the old, now strikes the young.

Youngsters grow old quickly. Many die young! Those who do not pay attention to the Fifth Commandment pay the price — sickness, social unrest, frustration and premature death!

### Warning From Experts

Joseph M. Kennick, past president of the National Conference of Juvenile Agencies, and for over 18 years head of the Long Beach Juvenile Bureau, wrote recently:

"Somewhere along the way, as parents and as a nation, we went wrong in the rearing of our children. We are now paying for having produced a generation heavily populated with hostile, rebellious, and lawless youths who have no respect for themselves or for us.

"Motorcycle mobs take over entire towns, rioting students bring the activities of great universities to a virtual halt, high school students attack teachers in the classrooms, gangs interfere with policemen who are trying to perform their duty.

"Almost 50 percent of the arrests for serious crime involve juveniles. (One of every six American boys under 18 has been taken to Juvenile Court for at least one offense.) The costs of all this soar at a dizzying rate. *Loss of life by violence* robs us of more and more of our human resources; property losses mount to staggering proportions; state and federal budgets for police and detective facilities have become prohibitive.

"In California the Youth Authority's institutions are so crowded that the state may have to start rejecting prisoners." (*Oakland Tribune*, June 29, 1966 — and it's four years' worse today!)

What an incredibly ludicrous situation! It astounds those of us who grew up even in the 1950's. But the prophet Isaiah wouldn't have been surprised. He saw it all — God enabled him to look down the corridors of time to our day and to our peoples. "As for my people, *children are their oppressors*, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:12). God spells it out: The cause of our frustrated, rebellious, destructive youth is flagrant disobedience of the Fifth Commandment. Children dishonor their parents. Father is scornfully disdained. Mother is wantonly disregarded. It's that simple.

If even this one commandment were *kept*, today's youth would experience a life of fulfillment and purpose. Remember, the Fifth Commandment is the first one *with promise*. What promise? A happier, longer life! (Eph. 6:3.)

### Yes, Sin Is Bad

If you insist on sowing the seeds of sin, you will harvest a crop of insecurity, worry, frustration, anxiety, emotional disease and physical sickness. Your mind will be ridden with anguish and your body will be racked with pain.

The fruits of sin produce misery, harm, chaos, and finally destruction and



death (Rom. 6:23). Personal disintegration! A total breakdown of society! A world cascading toward self-extermination! God's Word cries out, "Sin is a reproach to *any* people" (Prov. 14:34).

Why does God hate sin so intensely? Because it destroys His most majestic creation! *You* are that creation! God has poured out His love by giving you the chance to share *His own* breathtaking, God-plane Eternal-life existence. That's what human life is all about. And as a loving Father, God has revealed *exactly* how we can enjoy such an abundant life — a life to the full, abounding with excitement, drive and happiness — both now and forever. How? God has given us His "course of instruction" — that's what *God's Law* really means. It's *the way* to fun and success, fulfillment and purpose.

Sin is just the opposite. It's the way to depression and failure. *Sin is the transgression of God's Teachings.*

For your own good, bring your life into harmony with God. Hate sin as He does. Recognize how sin harms people. Deplore it, hate it — flee from it. Obey God's Law — and reap the fruit of contentment now, and life eternal in the wonderful world tomorrow.

Send in for our free, vitally important booklet on *The Ten Commandments*. It will magnify the benefits of God's Law and explain *how* you should keep it.

Now remember, obedience to God's instructions is much more thrilling than the "don't-do-that-do-this" children's story we are all tired of hearing. God's Law is His comprehensive "order of teaching" for His entire massive Plan.

Who's teaching the world about God's Plan? God's Work!

Participation in God's Work is a fundamental component in keeping God's Law! That makes sense since outgoing love is the fulfilling of the Law (Rom. 13:10) and the whole purpose of God's Work is to serve and teach all nations by publishing and preaching the Good News of Christ's soon-coming world-ruling Government (Matt. 24:14, Mark 13:10). God's Work seeks to help *others* — help yourself to this Truth we serve, and help us serve it to others. □

## TEN COMMANDMENTS

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me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her."

Abraham was *lying*. It would also have been a *sin to commit adultery*. Of course, Sarah was Abraham's half-sister; but, nevertheless, the *intent* was all wrong. It was a lie.

What about coveting? Notice Genesis 6:1-3, 5-6: "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair, and they took them wives of all which they chose." "God saw that the wickedness" — SIN — "of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Eternal that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." Coveting was a sin even in those days!

There it is. Every one of the Ten Commandments was in existence from the creation. It was sin to break any one of them between the time of Adam and Moses. What are *you* going to do about it? □

## ANSWERS to your Questions

● In the anniversary issue of **TOMORROW'S WORLD** you recommended books for adults, and I was wondering if you could also recommend a few good books for teen-agers since I have been having a terrible time in finding a good book.

Before any young person sets out to become well-read, he or she should realize that today's teen-ager will very soon be Tomorrow's mother, father, teacher — and *leader*. Books should be chosen to culture the mind with a *balanced*

knowledge in many fields, but not to neglect those few subjects which hold special interest.

First of all we urge you to keep abreast of materials published by the Ambassador College Press. Good examples are *Modern Dating*, *New Facts About Marijuana*, and *Hippies, Hypocrisy, and Happiness*. This is urgent, timely information seen from *Christ's* point of view — literally information fit for *kings*. Don't miss it! But to broaden your mind further, the following list should help get you started. We have included items for several age levels since you teen-agers live in a wide span of years and interests.

*The Bible* — FOUNDATION of all knowledge. Very few have read all of it. Make yourself part of that privileged few. For difficult parts, try a modern translation.

*Man of the Century: Churchill*, by R. Harrity

*How to Become a Successful Student*, by Frol and Lee

*Profiles in Courage*, by John F. Kennedy

*My Early Life*, by Winston Spencer Churchill

*Up From Slavery*, by Booker T. Washington

*Gifts From the Sea*, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

*Why We Believe in Creation, not Evolution*, by Fred John Meldau

*I Married Adventure*, by Osa Johnson

*Kon Tiki*, by Thor Heyerdahl

*The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck

*My Darling Clementine, the Story of Lady Churchill*, by Jack Fishman

*Anne Frank, the Diary of a Young Girl*, by Anne Frank

*The Story of My Life*, by Helen Keller

*The Man Nobody Knows*, by Bruce Barton

*Hiroshima*, by John Hersey

These books only scratch the surface. Many other worthwhile books are available for teen-agers.



# The Teenager's *What will*

*Where do our young people stand in today's confused world? What's ahead for them in the next decade? Here's some good news about our youth — and an exciting glimpse into the fantastic future just ahead for those young people who qualify.*

by Eugene M. Walter

**Y**OUNG men and women, never before in man's existence has youth faced such terrifying and troublesome times. Your future looks grim indeed.

But we have good news for you! If you are a young person today, you have a better chance of achieving your cherished dreams than any other generation before you in the history of mankind!

Sound incredible? Or too good to be true? Or naïve? Don't be too sure.

## A Wonderful New World Ahead

Believe it or not, there is a whole new world waiting for those who have the wisdom and vision to see it and the courage to take it. It is a world that will fulfill every dream and desire.

The dream of being recognized and accepted for your abilities and achievements. The dream of being accomplished in a challenging occupation with unlimited opportunities for advancement — and without the fear of "friends" who try to jerk the rug out from under you.

Tomorrow's World will fulfill the dream of possessing energy, drive and resourcefulness — of enjoying robust,

vibrant, radiant health. Of being educated in the liberal arts and the social graces. Of being blessed with the physical riches of life — tasty, nutritional food; smart, well-tailored clothing; and a fine home decorated with elegant furniture, rugs and appliances. A home located in beautiful and spacious surroundings with a lush lawn, plenty of shade trees and a few pets for the children. A home where your hopes and dreams are shared through a full and rewarding lifetime in a deliriously happy relationship with a loving mate and with normal, healthy, happy and respectful children.

Tomorrow's World — *your* world if you qualify — will fulfill the dreams of recreation and travel. That longing desire to see those faraway places will be satisfied with comfortable and leisurely trips. Hunting, fishing, hiking, camping and other recreational activities will be available for all in vast, unspoiled natural parks of breathtaking beauty.

Young people, *you stand on the threshold of something really big!*

But will all this come about as the natural end result of our modern social evolution? Are we, all of us — youth included — on our way to a man-made utopia?

Not on your life! Today our world —

# Tomorrow *it be like?*

and your future — is tottering on the brink of oblivion.

## Today's Nightmare

Around the globe, political, military, social and religious differences keep the world in foment. Over forty-five wars have been fought since the close of the "war to end all wars" — World War II. Despite the optimism of some world leaders and statesmen, there is no peace. The world continues to arm itself to the point of many times overkill capacity.

Exploding populations and dwindling food supplies are spreading a cloak of starvation that the experts predict will kill millions by 1975. Unless you know something world leaders don't, you could go hungry in less than ten short years.

Students are rioting in practically every major nation around the globe.

Sickness and disease of every description — mental as well as physical — are increasing everywhere.

Crime is growing at unprecedented rates — nine times faster than the population in the U. S.

Weather is upset.

Air, water, land and noise pollution are critical problems in many areas. Our soils are rapidly being depleted and the food we eat often has little nutritional value.

Our cities are overcrowded concrete jungles with monstrous transportation, sanitation and pollution problems.

Marital unhappiness, infidelity, divorce, homosexuality and venereal dis-

ease eat away at the very foundation of our society like a gnawing cancer.

The capstone to this dreary mountain of woe is "the bomb." It stands ever ready to ring down the closing curtain on mankind.

Yes, left to himself, man would destroy all life on this planet within the next few years.

But thankfully, man will not be left to himself. God in heaven will intervene and prevent man from destroying himself. First, however, man must learn some invaluable — but painful — lessons. Man will have to learn the hard way — the way of bitter experience — that he is not capable of ruling himself.

In the next very few years, climactic, earth-shaking, mind-chilling events are destined to take place which will result in the death of hundreds of millions of human beings. The nations of this world — including our English-speaking nations — will suffer the horrors of famine, pestilence, war and slavery (request our free booklet *The U. S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*).

## Unbelievable Prosperity in Tomorrow's World

A sound and productive agricultural system must be the physical foundation of a truly prosperous society. Tomorrow's World will have such a system. Here is a brief glimpse of what agriculture will be like in this New Age:

"Good times will return. There will be heavy crops of fruit to prepare for

My people's return [the return of today's English-speaking people from captivity]. . . . See, I God am for you, and I will come and help you as you prepare the ground and sow your crops. . . . I will abolish crop failures and famine. I will give you huge harvests from your fruit trees and fields."

"There will be such abundance of crops, that the harvest time will scarcely end before the farmer starts again to sow another crop" (Ezek. 36:8-9, 29-30; Amos 9:13 — all quotes from the major and minor prophets in this article are from the *Living Prophecies* series).

The crops of fruit and grain will be tremendous when those people who live through the coming time of trouble return to their former homeland and resettle it. After years of rest, the land will be fertile and productive.

Instead of upset weather and drought, there will be rain in due season and every year's crops will yield profitable returns. Farming operations will be an overwhelming success, because right instruction will be given in all matters of agriculture and farming.

Future farmers of America and of other nations, how would you like to be leaders in a farming community like this?

## The Fabulous Cities of Tomorrow

"I will greatly increase your population throughout all Israel [remember this is speaking of the lands occupied by the English-speaking people of today], and *the ruined cities will be rebuilt*

and filled with people. Not only the people, but your flocks and herds will also greatly multiply. O mountains of Israel, again you will be filled with homes. I will do even more for you than I did before" (Ezek. 36:10, 11).

If cities are going to be rebuilt and the land is going to be filled with homes, then *someone is going to have to build them*. The entire gamut of skills will be needed — carpenters, bricklayers, painters, architects, designers, plumbers, engineers and builders.

Talk about a fantastic opportunity!

Huge areas of destroyed cities and communities from this present age will be waiting to be cleared of debris and beautified. Whole new cities and communities will need to be developed from drawing board to completed project.

The new office and business buildings in these cities and towns will be beautiful and efficient. Slipshod and slovenly workmanship will not be tolerated. And the homes will be modern, spacious dwellings that will capture the imagination of happy young couples. Even the city homes will have spacious yards with room for gardens, small orchards and animals!

Young women, how would you like to be a homemaker, wife and mother in an environment like this? Young men, how would you like to be a father, husband, provider and leader in this kind of world?

Sound too good to be true? We're here to tell you that this is exactly what will happen. Is it worth your time to check it out? Why pass up such a fantastic chance just because it doesn't sound like the same old pessimistic song you've heard all of your life?

### Opportunities Unlimited

Today millions of square miles of this earth are desert. But here is what is in store for the Mojave, the Kalahari, the Nubian, the Sahara and other deserts:

"Even the wilderness and desert will rejoice in those days, the desert will blossom with flowers. Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy! The deserts will become as green as the Lebanon mountains, as lovely as Mount Carmel's pastures and

Sharon's meadows; for the Eternal will display his glory there, the excellency of our God . . . Springs will burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the deserts" (Isaiah 35:1, 2, 6).

Have you ever wondered what the United States looked like during the days of Lewis and Clark, Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone when this land was virgin wilderness — when prairie grass reached up to a horse's bridle and game was abundant and the rivers were flowing with pristine water and the air was pure and fresh, laden with the sweet fragrance of blossoming trees and flowers?

Well, that is what today's deserts will be like in the World Tomorrow. They will become beautiful, rich and productive land — land waiting to be pioneered, settled, and developed.

Talk about thrills, opportunities and excitement! Now *there* is something worth working for — something far more valuable than anything the hippies, yuppies or any other dissenting group of young people ever hope to achieve or even dare to dream about.

### YOUR Opportunity?

Now **WHO** do you think will have these fantastic opportunities? Who do you think will be building and living in these fabulous new homes? Who do you think will be constructing and inhabiting these new cities of the future? Who do you think will be the pioneers in developing the vast areas of the earth which are just wastelands today?

Who do you think will be the physical *leaders* in this bright New World? The uneducated pygmies from the rain forests of Africa? The aborigines of Australia?

Obviously not! Over a period of years, as they become rightly educated, these people will share in the blessings and prosperity of the New World. But at the beginning, the leaders will have to be those who *already* have a certain degree of education, knowledge and understanding.

Because of the privileged part of the world you live in today, **YOU** could be used as such a leader — if you are willing to qualify.

But *how*? What can you do to make

sure that you *personally* have a part in Tomorrow's World?

And what about the troublesome days just ahead — *before* this happy New World begins? Is there anything you can do to receive protection? And if so, *what*?

These are serious questions, young men and women, and you need to understand.

### God Interested in Young People

God is interested in strong, active, alert, intelligent, dynamic, normal people!

And He is very much interested in *young people*.

Consider.

As a human being, Jesus Christ never reached middle age.

The prophet Jeremiah was a young man when God called him — about 17 years old. That's right, just a teen-ager. Listen to what Jeremiah said when God gave him a job to do: " 'O Lord God,' I said, 'I can't do that! I'm far too young! I'm only a youth'" (Jer. 1:6, *Living Prophecies* series).

The evangelist Timothy was also probably in his teens when God started to work with him.

Samuel began to do small tasks and chores around the temple while he was a child, probably only seven or eight years old.

The disciples were robust, strong, hard-muscled young men — among them sailors and fishermen, who can be a pretty salty lot. Yet they were willing to recognize Christ as their leader, their superior. Christ must have been an awful lot of man!

God wants young people to enjoy life and to live it to the full. This is why He inspired Solomon to set down certain principles to help young people avoid some of the heartbreaking, unhappy, life-wrecking mistakes that are so easy to make.

Again and again throughout the Proverbs He says, "Listen, my son, to instruction and wisdom . . ." God doesn't want you to make mistakes which will

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# Are YOU willing to CHANGE ?

Your very LIFE during the next few years depends upon your willingness to CHANGE! Your ETERNITY depends on what you do with revealed TRUTH. Read this article — HEED this article!

by Roderick C. Meredith

WITHIN the next several years, additional multiplied TENS OF MILLIONS of Americans and Britons will have become *regular listeners* of the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast. They will be talking about the unique and vital MESSAGE of this broadcast in their homes and at the office or factory.

Hundreds of thousands — no, MILLIONS — are *already* talking about *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, and about the strong, straight-from-the-shoulder Bible articles appearing in THIS magazine, TOMORROW'S WORLD!

The MILLIONS have read booklets and articles showing the real truth about the very existence of their divine Heavenly Father, the CREATOR, who gives them every breath — and have seen the utter ludicrousness of the evolutionary fantasy. And many, many government leaders, educators, lawyers, judges, corporation executives and leading entertainment figures are numbered among those who have heard, who have read, and who have wondered.

*Already*, the millions LISTEN, and they READ, and they TALK.

Each year, they are joined by yet additional MILLIONS of human beings, *around the whole broad earth*, being affected by this Work!

Yes, they LISTEN, and they READ, and they TALK — but what will they do? What will YOU do?

God says: "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, *but they will NOT do them:* for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: *for they hear thy words, but they DO THEM NOT.* And when this cometh to pass, (lo, *it WILL come,*) THEN *shall they KNOW that a prophet hath been among them*" (Ezek. 33:31-33).

What is it going to take to make *you*, personally, KNOW that a PROPHET of Almighty God is *speaking to you* over *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast?

What is it going to take to make *you* HEED and ACT on the knowledge you are receiving through *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD*? How much will our prophesied national PUNISHMENT have to affect YOU, *personally*, before you are willing to CHANGE your ways and OBEY GOD?

For that is the "key," you know, *your willingness to CHANGE.*

Most thinking people are *convicted* by what they hear over the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and read in the pages of *TOMORROW'S WORLD* — they know it is RIGHT. But they *resist* and *resent* having to CHANGE their human way of life!

Yet, in *this age* above all others, your willingness to CHANGE and *accept* and *obey* the TRUTH God is revealing through His servants in these end times is the key to your very survival — *now and forever!* Before much longer you will be able to see that this is not just a sentimental idea — it is a FACT!

## Your ATTITUDE — The Key to Survival

Down through the ages, every true servant of God has preached a message of CHANGE. This is simply because the people of the world have *always* tended to go the way of human nature — the way of *vanity, selfishness, lust, hate and war.*

Almost as if with one voice, those faithful men of God have *cried out* about the national crimes and sins of their peoples — NOT ONLY in "righteous indignation" or "wrath," but out of DEEP, PERSONAL CONCERN! Ezekiel cried, "WHY WILL YE DIE, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?" (Ezek. 18:31) and Jeremiah lamented, "For he [God] doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men" (Lamentations 3:33).

Great PATRIOTS all, they *saw*, with keen insight, the sickening excesses and sins of their people. They *saw*, through GOD'S special revelation, the prophesied PUNISHMENTS those people were quite literally *bringing on themselves.* And they URGED their people, whom they



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Today's society is becoming more "broad-minded" about what constitutes sin. The liberal-thinking "hippies" know change is necessary — but change to what?

loved, and wanted with all their hearts to SERVE, to REPENT of their sins — to CHANGE!

They answered the continual cry of people with myriad sins and problems — people who said, "He's only bad-mouthing the nation, and he never offers solutions!" They DID offer solutions! Vast, far-reaching SOLUTIONS to world problems, and to the problems of individuals, by giving God's own ANSWER to those problems!

The answer is to REPENT — to be willing to CHANGE. For to repent not only means to be sorry — *it means to be so sorry you are willing to QUIT* doing that which is wrong and to TURN AROUND and go the other way! True repentance involves a REAL CHANGE.

Preparing for Christ's first coming, John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judaea saying, "REPENT ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:1-2).

Soon after, Jesus began His own ministry preaching the Gospel of the coming GOVERNMENT or rule of God. He

proclaimed: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14-15).

Again and again, Jesus warned the people that the ONLY way they could be saved was to REPENT of the ways, the habits and customs of the people around them and begin OBEYING God. He warned: "I tell you, Nay: but, *except ye REPENT, ye shall all likewise perish*" (Luke 13:3, 5).

As the New Testament Church began, the inspired Peter set forth the way to salvation: "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). And again: "REPENT ye therefore, and be CONVERTED, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

The very word "convert" is a chemical term meaning to CHANGE.

To be spiritually converted, a person

must be genuinely, *actively* SORRY and REPENTANT for his past disobedience to the true God, and then he must CHANGE his way of life, his habits and customs and actions to conform to GOD's will.

Haven't you noticed that the articles in TOMORROW'S WORLD magazine are constantly showing you habits, customs and beliefs of *this world* which are CONTRARY to the commands of God? What about the DAYS you should keep holy? What about the REWARD — the true GOAL — of the Christian? What about the constant exhortations to *surrender your will* to OBEY the Commandments of God — ALL TEN of them? What about the instructions on how to actually LIVE by EVERY word of God?

Are you really DOING something about this precious knowledge God is giving you?

#### Too "Weak" to CHANGE?

Following is a letter — typical of many — from a man who KNOWS he should change. Notice: "I greatly

appreciate the literature you have sent me for the past two years. I have learned a lot of things and perhaps I have come close to giving my whole self to God. It's too bad that I fell short. Since I am going to Oklahoma State University this fall, I think that your material that you have been sending me would go to waste. I can plainly see that the materialistic pull and social influence — especially my roommates' — would cause me to put it aside. As you may probably see, I am not too worried about God's wrath. I put the matter aside and think, 'God will pull me through sooner or later.'

"At least I know where to run when the times get bad. That is almost like getting something for nothing, isn't it? I have no excuse. I have seen the truth and ignored it. At least you won't find me in a campus demonstration. I'm not disenchanted and looking for an answer to man's ills. I have found the answer through your Work. I'm not confused, I'm just sinful. It's a pity that your literature had to be wasted. I am just a typical human." M. S., Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Do you too resist having to CHANGE? Does it seem *too difficult* to you to CHANGE from *your way* of life to GOD'S way of life?

You need to realize that this is a WRONG part of human nature which in itself *needs to be repented* of! GOD says, "The heart is DECEITFUL *above all things*, and DESPERATELY WICKED: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9.)

God is here describing the kind of human nature He gave YOU!

You DON'T LIKE to change! You DON'T LIKE to have to admit that *your religion* or *your ways* may have been wrong.

Notice this striking description of the human mind in Professor James Harvey Robinson's enlightening and popular book, *The Mind in the Making*: "We are incredibly heedless in the formation of our beliefs, but find ourselves with an illicit passion for them when anyone proposes to rob us of their companionship. It is obviously not the ideas that threaten themselves that are dear to us, but our self-esteem which is threatened. . . . The little word *my* is the most important one in human affairs, and

properly to reckon with it is the beginning of wisdom. It has the same force whether it is *my* dinner, *my* dog, *my* house, or *my* faith, *my* country and *my* God. We not only resent the imputation that our watch is wrong, or our car shabby, but that our conception of the canals of Mars, or the pronunciation of 'Epictetus,' or the medicinal value of salicine, or of the date of Sargon I, are subject to revision. . . . We like to continue to believe what we have been accustomed to accept as true, and the resentment aroused when doubt is cast upon any of our assumptions leads us to seek every manner of excuse for clinging to it. The result is that most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do."

Isn't that a classic illustration of the human mind — YOUR MIND?

Now notice what GOD says about the natural, fleshly mind of man: "Because the *carnal mind* is ENMITY against God: for it is NOT *subject to the LAW OF GOD, neither indeed can be*" (Rom. 8:7). And in the previous verse, God says that "to be carnally minded is DEATH."

So the Bible shows that the very KEY to your survival is your willingness to REPENT of your *own ways* and CHANGE your own ideas, customs and beliefs so that they REALLY correspond with GOD'S ways and teachings as revealed in your Bible.

### God's Truth Brings RESPONSIBILITY

God has shown *millions* of you that this is His Work — that Mr. Armstrong is *His true minister*. Over the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast and in the pages of TOMORROW'S WORLD, you are constantly challenged in plain, clear terms to OBEY the Ten Commandments LITERALLY as God intended, to keep His days holy, to come out of PAGAN religious observances, customs and traditions. But most of you just sit back and listen and say: "Well, I agree with Mr. Armstrong, but I don't see that there is anything I need to do about it."

But God says: "For not the *bearers* of the law are just before God, but the DOERS of the law shall be justified"

(Rom. 2:13). Again, God says: "Therefore to him that KNOWETH to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is SIN" (James 4:17).

In the main, you regular readers of TOMORROW'S WORLD really KNOW what you should be doing. You *know* that you should begin ACTING on the knowledge you have been learning through God's Work. You *know* that even more precious knowledge of God's TRUTH is available by studying the *free* booklets we offer on many subjects. You *know* that you can be fed even more spiritual truths by taking and acting on the *Ambassador College Correspondence Course*.

You KNOW where the truth is available. You KNOW that there is no one else on earth today who is really making the Bible PLAIN — and the big *major* events in world happenings PLAIN and CLEAR in their *definite, prophetic significance!*

### Will You ACT While There Is TIME?

How are you going to feel when things you've been reading about suddenly come to fruition in front of your very eyes? When you see the chaos we have described in Britain and America all around you, and perhaps hear rumors that a united Europe may be preparing to attack us with hydrogen bombs and rockets?

How are you going to feel when you have KNOWN about these things all the time — have KNOWN that you ought to begin to *obey God* and ACT on this knowledge He was revealing to you — but have just sluggishly or stubbornly refused to CHANGE your ways and come under His protection in time?

Are you going to react like the fellow who wrote us this letter? "I'm not a Christian. It takes a man to be one of them. I don't pray, I never prayed in my life. I had a chance to join a church but the way they put it across didn't seem right to me. I had a good chance to go the way of evolution but it didn't seem right. When the truth did come along I wasn't so dumb that I didn't recognize it. I help support this Work financially because I believe in it 100%. But, please don't think that I pray. I can't

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# WHAT ABOUT BAPTISM?

*Are you sick of yourself — your way — the world's way? Do you abhor what your life has been? Do you want to change? Are you changing? If your answers are, "Yes!" then there is something more you must do.*

by Clint C. Zimmerman

**W**HEN finally you come to see just how far short you fall — how utterly unsuccessful and useless you are when compared to Christ — it is time to take positive action!

Seeing the *self* for what it really is begins repentance.

To determinedly begin constructive changes — to embark on growing in good character — is the natural consequence.

Is this happening to you? If you grasp the fact that you really need to CHANGE, and are in the process, you must seriously question "What's next?" God commands *another* step!

That next step is *BAPTISM!*

## Absolutely Free Gift

Baptism brings together, in symbolic grandeur, three wonderful gifts: 1) the precious BLOOD of Christ, 2) the WATER of regeneration, 3) the HOLY SPIRIT. Everything in this magnificent picture is *absolutely free!* There is no way to pay for it. It cannot be earned.

Christ generously offered His body and blood in the supreme sacrifice. This offering is great enough to cover the sins of all mankind. Staggering as it

may seem, all of *your* sins may be washed away in the blood of Christ (Heb. 10:10; Rev. 1:5).

Cleansed of guilt — white as snow, pure as wool — we are admonished to "... go right in, to God Himself, with true hearts fully trusting Him to receive us, because we have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and because we have been washed with ... pure water" (Heb. 10:22, *The Living New Testament*) — ready to live a new life empowered by the Holy Spirit.

## Christ Commands You!

Baptism is an essential "doorway" in the corridor to salvation.

Jesus, Himself, has set the pattern. His followers *baptized* even more people than did John the Baptist (John 4:1).

Later, after His resurrection, He pointedly commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel worldwide and baptize all believers (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16).

On the day that the New Testament Christian Church was established, conscience-stricken converts implored the apostles to tell what must be done to get right with God. On the authority of Christ, Peter gave an immediate, deci-

sive, conclusive but simple answer, "Repent, and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). Three thousand were baptized that day.

Philip continued the same practice (Acts 8). Paul, much later, carried right on without deviation from the established example (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12). Ever since that fateful day, God's ministers have held to exactly the same ceremony.

No one — EVER — has been given authority to change any part of the procedure. For any man, or group of men, to introduce any change is totally unwarranted. More, it is insolent presumptuousness, if not flagrant rebelliousness.

There has been *no Scriptural change whatsoever*. We should still be practicing the very same rite, in the very same way, for the very same reason, on the very same kind of people today!

Nonetheless, men *have* introduced human ideas, human changes.

## Sprinkle or Splash?

God could have inspired another word than the Greek *baptizo* to be used in discussing this important topic if He had not wished to perfectly picture the THREEFOLD meaning of *WASHING, BURIAL* and *RESURRECTION* (Rom. 6:4-5).

For example, the words *ekcheo*, *proscheo* and *katacheo* all come from the root *cheo* which means to POUR OUT. They are used in such scriptures as John 2:15; Acts 2:17-18; Revelation 16:1-4 ff; Hebrews 11:28; Matthew



26:7 and Mark 14:3 in reference to pouring out money, the Holy Spirit, vials of wrath, a box of ointment or sprinkling the blood of sacrifice. Some churches pour or splash water at their "baptisms," erroneously thinking this is what God means when He says *baptizo*.

Another word, *rantizo*, is used in Hebrews 9:13, 19, 21; 10:22; 12:24 and I Peter 1:2 where it means, as it always does, to SPRINKLE. Some churches sprinkle (*rantizo*) thinking they are baptizing (*baptizo*). The words just do not say the same thing. They are *entirely different!*

God inspired the Greek word *baptizo* to be used in *every* case when His Scripture deals with BAPTISM. This word is NEVER translated by the English word "sprinkle." It does mean to "wash" or "bathe" but by DIPPING, SUBMERGING, IMMERSING. It is used as a figure of speech to indicate being *overwhelmed*. It is used classically when speaking of people swimming and a ship sinking. You can't swim in the outpouring of a handful of water. A ship can't sink in a splash. A body can't be buried in a sprinkling of anything — water or dirt.

Baptism simply has no connection with sprinkling or pouring. Other words are used for those meanings.

### The Picture

Baptism pictures the complete covering of a dead body by placing it in a watery grave. But there is much more to the picture.

Even as the "old, dead body" of the convert is entombed in baptism it is being literally washed — cleansed. This COMPLETE washing of the exterior symbolizes the internal — mental — moral — washing and regeneration of the mind. A readying for an altogether new man to be resurrected to an altogether new life.

To adequately capture and portray this simple yet complex picture, John the Baptist went to Aenon to baptize "because there was MUCH WATER there" (John 3:23).

When Jesus was baptized we are expressly told that He "went UP... OUT OF the water" (Matt. 3:16). He had been DOWN IN IT! Read Matthew 3:13-17 putting "immersed"

where the word "baptized" occurs — for we have already seen that is exactly what the original language means — and it all becomes very clear.

For an additional and clinching illustration notice that Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch both "WENT DOWN INTO" and came "UP OUT OF THE WATER" in order to properly accomplish the baptism (Acts 8:38-40).

### Into the Family

Some people are mixed up about the simple, straightforward instructions of Christ in Matthew 28:19. The phrase, "... in the name of the Father... Son, and... Holy Spirit" gives them trouble.

Don't allow the little word "in" to confuse you as it does them.

The Greek word is a bit more distinct and should better have been translated "into." Christ is simply stating that baptism places the convert in — or into — the family name of God. Remember, Peter has told us those who repent and are baptized will receive the Spirit of God (Acts 2:38). Those led by the Spirit of God are the *Sons* of God (Rom. 8:14). The receipt of the Holy Spirit makes the converted person part of the *Family* of God. "... We are the *children* of God... joint *heirs* with Christ..." (Rom. 8:16-17). Christ is not ashamed to call us *brethren* (Heb. 2:11). These words depict a FAMILY relationship! We are made a part of the Family of God. It is natural then that we are to have *the* NAME of God. We are baptized INTO the very same name — it is also a title — which describes the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The name is GOD! ONE name fits the entire family. Having this one name does not at all detract from the wonderful name of Jesus.

When we have God's Spirit, we are His and Christ is in us (Rom. 8:9-10). We now have the same MIND and we think like He does (Phil. 2:2, 5). Christ lives in us (Gal. 2:20). We now begin to live like the rest of the family of God, for we have been placed in — put INTO — it!

### In Whose Name?

Jesus built His Church and set up an organized ministry to run it (Eph. 4:11-13). His chosen ones act in His

stead. What they do is as if it had been done personally by the Christ (John 13:20). He impressed this fact firmly insofar as baptism is concerned. Jesus did NOT baptize, He had His disciples *do it for Him*, i.e. IN OR BY HIS AUTHORITY (John 4:2). They acted in His stead or *in His name!* No baptism is legal except it be done by the authority of Jesus Christ — *IN HIS NAME!*

### Spiritual Counsel

Christ *has given* this responsibility to His ministry. Not all, who think themselves ready for baptism, are. It demands mature profound evaluation. It must not be taken lightly. It's not for children. John the Baptist sent many of the Pharisees of his day a-packing when they presented themselves to him. He unabashedly advised them to *go do* the things which would *prove to him* they were actually ready (Luke 3:7-8).

Seriously consider, even if you have already been baptized, that it *may not* be valid. Such has happened to others. Simon Magus believed the message the deacon, Philip, preached. But his subsequent baptism proved to be only a dunking. When the more discerning Peter and John surveyed the situation they summarily refused to lay hands on the unrepentant Simon (Acts 8:13, 21-23). Many people today would arrogantly conclude that no minister has the right to question their "spiritual" actions.

But note that the now more experienced Philip correctly decided the Ethiopian eunuch was ready for baptism (Acts 8:36-37). Just so, Ananias told Saul (who became the Apostle Paul) that it was *now time* for him to be baptized (Acts 22:16).

God's ministers *have* spiritual discernment (I Cor. 2:14; 12:10). They are qualified to determine whether or not the convert is truly repentant and ready to be baptized. More than likely there is a true minister of God living near you who would be more than happy to help you evaluate your spiritual condition. He can help you to better understand yourself and what God expects of you. If you want his valuable counsel, write immediately and tell us. We will place you in contact just as soon as we possibly can. □

# Why is God the Father called a Father?

Why should Christians call God "Father"? Why should we pray, "Our Father which art in heaven..."? Is the term a title, an anthropomorphism, a description, a theological euphemism, a comforting thought? Is God called Father because He's the collective Father of all mankind by virtue of creation? Is God REALLY OUR FATHER?

by David Jon Hill

CATECHISM, the Apostles' Creed and Jewish thought all point to God as Father — each with different interpretations and understanding. Long and eloquent are the comments and reasonings of Bible commentaries and dictionaries. Every analogy possible is explored and exploited to expound the vast scope of the awe-inspiring term "Father" — often ending in enthusiastic, but frustratingly impotent statements like, "... The glory intimated by the fact that we are to be called the sons of God is too glorious for us to comprehend the depth, nay the height, of its meaning."

Every analogy is magnified, examined in detail, verbalized: God is the Creator, the Beginner, the One who caused us to have life — and so is called our Father. He is Benefactor, Provider, Protector. He is Love-giver, Law-giver and Forgiver, Punisher of sins, Rewarder of virtue, Maker of angels (and so *their* Father by creation), true and actual Father of Jesus Christ *the* Son of God.

God the Father is our Father in *every* way, and we are His sons in *every* way....

EVERY WAY BUT ONE!

*That one?* TO BE GOD AS GOD IS GOD. That God is our Father because He is actively and presently in the process of begetting and bringing sons to birth, sons to be born in His image, spiritually perfect as He is perfect, everliving as He is everliving, God as He is God — the purpose of all creation, the goal of human life, *the* plan of God!

Blasphemy?

Don't be too hasty in your judgment. Don't, as ancient Israel *did* before you — *don't limit God!* (Psalm 78:41.) Read on. See what the Old and New Testaments of *your* Bible have to say on this most important question: Why is God the Father called a Father? Read what prophets and apostles of God alike tell us is *the plan of God*. Read what Jesus said, says and will say!

Jesus had this problem when He was here on earth some two thousand years ago! The way He answered the scribes,

Pharisees and Sadducees of His time — the scriptures He used are *still there*. They still mean the same thing *today* that they meant in that yesterday, and they will mean the same thing *forever!* (Hebrews 13:8.) No, they were NOT scriptures that just applied to Jesus alone! Remember when Jesus said, "Is it not written in your law, I said, YE ARE GODS? [Jesus here quoted from Psalm 82:6.] If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken, say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified... Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?" (John 10:34-36.)

What got everyone upset was not that He taught His disciples to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven..." (Matthew 6:9). All the people of the Book, Israelites and Jews alike, considered God as their Father. "... Israel is my son, even my firstborn" (Exodus 4:22). "... O foolish people and unwise, is not he thy father that hath bought

thee? hath he not made [created] thee, and established thee?" (Deuteronomy 32:6). They knew the scripture which says, "Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting" (Isaiah 63:16).

Also, "But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter, and we all are the work of thy hand" (Isaiah 64:8). The beautiful *analogy* was accepted by everyone. The *idea* of thinking of God as *Fatherlike* was everyone's doctrine. It was much like today — *Hastings' Bible Dictionary* says, "... Jesus taught His followers to *think of themselves as sons of God.*" The common thought of the day was NOT what Jesus had in mind when He taught them to pray, "Our Father..." Neither did Jesus at any time in His life teach His followers to conjure up the nice spiritual feeling of thinking of themselves "AS IF" they were sons of God!

What stirred people up was that Jesus *literally* meant what He said. And what He said was, "I and *my* Father are *one*" (John 10:30). THAT is what triggered the charge of *blasphemy!* THAT is what drove His listeners to attempt to *stone* Him!

And people have not changed in two thousand years. People still get stirred up and snort, "Blasphemy!" when they hear a follower of Jesus Christ and His Father say that he *literally* believes Jesus' prayerful statement to His Father, spoken on that day He was sacrificed for us, when He said, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that *they* may be ONE, *as we are!*" (John 17:11.)

### Jesus, the ONLY Begotten

The Apostle John, explaining about Jesus Christ, the Word of God, pointed out that He was God from the beginning and had always existed before His human birth (John 1:1). (If you do not understand that Jesus was the God of the Old Testament, please send immediately for our *free* reprint "Who and What Was Jesus Before His Human Birth?") John went on to point out that everything that we see around us in creation was made by that One we call

Jesus (John 1:3). And further, that God was *made flesh* and dwelt with human beings on the face of the earth — referring to Him as "the only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14, 18).

That Jesus Christ was and is the Son of God is a cardinal point of doctrine upon which all Christianity rests. No one who calls himself a Christian can at the same time deny that Jesus Christ was and is the Son of God.

One who had been God became man! That Jesus of Nazareth, "Who, existing in the form of God [ASV], did not cling to his prerogatives as God's equal [Phillips]: but emptied himself [of his glory] [ASV & Conybeare] and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross [KJV]." (Philippians 2:6-8 — several translations are used here to make the meaning of the original Greek more clear in today's language.) That same Jesus who *was* God, yet also was *with* God from the beginning, was also the One who confounded His fellow countrymen by saying, "Before Abraham was, I *am*" (John 8:58). And by explaining to them that He was both the LORD of and yet also the son of David (Matthew 22:41-46), Jesus Christ was actually telling them that *God had become a human being.* This was the same Jesus who emptied Himself of the glory of *being* God (John 17:5) and became a *human* being, fleshly, subject to death.

That God *could* become a human being, subject to death, subject to all of the manifold temptations of physical man (as Christ was) was and is totally unacceptable to Jewish thinking — so they rejected outright the claim of Jesus of Nazareth that He *was* the Son of God. Now, before you judge that rejection too harshly, let us remember that the vast majority of those who call themselves Christian reject outright as blasphemy and consider unthinkable the fact that human beings can become God! So we have on the one hand a great body of people who deny that God can become man and, on the other hand, a greater body of people who deny that man can become God!

In fulfilling the prophecies which looked forward to the coming of the Son of man, the Messiah in His *first* coming, His humble, rejected-of-men coming, Jesus became the ONLY begotten Son of His Father in heaven. He fulfilled what Isaiah prophesied (Isa. 7:14). What so many of the other prophets looked forward to as well — that is: a human baby was formed by the power of the Spirit of God (Matt. 1:18) in the womb of a virgin, and so was the ONLY human being who ever had or ever will have the Father in heaven be the one who engendered Him in the womb. In this way Jesus is the ONLY begotten Son of God the Father.

### Jesus, The FIRSTborn

Regeneration — new birth — being begotten — being born again into the Kingdom of God are all principles with which every Bible scholar is familiar. Jesus explained to Nicodemus that in order to gain God's Kingdom human beings have to be *born again.* He very patiently explained to him that it was *not a physical* rebirth that He was talking about, but a newborn SPIRIT being (John 3, especially verse 3). There are so many scriptures going over the details of this doctrine as Jesus explained it to Nicodemus that it is difficult to pick any one to explain this spiritual change, regeneration, new birth. Yet of any chapter in the Bible, perhaps Romans 8 best explains how it is that human beings become the Sons of God in *every* sense of that expression.

This chapter begins by showing that as physical human beings with carnal minds in our present fleshly state we cannot obey the Laws of God and please Him. First of all we have to have a sacrifice to pay for the sins which demand our death, and then receive a new mind, a changed mind, a spiritually, rather than a physically, oriented mind so that we can begin to think and act and live like God our Father in heaven, or as Paul better puts it, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

The Father's Spirit, God tells us, joins with *our* spirit and proves to us that we are the sons of God (verse 16). It

goes on to show that by joining His Spirit with ours, God does not *immediately* bring us into His Kingdom, His Family, but that we have to live through experiences, which in many cases are *painful*, to *develop character*, to bring us to *maturity* (Matthew 5:48) so that we can finally be *born* as the Sons of God. Comforting advice is given to show us that despite all the trials and difficulties we have to endure while we are still human beings, "...we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his purpose*" (Romans 8:28). Paul goes on to explain in verse 29 that the purpose of God according to which *true Christians* have been called is that *we might be sons of God as Christ is a Son of God, born into the Kingdom and Family of God as Christ was born into the Kingdom and Family of God!* And so it is that Jesus, the Captain of our salvation, is called the "FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN."

That is, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the *only* human being to be begotten in the womb of a woman by God the Father in heaven, is the *first* human being to become a Son of God by the resurrection from the dead! (Romans 1:4.)

#### BUT ONLY THE FIRST!

Any human being, by exercising the power of the Spirit of God, can join that Firstborn Son in God's Kingdom once he is called by God the Father.

It was from the beginning the plan of our great God — the *source* of outgoing concern, the *source* of love — to SHARE His eternal life, with all its joy and majesty! Speaking of Christ, Paul quoted the Book of Psalms and wrote, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him" (Hebrews 2:6-8). Certainly we recognize that all things *are* in subjection to Jesus Christ! We all remember the scripture quoting Jesus, after His resur-

rection explaining to His disciples, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18). Notice in reading this quote that Paul cites from Psalms that it is *not just* the Son of Man (Jesus) who is being talked about, but MANKIND. That God created *mankind* with the ultimate purpose of sharing His own rulership of all things is manifest by these verses. Christ is not the *only One* to have Sonship in the Kingdom of God — all of mankind was created with that purpose in mind.

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him [this *Him*, you will notice in the context, is *not* referring to Jesus Christ, but to God, the *Father* of Jesus Christ], for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in BRINGING MANY SONS UNTO GLORY, to make the captain of their salvation [this is referring to Jesus Christ] perfect through sufferings" (Hebrews 2:9-10). Yes, God the Father *intends*, it is His *will* and *purpose* to ADD MANY SONS to His Kingdom, His Family, to have the SAME GLORY that the Captain of their salvation, Jesus Christ, now enjoys. It is in this context that Jesus refers to called-out human beings as *brethren* (verse 11). *Really* brethren — not just *called* brethren.

#### "In the Beginning..."

In the first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1, God introduces Himself to mankind as the Almighty Creator. In the English translation of the Hebrew it is unfortunate that the term "God" is used because it does not describe fully the Hebrew word from which it is translated. The word *God* conveys the idea that *one* being or individual is involved. It is singular. In the Hebrew it is *not* singular!

*God introduced Himself to mankind with a PLURAL name!*

God uses this plural name exclusively over and over throughout the first chapter of Genesis and through verse 3 of chapter 2. That plural word in the Hebrew is "*Elohim*." In English we use "s" as a pluralizing letter on words. In Hebrew they use "im" as a pluralizing

form. In some cases this is confusing. One example of this is in Genesis 3 and verse 24 where the Hebrew word "*Cherubim*" is transliterated from the Hebrew. In order to make people understand that there is more than one individual involved, this word is Anglicized and spelled "*Cherubims*"! Although this conveys the idea to English-speaking people that there was more than one Cherub involved — and so helps us understand the original language in which the Bible was written — it is also misleading in the sense that this practice is not consistently exercised *throughout* the Bible.

If the translators had been *consistent* with this form of translating, then the first verse of your Bible would read, "In the beginning *ElohimS*..." So the word translated *God* in Genesis 1 — *Elohim* in the Hebrew — means the Everliving, Eternal Creating, All Powerful, Governing *Family* — Kingdom of God. *Elohim does mean ONE God not many Gods* — but *that One God is a KINGDOM!* It is similar to God's Church. There is but *one true Church* — *ONE Church*, but *MANY members!* (I Cor. 12:20.)

#### The Greatest Creation

As far as is revealed in your Bible there are only *two* Beings presently in God's Kingdom — the Ones we call God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. Those *two*, in that beginning chapter of Genesis said, "And God [*Elohim*] said, Let us make man in OUR image, after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26.)

Mankind at that time was created physically in the form of God — "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). He did *not* have eternal life, or immortal life, at that time, but, as God said to him, "DUST *thou* art, and unto dust shalt *thou* return" (Gen. 3:19). *Physical* creation was completed in the record we read in Genesis 1, but the greatest creation — the very *purpose* for the physical creation — was *not* complete. The great process of *Spiritual* Creation was just *begun* with the creation of two human beings to produce the entire race

of mankind which was to be offered Sonship in the Kingdom of God!

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has said:

"The PURPOSE of life is that in us God is really re-creating His own kind — reproducing Himself after His own kind — for we are, upon real conversion, actually begotten as sons (yet unborn) of God; then through study of God's revelation and His Word, living by His every word, constant prayer, daily experience with trials and testing, we grow spiritually more and more like God, until, at the time of the resurrection we shall be instantaneously changed from mortal into immortal — we shall then be born of God — WE SHALL THEN BE GOD!"

### The Father Greater Than The Son

When Jesus Christ was here on this earth as a human being He constantly referred to the Gospel of His Father — the Gospel of the Kingdom of God — constantly turned people's attention to the fact that there *was* a Father. He revealed the Father. He never hesitated to show that He could do nothing except the Father guide, lead, support and sustain Him (John 5:19, 30). He said, "*My Father is GREATER than I*" (John 14:28).

Just as some human beings have greater jobs, responsibilities and authority than other human beings, so it is that that great God called Father has the greatest responsibility of ANY being — is greater in every way than *any other being*. Jesus Christ, who is next in responsibility, authority and office to His Father is joyfully, willingly and properly submissively fulfilling His responsibilities as second in command in the great God Family. Jesus gladly admits the Father's superiority. He focuses all *His* called-out ones' attention to that fact. He does not chafe under that authority but lives in perfect harmony with it.

It was through Jesus Christ in a *total unanimity* with His Father that all things were created — the invisible things as well as the visible, that is, great spirit beings such as angels and Cherubim. It was *that* Jesus who by living His perfect life example through the power of the Holy Spirit *showed* us, *manifested* to us, *made visible* to us what the INVISIBLE GOD IS LIKE! It is

that *same* Jesus whom God has made the Head of the body He calls the Church. That same Jesus who is the *firstborn* from the dead — the first to receive total Sonship in the Kingdom of God (Col. 1:15-18).

### The Son's Responsibility

Let's briefly review the magnificent and glorious responsibilities and activities of Jesus Christ. Ask yourself the question as we do so — what *greater* thing can the Father do? By Bible definition, Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God, was the One who spoke, and all the great universe we see came into being. It was He as well that created the vast world of spirit beings that we do not see. It was He who called out Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It was Christ who called Israel out of the bondage in Egypt. It was Jesus who spoke the Ten Commandments from Mount Sinai. It was Christ who chose David to be King of Israel. It was this same Jesus who sent Israel and later Judah into exile and captivity, wandering over the face of the earth, as a result of their having turned aside from His true way.

*This* was the Jesus who came, born of a virgin, begotten by God, who lived an entire lifetime perfectly within the Spirit of God's Law, died as a perfect sacrifice, shedding His blood, pouring out His life — having already emptied Himself of being God, He now emptied Himself even of His human life. He gave His life's blood to pay for our transgressions, our spiritual sins, He gave His body, beaten, pummelled and bruised as a payment for our physical sins, so that we might be healed. (Have you ever wondered why the sacrifice of Christ can pay for the sins of all the world? Well obviously, if all the world and all that are in it and all of the created spirit beings and everything we know about was created by *that* one Life, then the payment of that Life was certainly sufficient!) *This same* Jesus, God the Father in heaven, by the power of the Holy Spirit, resurrected from the grave to be His firstborn Son.

This same Jesus began God's *one* true Church on the day of Pentecost in 31 A.D. This same Jesus has been *with* that same Church all these years, and death and the grave have not prevailed

on that little flock, as He promised. This same Jesus is coming *again* as King of kings and Lord of lords to rule, on this earth, all the nations in the wonderful World Tomorrow, which is just around the corner!

If Christ, then, did all of these great things and fulfills these magnificent prophecies — what *greater* things is it that the Father does? THE FATHER BEGETS AND BRINGS TO BIRTH VERY SONS OF GOD! Jesus Christ does *not* beget us as the Sons of God, THE FATHER DOES. Of course it is only *through* Jesus Christ that we *know about* the Father, that we can go before the Father, our sins paid for by Christ's blood.

### Father and Son = Perfect Unison

Jesus Christ, *with* His Father, in a PERFECT UNISON, works out the purpose for which creation was made. But only God the *Father* can beget sons! And *each one* of those sons He begets and brings to birth in His Kingdom is *worth more* than ALL the creation we see and do not see put together! And so God the Father is greater than Jesus Christ (and remember *I* didn't say it, *Jesus Christ did!* [John 14:28]) in that *this* God is the Father of *that* God we call Jesus Christ the Son — AND the Father of all the *other brothers* of Jesus Christ to be born at the resurrection into that glorious Kingdom, called GOD. And Jesus Christ, as any true Son of God, is the *first* to admit that His Father is greater than He — the last to want it to be any other way!

Listen to this statement from the Apostle John as translated by J. B. Phillips in his New Testament in modern English: "Consider the incredible love that the Father has shown us in allowing us to be called 'children of God' — and that is not just what we are called, but what we *are*. Our heredity on the Godward side is no mere figure of speech — which explains why the world no more recognizes us than it recognized Christ. (I John 3:1.) Continuing in the King James — "Beloved, now are we the sons of God [begotten now, but not yet born] and it doth not yet appear what we shall be [that is, the manifestation of the Sons of God, the *time* in which they will appear, has not yet come — Romans 8:23]: but we

know that, *when* he shall appear [that is at the second coming of Jesus Christ to be King of kings and Lord of lords], WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

No human being can see God *as He is* and live. Even Moses, who was permitted to see God, saw Him only from behind, and God in His mercy would not allow him to see Him as He is! But at the time of the resurrection — when the promise of God the Father comes to pass and we are born from the grave — when our mortality puts on immortality and our corruption puts on incorruption — when we are changed from flesh to spirit and we become the living Sons of the Living God — when we become GOD AS GOD IS GOD, GOD AS JESUS CHRIST IS GOD — THEN we will be able to see Jesus Christ just like He really is in all His spiritual splendor and glory!

### The Example Oneness of Father and Son

That perfect unison that God the Father and Jesus the Son work in by the power of their Holy Spirit is fascinating to behold. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). And yet Jesus also said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). God the Father on His throne in heaven — active, living and in charge of His entire Family — decides *whom He wants to call when*. He causes those individuals to be drawn to Jesus Christ, His Son. Jesus Christ in turn directs them to the Father in heaven!

*What beauty! What unity!*

We do not see *here* any conflict between Father and Son. We do *not* see a Jesus Christ who this world teaches rebelled against His Father and recommended some different way. We see total agreement and unity, peace and the perfect work of SPIRITUAL CREATION of which the Father is in charge.

Believe it or not, the time of *your* salvation is in the hand of God the Father. God the Father and Christ the Son [the Elohim of creation] have established a seven-thousand-year plan to bring mankind from the human level to the divine level! (II Peter 1:4.) Six

thousand of those years are allotted for mankind to rule himself, for Satan to have free reign. Then comes God's Sabbath rest. The thousand-year term of His Kingdom here on this earth ruling mankind under His Government, His Way. Each week that passes bears a foreshadowing of that plan. And finally a resurrection of all who have ever lived — those who have *never* had *any chance*, who have *never been called* by the Father — every human being who has ever lived to be brought back to life and given that *one and only* opportunity God ever gives everyone to become His Son!

We see human suffering around us. We see a *history* of human suffering for thousands of years. Only here and there throughout that history did the Father intervene in the lives of a few human beings. The Son followed that lead in perfect harmony as always, working with, guiding, leading, prospering, educating, blessing certain individuals whom the Father had chosen *out* of a world living in rebellion, led by Satan the devil, against God's Government!

It was to that rebellious world that God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to live in the flesh and, "... As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but [born] of God!" (John 1:12-13.)

### Why Haven't You Heard This Preached Before?

Has your minister preached this central, vital Bible Truth? Have you heard before that your destiny is to become GOD AS GOD IS GOD?

Apollos, back during the early days of the New Testament Church, was an enthusiastic and eloquent speaker whose zeal at first exceeded his wisdom and understanding. He had heard, and he repeated certain things he had heard about Jesus Christ and John the Baptist, about the message they preached. He preached it himself and convinced many of its merits. Those many were baptized, believing in the message Apollos had taught.

But when Paul came to question the

people who had been taught and instructed by Apollos, he found there was a KEY INGREDIENT missing in Apollos' teaching. *He had failed to instruct them regarding God's Holy Spirit! God's Spirit! His Mind, His Power, His very essence which He grants and gives to us to beget us as His sons, to give us the power to overcome our human tendencies. The power that will raise us from human beings to God Beings!* Apollos himself needed further instruction and got it from a dedicated couple in the Church of God, and from the ministers in the Church of God. And, of course, those individuals to whom he preached needed further instruction, which they received from God's ministry of that day and were all RE-BAPTIZED! (Read this in Acts, Chapter 19.)

Surely you can see that there have been great areas left out of *your* Christian instruction from the ministers you have heard in the past — no matter how zealous and sincere they may have been. In fact, it seems that in preaching the Father and the Son they have LEFT OUT — perhaps vociferously *rejected* — the most important reason WHY God is called our Father, and WHY Jesus is called His Son!

Write for our FREE booklets *Why Marriage!* and *What Do You Mean — Born Again?* for a fuller understanding of this subject. If you have any *specific* questions don't fail to write them to us. If you feel you would like to talk to one of God's representatives about this MOST IMPORTANT of subjects — or *any other subject* of importance to YOU — don't hesitate to ask!

You've heard it said, I'm sure, that Jesus Christ promised the Holy Spirit to His followers, but have you *ever* heard it said that Jesus, in giving that very promise, *labeled it* THE PROMISE OF HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN? Read Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4, and see it there with your own eyes!

God is called a Father because He is a Father. And it is His Will, Purpose and Plan to become the Father of untold millions — to become YOUR Father to share in His life, His glory, His majesty, His Kingdom — GOD AS HE IS GOD! □

# THE SCOPE OF GOD'S NAME

While reading an article about the Middle East recently, I was struck by a statement attributed to a venerable Moslem holy man. He asserted that, "Everything must begin with God's name."

Now at first that may sound like so much hocus-pocus. The whole idea may seem trite and hyper-religious — merely a superstitious ritual in which God's name is constantly intoned as some sort of magic good-luck charm. No doubt it could be just that. But, on the other hand, the more one ponders the real significance of that statement, the more fundamental it becomes.

Just what is God's name anyway? Is it only a word? What does it really signify?

When properly, deeply, and humbly understood, there is *nothing* in the entire universe comparable to the *Name of God*. There can be no equal, for no one else but God embodies the multiple offices of Creator, Ruler, Sustainer, and Possessor of the boundless cosmos. The name of God identifies the One who "inhabits eternity."

Think about that for a moment.

God is the One who inhabits, dwells in, fills, fully embraces, and is intimately familiar with the timelessness and limitlessness of infinite space. The name of God therefore symbolizes the very fountainhead of power, wisdom, and presence which pervades, energizes, and controls all that is seen and unseen.

The name of God stands for that eternal Force which set in motion the immutable, living laws by which every physical and spiritual facet of the universe is ordered and regulated. And, finally, the name of God is the unbreakable seal binding the divine promises which are held out to every believer — promises of providence, deliverance, salvation, immortality.

So you see, the name of God is far more than a mere word. It is a mighty, living and all-inclusive force exercising sovereignty over everything.

But what difference would it make if we took the old Moslem's advice?

What if we began every new day, every plan, every activity with an acknowledgment of God's omnipotence? Would it make any difference in our lives?

Today the nations of the world and especially those of the West are being torn apart by youthful rebellion and anarchy. What began as disrespect for parental authority has spread to the schools and now manifests itself in growing acts of revolution against the very symbols of government. But consider, for a moment, a world in which children were reared differently. Consider a world in which parents, when confronted by childhood rebellion, would consistently take action by beginning with an appeal to God for wisdom and love in meting out correction. Don't you think that would make a difference in youthful respect for authority?

And what about the world's growing crisis of immorality. Try to picture a world in which young people began every date with an acknowledgment of God's name — His omnipresence and controlling influence in their lives. Do you think that might reverse the moral toboggan slide?

Or what about our increasingly materialistic, agnostic and cynical institutions of higher education. Imagine the impact of a class in economics in which the professor would begin by pointing to God as not only the Creator and Possessor of all wealth but also the Author of the fundamental principles for the right acquisition and use of wealth. What a death blow that would deliver to materialism!

Or picture a class in biology in which the professor would begin by directing his students to the irrefutable evidence that God is both Designer and Creator of all life. Would that not counteract agnosticism and enlarge a student's understanding of biological systems?

Or imagine a class in sociology. The professor begins by appealing to God as the Founder of the family unit and to the Bible as the source-book of

instruction in successful human relations. What effect might that have on the trend toward family disintegration brought on by situation ethics and cynical self-gratification?

Do you begin to catch the vision? Can you begin to see the wonderful changes that could come almost overnight?

Yes, the name of God is a mighty concept far beyond the comprehension of our finite minds. It is a reality which we constantly need to be in tune with. And the way to be in tune with God is to acknowledge His sovereignty in all things. (For more information about the name of God, request our *free* reprint, "The Unknown God.")

One final point: Understanding and acknowledging God's name is simple. But it is *not* as simple as it sounds. It is not as simple as picking "the religion of your choice." Because you can neither properly understand nor properly acknowledge God's name by *you* picking the religion of *your* choice. That is just *not* God's way.

God has not given man the prerogative to decide for himself which religion or what beliefs are right. All we are able to decide — and it is in fact the *only* real decision we ever make — is whether or not we are going to wholeheartedly obey *God's TRUE religion*.

Now we can again consider the statement that, "Everything must begin with God's name." What better way to be in tune with the Supreme Being than to seek His power, His wisdom, His presence at the beginning of every new day, every plan, every activity of life.

And keep reading TOMORROW'S WORLD for the articles which the God of heaven and earth, the God who is *your Creator*, has specifically inspired for this age at this time.

What is the scope of God's name? Only when you *personally experience* God's way can you ever really know.

# THE GOD FAMILY

## OPEN OR CLOSED?

Remember back to your high school days when there was a particular group you wanted to break into. Maybe it was the athletic clique, or perhaps the scholar's corner, or the popular cheerleader's circle. How painful it was when you were rejected because you didn't quite meet their standards. What an empty feeling to be in the "outgroup," to feel unwanted, rejected, not good enough.

But do you know what's supposed to be the universe's most exclusive club — the clique from which all mankind is utterly excluded?

*It's the "trinity"!*

Let's look at two verses in the Bible that supposedly mention the trinity and see what they really say. Be prepared for quite a shock.

It's I John 5:7-8. Notice how these verses read in the King James Version: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

Virtually all scholars agree that the words "the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost," are wrong words that have been inserted into the text in an attempt to bolster arguments for the trinity.

The *Interpreter's Bible* states, "This verse [I John 5:7] in the KJV [King James Version] is to be rejected . . . It appears in no ancient Greek MS [manuscript] nor is it cited by any Greek father; of all the versions only the Latin contained it, and even this in none of its most ancient sources."

Jamieson, Fausset and Brown's commentary shows that the only Greek manuscripts containing this "trinity reference" are either "copied from the modern Latin Vulgate," "added in the

margin by a recent hand," etc. "All the old versions omit the words. . . [I John 5:7] was therefore first written as a marginal comment to complete the sense [which is the trinitarian rationalization], then, as early, at least as the eighth century, was introduced into the text of the Latin Vulgate. . . Luecke notices as internal evidence against the words, John never uses 'the Father' and 'the Word' as correlates, but, like other New Testament writers, associates 'the Son' with 'the Father,' and always refers 'the Word' to God as its correlate, not 'the Father.'"

Even Adam Clarke, an avowed trinitarian, states: "Though a conscientious believer in the doctrine of the ever blessed, holy and undivided Trinity . . . I CANNOT HELP DOUBTING THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE TEXT IN QUESTION."

Now you are going to find out what I John 5:7-8 really means. We're going to see that the very section in God's Word which has been tampered with to try to prove the trinity in fact proves just the opposite.

First, here's how I John 5:7-8 should read: "For there are three that bear record, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and these three agree in one." So there are indeed three things that bear record or give testimony, the Spirit, the water and the blood.

But what do they bear record to? To a closed Godhead clique of three beings? NO? Just the opposite!

The record of what they are witnessing to is clearly given in verses 11-12: "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." So what is witnessed to is the fact that if we have Jesus Christ living His life in us, then we

have eternal life residing in us right now. And it will remain in us as long as we allow Christ to continue living His life in us, and at Christ's second coming it will be given permanently to those who remain faithful (II Tim. 4:8).

In other words, to use the analogy given throughout I John and elsewhere in the Bible, we are now *begotten* sons of God and, if we don't abort ourselves in this growth process, we'll later become *born* sons of God. That is, we'll actually become members of the greatly expanded Family of God. (For a further explanation of the Family of God, write for our free booklet *Just What Do You Mean . . . the Kingdom of God?*)

There can be *only* three God-beings in the trinity idea. But isn't it ironic that the place where a verse has been inserted to try to establish a God-clique, a closed trinity, is the very place where God is showing how He is *adding* to His Family?

The three that "bear record" in I John 5:7-8 are:

1) *God's Spirit*, which is not a person but the *power of God*, the "down payment" of begetting, given by God to show that He means business and will later finish the payment when you're born into the Kingdom of God with a wholly spiritual body (Eph. 1:13-14).

2) *The water* — baptism, which symbolizes our burial and death so that a new entity can begin to exist (Rom. 6:4), an entity that can grow into a Son of God.

3) *The blood* — Christ's death, which reconciles us to God, by paying *our* death penalty incurred for *our* sins, thereby enabling us to go on to become a Son of God (Rom. 5:10).

Every Christian who is on the way to becoming a member of the Family of God must partake of the three things that witness to the fact God wants *all* mankind to join Him in His eternally ruling Family — baptism, the receiving of the Holy Spirit, and the yearly Passover that commemorates Jesus Christ's death. These three *unique* occurrences in one's life prove *powerfully* that you



are another Son of God on the way to becoming *born of God*.

*God is a Family* — not a trinity. God's Family will not be limited to an intractably closed circle of three. This is one group you don't have to be excluded from!

You can be put into the greatest group of all.

*God's Family is open!* — G. Geis

## The First "CHRISTIAN" TRINITARIAN

THE central doctrine of most Protestant and Catholic churches for many centuries has been that of the trinity. This doctrine is so important that the *Catholic Encyclopedia* states: "This [the trinity], the Church teaches, is the revelation regarding God's nature which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came upon earth to deliver to the world: and which she [the Catholic Church] proposes to man as the *foundation of the whole dogmatic system*."

Both Catholic and Protestant theologians quote Theophilus of Antioch (circa 180 A.D.) as the *first person* to write about this most important doctrine. But isn't it strange that such a *major doctrine* was avoided in religious writings for *nearly two centuries*? That is almost as long as the United States has been a nation!

Furthermore, Theophilus' allusion to the traditional trinity — "the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost" — is quite nebulous at best. Notice what Theophilus wrote in commenting about the fourth day of creation in the first chapter of Genesis: "And as the sun remains ever full, never becoming less, so does God always abide perfect, being full of all power, and understanding, and wisdom, and immortality, and all good. But the moon wanes monthly, and in a manner dies, being a type of man; then it is born again, and is crescent, for a pattern of the future resurrection. In like manner also the three

days which were before the luminaries, are types of the trinity, of God, and His Word, and His wisdom" (*Ante-Nicene Fathers*, "Theophilus to Autolyucus").

Here is the first statement by a theologian that is supposed to teach the doctrine of the trinity. But does his statement really teach this?

Read it — simply. *He does not say that God is a trinity of PERSONS*, or that the Holy Spirit is a part of that trinity. He just refers to God, His Word and His wisdom.

Theologians have tried to imagine into this unusual statement "*their trinity*" — and yet even the editors of the *Ante-Nicene Fathers* state in a footnote that the word translated "wisdom" in English is the Greek word *sophia* which Theophilus elsewhere used in reference to *the Son*, not the Holy Spirit.

Theophilus could not possibly have gotten the idea of a trinity from the Bible — if he really did have a trinity of *persons* in mind, which appears unlikely from the preceding statement — as the Bible *nowhere* even alludes to God being a trinity.

From the time of Theophilus, it was several hundred years before this doctrine became a part of the Catholic dogma. It was in the last twenty-five years of the FOURTH century that "what might be called the definitive trinitarian dogma 'one God in three persons' became thoroughly *assimilated* INTO Christian life and thought" (*New Catholic Encyclopedia*, "Holy Trinity").

From this it is evident that this "central doctrine" of Catholicism and Protestantism was not a part of the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3) during or prior to the time of Jude, but was ADDED by later theologians.

The doctrine of the trinity was *not* what Jesus Christ "came upon the earth to deliver to the world." He came to preach the Good News of His soon-coming Kingdom, to establish His true Church, to give His life as a sacrifice for all who repent, and to give God's Holy Spirit to those who are baptized — the Spirit that empowers believers to be ONE with the Father and the Son!

— L. Neff

## IS THE HOLY SPIRIT A PERSON?

MILLIONS believe it fervently. Some of the world's greatest minds have pondered and written about it. So why shouldn't you *also* believe and accept the doctrine of the trinity — that the Holy Spirit is a *person*, just like God the Father and Jesus Christ?

But wait! *What* did they believe and *what* have they pondered? Did these "great minds" really *prove* the doctrine of the trinity to themselves, not to mention to others? Let the record speak for itself.

"We cannot doubt the existence among orthodox Fathers of *different opinions* on this *mysterious* subject until its final definition by the Church" ("Trinity," *Dictionary of Doctrinal and Historical Theology*).

It has always been a *mystery*, filled with controversy and difficult for everybody to comprehend. All scholarly attempts at understanding have only added misunderstanding! All theological attempts at clarity have only added confusion.

See if *you* can understand this:

"Some said that there was but one substance in the God-head, others, three. Some allowed, some rejected the terms... according as they were guided by the prevailing heresy of the day and their own judgment concerning the mode of meeting it... Some declare that God is numerically three; others numerically one; while to others it might appear more philosophical to *exclude* the idea of number altogether in the discussion of that *mysterious* Nature which is beyond comparison, whether viewed as One or Three, and neither falls under nor forms any conceivable species" (*The Arians of the Fourth Century*, p. 127, ed. 1854).

Such ecclesiastical confusion reigned supreme until the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. It was a hotly divided issue that had to be decided by a special meeting of that church almost 300 years after the crucifixion!

Why?

Because all scholars admit that there is *no reference* to the trinity in the Bible, but it is only, as they say, "*implied*." And even though the church

had theoretically "decided" the issue in 325 A.D., scholars have still held differing opinions throughout the ages ever since that time!

Why?

*Because this doctrine cannot be proven!* "A fruitful cause of error in ancient and also modern times is owing to an attempt to explain or illustrate this doctrine, forgetting that it is a MYSTERY to be received on faith, which CANNOT, from its own nature, be rendered intelligible to man's intellect" ("Trinity," *Dictionary of Doctrinal and Historical Theology*).

Admittedly then, the trinity can be neither explained nor understood. Yet much is still written — and a topical Bible will give as many as sixty-five scriptures — to "imply" that the trinity exists and that the Holy Spirit is a distinct person! Many Bible dictionaries, on the other hand, do not even mention the subject. The ones that comment on the "trinity" do so historically, *not* Biblically. Now that's *very* interesting. *Think* about why. Why? Because the trinity is *not* in the Bible.

Why such confusion? Because of the age-old practice of attempting to interpret *clear* scriptures by *UNclear* scriptures! Who would think to do it the other way around — to analyze and understand unclear scriptures on the basis of what can be easily *understood* from *clear* ones!?!

Let's examine some of those *clear*, understandable scriptures to see what God's Holy Spirit actually is.

First, it is the POWER of God! "Not by might, nor by power [of humans], but by *my spirit*, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6). "I am full of POWER by the Spirit of the Lord, and of *judgment*, and of MIGHT . . ." declared the prophet Micah (Micah 3:8).

Second, it is the Spirit of WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING, the Spirit of COUNSEL and MIGHT, the Spirit of KNOWLEDGE and of the FEAR (deep reverence and respect — not craven fear) of the Lord (Isa. 11:2).

Third, it is a GIFT. After baptism, you are to receive "the GIFT of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). It is POURED out. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will POUR out OF my Spirit upon all flesh" (Acts 2:17).

"... On the Gentiles also was POURED out the *gift* of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 10:45).

Fourth, to be effective the Holy Spirit must be STIRRED up. "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou STIR UP the gift of God," Paul reminded the young evangelist, Timothy (II Tim. 1:7).

Five, the Spirit of God can be QUENCHED (I Thes. 5:19).

Six, it is the *begetting* power of God (Matt. 1:18; Rom. 8:9).

Seven, it is God's guarantee to us that He will fulfill His promise to us (Eph. 1:14).

Eight, it sheds the love of God abroad IN our hearts (Rom. 5:5).

Nine, it must be RENEWED (Titus 3:5-6).

And on and on. With *not one* characteristic even "implying" a "person."

Read these *very clear* scriptures describing the Holy Spirit again. Does a *person* do *any* of these things? Is a person POURED, QUENCHED, RENEWED? Does a person live IN someone else or live IN people's hearts?

Hardly!

Some are *confused by such scriptures* as John 14:16-17; 16:7-8, 13. They ask why does the Bible use the pronoun "he" to describe the Holy Spirit if it is not a separate entity? In the above passages the Holy Spirit is referred to as the "Comforter." "Comforter" is masculine in the Greek — just like the many other *inanimate* objects, like stone, which are also masculine. According to Greek rules of grammar you must use a masculine pronoun to refer to a masculine noun. Since "comforter" is masculine in Greek, a masculine pronoun is used. That is why "he" is used in many cases where it refers to the antecedent "comforter."

In some cases "he" is used in the King James Version where the original Greek uses "it." The reason is that the translators believed in the Trinity themselves and *interpreted* rather than translated. John 14:17 is a good example. The pronouns "he" and "him" should have been rendered "it" as they are in the Greek. They refer to the word "spirit," which is neuter in the Greek. Therefore, the pronouns which refer to them must also be neuter. Notice

Romans 8:16: "The Spirit *itself* beareth witness. . ." Here the King James translators have correctly translated the Greek pronoun in the neuter gender.

For further evidence proving that the Holy Spirit is not a person, see Matthew 1:20. Here we read that Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Yet Christ calls *God* His Father, not the Holy Spirit (John 14:16). If the Holy Spirit were a person, it would be Christ's Father. Proof positive that the Holy Spirit is not a person but the power God the Father uses — much as a man uses electricity.

Consider further! If the Holy Spirit were a person, Jesus Christ prayed to the wrong individual. Throughout the four Gospels, we find Christ speaking to God — *not* the Holy Spirit — as His Father.

For further information on the Holy Spirit — what it is and how we may receive it — write for our *free* article "How You Can Be Imbued With the Power of God!"

— B. McDowell

## ...CHANGE?

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humble myself enough." G. S., Federal Dam, Minn.

Shocking?

Yes. At least it *should be* if you can comprehend the stakes involved.

The God of your Bible states, "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and TREMBLETH at my word" (Isa. 66:2).

You should surely know by now that we are not playing sentimental little games with you. We challenge you to PROVE what we say in world events and the fulfillment of Biblical prophecies. For what we teach *can* and DOES stand PROVED.

But simply *knowing* these things will do you or your loved ones *no good whatever*. For you must ACT on the Truth. You must LIVE by God's laws. You must CHANGE your approach and your *very way of life* to conform to the example and teachings of the *true* Jesus Christ of your Bible.

For the sake of *life* and *eternity*, will you exercise the courage and determination to make this CHANGE? □

# *The* STORY of MAN

*for children five to one hundred five*

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE

## ISRAEL CONQUERED — JUDAH SPARED

**A**FTER beginning the siege of Samaria, King Shalmaneser of Assyria returned to his country, leaving only part of his army to continue to bottle up the soldiers and civilians in the capital of the ten tribes of Israel.

The Israelites were discouraged when they saw that enough of the Assyrian army had been left behind to surround the city, but they had hopes of overcoming the lesser numbers of Assyrians and breaking the siege. (II Kings 17:1-5; 18:9.)

### Samaria Under Siege

This they tried to do by withdrawing the guards from the walls for a few days, so that it would appear that they no longer had the strength to carry on. This, plus the fact that no smoke was coming up from the city, caused the hopeful enemy troops to cautiously close in at night toward the walls with the intention of battering in the gates or scaling the walls with hooks and ropes. Unhampered, they eagerly set to work, but only minutes afterward all sorts of deadly objects descended on them. There was a noisy, mad scramble to get away from the wall and the Israelite soldiers who had suddenly appeared atop it.

If the Israelites could have repeated this strategy, in which more than a few Assyrians lost their lives, Samaria might have been freed. But the Assyrians weren't to be fooled again in that manner. There was no other possible way for the Israelites to exhaust their enemies except to go out and meet them in battle. Plans were made for that, but the

Israelites postponed this last measure too long. The main part of the Assyrian army suddenly returned. The approaching thousands spread out around Samaria, causing all hope to be lost by the Israelites.

The Israelites kept on holding out week after week. Finally Assyrian patience came to an end. The Assyrian kings were ambitious men, and they didn't intend for the army of Assyria to be tied up any longer in the siege. They ordered an assault on the main gates of Samaria, using only a small number of soldiers at a time to man a battering ram.

There was opposition from the wall, but as fast as the Assyrians carrying the ram were cut down, others raced in to replace them. At the same time Assyrian archers kept rushing up to send volleys of arrows up to the top of the wall.

This continued for hours. Many men on both sides lost their lives while the gates were being pounded to splinters. Behind the gates were stone blocks. More men died as the stones were laboriously removed. Then soldiers of both nations met in hand-to-hand combat. Weakened by lack of food, the Israelite troops were no match for the greater number of Assyrians, who poured inside the city and had civilians and soldiers under their control within a short time.

### The Almost-Lost Ten Tribes

The occupants of Samaria expected to be slaughtered, and many were, as God had warned. (Hosea 13:16.) But total annihilation wasn't according to the Assyrians' plan, which had to do with the

value of slaves. The Israelites were rounded up like so many cattle, along with others from other towns and villages of the ten tribes, and forced to march to Assyria with the victors. (II Kings 17:6; 18:11.) Later, Assyrians returned to herd more thousands of Israelites, scattered throughout the countryside, out of their land.

Thus, two hundred fifty-three years after the twelve tribes had divided into the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah, the kingdom of Israel abruptly ceased to exist. The people had again and again rejected God's rules for the best way of living and had turned to idolatry. (Judges 2:11-23; Psalms 106:34-41; 78:56-66.) God had repeatedly warned them, through priests and prophets, what would happen if they continued in idolatry. (II Kings 17:7-13; Jeremiah 7:24-26.) But most of the Israelites wouldn't heed. (Daniel 9:6.)

Now, at last, the Israelites were dragged away from their homes and into slavery in foreign lands even beyond Assyria. (II Kings 17:18, 20-23; 18:11-12.) God had long been patient. (Psalms 78:25-41; 86:15.) But at last His patience gave way to anger because this part of the people He had chosen to be the greatest of nations had broken their promise to the Creator to keep His Commandments. (Exodus 19:6; 24:7; Joshua 24:20-22; II Kings 17:14-17.)

Scattered across hundreds of miles of territory and mingling with people of heathen nations, and later wandering through many lands, the people of Israel eventually lost their identity as Israelites and Sabbath observers, and in time came to be regarded by others as Gentiles. What had once been a great nation was swallowed up, to be known for a very long time only as the "Lost Ten Tribes."

Hundreds of years previously, after the Israelites had come out of Egypt, God had promised them that if they would worship only the Creator and observe all His laws, they would receive all the promises made to Abraham because of his obedience, and would become the most prosperous and powerful of nations. (Leviticus 26:1-13; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Jeremiah 7:22-23.) At the same time God



A sudden deadly shower of all kinds of objects from the wall top of Samaria drove the Assyrian attackers away — but only for a short time.

warned them that if they rebelled, they would fall into slavery to their enemies, and would remain a scattered, landless people for a period of seven prophetic times. (Leviticus 26:14-35; Deuteronomy 28:15-29; Joshua 24:13-20.)

A *time* in this case was a year of twelve thirty-day months. Seven times, or 2,520 days, was equal to 2,520 prophetic years — a day for a year. (Numbers 14:34.) So 2,520 years passed after Israel was taken captive in 721-718 B.C., before the Israelites regained their freedom and wealth. By then, in 1800-1803 A.D., they had completely lost their identity. They had migrated or had been taken to distant islands and continents. Most of them became the inhabitants of the United States and Great Britain, and didn't realize that they were largely descendants of the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim.

Some peoples in various regions of the British Isles, however, still regarded themselves as Israelites until recent centuries. And some groups of people brought that knowledge to America with them. Even

now, however, close to the year 2,000 A.D., relatively few Britons and Americans realize that they are descendants of the ancient, ten-tribed House of Israel, whom they think of only as Jews.

The Jews were only of the House of Judah, and not nationally of the House of Israel, although racially they are Israelites in the sense that they were once a part of ancient Israel before the twelve tribes split into two kingdoms. In the same sense many Americans speak of themselves racially as being Irish, Scottish, English, or German, not knowing their ancestry. As for the people of the kingdom of Israel, they are erroneously regarded as Gentiles, inasmuch as most people think of Earth's inhabitants as either Jews or Gentiles.

God's promise of prosperity for Israel, headed by Ephraim and Manasseh, was made to Abraham because of his obedience. (Genesis 26:1-5.) The fulfillment of that promise ceased when Israel was taken captive and wasn't again carried out until Israel's period of punishment was ended. It didn't come about because the Israelites were great, or worthy of it, but because God always keeps His promises. (Deuteronomy 7:6-8.)

We of Manasseh, today a rich and powerful nation, attribute our blessings to our own resourcefulness, and even to our being a "Christian" nation. Our resources and resourcefulness have come from God especially to carry out His promise. And we are far from being a true Christian nation. Wrong use of our wealth and power, because we lack the wisdom and obedience that God wants us to have, is draining us of the very strength that we have been given by our Creator. (Deuteronomy 28:15, 32-33; Jeremiah 10:23-25.)

### Israel's Land Desolate

The emptied cities of Israel didn't remain unoccupied long. The kings of Assyria immediately ordered that they should be filled with people from other conquered nations and surrounding vassal territories. (II Kings 17:24.) There were few routes between countries. Therefore it was likely that columns of miserable Israelite prisoners trudged within yards of Assyrian subjects moving in the opposite direction, who probably were not eager to leave their own land and go to the empty homes of the vanquished. If the Israelites learned what was happening, their desire to escape was lessened, inasmuch as

there was nothing for them to return to, and the whole region was carefully watched over by well-organized Assyrians.

When the first colonists from other conquered places were moved in, they were dismayed to find that hostile lions were roaming about. Some of the lions even established themselves in empty city buildings. Dislodging them cost a number of lives. The new colonists began to think that some god of that region had sent the beasts to trouble them because they had failed to worship him according to Israelite customs they didn't know about. They believed that there were many gods, most of whom had dominion over certain territories.

Deaths from the lions increased. Finally the new peoples sent messengers to the king at Nineveh to ask that some Israelite priest be returned to his native country to instruct them how to appease the local god, so that he would remove the ferocious animals.

The king of Nineveh agreed, and a priest was sent back to the land of Israel. At Bethel, a city that had been a center of worship, the priest took up residence to start teaching the Assyrians. Although some knowledge of the Creator spread among them in the months to follow, the Assyrians couldn't believe that there was only one God. They still preferred to worship their own gods, accompanying it with a limited deference or acknowledgement and lip service to the God of Israel, hoping that their occasional sacrifices and prayers would earn them protection from the lions. (II Kings 17:25-41.)

Eventually most of these beasts were slain or dispersed. By that time the religious practices of many of the inhabitants were deplorable combinations of idol worship and weak observance of a few of God's laws. The pagan part, naturally, was predominant. Although the colonist who was afraid of the power of God more than his idols wasn't difficult to find, pagan worship was easier and more agreeable to the Assyrian mind, which had been smothered for centuries in looking to animal-type idols for shallow and often wanton religious expression.

Among these idols were those which resembled fish, horses, bulls, eagles, and combinations of animals and men — a god for every whim. Readers of this story will agree that it was abysmally ignorant

of men to look to animal images for supernatural help. But could it be that some readers know people who believe that a rabbit's foot in one's pocket or a horseshoe over a doorway brings "good luck" to the possessors? The grave fact is that many people still believe that certain lifeless tokens, symbols and images have mysterious powers, and go so far as to kneel and pray to some of those images.

### Judah More Obedient Than Israel

Back in the third year of the reign of Hoshea, last of the kings of Israel, a son of evil King Ahaz began to rule Judah. He was Hezekiah, an astute young man of twenty-five years. Strange as it seems, he was much the opposite of his dissolute father. (II Kings 18:1-3; II Chronicles 28:27; 29:1-2.)

One of Hezekiah's first important acts, carried out in the first year of his reign, was to reopen the temple at Jerusalem. It had been closed about sixteen years previously because Ahaz had turned to idolatry and had stripped the temple of its valuables to pay the king of Assyria for help against Judah's enemies.

"God's house must be cleaned up," Hezekiah informed the Levites and priests. "Cleanse yourselves so that you will be fit for this task."

Hezekiah made it known that because of the sins of his father and many others in the nation, Judah had come into years of all kinds of trouble. He declared that it was the time to turn to God and renew the covenant all of Israel had made with the Creator years before.

"The temple must be ready for use as soon as possible," he continued in his talk to the Levites and priests. "There is much to be done before functions can be reestablished. Cleaning is the first thing. It must be thorough and complete." (II Chronicles 29:3-11.)

This was good news to the priests, who had long been thwarted in their duties because of idolatry in Judah. At last, because of God working through Hezekiah, the opportunity had come for them to continue the work that had been forced to a stop.

Fourteen leaders of the tribe of Levi rounded up the required Levite workers. On the first day of the first month of the year, Nisan, the cleaning of the temple was started. Shovels, mops, brooms, scrub brushes, scrapers and tubs of water went into action. While their helpers cleaned other parts of the build-

ings, the priests scrubbed and polished the sacred inner part of the temple and its furnishings. Rubble, dirt and grimy water were brought out and dumped into Kidron brook, a nearby stream that was swift and strong in the spring. It carried the refuse on to the Dead Sea.

### The Temple Rededicated

By the end of the sixteenth day the whole temple had been cleaned. (II Chronicles 29:12-17.) Floors, walls and even ceilings had been scrubbed and mopped. The priests came to Hezekiah to report that the altar had been made like new, and that the vessels that Ahaz had rejected as not being good enough for the king of Assyria had been repaired, and polished, and that the missing equipment had been replaced by substitutes that should at least temporarily suffice. (II Chronicles 29:18-19.)

Hezekiah was pleased at what had been accomplished, although he had strongly hoped that the temple would be ready for use at Passover time, which was to be observed on the fourteenth day of Nisan. It was two days too late to begin at the proper date. Besides, the temple should be rededicated, and not all the priests were fully prepared ceremonially to resume their duties.

Hezekiah didn't waste any time. He wanted to be certain that the temple, the priests and all their helpers would be ready a month later for observance of the Passover. By announcing the date to be the same day the next month, the king wouldn't be acting contrary to God, who had instructed Moses that the Passover should be observed the fourteenth day of the second month (Iyar) if circumstances made it impossible to observe it in the first month. (Numbers 9:9-12.)

Early next morning Hezekiah informed the leaders in and around Jerusalem that there should be ceremonies that same day to institute the use of the temple and establish again the functions of the priests and their helpers. (II Chronicles 29:20.)

It turned out to be a most eventful day. Many inhabitants of Jerusalem and its environs flocked to the temple. Cattle, sheep and goats were brought for sin offerings to make atonement not only for Judah, but for all Israel. While the sacrifices were being made, the Levites sang songs composed by David, accompanying themselves with trumpets and other kinds of instruments David and the prophets had



Rubbish from the temple was dumped into the torrential spring waters of the stream called Kidron, by which it was washed many miles away.

instituted for making music at the house of God.

After making sacrifices and musical praise to the Creator, Hezekiah announced that the priests and their helpers had well demonstrated that they were consecrated to their work. Then he invited the people attending to bring their sacrifices to make thank offerings.

The response was so great that the priests fell behind in dressing the animals. Ordinarily they were to be the only ones to prepare the sacrifices, but in this case they had to call on their helpers for aid. There was a total of seventy bullocks, a hundred rams, two hundred lambs, six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep. (II Chronicles 29:21-36.)

### Israel Still Unrepentant

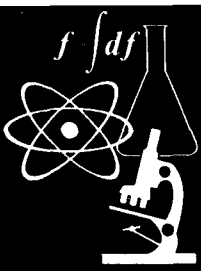
Hezekiah next sent messengers to most cities and towns of Judah and Israel to proclaim that the Passover would soon be observed in the second month at the newly opened temple.

“Return to your God, and He will return to you,” the king of Judah wrote on the proclamation. “You who are still free from Assyria should especially thank your Creator at this time of worship. Don’t go the way of your fathers and brothers who gave in to idolatry and were left helpless. Yield yourselves to God and escape His anger. If you turn to Him now, He will preserve you from your enemies, sickness and want and will bring your captive brethren back home. Join us at God’s house in Jerusalem.” (II Chronicles 30:1-10.)

Hezekiah’s messengers were careful to avoid the Assyrian soldiers who occupied part of Israel, particularly Samaria. Even many Israelites, mostly of Manasseh, Ephraim and Zebulun, laughed threateningly when they read the message from Judah.

“You have a lot of nerve to come up here and tell us what god to worship!” some of the Israelites scoffed. “Get back inside those walls at Jerusalem while you’re able. We and the Assyrian soldiers have only one thing in common. We don’t like preachers!”

*(To be continued in next issue)*



# Science vs. Theology?

## SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

### Good or Evil

IT HAS been reported that when the English scientist Michael Faraday discovered how to produce electricity by inventing the electric generator in the 1830's, someone questioned him negatively: "But what good is it?"

With past, present and future electrical blackouts in major metropolitan areas, this question today seems rather stupid. But is it typical of present attitudes?

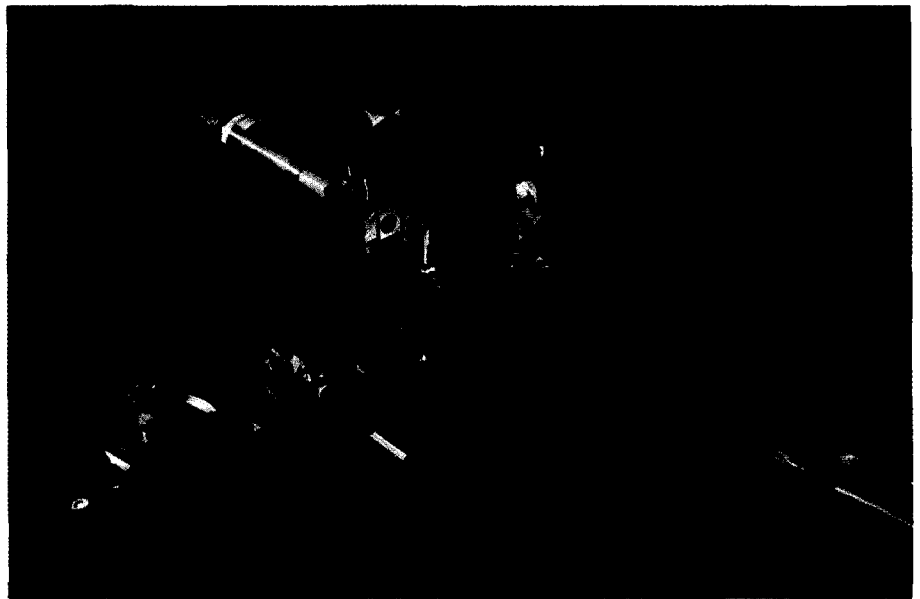
Many scientific discoveries and research findings have been ignored because of a lack of vision by people who must see immediate results. Indeed, a scientist himself may not know at the time of his invention what the future use of that invention will be. Certainly Faraday could not envision the ultimate use of an electric generator.

As far back as the 1890's, the famous electrical engineer Charles Proteus Steinmetz pointed out to a young newspaperman that the production of the first 60,000 kilowatt turbine generator was big news. This one generator produced as much energy as five million four hundred thousand men. Contrast this with the total slave population in 1860 — four million seven hundred thousand! Here was a machine which could more than replace the energy of all of the slave labor prior to the Civil War. This was certainly big news.

Consider the invention of dynamite by Alfred Nobel, the famous Swedish scientist. In 1867, Nobel found that a safer explosive could be produced by mixing nitroglycerin with an inert substance called kieselguhr. The mixture was called dynamite. This discovery was made at a decisive moment, for it was

one of the principle inventions which resulted in the rapid industrialization of the United States. North America, with its vast territorial possessions, needed it desperately. Railroads required excavation of tunnels and mountain passes; harbors, canals, and riverways needed to be built or deepened, and rapid mining of needed ores and coal was required to meet the increasing demand for fuel and metals.

cerned about world peace. He gave his employees benefits for working hard at a time when other businessmen took advantage of their men. He recognized that in order to establish peace the entire world must live by laws and that these laws must be enforced by a unifying, worldwide government. And because of his deep interest in peace, Alfred Nobel, who at that time was probably one of the richest men in the



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Practical applications of laser beams (which are beams of coherent or single-frequency light) range from communications to data storage to delicate micro-surgery — to the development of a "death-ray." It's up to man to decide to what USE his science should be put.

*Without* the invention of dynamite, the United States would have been too slow in its development. But *with* this invention, just as with the discovery of atomic power later, mankind has also been able to *kill* other men more effectively.

Now, *are these scientific inventions, of themselves, detrimental to mankind? Or is man himself — instead of inventions — the potential threat to his very existence?*

Alfred Nobel believed in living the Golden Rule. He was deeply con-

world, left part of his vast wealth for the (sometimes abused) Nobel peace prize (see *Chemistry*, Vol. 41, p. 22, 1968).

A logical appraisal of the evidence can lead to but one conclusion. It is not usually the invention itself, but the *misuse* of that invention by human beings in government, in business, in farming, etc., that is the danger. Because of the greed of one nation for another's wealth, because of the desire of the businessman, farmer and others for more wealth or someone else's wealth,



and because of the lack of man's concern for his fellowman, scientific discoveries have been misused and now threaten the very existence of mankind.

Scientists themselves are no exception. They are human as well. But it is not necessarily the invention or the inventor which has produced today's situation. Rather, it is man's nature and his universal greed. Scientific research *can* be used for the betterment of mankind. Scientific research is not, in itself, evil, but man's nature can turn it toward evil.

— S. R. Erlander

## ASTRONOMY

### How Many Stars?

**O**N A sparkling moonless night (away from the city's smog and lights) when the stars jump out of the velvety blackness, how many stars can you see? A million? Ten million? How many?

Surprisingly, by actual count, only two to three thousand at any one time. With normal eyesight, on an ideal night, the unaided human eye is unable to see stars fainter than the sixth magnitude on the astronomer's brightness scale.

"But why does it seem like there are so many more?" you might ask.

We have all grown up with the awareness that the universe contains countless millions of stars, even though we can actually see only a very few thousands. The spectacular knowledge that the observable universe *may* contain 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars has come only since the development of the telescope in 1609. When the human eye is aided by even a small optical instrument, like a pair of ordinary binoculars, the number of stars that becomes visible rises to about 10,000. But without such instruments available man is very limited in what he can see.

But what about the ancients? What about the patriarchs of the Bible? What did they know about the universe? Most people would assume that they knew very little. After all, they were simply wandering nomads in a primitive agrarian society. Or were they?

Consider these two Bible passages. In Genesis 13:16 God told Abraham, "I will make *thy seed as the dust of the earth*: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered." A simple examination on Abraham's part would have quickly revealed that this number far exceeded a mere two to three thousand.

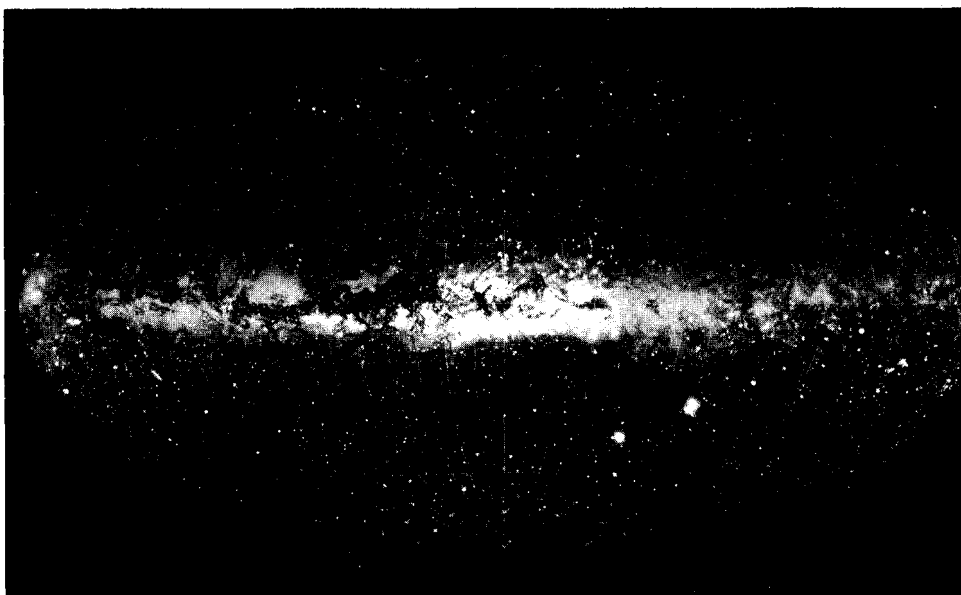
Yet in Genesis 15:5 God *expands* the same promise saying, "Look now toward heaven, and tell *the stars*, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be."

God was using simple *analogies* to explain to Abraham *how numerous* his descendants would be — as abundant as the dust of the earth or the stars of heaven. Of course Abraham

been within the scope of the ancients.

According to the Roman historian Pliny, in his *Natural Historia* (77 A.D.), the first glass dates back many thousands of years B.C. It is attributed to Phoenician sailors using soda to prepare a meal on a sandy beach along the river Belus. Archaeological evidence generally points to Mesopotamia, Abraham's birthplace, as the home of glass manufacture. There is evidence of glass objects as early as "3000 B.C." Fragments of man-made blue glass suggest a glass house in the period of "2500 B.C."

Current anti-Bible, anti-God knowledge would have us believe that the patriarchs of the Bible were illiterate shepherds groping in the darkness of scientific ignorance. To coincide with



Observatorium-Lund Sweden

Above, a chart of the Milky Way, normally seen as a bright ring girdling the earth, is shown here in a flat projection. Our galaxy, composed of 100 billion stars, is just an average sized galaxy. And there are billions of such galaxies in the observable universe alone!

knew better than to start counting stars in a pharisaical attempt to find out the exact number of his progeny.

But even if Abraham *had*, he *couldn't possibly* have known there were *more* stars than he could see with the naked eye. *Or could he?*

In theory, optics is a highly complex science. But in practice an unskilled amateur can produce a very functional telescope from two pieces of glass, a little abrasive and a lot of patient rubbing. If suitable glass had been available, a telescope would have easily

the evolutionary theory, we are led to believe that the farther back in history one goes, the more primitive men were. Yet even this small insight into history throws a remarkable light onto the potential knowledge of the ancients. The real truth is that modern man is just emerging from an era of scientific darkness that fell over the whole earth during the Middle Ages as a result of the religious suppression of knowledge. The world would stand in amazement if it could realize just how much the patriarchs of old really knew!

— J. E. Portune

# WHY SHOULD I TITHE?

by Ronald L. Dart

RECENTLY, we received a thought-provoking letter from a subscriber in Australia. We were refreshed by the honest approach and felt we should share it with our readers.

You may even see yourself here.

Dear Sir:

It is more than a year now since I started reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I sent for it in the first place because your booklet on Whales and Porpoises intrigued me. I continued to read it because your scientific reports are so well documented and laid out. Then gradually I found myself paying more and more attention to the "sting in the tail" and eventually, almost against my will, I had to admit that what you said made sense.

The first copy of TOMORROW'S WORLD caught me on the hop. I think I wasn't quite ready for it and some of its contents really jarred me, but I read it and let it simmer away. Then one day I was tempted. I know my weaknesses as well as anybody, but I gave in to one and that very night circumstances arose that proved had I just resisted the temptation I would have got what I wanted anyway. Thereupon I prayed for the first time in many a long year and resolved to try and live my life as God would wish.

I might add that even writing this way makes me squirm. I have a long hard road before me.

For the first time since I left school I read my Bible and I was amazed by what I read, and by the clarity of what it said. I used to say, "Who'd want to read that? You can't understand half of what it says anyway." But this is just not so! I'd even convinced myself of the need for tithing (the hardest pill of all to swallow) and how, and what is more, in a flash of inspiration I even worked out how to give it to God. Then came the crunch.

In your next issue you had an article on tithing, and to me the headlines read: "Give to God and watch the

cheques roll in." "How I joined the Have's with one easy 10%." "Unsolicited testimonials from lucky winners." "Gotta be in it to win it." Here it was, the big come-on, the lucky charm, and I was right back to square one.

I had been hoping that by tithing I might find peace of mind and fortitude for the times you say we must face, but now, because of that article I find my mind keeps coming back to the "fringe benefits" and I feel soiled. In spite of this, I continued to put money away each week until I could come up with the right answer, and I decided that you *have* done God's work by making me *think*. You *have* inspired me to try to live according to God's ways. So I am tithing.

Yours faithfully,  
Dorothy O.

I can sympathize with Dorothy — religion and money are delicate enough subjects on their own. The man who broaches both at the same time is sticking his neck out. Unfortunately, the approach of so many revivalists, religious cranks, and even local churches, may lead one to ask if they are "fishers for dollars" — rather than for men.

So, no matter how carefully it is put, it is easy to misunderstand when the subject of tithing is brought up. Yet it is a law and men need to understand it. To that end, we publish an occasional article on the subject.

But Dorothy's problem is not *whether* she should tithe, but *why*. Significantly, she had already concluded from independent study that she *must* tithe. She had already started.

Her problem was what she considered *wrong motives* for tithing.

Perhaps to get a clearer, less prejudiced view of the subject, we should divorce it from money. So forget about tithing for now. Let's boil the question down to its simplest elements — you and God.

God has laid down various commandments and laws. He expects you to keep them.

What are the reasons why a man makes the initial decision to obey God?

## What Is Your Goal?

What do you want out of life? It's amazing how few people really have any clear-cut idea. Many don't even understand the question. Most have never really thought about it. For the Christian, the answer will usually boil down to "the resurrection," the "Kingdom of Heaven," or "eternal life." Freedom from sickness, disease, pain, poverty, and sorrow also rate high on his list. He would like to live his life to the full.

How then, do these motivations fit into the Christian's decision to obey God? If he decides to make the Ten Commandments his code of life, why does he do it? How does it fit in with what he wants out of life?

## Self-Preservation at First

If a man reads the Bible and finds that the wages of sin is death, it doesn't take him long to decide he'd like to know what sin *is* so he can avoid it. A quick check through a concordance will lead him to I John 3:4 which says, "sin *is* the transgression of the law." Since he isn't eager to die, he decides he'll try to stop sinning.

This may be an over-simplification, but it nevertheless expresses the principle of the Scripture which says: "By the fear of the Eternal, men depart from evil" (Proverbs 16:6).

It is true that when a man decides to obey God he does it for himself — at least at first. He does it to avoid the penalties that come from disobedience: heartache, humiliation, poverty, loss of

freedom, sickness, even death (Job 35:1-15).

Of course, there are those who say that they've always been a seeker after God — that they desire to please God and they keep the Commandments to please God. And God is pleased by willing, whole-hearted obedience. But *why* do we want to please God? Well, to displease God — to incur His wrath — is a fearful alternative. And to please God is to incur His *favor*. His favor brings blessings, happiness, health and freedom now, and a whole new life after death.

But regardless of what you call it, isn't this still for *yourself*?

Even when a Christian states as his ultimate goal in life the attainment of the Kingdom of God, is he not still wanting it all for self?

It is a fact of life that a man's initial motivation in obeying God will always be basically selfish. Oh, of course, there will be some right motives mixed in with it, but if a man never worries about himself, he would probably never even become concerned about religion in the first place.

### Now the Problem

However, Dorothy brought up a question which still needs an answer. Is the "What's in it for me?" approach adequate for the *ultimate* goal of a Christian? We find a little different attitude expressed by the Apostle Paul in the 9th chapter of Romans: "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were *accursed from Christ* for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Romans 9:1-3).

Paul was willing to lay down, not merely his life, but his *eternal* life if it would help his brethren. This is a long way from a "What's in it for me?" approach. Paul certainly wasn't getting much out of his work in material rewards during this life. His reward for doing the work was being beaten, shipwrecked, robbed, humiliated, ridiculed, betrayed by false brethren and even nearly murdered. There really was

no *overtly* enjoyable reward for Paul for doing God's work.

But in the 9th chapter of Romans, we find that Paul wasn't doing the work *even for an ETERNAL reward* — he was willing to lay even that down if it would help to do the work of God. Sure — I understand that Paul hoped to attain a reward. But he was *not serving merely FOR that reward*.

The man who serves God only for reward is a *hireling* — a man who will flee when persecution or opposition comes. Christ emphasized this in the parable of the good shepherd: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an *hireling*, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, *because he is an hireling*, and careth not for the sheep (John 10:11-13).

A Christian must grow to the point where he is serving God not merely because it pays him to do so. In fact, the Scriptures make it *very plain* that there's going to come a time when serving God may cost everything we have — even our lives.

Now with this in mind, let's come back to the question of tithing. Why does a man begin to tithe?

For many reasons. He may be tired of having all the curses and decide he'd like to have some of the blessings for a change. He may simply have learned that it's a *law* — that the transgression of the law is sin, and that the wages of sin is death. Since he doesn't want to die, he decides to tithe!

Selfish? Yes. But which of us ever made the first step toward God for *unselfish* reasons? Remember, it is through the fear of the Eternal that men depart from evil.

Later men must begin to learn to love God enough to depart from evil because of that love. Dorothy has grown to the point that she doesn't *need* "fringe benefits" to obey God. Great! She's on her way.

In fact, Christ warned that we would need to grow to the place that we would obey Him if it kills us — literally.

Dorothy was right — a Christian

should not tithe *merely* for reward. Or, as Dorothy so aptly put it — "Give to God and watch the cheques roll in"; "How I joined the Have's with one easy 10%." The concept of trying to be a "lucky winner" won't get a man anywhere with God — although there are those religious charlatans who make just such a pitch.

But tithing is a test of faith. It tests a person's faith to believe that 90% of his income can cover 100% of his expenses. It is a test of faith to *trust God* to provide for you. Sometimes, it's a help to hear how many times and in how many ways God has kept His word. If He's done it for others, He will do it for you.

To this end, we decided to share the experiences of some of our readers with others who may be just a little afraid to step out on faith and obey God.

Tithing is a big subject. And it's an important one to God. Malachi shows that tithing is one of the first things *to do* when a person wants to return to his God. Read the question in Mal. 3:7, "Wherein shall we return?" And read the *answer* in Mal. 3:8, *In tithes and offerings!*

We don't believe that people should tithe strictly for what they're going to get out of it. If they do, the only reward they will ever have will be material — if they even ever receive that.

Now forget about tithing again and answer this question. Does it pay to obey God? Is it good for a man to refrain from lying? Is it in any way a *benefit* to man to refrain from hating his brother and becoming a murderer in his heart? Does it pay a man to honor his father and his mother? This is the commandment that Christ said is the first commandment with promise — that your days might be long upon the land that the Eternal has given you (Exodus 20:12).

Does it pay to obey God? You bet it does! But make no mistake about it, all those who live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (II Tim. 3:12), and the time may come when it will *cost* you everything you have to obey God.

You'd better count the cost — and I don't mean in dollars. □

# AMERICA— A "Tithe-Paying" Nation?

Recently, a major national news magazine headlined an article about America's religious contributions: "Americans' 'Open Pocketbook': Giving to Charity Sets Record." The article told of \$7.9 billion, or almost \$40 per capita, given to all churches during the year of 1969. Sound pretty good?

But even if *all* this money were given to God-directed organizations, would that amount please God? Are "Open Pocketbooks" a sign of a truly Christian nation? Let's take a look at that \$7.9 billion in perspective.

In 1969, the National Income — that major part (five-sixths) of the Gross National Product which represents the total amount of personal, business, and government income — was \$771 billion. All contributions to religion therefore totaled slightly over *one* percent.

In ancient Israel, while God Himself was still their King (I Samuel 8:7), there was a financial plan which provided *all* services to the people — governmental, social, religious — for a simple *tenth* (called a tithe) of each person's income. An additional amount equivalent to less than 3% was set aside for the welfare of the widows, orphans and needy. No fantastically intricate tax loopholes which robbed the poor to feed the rich (or vice versa) were needed. No endless volumes of man-made exceptions, deductions, reimbursements, excise taxes, sales taxes, value-added taxes, property taxes, luxury taxes, ad infinitum — just a straight ten percent of all gross increase given to God through His agents (at that time the Levites).

It worked beautifully. God provided for defense, health, freedom from natural disasters, and blessings unlimited while they obeyed this simple law. But the people soon cried, "Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations" (I Samuel 8:5). Like little children, they wanted to copy the failure of those "peer groups" around

them, rather than submit to the wisdom of their Parent, God!

And God granted their request, but warned, "This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen . . . and *he will take the tenth* of your seed, and of your vineyards, and your oliveyards, and give to his officers and to his servants" (I Samuel 8:11, 15).

That prophecy happened to ancient Israel. And it's still happening — happening in the United States and the British Commonwealth.

In 1969, the United States spent \$81 billion, *more* than a *tithe* — the Old English word for "tenth" — of our national income, on *defense* expenditures alone. Great Britain and Australia each spent well over half a tithe on defense. Americans spent a *second tenth* on doctors, drugs, and hospital bills (\$60 billion in 1969); alcohol (\$15 billion); tobacco products (\$10 billion); and drug abuse and addiction (\$5 billion).

Yet another tenth — call it a "third tithe" — is spent annually on the wretched fruit of social diseases, namely \$31 billion lost to *crime* each year, \$13 billion lost due to physical destruction caused by air pollution, and \$11 billion in auto accidents, many of which have been directly caused by alcoholism. To round out this "third tithe" add about \$12 billion spent each year on Christmas gifts, \$7 billion on cosmetics and beauty aids, and at least \$1 billion each on natural disasters, riots, strikes, absenteeism, and water and solid forms of pollution.

Sure, not *all* of these expenses are wrong, and a small portion of them do overlap, but each category has extra *billions* more than a *tithe* to cover such overlap.

In addition to these three "tithes," you could add another \$83 billion

"tithe" which Americans spend on themselves in the *leisure* industry. *Then* there's massive "uncontrollable" federal, state, and local government spending, which includes \$125 billion for all forms of public welfare, \$20 billion yearly interest on the national debt, and \$5 billion each for all forms of foreign aid and non-military aerospace efforts.

. . . And *one* percent for God!

That's our upside-down American economy, or national "household" (the Greek word *oikonomos* originally referred to household, but has come to mean *economy*, or group production and spending).

Our people may be pleased that we have condescended to reserve *one* percent for God, but *God isn't pleased*. Why? Because we are spending at least thirty percent on *hurting ourselves*. God wants us to have abundant, healthy, happy lives (John 10:10; III John 2). Yet we refuse to change our upside-down priorities. We refuse to recognize God in our national life.

No, God is *not* pleased. He says: "Will a man [or nation] *rob* God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee?" (Malachi 3:8.) That's *just exactly* what we Americans proudly proclaim: "We've given nearly *eight* billion dollars to God, so how have we robbed God?"

Listen to God's answer: "In tithes [*ten* percent — not just *one* percent] and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for *ye have robbed me*, even this WHOLE NATION" (verse 9).

Believe it or not, you can begin applying God's tithing law in *your* life — and reap the astounding benefits — even if the nation as a whole is not willing to change. For an in-depth report that *will* help you, write for two free booklets, *Ending Your Financial Worries* and *Managing Your Personal Finances*. Your financial success can be insured by reading and applying the truths of these booklets.

— G. Alexander



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Nothing beats God's out-of-doors for enjoyable time spent profitably. Here a couple of our college teens relax on Lake Loma at our Texas Campus.

# Teenager's Tomorrow

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foul up your life. He wants you to know how to avoid all the big pitfalls.

## Some Sound Advice

Solomon wrote: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: *but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.* Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for childhood and youth are vanity. Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not..." (Eccl. 11:9-12:1).

God says youth is a time to be happy, a time to have fun. It's a time to enjoy healthful sports and to hunt, fish and camp out under the stars. It's a time to dance, sing and kick up your heels.

But remember, "For all these things God will bring you into judgment" — and you will have to give an account.

It's good to enjoy clean fun in right

balance — the kind of fun you would gladly give an account for. But it is wrong to indulge in the *wrong kind* of fun — the kind that brings kickbacks, sorrow and heartache. And it is also wrong to be so engrossed in having fun that no thought is given to God, to fulfilling the purpose of life and to preparing for Tomorrow's World.

Young people, God is observing your life right now to see what you are doing with it. Are you wasting it in frivolity and the "vanity of youth" without concern for the important things in life — without preparing for usefulness in the World Tomorrow?

Or are you heeding God's admonition to "remember your Creator in the days of your youth" before the time of trouble just ahead?

## It's Your Choice

God is about to reach down and shake this earth to its knees — and He is no respecter of age. But before He intervenes, He is sending out a warning. If you believe His warning and begin to look to Him and to obey Him, He offers you protection in the days ahead — regardless of your age.

One of the most basic lessons man

can learn is this: obey God and be protected and blessed, or disobey God and suffer the penalty. Now as never before you need to understand this principle.

David said: "Wherewithal shall a young man [or woman] cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto *according to thy word*" (Psalm 119:9). As a young person, you need to look into God's Word, the Bible, to see how you ought to live.

The Bible is literally chock-full of instruction telling you how to live a joyous, full life. For example, it gives the Ten Commandments. If you are old enough to read and understand these Commandments, you can begin to obey them and receive God's blessings. Our free booklet on the *Ten Commandments* — and all of our free literature — will make the teachings of the Bible plain and tell you what God expects of you — if you want to learn and obey.

But that, of course, is up to you. No one can force you to obey God against your will. But you ought to know what the consequences of the wrong choice will be.

## The Horrors of the Wrong Choice

What will happen to you as a young person if you decide not to obey God but to go the way of this world? It isn't a very pretty picture.

First of all, the Bible shows that the

chances are better than two out of three that you will *not* survive. And if you do, what an ordeal it will be! You will have seen two out of three of your friends and loved ones die by famine, disease and war. And you yourself — if you survive all this — will be taken as a captive slave into a foreign land. There you will suffer further in cruel slave labor camps for a number of months. If you are able to survive this nightmare, you will still be alive when Christ returns to save man from himself.

Then — if you have finally learned your lesson — you will be privileged to return to your homeland. There, under Christ's direction, you will begin to have a part in building the World Tomorrow.

At long last you will be living in the glorious New World described in this article. But what a painful way to learn to obey God!

Now contrast this with what you have to look forward to if you obey God *now*.

### The Fantastic Benefits of Obedience NOW

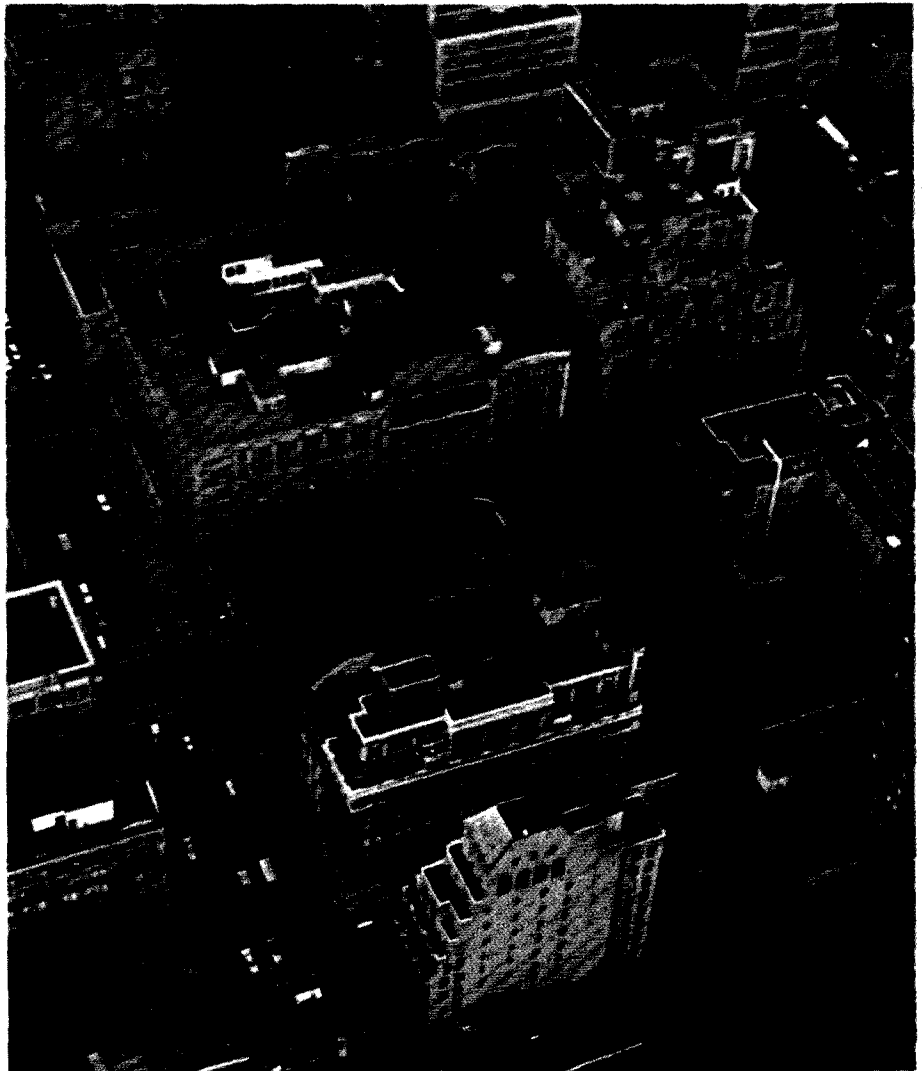
First of all, you will have God's protection in the terrifying days ahead. The nature of this protection is explained in our free article "There Is a Way of Escape."

Further, when Christ returns, you will have a *much bigger and more important part* in the World Tomorrow than those who just barely managed to survive. What will this part be?

That depends on your age and maturity.

If you are now in your mid-teens or younger, you could well live into the fantastic World Tomorrow as a physical being. And more than that, depending on how you apply yourself and use your time now, you could be among the *very top physical leaders* in this New World. If you obey God and learn His principles *now*, you will have a headstart. Greater opportunities will come your way. In due time you will be given the opportunity to become a spirit being and to live forever.

And if you are in your late teens or older today? If you can imagine it, you will have an *even greater opportunity!*



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The "happy hunting ground" of a "modern" teen-ager. What more can you say? — just take a look, and then think about it.

You may well have become an adult capable of a mature understanding of God's ways before the World Tomorrow begins. In that case, you may qualify to be changed into an ever-living *spirit being* upon Christ's return. If you do, you will have power, strength, and the ability to enjoy pleasures far, far above that of physical beings. And you will have the fantastic opportunity to lead and guide the physical inhabitants of Tomorrow's World into full, abundant, happy lives.

Now what about it? Would *you* like to live in the most exciting and perfect age in the history of mankind?

You CAN — if you qualify! And remember, the sooner you *begin* to qualify, the greater will be the opportunities which come your way.

This article has only given the briefest sketch of what the World Tomorrow will be like. It has said nothing about how *crime* will be controlled, how people will be educated, how the economic system will work, what cultural life will be like — and many other important facets of life. For this important information you should write to us at once for your free copy of our colorful booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*.

Young people, no generation has stood on the threshold of a future such as yours! No opportunities have been more challenging, more worthwhile, more rewarding — *or more sure*.

Decide you're going to *take these opportunities NOW!* □

# CULTURE AND TODAY'S YOUTH

A NEW culture is capturing the imagination of today's youth! And few seem to see it for what it really is — a revolutionary set of ethical, moral, and political values.

Current writers and commentators often refer to it as the "drug culture" or the "hip culture" in their attempts to define this new way of life which seems to be so attractive to today's youth. Many of the "older generation" are slow to realize that it is not just an interesting fad or trend — to be compared with goldfish swallowing — but a near *total rejection* of all of society's cherished norms and values. This new "way" is designed to replace — even to *destroy* — the "establishment."

To be sure, a remarkable culture does accompany the drug scene. It has its own strange vocabulary, unusual styles of dress and appearance, totally different standards and values, shockingly new living arrangements — hardly anything remains unchanged! The goals, purposes, motives, and ideals take an entirely different direction. *It's a world all its own!*

But is it right? Or more pragmatically, *does it work?* In adopting a new standard of cultural values, has today's youth been wise to totally reject the old? Was there nothing worth saving? Nothing of true and lasting value?

And how does rejecting accepted cultural and ethical values differ from outright *degeneration*? Has any refinement, any true culture been preserved or created in this new "culture"?

Filthy living conditions, slovenly personal appearance, disease of many kinds, gross immorality are all commonly accepted as proof that the "establishment" has been rejected. But is personal degeneration the only way to reject the evils of the "establishment"?

Surprisingly, *the Bible* teaches the rejection of many of the world's values, too. "Love not the world..." Christians are admonished in I John 2:15. And "whosoever... will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). But does this amount to the same total destruction of *all* established values of today's world? Should Bible-professing Christians become dropouts from society? *Not at all!* Understand why *not!*

Jesus Christ rejected the false values, the injustices, the hypocrisy of His day. So did His disciples. Christ and His followers refused to accept or follow what was wrong in the world. According to what *standard?* God's Word! "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God," Jesus said in Matthew 4:4.

But the founder of Christianity had no argument with cleanliness, hard work, and true values in every part of life. The Bible reveals that God loves and promotes right culture — the Bible is literature, it exalts the role of *good music*, it gives the guidelines for a balanced, refined, and cultural way of life, a way of life totally different in almost every respect from that of many youths today!

This way of life is being pioneered at Ambassador College by hundreds of young adults from many divergent backgrounds. In establishing this unique college, the founder, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, adopted the motto "Recapture True Values." He recognized that the world was full of differing and conflicting values and ideals — some true, some false. He had the wisdom to see the need for sifting and sorting — for *recapturing the true* and *rejecting the false*, but *not* for rejecting every-

thing without careful examination and testing.

Again, according to *what standard?* Human reasoning, which says, for example, if it *feels* good to you then it's *right* for you? *NEVER!* He used the same standard that Jesus Christ used — *the Word of God!* — to which practical, positive experience has now been added for some twenty-three years in Ambassador College.

Experience has proved what God's Word guaranteed — that the right way of life for young people has *character*, highest morality and virtue, cleanliness, industry, refined cultural values — and a great purpose in life: active participation in this worldwide Work of God, *commissioned* to save this world from utter destruction! The three campuses of Ambassador College are *cultural centers* with a *quality* way of life. They are uplifting, inspiring, elevating! Not degenerate, base, and demeaning.

Do they get right results? *You bet!* God's way of life for young people produces happiness, accomplishment, success!! It eliminates heartache, depression, disease, and death! The right way of life produces young men and women of *true* culture.

Those of you young adults who have the courage to reject *both* the evils of the "hip scene" *and* the evils of the establishment — and want to *do* something about both — should consider applying to Ambassador College. It continues to be a remarkable fact that about 50% of our entering coeducational class have attended other universities, and about 20% have already graduated at the Bachelor's level or higher.

We can send you a copy of the Ambassador College catalogue and admission application upon request.

# INFLATION

...and he that earns wages, earns wages to be put in a bag with holes (Haggai 1:6).

London-Los Angeles

CHANCES are you received a raise fairly recently, but found that the extra money went *no* farther than did your previous salary. There is a reason for this. If a man gains a six percent raise, *inflation* eats up this raise in less than one year's time; and with the possible elevation to a higher *tax bracket*, his buying power could actually be *LESS*. Was *this* the "bag with holes" spoken of by the prophet Haggai in the sixth century B.C.?

*Inflation* is now a *worldwide* crisis. The U. S. coin is clipped by about 6.2% a year, and, by exporting this inflation, the United States is bequeathing the world similar rates: 10% in Britain, 8% in Japan, 6% in Germany, etc.

Inflation has had various definitions, but probably the simplest one is "too much money chasing too few goods." Wage increases have far outstripped rises in productivity, so "printing-press" money abounds, while output of goods stagnates. In the United States, for instance, wages climbed seven percent in 1969, but output per man-hour actually *declined* one percent. Since 1958, wages have skyrocketed 80% and output per man-hour less than 40%.

European wage demands are even greater. Wages more than *doubled* in the 1960's in France and Germany. In Britain, demands for a 50% wage hike over just *three* years are not uncommon.

Every English industry and service, including the Government service, seems to be hit by the strike "plague." Lord Stokes, chairman of British Leyland, Britain's largest car manufacturer, had to report in August 1970 that pre-tax profits of the Group in the first half year had fallen from £19.3 million to £1.1 million. One reason for the failure

of business to improve he said, "was the continual anarchy in the Motor Industry." He added that to keep their factories going, they have been building cars without tires, glass, wipers, or starter motors, storing them as much as possible under cover, and later fitting in the missing components (missing due to strikes at the component factories).

Other reasons for "too much money chasing too few goods" include the increasing social benefits given to people who "voluntarily" remain unemployed or who, because they need help and have no family to turn to, must be supported by public funds. Such spending *increases* by about 12 billions each year — in America alone!

Today, in most countries, interest rates are at or near record levels — and this too is widely interpreted as the result of inflation. In the U. S., both the prime interest rate and corporate bond interest rates are at records which have not been approached since the 1920's, just prior to the Great Depression.

Money supply has increased an average of seven percent annually over the last three years. And increasing money supply also contributes to the cheapening of your money's value. By the simple law of supply and demand, an excessive amount of money in circulation decreases the amount of goods and services that you can purchase with your salary.

And now with the long-term rate of inflation accelerating from a "liveable" three percent per year or so, workers and unions have become more sophisticated by trying to *anticipate* inflation in their demands by demanding even higher salaries. And these higher salaries turn right around and increase inflation. So the "which came first: the chicken or the egg?" argument clearly applies. Which came first, inflation or wage demands? Which feeds off which?

A great deal of study has gone into the matter of the relationship between wages and inflation. The general conclusion is that if the economy is run at a relatively high level of *unemployment*, pay increases will be restrained within acceptable bounds. The catch is that this unemployment level, though nobody knows what it is, is too high to be accepted!

Linking raises in pay to gains in national productivity seems to most people to be the best permanent solution. But this will not work unless production is moving ahead rapidly, and that will not happen when the authorities are trying to restrain demand to control inflation all the while yielding to increased salary demands. So the problems continue with no solutions in sight. One solution, regarding people who refuse to work, is given clearly by Paul in II Thes. 3:10: "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that *if any would not work, neither should he eat.*"

Western nations *cannot* learn to "live with" inflation. It robs people who live on fixed incomes (such as pensions). It robs those long-term savings accounts and bonds which earn less than six percent annually. It causes a "spend now, don't save" attitude, which in turn *spirals* the inflation higher. History shows that when inflation passes a certain point, it becomes "runaway" such as in Germany and many other countries after the two World Wars. In Germany, *million* mark notes became literally worth less than a *pfennig*.

What the prophet Haggai said is true! Our money has holes in it (the original Hebrew signifies "pierced or bored through") — clipped of its value! What can *you* do to hedge against inflation? Some say to invest in the metals which back the currency — silver and gold. But God says men will soon throw their idols of silver and gold to the moles and the bats (Isaiah



2:20). Remember, you can't eat gold. It won't clothe or shelter you. It is only as valuable as people's *confidence* in it is maintained.

Investment letters abound, telling you exactly where to place your "printing-press" money so it will gain more money for you instead of progressively losing more of its worth. Stocks, bonds, real estate, paintings, stamps, commodities, foreign currencies, and even old magazines are the varied suggestions.

God warns us very sternly *not* to put our trust and confidence in physical representations of wealth that we have laid up where "moth and rust" — and He might well have added "inflation and collapse of an economy" — corrupt, but to make for ourselves *treasures in heaven* (Matthew 6:19-21).

This world's way is to demand more but produce less, to get something for nothing by a lucky "investment," to build a "firm family financial founda-

tion" out of "securities" — stocks, bonds, and other paper — which is *no security at all*. If a man gain the whole world and lose his life what has he got? (Matt. 16:26.)

If you want to apply financial *laws* which fill those "holes" in your "money bags," write for two free booklets we offer, *Managing Your Personal Finances* and *Ending Your Financial Worries*.

— F. J. Bergin & G. Alexander

## THE "LATEST" STYLES

### A New Thing Under the Sun?

Paris

**B**OOTs buckled to the knees, black tights from toe to waist, shapeless dresses in a glorious color range from mud brown through black to gray that fall just above the ankle — that's the "new look in fashion" here in Paris, fashion capital of the world. Women worldwide may protest and sign petitions, but come what may, it's still almost impossible to ignore the stranglehold of Parisian "couturiers" on women's styles in London, New York and (amazing as it may seem) in Moscow and even the proverbial Timbuktu.

The tyranny of "what is worn in Paris" began well over 600 years ago (and perhaps earlier) in the days of kings, courtiers, and moneyed royalty. The original "couturiers" were employed by certain of the more famous early French kings — Louis XII was a fashion "high-stepper" in his day. He introduced velvet as an accessory fabric and everyone "had to fall in line" *literally* to remain in his royal good graces. Henry the III introduced lace and wore yards of frills and starched ruffles on his clothing. The queens viewed "fashion" as a royal pastime, and even in the sixteenth century hemlines and necklines, sleeve-lengths and hair-lengths went up, down and in every direction imaginable.

That's just the general background.

Much has happened since. Napoleon retained the emphasis on "fashion" after the French kings were deposed — the various couturiers who had catered to the kings continued catering to the "rich," the well-heeled, and the upper crust who survived the Revolution. And 600 years later, the tyranny continues. The courts and the kings are gone, but Paris has retained her supremacy over style, fashion, and what looks "chic."

In the past year, stores have been flooded with shoes shaped much like the boxes they are sold in, equipped with clumpy heels and giant buckles. Skirts may still be getting shorter in Portland and Minneapolis, but they are lengthening at furious rates on the boulevards of Paris. And hats! Well, I suppose you can call them hats. They fit over the head like a second skin. The first impression is that "milady" left her hairnet on by mistake. It's shocking when you first see it. But we moderns seem to "get used" to things at an unbelievable pace.

Invariably, human nature drives us all to extremes. The "in" people are obsessed by anything that is *dans le vent* — literally "in the wind," the "latest." And it's very, very important to conform to the "new conventions." Liberated women *all* "ban the bra." Of course, liberation is a misnomer. People simply rush from one form of slavery to another. Liberated "in" people *all* must wear certain things, *all* dress in a cer-

tain way, *all* try pot, *all* go for the new fashions.

There are exceptions, of course. But the "new conventions" enslave as much as the old.

Among many "religious" folks, who reject totally any concept of style, viewing it as worldly, wicked and diabolic to the core, we find the other extreme. All style is wrong, they claim. The cheap, the tacky, and the tawdry is what supposedly pleases the God of the Bible.

Of course, this is a perverted view of the Bible teaching. Neither extreme is right.

As a matter of fact, God loves color. His throne is a gorgeous inter-blending of reds, lemon yellows, rich browns, emerald greens and bright sea blues (see Rev. 4 and 21:18-21). God was *very* concerned about the type of clothing the priests wore in temple service, and gave specific instruction about colors, patterns, design and yes, even the length of the garment (notice all of Exodus 28).

In Ezekiel 16, God describes a god-like woman as being attractive and concerned about her appearance in a balanced, modest fashion. There is *nothing* wrong with beauty, color, and a certain *modest, balanced, sound* "style-consciousness" based on a broad knowledge of the way of God, and certain, but not all, of man's concepts of fashion.

— C. Catherwood

# STRIKE SOLUTION

Sydney

**H**OW do you run a country with no petrol, no transport, no power? Sydney was asking this question this summer. People were desperate for food, homes blacked out at night, industry paralyzed by day. Very few workers were *able* to get to work. Millions of people were literally under siege! A whole metropolis was held to ransom. This pictures the frightening spectre that threatened Sydney.

There were *two thousand fourteen* strikes throughout Australia in the past year! How many were genuinely necessary? And how many were only superficial reflections of a widespread, growing, industrial blackmail — an ugly manifestation of human nature in the raw? Labor, management, politicians have all offered solutions — that haven't worked! Why? Because God and His Word are left out! Nobody seems to have the faith — or is it the *guts* — to apply God's solution!

Over a century of struggle against a hostile employing class is the historical setting of current views — views which are not easily changed. Currently, the employer is the "villain," and more so if he attempts to maintain his rights of management during industrial disputes. Often this concept is a 19th century anachronism which unions are not willing to recognize.

Right now we hear reports of permanent industrial warfare. Secretary Mitchell (of the Hospital Employees Federation of Australia) said "chaos would result unless there were a *change of heart* by both sides to create an industrial structure that encouraged cooperative effort" between employers and unions.

Yet the whole motivating incentive today is the reverse from what God says it should be.

The Bible reveals what the employer's attitude should be toward his employee — and that is not to

exploit him. It also reveals what the employee's attitude should be to his boss — and that is not to militantly and destructively extract more than industry is capable of fulfilling. The Bible shows *HOW* that "change of heart" can take place!

God shows there should be no need for the present unrest. There is a *standard* upon which industry can be run — and Jesus Christ is going to show that *it can be done* when He standardizes the entire economic structure of the world.

That standard will be the *giving* standard! "Give, and it shall be given unto you. . . For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38). If this standard were applied in Australia (or anywhere on earth) today, the need for militant industrial warfare would be obviated.

— K. Crouch

## *Personal* from the Editor

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Kingdom, putting material interests second in our hearts, then in His own due time God will always prosper His children even in a material way!

"But *we glory in tribulations* also: knowing that *tribulation worketh* patience" (Rom. 5:3). Therefore it produces GOOD in, and for, us.

"My brethren, *count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations*" — alternate translation: "*trials*." "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:2-3).

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the *fiery trial which is to try you*, as though some strange thing had happened unto you: but rejoice" (I Peter 4:12-13).

If you had to choose between receiving gold valued at \$50,000 or a great trouble to test your faith, which would you choose? The gold? You'd make the wrong choice if you did. God says,

through Peter: "... the trial of your faith, *being much more precious* than of gold that perisheth, though it [the trial of faith] be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:7).

Moses suffered affliction in order to lead the children of God, choosing this rather than the riches of the king's palace and the pleasures of sin for a season.

David suffered constant criticism and false accusation, his enemies continually tried to unseat him, and his trials were so great sometimes it seemed God would *never* come to his rescue — yet God always did! Truly these trials teach us to be *patient* — for it often seems an eternity before God finally delivers us. How often I have experienced this personally. Yet, *always* God has intervened *before it was too late!*

God chose Paul to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and the Lord said, "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16). And late in life Paul wrote: "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments" [people probably would call Paul a crook, a racketeer, an imposter and a jailbird today] "in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings" etc. (II Cor. 6:4-6). Paul outlined more of his troubles and sufferings in II Corinthians 11:23-28.

Perhaps a chosen servant of God may be called upon to endure more trials, troubles, and tests of faith than other Christians — but every Christian shall suffer persecution, and meet fiery trials, sorrows, troubles, tests of faith. All our readers who are Christians will understand. Let us not murmur or grumble. Let us have FAITH, and endure in our faith *patiently*.

All these problems, troubles and trials are allowed to test us, strengthen us in faith and character, and prepare us for joy eternally in God's Kingdom. Paul wrote: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the GLORY which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8:18). □

# Letters to the Editor

## Personal from the Editor

I received my copy of *Tomorrow's World* a few hours ago and I was pleased to find that it is becoming even more interesting and informative — recognizably so, even from month to month. The "Science Vs. Theology?" section was very informative in this issue, as was the article on "Door-To-Door Preaching." Though I realize that it was meant to complement the article on God's True Ministers, I considered it to be even more in relation to the subject taken up in the "Personal from the Editor," which in itself, is something that I need brought out to me from time to time. Now and then, I find myself desiring to stop strangers on the corner, and tell them the real FACTS of LIFE (and death). Articles like this aid me in resisting. Thank you.

David W.,  
California, Missouri

I see my mistake now. For 15 years or more I have talked about this, but just succeeded in alienating the friends I had and almost my family too. Now, thanks to you, making it clear to everyone, my self-respect is once more intact (in the family at least).

Don K.,  
Wenatchee, Washington

## Hell

Never have I ever read and been so amazed as I was yesterday in reading from July-August *Tomorrow's World* your article "What Is This Place Called HELL?" All my life I've heard many, many sermons in many churches about an everlasting, eternal, forever burning in hell for all lost souls and like 99% of the people I believed it — until I read and studied your wonderful article. I just can't get over this.

Mrs. Ruthann M.,  
Phoenix, Arizona

## In the Beginning

In all your *Tomorrow's World* magazines I always see the book of Genesis mentioned. I've looked through the Bible I have and it doesn't seem to have the book of Genesis in it. Therefore, I was wondering if you could possibly send me a copy.

• *The book of Genesis begins the Bible. If yours doesn't have that book, you don't have the complete Bible. Perhaps what you have is only a New Testament. Check any bookstore, and ask for the whole Bible — Old and New Testaments.*

## Personal Representatives

Thank you for informing me that Mr. Armstrong's personal representative in my area has been informed of my request for a visit. I look forward to seeing him. I do

intend to use the interim period, between now and his arrival, wisely.

Ronald F.,  
Ft. Monmouth, N. J.

Recently had a long rewarding discussion with two of the local ministers of the Church of God. A great deal of beneficial correction, guidance and inspiration was received. The conversion from human, carnal man's ways into God's ways is a long, slow and painful process. However, as the clarification and understanding of God's great plan unfolds, the glorious magnitude is so great and overwhelming, and the rewards so vast, as to be far beyond human comprehension.

George N.,  
Denver, Colo.

I was lost, troubled and afflicted because of my sins, but thanks to God I have now found my way back. I turned on with drugs and grass (pot), but I came to realize this was all in vain. Thank God he saved me, and also for the counseling and advice from your ministers. I want now to live according to the Bible and pray diligently to be worthy of salvation and forgiveness and to enter God's Kingdom.

Angelo D.,  
El Paso, Texas

## Books for Adults

Two things hit me recently — the radio program on Women's Liberation and then BOOKS FOR ADULTS listed in the May-June issue of *Tomorrow's World*. We in the boondocks appreciate books being pointed out to us, as there is so much trash on the market, and it takes days and days to review and weed out and buy the wrong books trying to find something significant.

Ray O.,  
St. Louis, Mo.

• *See our book list for teen-agers on page 15.*

## Grateful Teen-ager

May I congratulate you on the anniversary of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine. As a teen-ager I find it inspiring, easy reading and informative. It gives me an aim and purpose in life. With it and *The Plain Truth* I have the information to refute the many baseless arguments that God is dead. When I become an "earner" I hope to contribute and become a Co-Worker. Until then please keep both the magazines coming regularly. I can't do without them.

David J.,  
Auckland, New Zealand

• *Both magazines are sent cheerfully for as long as you want them, David — and thanks for another good teen-age example.*

## Read the Book

I wrote to you a few months ago to tell you I had started reading the Bible. *I have just completed it.* It really does help to get the whole story flow.

Nancy D.,  
Texarkana, Texas

• *To all of our readers who are reading through the Bible, be sure to let us know when you finish.*

## New Co-Worker

This is to inform you that I have received your letter welcoming me into the Work of God as a Co-Worker. I am thrilled beyond description to be part of the family. I have read your letter carefully and understand the financial policy of God's Work. This is God's Way, just as all things must be done. I understand my part in the three-way partnership is tithes, offerings, and constant earnest prayer for the Work. I felt privileged to be included on the Co-Worker mailing list. I will be waiting anxiously for each special letter. You have not misjudged my intentions. I want very much to be a Co-Worker and I will do my part to my greatest ability. I am very grateful to be welcomed as a fellow Co-Worker. I will remember to pray constantly.

Al R.,  
Pasadena, Calif.

## Tithing

I have made the decision to pay tithe and offerings to the Worldwide Church of God. Enclosed with this letter you should find a cashier's check for the amount of \$421.25. This is my tithe and offerings, saved from the beginning of 1970.

Thomas C.,  
Portland, Oregon

Two days after sending you my first tithe, I secured a highly paid job at Gatwick Airport. Last Friday I received ten pounds for three days' work. Also last week, I managed to sell my old three-wheeler car for twenty-four pounds, and after paying back ten pounds in debts to my parents, I find myself left with fourteen pounds — an increase of 240% from the previous week!! I have found out that I can't afford NOT to tithe. I was a bit dubious at first, but now I find that God really DOES give financial returns. Thank you very much for that article about tithing in *Tomorrow's World*. I found it very interesting and I think it was that which inspired me to stop stealing from God.

J. J. B.,  
Crawley, Sussex, England

• *Be sure to read "Why Should I Tithe?" in this issue beginning on page 40 for an even fuller understanding of God's law of tithing.*

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