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THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD

GOD CALLS THIS WORLD "this present *EVIL* WORLD" (Gal. 1:4). He has good *reason* for saying this! Do *you* believe it?

Look around you—what do you see?

Newspapers filled with stories of murder, war, theft, divorce and remarriage! They are full of stories of wild youths on rampage, narcotics enslavement, international bickering and strife, and great numbers of other types of TRAGEDIES.

Or are crimes on the decrease?

No!

Statistics show that crimes today are INCREASING at a tremendous rate! Why?

World Does Not Want to Obey

What is the CAUSE of all these troubles and their accompanying heartaches, sorrow, and wretchedness? *HUMAN NATURE! — IN UNRESTRAINED ACTION.* It has caused them all! Everyone wants happiness, but each wants it in *his own* way. The nature with which we are born does not want us to *yield* to a better way of living! Each likes to think his own way is best. The *world does NOT WANT TO OBEY GOD.*

Instead, the whole world is on the *GETTING SIDE*—as individuals and as nations. Each person wants all he can lay claim to, and still he is not happy. Then they *TRY TO STEAL HAPPINESS,* not realizing that it just cannot be done. People rob neighbors of land, business, property, prestige, or family—all in the vain quest for that elusive, intangible thing called happiness. Unbridled carnal *lust* is on the loose! Did you ever stop to realize it is the mind that *God* placed within you that is the *cause* of all this world's troubles?

The Way the Unconverted Mind Works

GOD HAS SET IN MOTION A LAW WITHIN THE HUMAN MIND WHICH CAUSES IT BY NATURE TO BE *HOSTILE* AND *DISOBEDIENT* to God's commands. This law is a *living,* MOVING thing—*just like the law of* GRAVITY!

This LAW operates to pull man down into *disobedience* as surely as gravity operates to pull an object to this earth. Man's mind, having this natural downward pull toward *disobedience,* is called the "carnal mind." It is said to be at ENMITY TO GOD—for it is by nature *disobedient* to God (Rom. 8:7).

PAUL RECOGNIZED THIS LAW WORKING WITHIN HIS OWN MIND. Because he was drawn downward into disobedience so often, he cried out in shame, "I find then a *law* [of disobedience], that, when I would do good, evil is present with me . . ." (Rom. 7:21). And Paul went on to lament, "I see . . . [this same] law [of disobedience] in my members [in my body], *WARRING* AGAINST the *LAW* OF my *MIND* [*GOD'S* LAW, WHICH PAUL HAD *ACCEPTED* IN HIS *HEART* AND *MIND* (verse 22)] and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin [disobedience] which is in my members" (verse 23). THUS, there is a WAR CONSTANTLY GOING ON WITHIN MAN'S MIND as to whether to be *obedient* or *disobedient* to God. EVEN THE RIGHTEOUS PAUL WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY in keeping temptations from getting the better of him!

In this light, perhaps we can better understand the *false reasoning* of *Adam* and *Eve* when they took of the tree which was a *MIXTURE* OF good (OBEDIENCE) *AND* evil (DISOBEDI-

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ENCE). Their carnal-working minds led them to think that this mixture of *good*—as well as evil—wasn't "too bad" after all. But it was *this very mixture which God* CONDEMNED! They were COMPLETELY *disobedient* in taking what God had *SPECIFICALLY FORBIDDEN!*

GOD LONGS FOR THE TIME WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WILL BE RIPE FOR THEIR TRANSFORMATION to Spirit beings. He cried out, in His exasperation at the disobedience of the people in Old Testament times, "O that there were such a *heart* [mind] in them that they would fear Me, and keep My commandments *always* that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" (Deut. 5:29).

You ask, "WHY DIDN'T *GOD* CREATE US PERFECTLY OBEDIENT *to Him TO START WITH?* Had He done that WE WOULD BE MERE AUTOMATONS—AS THE MOON—which moves BUT has *no mind of its own.* WE would not be CREATURES OF CHOICE. We would not be able to make right decisions "on our own."

God commands us: "MAKE YOU A NEW HEART and a new spirit: for why will ye die?" (Ezek. 18:31). 'Make *you* . . . !" Notice that it is "YOU" who God holds RESPONSIBLE! God created us. He *knows* that He has given to each of *us* the *power of decision.* The POWER TO CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL REPENT of going just the opposite to His Holy Scriptural ways!

Our ways bring only *misery* upon us.WE MUST SURRENDER *OUR* FORMER WAYS AND *WILL* to His ways and His will. God decrees this solely for the reason that it is ONLY THEN that HE IS ABLE TO COMPLETE HIS NEW CREATION WITHIN US. He then gives us a *new* heart and mind—His Holy Spiritual mind, by the transforming *power* of the *Holy Spirit.* It must be AIDED *as much as is humanly possible* BY OUR PITIFULLY WEAK, BUT INTENSELY WILLING, *human* EFFORTS. This is what produces *character* in man—God's *objective!*

The "Way Which Seemeth Right"

GOD HAS PLACED IN MAN'S MIND something which we call "CONSCIENCE." It MAKES MAN WANT TO DO WHAT *HE HIMSELF* REGARDS AS RIGHT. This is *the way* that God refers to when He says, "There is *a WAY* WHICH *SEEMETH* RIGHT unto a man [to the carnal *unconverted* man], but the end thereof are the WAYS OF DEATH"—*ETERNAL* DEATH (Pro. 14:12).

But this same carnal mind of man is, by nature, *totally* HOSTILE to the spiritual law of God. "Because the *carnal mind* [man's *natural,* unconverted mind] is ENMITY against God; *for it is* NOT SUBJECT to the *LAW* OF GOD, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). The CARNAL MIND, therefore, works out a WAY OF LIFE which satisfies the human EGO. It follows the *way of man* which "seemeth" right—but it DISOBEYS THE SPIRITUAL *LAW* OF GOD with which man's carnal mind is in *TOTAL DISAGREEMENT!*

So, what we *all* NEED is a *BETTER GUIDE* for our decisions than our carnal *human natures* give us, and *much, much MORE POWER* to follow it. God has provided the *better* guide through the *BIBLE.* Paul said, "I had not known sin [disobedience], but by the *law*"—the commandments and precepts of God as revealed by the Scriptures (Rom. 7:7). The *Scriptures* must be our guide! And the *supernatural power* of God's *HOLY SPIRIT* within us will *enable* us to follow them!

What does God say regarding *how many* are wicked today and the condition of the world in general at this time? Listen! God says, "The *WHOLE WORLD* lieth IN WICKEDNESS" (I John 5:19). *God* should *know!* He created everything! And remember, again He speaks of it as, "This present evil world" (Gal. 1:4). Both history and God's Word show that the world has been evil FROM THE *BEGINNING!*

Now *let us examine this world today in its true light!* Let's *note* the *commandments* of God *and* the *reaction* of the fleshly or *natural mind* which God has ordained to be in man—the mind that pulls man down into only *disobedience* to the commandments God has given. And let us note the *unfailing sorrow* that invariably falls on man when man disobeys one of God's revealed commandments! But first let us see that we go about this study *correctly.*

Final Instruction

This Lesson is intended to direct you to the Bible. Here is the METHOD OF STUDY.

Remember—you are to OPEN your Bible TO EVERY PASSAGE. Never say to yourself, "Oh, I think I know what the Lesson is referring to"—and then pass over the Scripture. You need to "*keep your nose in the Bible*," so to speak. You must READ *and* RE-READ and THINK OUT EACH PASSAGE you read. *MEDITATE* ON IT in your leisure time in the following twenty-four hours, and in your time of prayer — before you forget it. *MAKE it a PART OF YOU!* Don't forget, this is a *Bible Study* Course — not just a study of these words we send you.

Here is the method of making EFFECTIVE NOTES: WRITE down neatly on your paper the SUBJECT OF THE LESSON and underscore it. Next write down the LESSON NUMBER. Then as you come to each QUESTION SECTION, write down its TITLE and underneath, NUMBER EACH QUESTION as you come to it. *For each* QUESTION WRITE DOWN THE ANSWER, together with any pertinent ideas that come to your mind.

Be sure also to WRITE OUT THE SCRIPTURE which answers each question. Be sure to do this. Don't fail! It is very important. Writing down your material—the answers, and every word of each Bible passage, and any COMMENTS you wish to make as you go along—will *AID* you greatly in *reviewing* and *REMEMBERING*.

Now READ THE LARGE TYPE WORDS in this Final Instruction section right down to the end of this section—*pay no attention to the small type.* AND SUDDENLY—YOU HAVE A FLASH REVIEW OF ALL THE IMPORTANT POINTS! These serve as *an* INDEX *too*. Simple and effective. You will notice that *all the material in the Lesson is written this way. USE* THE LARGE WORDS FOR THIS PURPOSE!

This lesson, like all others, is extremely important to you. HAVE YOU PRAYED to God that He will give you understanding of this lesson? If not, don't read any further. Go to a private place, kneel down, and ask Him for the understanding and wisdom so that you may properly grasp and apply the material in this lesson you are about to study!

Lesson 21
Disobedient Pulls of Mind Man Is Born With

Do you know that GOD HAS *ITEMIZED* THE *DISOBEDIENT PULLS* THAT HE HAS PUT WITHIN *OUR MINDS?* The pulls to which the vast majority of this world succumb at this time, thus making of it "This Present Evil World"? Let us see what these disobedient pulls are!

1. Did CHRIST, as *the Word* or God of the Old Testament, CREATE *ALL THINGS?* John 1:1-3. Then was it not *He* who *created* the fleshly cells of *the brain* that is within man *and its LIKES AND DISLIKES* (*PULLS*) that are within it? Same verses. Then it is *God* who is *responsible* for our *natural pulls* toward obedience or disobedience to Him, is it not? Same verses.

2. Does Psalm 58:3 also verify the fact that within the flesh of man's mind, at the very time he is in the womb, God has placed disobedient pulls?

3. God uses the word "heart" for "mind" (Psa. 10:6, 11, 13). Does God say He has created us with an upright, good, and obedient mind? Jer. 17:9. Just *how* wicked is this mind? Same verse.

COMMENT: "Wicked" means "SINFUL." And sin is the transgression of the law—God's law (I John 3:4). So MAN IS BORN WITH *a disobedient mind.* A VERY *DIS*OBEDIENT MIND! God has put a great excess of strong pulls toward *disobedience* within our fleshly minds.

4. Speaking in a broad way, what works or *TRAITS* do our FLESHLY MINDS SHOW?—*variance? emulations? seditions? heresies?* Gal. 5:20.

COMMENT: "VARIANCE" MEANS to be "*at odds*," *or not in agreement.* God here points out that our natural broad *pull* He has placed within us causes us *not* to agree with Him. The word "EMULATIONS" MEANS "*desire of superiority*," *or* "*rivalry*." This must be overcome. The word "SEDITIONS" MEANS "*stirring up of commotions* just short of treason"—TREASON is the *outright attempt to overthrow government.* God has put that disobedient pull within us too.

The word "HERESIES" MEANS *having* "*sets of principles at variance to* [*God's*] *established principles* [*laws or commands*]." God is thus seeing to it that man will voluntarily desire to set up systems here on this earth that are *not* in accord with God's highest principles and the resulting system which He will establish. He is letting man see for himself where man's mind leads.

5. What are some of the other disobedient pulls that the Word (Christ) placed within this fleshly mind with which we are born? Gal. 5:19-21.

Does man's mind TEND TO WORSHIP *FALSE GODS* rather than the true God? Note the word "*IDOLATRY*"!!

Does the mind with which we are born tend to *HATE*, RATHER THAN LOVE, *OTHER PEOPLE?*—note the word *HATRED.* Is it by nature *envious?*

COMMENT: It will be very enlightening to you to look up, in your dictionary, the words used in Gala-

tians 5:19-21 which describe these pulls of our mind. There you will see how these PULLS *EXPAND OUTWARDLY* INTO MANY FIELDS. You may list these in your notes if you like.

COMMENT: *WE* CANNOT remove—CUT OUT WITH A KNIFE—these DISOBEDIENT PULLS! —they are a part of our very flesh, and are in our most *vital* organ—the brain—it would kill us if we tried. *Only* God's Holy Spirit can crush them out of us.

6. Does God say there are OTHER DISOBEDIENT PULLS of similar nature that He has put within our minds, that He has *NOT LISTED?* Gal. 5:21. NOTE THE WORDS "AND *SUCH LIKE.*"

7. Has God made our minds so they are PULLED TO the thought of committing ADULTERY? Mark 7:21. FORNICATION? Same verse DECEITS and FOOLISHNESS? And does our mind even seriously consider MURDER? Same verse. Does God repeat, for emphasis, that all these *evil* things come from the mind He has made? Same verse. Notice the other evil pulls mentioned here.

COMMENT: GOD, in Isaiah 45:7, SAYS "*I CREATE EVIL.*" Now we are beginning to see more clearly what He meant.

Another thought. It is striking that *nowhere in the* Bible is there a description of the *good* qualities of the *natural, carnal mind* that God ordained we be *born* with. Why? Because the carnal mind with which WE ARE BORN IS *PREDOMINATELY EVIL!*

8. What do these disobedient pulls, *unresisted* by man's *will*, do to man? Mark 7:23.

COMMENT: *We* are not responsible for these evil thoughts being in us, *but* IF WE DO *NOT REPENT* AND CALL UPON *GOD* TO PLACE HIS HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US, WHICH *WILL* CRUSH THEM OUT, *WE ARE RESPONSIBILE*—we become *DEFILED.*

Other Disobedient Pulls

1. God does not indicate people will be translated into His Kingdom even though they never receive the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome the disobedient pulls which defile, that God has put within them, does He? Rev. 21:27 and Gal. 5:21.

2. Has God made man just a *little* bad, so that his nature can *easily* be overcome? Jer. 17:9.

3. Has the type of mind God placed in man caused only a few to be disobedient (sinful)? Rom. 3:10. What does God repeat, for emphasis, in verse 12?

COMMENT: The word "good," used in verse 12, means *complete* obedience. *NO ONE* is, or ever has been, COMPLETELY OBEDIENT to God—EXCEPT JESUS CHRIST.

4. Does a disobedient PULL of man's nature cause man to swiftly shed blood?—TO *WAR?* Rom. 3:15.

5. What does GOD POINT OUT WILL HAPPEN WHEN ONE DOES NOT *REPENT*, AND *RESIST*, through the *power* of the *Holy Spirit*, the way which "seemeth right unto a man" —the way man has *reasoned* out as right by his own mind working out a *COMPROMISE* which will satisfy *both* his pulls to *dis*obedience and his pulls to obedience which God has put within him? Rom. 3:16.

COMMENT: God wants no compromises from us. He wants *complete* obedience—so we can be *completely* happy! The nature of the mind man is born with is to *compromise.* PAUL had advanced to the point where he REALIZED HE COULD *NOT DEPEND* ON HIS *HUMAN MIND.* He realized he NEEDED *GOD'S MIND*—God's *commands*—to guide him!

WE ARE TO HAVE A COMPLETE AND PERMANENT *DISTRUST* OF OUR OWN MINDS *when there is a clash between "what we think is right" and God's commands!*

6. Did God's very close presence to man in the early days of this earth have the effect of making the people fearful of God?—fearful of giving way to their downward pulls toward disobedience? Gen. 2:16, 17; Gen. 3:6.

COMMENT: This, of itself, shows that Christ will have to come with great power and DISPLAY OF MIGHT BEFORE PEOPLE REALLY BEGIN TO *FEAR* GOD! The disobedient pulls within MAN are so strong that man is "*DESPERATELY WICKED*" (Jer. 17:9).

7. *Adam and Eve were close to God in the Garden of Eden. They knew God.* What did people, from the very beginning, when they *knew* God (Gen. 2:16, 17) become, because of the downward pulls within them?—VAIN? Rom. 1:21. Is it not, then, the desire—or pull—of the mind to WISH TO BE FLATTERED? Same word. Look the word "vain" up in your dictionary—it will give a whole list of downward pulls which God has created within your mind. Write a representative number of them in your notebook.

COMMENT: Here we see a pull—PRIDE—which *God* says He has placed in the flesh of man's mind —pride in trifling attainments (Mark 7:22). It comes to the surface and influences man to *act* proudly. FROM THE VERY DAY ADAM *and Eve were created, these* INVISIBLE PULLS BEGAN TO EXERT their influence on man's VISIBLE ACTIONS. This is the first of many wrong pulls we will see in *action* in "This Present Evil World."

8. IS IT THE NATURAL PULL of our carnal fleshly minds TO *REALLY* HONOR AND GLORIFY GOD as the Creator who made and

sustains this earth and gives us the air we breathe, and be thankful to Him for them? Rom. 1:21.

COMMENT: NOW YOU ARE REALLY BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND YOURSELF. You probably have wondered, in times past, why you would NOT WILLINGLY, and with no effort, PRAISE GOD for all He has done for you. Perhaps you thought you were queer. But here you find, in God's own word, that such wrong attitudes are placed within *all* people.

Man's Carnal Mind Works Against Him

1. Is it because of a God-ordained wrong PULL of the natural mind that people BELIEVE THEMSELVES WISER THAN THEY ACTUALLY ARE? Rom. 1:22. Does God say that those who trust in their *own* minds are FOOLS? Pro. 28:26, Isa. 5:21.

COMMENT: GOD SHOULD KNOW!—HE *MADE* OUR MINDS! He is saying that all who place their complete reliance on their own minds—"thinking they know it all," instead of relying on His Word, are headed for trouble!

2. Did the DISOBEDIENT PULL TO WORSHIP IDOLS (Gal. 5:20) immediately make itself evident in *visible action?* Rom. 1:23, 25.

COMMENT: The people were making visible creature-shaped idols to worship, instead of worshipping the true God whom they *actually* knew! (Note here the pull God has put in man, *against Himself!*)

An IDOL CAN *BE* ANYTHING visible, or invisible, which is PUT *AHEAD OF*, or in place of, GOD and His commandments—it can be a car, accumulation of wealth—anything.

3. Has God really tried to change the vast majority of the people of this world yet, or is He now letting them see where their ways lead? Rom. 1:24, 26, 28.

COMMENT: Note the phrases, "*God* . . . gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own *hearts*"—disobedient pulls in their own *minds*. And, "*GOD* GAVE THEM UP UNTO VILE AFFECTIONS." And, "*God* gave them over to a REPROBATE MIND"—to reprobate disobdient pulls. God has *not* tried to change the people of this world *yet*. When God *does, He will do it!* God purposely wants man now to learn the hard way, where man's ways lead to!

4. Did the adulterous and fornicating pulls which God has placed in man (Mark 7:21) and even similar worse disobedient PULLS IMMEDIATELY SHOW UP IN MAN'S ACTIONS? Rom. 1:26, 27.

What is ANOTHER LONG LIST OF GOD-ORDAINED DISOBEDIENT PULLS that God says we are filled with—pulls which show up in our actions if we are *un*willing to repent and let *God's* Holy Spirit come in and overcome them? Rom. 1:29-31.

COMMENT: These are the God-given pulls that MOTIVATE THIS WORLD *TODAY!* HUMAN NATURE DOES NOT CHANGE! – THIS IS *WHY* GOD SAYS IT IS "*THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD*"!

Notice that even children's disobedience to parents arises from a DISOBEDIENT-pull God, Himself, put within them! God wants *government* taught—He wants CHILDREN to be taught to live in *harmony* with their surroundings. God says the disobedient child is worthy of (eternal) death (verse 32). And all others who give way to disobedient desires are worthy of the same. These give only *temporary* pleasure (verse 32). ONLY *MISERY* is IN CARNAL *MAN'S WAYS* (Rom. 3:16). *God has ordained, by now putting* DIS-*harmonious pulls within men, that man lives in a world of dis-harmony in order that he later will be all the happier to live in a world of* HARMONY!!

5. Are there any people in whom God has not put these disobedient pulls? Rom. 3:9, 10.

COMMENT: The Jews were the leading tribe of the twelve tribes of Israel. God uses them here to represent the Israelites. In God's sight everyone in the unconverted world is either an Israelite *or* Gentile. *ALL*—all peoples—HAVE SINNED—everyone has been only *partially* obedient. No one is (completely) righteous.

6. Does God go on to imply in Rom. 3:13 through 17, that it is because of the disobedient pulls which He placed within people that they are only partially obedient? God *does* create evil! List by name these ADDITIONAL DISOBEDIENT PULLS, also, which are within everyone.

7. Has God put a natural pull to *fear* Him within flesh-born carnal man? Rom. 3:18. Or, on the contrary, does *God* show that He has put within flesh-born carnal man the PULL TO ACTUALLY *HATE* GOD? Rom. 1:30—To be *at enmity* to Him? Rom. 8:7.

COMMENT: GOD HAS *NOT* PUT THE FEAR OF HIM WITHIN THE FLESH OF MAN at birth for this REASON: *He wants man to discover for himself man's complete inferiority to his Creator, without man feeling he was suppressed in freely exercising his own talents.*

Carnal Mind's Attitude Toward the World

The THINGS YOU HAVE LEARNED in this Lesson, so far, may have come as A *SHOCK* TO

YOU. They should! You have often heard that this is "God's world." PEOPLE thus INFER that everything here is "sweetness and light"—and a "GOOD OLD PLACE in which to live, with the sun shining . . ." etc., etc. And subconsciously you have believed it. This is the TALK OF THE *DEVIL!*

This is the Devil's world—*he* is the *prince* of it (John 14:30)—he wants to keep the world's carnal-minded people—his subjects—satisfied!

You have heard, "*Trust* your fellow man," and you have also heard someone say with great *disgust*, when this slogan was not lived up to, "What's the matter, don't you *trust* me?" You have, perhaps, been inclined to accept this slogan too—although wondering somewhat. People optimistic on this world are set upon the highest pedestals—"they're good guys." Anyone who breathes a word against this world is looked down upon.

GOD PLACED THE OPTIMISTIC PULL WITHIN THE FLESH of man so that man would BUTT his HEAD against the hard wall of fact all the *oftener*—the fact being that this is *not* a good world at all—and never has been! The butting of optimistic heads on this hard wall of fact has become increasingly harder and harder of late as the cumulative evil effect of man's disobedient pulls have increased and increased. Things don't look so good anymore. The OPTIMISTS are rapidly becoming *CONFUSED!*

YOU NEED NOT BE!

For God has now laid before *you*, out of His very own Handbook, the information with which you can analyze world events as you *never* were able to analyze them before. And all this with the absolute assurance that you are unerringly correct, for God Himself, the Creator and One who makes all things "go," has just GIVEN YOU THE BASIC FACTS of just what makes the people of this world *act* as they do. Because of the facts you have just learned, you now can never again look upon this world in the same way you have in the past. Now YOU are BEGINNING TO SEE IT AS IT REALLY IS!

Now that you understand how the *unconverted* —the *unchanged* by the *Holy Spirit*—minds of people *work*, you are about to see what these minds are *doing to this world*—you are going to see how *truly* evil this world is. And once you fully realize this, you will *know* that CHRIST HAS SCARCELY BEGUN HIS WORK of preparing the vast majority of the world's population for immediate transformation into Spirit beings. You will realize, more fully than ever, *why* Christ must come with power and rule this earth with a rod of iron in order to re-educate the people to *repentance* and voluntary acceptance of the *Holy Spirit!*

You will come to REALIZE *WHY* YOU MUST *REPENT NOW* AND *SEPARATE YOURSELF* FROM MANY OF THE CUSTOMS of "This Present Evil World." You will realize that it will require the very Spirit of God Himself to help you FOLLOW GOD'S WORD—THE *BIBLE*—IMPLICITLY, so that you may BE ACCOUNTED WORTHY TO ESCAPE all the terrible things shortly to fall on "This present evil world," and be accounted worthy to aid Christ at His coming in aiding others to come *out* of this present system and *into* the Kingdom of God! This, then, is *why* we *must* see just how evil today's world is!

Remember that for this to be a *good* world in God's sight, instead of it being this "Present *Evil* World," everyone would have to be OBEYING GOD'S COMMANDMENTS *not* in part, but *COMPLETELY*. That is what everyone who is in God's Kingdom will ultimately be doing. That is God's standard. THAT IS GOD'S GOAL. Just how well are the people of this world who must ultimately come into God's Kingdom in order to have eternal life, obeying Him *now*? Let us see!

Unconverted Mind in Action

1. Who are to receive salvation?—those who do *God's* commands? Rev. 22:14. If there is a *CONFLICT* BETWEEN THE commandments—LAWS OF GOD—AND THE LAWS OF MAN, *whom* does GOD say we are to OBEY? Acts 5:29. Did Christ verify this? Mat. 4:10. Note the word *only*.

2. Has God set a DISOBEDIENT PULL within man's mind SO that man *CANNOT* DO this WITHOUT MIRACULOUS AID from God? Rom. 8:7. What does verse 8 say?

COMMENT: Note that verse 7 says it is *impossible* for the carnal (fleshly-born) mind to obey God. However, if one *repents* of his evil ways, believes, and is baptized, *then* God will place the transforming power of His *Spirit* within man and then man can obey God acceptably.

3. *Is* this world under *God's* government—that is, is it obeying *His* COMMANDMENTS? Let us examine. What does God command, as one of His great TEN COMMANDMENTS? Ex. 20:13. Is this world obeying this? Look around you! Are not PEOPLE EVERYWHERE *WARRING* and *KILLING* around the world? Then this world is *NOT* OBEYING God, is it? Wasn't it God, Himself, who put within man the disobedient pull (which must be crushed out through the *power* of the Holy Spirit)—to *murder*—war—kill? Mark 7:21.

4. Did God inspire *Paul* to *repeat* His commandment NOT to KILL, so that there would be no doubt but that it is a COMMANDMENT FOR *TODAY?* Rom. 13:9.

5. What disobedient pull have we seen that God has put within the flesh of man that must be overcome, that causes man to BELIEVE that these mass war KILLINGS are "JUSTIFIED"? Mark 7:21, Gal. 5:21, Rom. 3:15. Doesn't this disobedient *tendency* make it much easier for people to find a *justification* to kill? Same verses.

6. Do this world's churches, drawn by this downward pull, sanction war?

COMMENT: It is world-wide knowledge that the churches of this world, by their very *actions*, do sanction war—*for their members go to war*. The natural-born mind reasons that TO *"EXPEDITE PEACE,"* it is right to kill. THIS WORLD HAS YET A LONG WAY TO GO TO ATTAIN A PASSABLE MASTERY OVER ITS DOWNWARD PULLS. For the vast majority, not being taught by this world's churches the accuracy of the Bible and the true commandments of God, and the *absolute necessity of* obeying them, have *not yet even started to* do so. They are, as yet, still learning the "hard way"—and their church *leaders* are learning the same way, along with them!!

7. If people do not keep God's commandments, whose commandments do they keep? Mat. 15:9.

COMMENT: Man follows his own heart, or mind, which, we have already seen, has purposely been made *faulty*. Man makes his OWN LAWS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THOSE MADE BY THE ALL-POWERFUL MIND OF GOD.

8. If the vast majority of ministers of this world do not represent God, whom do they represent—SATAN? II Cor. 11:14, 15.

9. Is there ONE *GREAT* WORLD RELIGIOUS HEAD through whom people now believe they are receiving the commandments of God, but who, instead, represents a great AGE-OLD SYSTEM OF IDOLATRY? II Thes. 2:3, 4. This religious head's great church has (graven) images within its churches to which its people bow. What does God *command* regarding this? Ex. 20:4, 5.

10. What DISOBEDIENT PULL has God put within carnal man to ATTRACT him TO THIS FALSE *IDOLATROUS* SYSTEM, which he must will to resist? Gal. 5:20, first word.

COMMENT: This great church has a tremendous effect in making of this, "This Present Evil World."

11. Does this world *love* these *idolatrous partial-obedient* ways which lead to *dis*harmony? John 3:19.

12. Will the man who is head of this great false religious system soon sit in the very seat of God? II Thes. 2:4. What will he, in the near future, cause people to do? Rev. 13:15-18. Is not this great religious system, the mother from which OTHER FALSE CHURCH SYSTEMS *NOT* BEARING HER NAME have sprung—too soon, for a short time—be the one single great church of the whole earth? Rev. 17:5.

COMMENT: Here is a great "mother" church that has set the pattern for all the other large religious denominations of this earth—they also are pagan because they are classified as her harlots. This will be covered in future lessons. Sufficient to say here that the WHOLE EARTH has been, and is being, DECEIVED by this system!

13. Is not its head the same man who will soon cause all people to *WAR* AGAINST CHRIST? Rev. 16:13, 14, 16. Note the words, "false prophet." Here is a great church whose basic principle is to believe in, and enter actively into, *war* whenever it (*not* God) thinks times are right!

Mind Perverts Everything to Evil

1. Isn't it because God has put within each ordinary man the *same disobedient pull* to murder that He has put within the world's leaders, that they *follow* their leaders into war and preparations for war? Gal. 5:21. *This* pull within man, uncrushed by the Holy Spirit, is the cause of all *mass-murders*. War!

COMMENT: Down THROUGH ALL HISTORY, MAN, led by this *unrestrained* downward pull, HAS PREPARED FOR *WAR*. God is Creator. He is a creator of *useful* things. We are being fashioned to be creators like God. For purpose of training, God has fashioned us so that we may now, in a limited way, create—invent. Man has invented many things down through the ages, some things useful—but some things *bad!* This downward pull which makes man believe it is just to *kill* to attain peace has caused man to produce *weapons* with which to *kill* his fellow man. Weapons of *war*. It has rightly been said that MAN HAS PERVERTED EVERYTHING HIS HAND HAS TOUCHED. (Because of his *carnal nature*.) The history of the implements of war bears this statement out. Let us examine:

Centuries ago, Chinese chemists learned to make GUNPOWDER! It was explosive. It had a *good* use to loosen rock for building houses and roads. *But* did the downpull of evil thoughts in man's mind then take over to pervert this *good* use to an *evil* one? Yes! As soon as the Europeans learned this secret, they put it to work to *kill* their fellow man.

The same story is true of STEEL. With it, man *at first* fashioned only good strong *useful* tools. And then what happened? The evil pull within man then caused him to PERVERT the use of this USEFUL substance. Man *combined* the use of steel with the use of gunpowder and thus fashioned a *killing*

tool, *guns*—with which TO KILL his *fellow man!!*

Today, we have discovered the secret of ATOMIC POWER—unlimited power for *good*—for heating, light, transportation. ***But immediately***, this time, what has man done? Why the same thing, of course!—For the old original nature that God put within man from the beginning, is still on the job—man has devised the most diabolical instrument for killing *man* that has *ever* existed. The whole earth is afraid of its Frankenstein monster that it has created. God is letting man learn, by experience, where his *own* thoughts uncrushed by the Holy Spirit, lead him.

2. Doesn't GOD plainly REVEAL that we BRING GREAT ANGUISH upon ourselves IF WE DISOBEY His commandment not to kill? Revelation 13:10.

Greed

1. But are there OTHER WAYS for man TO "WAR" upon his fellow man? Yes! This "Present Evil World" is *worse* than cannibalistic—this WORLD EATS UPON *ITSELF!* Its people's *GREED* for the *possessions* of their fellow members in this world is now in the final culminating stage of threatening *complete oblivion!* Has God given a *commandment* that man is NOT EVEN to LET the *THOUGHT* OF TAKING what is not *rightfully* his ENTER his MIND? Ex. 20:17. Is this not one of the great Ten *Commandments?* Same verse.

2. Has God placed within man a disobedient pull which causes man to *desire* what is *not* rightfully his? Gal. 5:21. Note the word "envyings"! And after one becomes envious and *desirous* of the rightful possessions of his fellow man, what other *disobedient pull* takes over, which man should will to overcome? Mark 7:22, first word.

3. Has GOD GIVEN A COMMANDMENT to man as *HOW MUCH* MAN SHOULD EXPECT TO *RECEIVE*, OR *TAKE*, from his fellow man? Jas. 2:8, 10. Is not this commandment (law) of God EXTREMELY DISTASTEFUL and repulsive TO the FLESH-BORN *dis*obedient PULLS that God has put within man's carnal mind? Rom. 8:7. Note the word "*law*"—*one* law! Then isn't it the *highest* law—ROYAL LAW OF *LOVE*—which the flesh-born mind of all people of this world do not like? Jas. 2:8.

COMMENT: All the commandments God has ever given to man for right living are summed up in the Ten Commandments. And, in turn, all the Ten Commandments are summed up in the Royal Law of Love! *Love* toward God and *love* toward his fellow man. Love, therefore, is the *whole* law—"the *Royal Law*" (Jas. 2:10, 8). Love of one's fellow man is to *treat* him *just as one's self would like to be treated—no better, no worse*. But MAN, because of his God-given disobedient pulls within him, just DOES NOT, *by nature*, even WANT TO GIVE HIS FELLOW MAN AN "EVEN BREAK" which he himself would desire, if he can make anything at the expense of his fellow man! What *self*ishness!!

Good Rule and Justice Impossible

1. Are the *civil* rulers of this world—its kings, dictators, presidents and legislative bodies—as their minds are at present constructed, able to make *laws* patterned after the intent of the commandments of *God?*—and are they themselves able to *rule* according to the commandments of God? Mark 7:21-23. Note here the "works of the flesh." We have seen that God has purposely constructed the human mind to reason *faultily*. It follows that MAN CANNOT MAKE LAWS OR RULE ACCORDING TO THE WAY GOD DESIRES, for the unconverted man is "not all there"—he does not yet have God's Holy Spiritual attitude!

COMMENT: Now it can clearly be seen *WHY* we have such an evil world with all its STRIFE and TURMOIL—great bodies of people led by power-mad dictators—as in parts of Europe today; or atheistic dictators—as in Russia today; or even in the democracies of the world, where the citizens are led by well-intentioned leaders, who, like all human flesh, have a God-given only *partially obedient mind* within them. Now we see *why* this world receives such IMPERFECT JUSTICE from its courts and magistrates. And *why* this world receives such imperfect counsel from it counsellors! And *why* there is always much CORRUPTION in politics—with its political machines. Now we see why this world has so much government corruption —whether in high or low places. With its "mink-coat and deep-freezer" BRIBES, and even worse, extending all the way from the highest governing centers, on down to city governments with their RED LIGHT VICE DISTRICT hook-ups.

Man, left to himself, just does *NOT KNOW* GOD'S LAWS, LAWS THAT LEAD TO *HARMONY*. It has always been so.

2. What SENTENCE does God pronounce ON DISOBEDIENT RULERS who do not obey Him? Ezek. 22:6-15.

COMMENT: "Princes" means *authorities* — kings, presidents, judges. This prophecy, given long after ancient Israel went into captivity, is for their descendants today—America and the democracies of northwestern Europe.

3. Are the rulers of this world *DISOBEYING*

GOD IN ALLOWING *MINGLING* OF NATIONS?—what did God do a hundred years after the flood, give *each nation* a place in which to live? Gen. 10:25, 32; 11:1, 7, 8.

COMMENT: Note that GOD GAVE EACH NATION A *PLACE to live* and a *language of its own* (Gen. 10:5, 20, 31). He WANTED THEM TO *STAY* THERE. When they *mingled together again* at the Tower of Babel and all again learned one language (verse 6), God again gave them different languages *to again keep them apart,* and *scattered* them (verse 8). *MINGLING* LEADS TO INTERMARRIAGE among nations. *GOD* DOES NOT WANT THIS!

God's Laws Broken in all Human Activities

1. What does God reveal regarding the eating of too much SWEETS? Pro. 25:27.

COMMENT: Natural honey is the *best* of the sweets. And white refined sugar, produced by man, has definitely been proven to be the *poorest.* What follows when man *disobeys* God's advice in regard to excessive use of sweets? All dentists know that white sugar, especially in excess, causes an extremely high increase in rate of occurrence of tooth cavities! Children love candy. White sugar is also highly suspected in the incidence of polio. God has even given to man a *PERVERTED* SENSE OF TASTE which must be overcome!

2. What does God COMMAND REGARDING the eating of PORK? Deut. 14:8. This evil world does not obey this, so suffers, and wonders why!

COMMENT: God made the human body. He *knows* what it will best function on. He has *not* changed the body since He gave this commandment, so the commandment still holds. Man DISREGARDS it AT his OWN PERIL! What is God trying to *protect* us from when He, in His infinite knowledge, reveals *this commandment* to us? Increasing numbers of people are *dying* yearly from *fat accumulation* within the walls of their arteries. This, *science,* at *long last,* is beginning to learn. The *hog* has more *fat* than any other animal commonly eaten. It is but one more of the disobedient ways of man which lead to "destruction and misery" (Rom. 3:16).

3. It is common knowledge that God has commanded the seventh day to be kept as a *rest* day—a day which among other things, is a rest for the *human body*. But do you know God *commands that* in the seventh *year* the FARMED *LAND* HAVE A *REST?* Read it! Lev. 25:4.

COMMENT: This is a *physical* commandment which *applies to all soil of all ages.* God here points out that if people *obey* this command, the soil will serve them *well in* producing—it will *automatically refertilize* itself with the very *best* of fertilizers—its *own* vegetation. *God knows* this fact, but *people* have not "caught on" yet.

4. What DISOBEDIENT PULL has GOD placed in man which CAUSES MAN NOT TO LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON his land lying idle each seventh year—the *vanity of GREED?* Rom. 8:20.

COMMENT: Man wants to WRING THE GREATEST PRODUCTION OUT of his soil that he possibly can. He may put a "quickie" fertilizer on it that is *supposed to be* very good or he may even rotate his crops—but leave the productive land *idle* a year? Never! That would be too much of a waste, *he* thinks!

5. WHAT HAPPENS when people do not obey this *commandment* of God?

COMMENT: Productive land, not rested properly, does *NOT* YIELD ITS INCREASE. Crops become smaller and smaller. The farmer thus ACTUALLY *LOSES* anything he may have gained by farming his land the seventh year, besides being penalized by the labor he expended the seventh year. But what else happens? The land, becoming so poor it will not even support a cover crop, begins to lose top soil to the wind and water. Erosion takes place. His land becomes worthless. We are witnessing this in vast areas of the United States today! And in other parts of the world. Yes, evil befalls!

But this is not all! This one person's *unwillingness* to obey God's commandment *STARTS AN EVIL* CHAIN *OF MISERY AND SORROW THAT AFFECTS MANY PEOPLE!* For when the soil becomes worn out by overproduction, it is no longer able to put its nutrients for *people* in its vegetation. People *think* they are still getting the same food value for their money but are not. The farmer is *ROBBING* the PEOPLE! The people then develop DEFICIENCY DISEASES. And these *LEAD*, quite often, *TO OTHER DISEASES* which are *COMMUNICABLE.* Plague and famine go hand in hand!

What also happens? The FOOD PROCESSOR, having the *same* human nature that God placed within the farmer, is also greedy. He finds he can separate the really less nutritious part of the cereal and sell it falsely as though it were very nutritious. *People* are unable to tell the difference. But their bodies can!—DISEASE SPREADS *more* rapidly. Many die. The man who started this chain of events has thus become a *murderer*—many have *died* because of his actions!! And then what happens? Those still living violate another of God's commandments—they seek a physician—a doctor.

6. What does God command regarding man SEEKING A PHYSICIAN?—does he not rather say

to call the elders of God's *true* Church? Jas. 5:14-15. Does God claim that He (directly, and through His representatives here on earth) is the *real* Healer? Ex. 15:26. What penalty does God warn is apt to fall if one goes to the physician? II Chron. 16:12, 13. Does God even warn against the medicines of druggists? See comment.

COMMENT: Revelation 21:8 says *sorcerers* will suffer eternal death unless they repent. The Greek word for "scorcerers" means "*DRUGGISTS*"—those who deal in *medicines!* (These topics will be dealt with in detail in later lessons.) After a country is *weakened* by all this chain of events, an ENEMY COMES in. This *is the way* of "This Present Evil World"! This is a chain of events that has HAPPENED DOWN THROUGH HISTORY time and again and is *now* ABOUT TO BE REPEATED on the most GIGANTIC SCALE ever known!

But there are yet other sins of disobedience! New type POISONS are used to PRESERVE FOODS. Long eaten, these produce sickness—death. Murder again!—for GREED of profit. Reports show that the RUSSIANS, for GREED of land, have killed millions of unarmed Chinese behind the Bamboo Curtain in their "*mop-up*" operations. The GERMANS, for the same greed "BARBECUED"—roasted in ovens—hundreds of thousands of their fellow men! No wonder God has made the SYMBOL of *THIS* WORLD—"This Present *Evil* World"—a GREAT IMAGE in the shape of a man —CARNAL, *EVIL*, NATURAL—*MAN!* (Dan. 2:31-34).

Misery, misery, misery!! *When* will people surrender *their* wills to God and ask Him to move in with His own Holy Spirit and crush out with it their carnal natures *for them?*

Theft Pull Expressed in Many Ways

1. Thefts? Who wants to be stolen from? No one! God's Royal Law of Love would prevent this *if* everyone were obeying it. Has God given a specific commandment to man NOT TO STEAL? Ex. 20:15. Has God said He has put a specific desire in man *to steal?* Mark 7:22, first word. Are any large groups of people, supposedly "good," obeying this *disobedient* pull today?

COMMENT: There are many ways large groups of people are giving way today to the disobedient pull to steal. The LABOR UNIONS are an example. Wages are not based on the service that is performed, but on what can be *forced* out of the employer, at the expense of the employer, or it is all right with them if they can force the employer to saddle the increased "tariff" upon the defenseless public. HIGH PRICES are charged—SHABBY SERVICE given. ROBBERY again! Presently, it may be the unions who are in the saddle. In the past, it was the CAPITALISTS who were "GETTING THEIRS" at the expense of the employee. Whoever is "on top"—unions or capitalists—there is NO REAL JUSTICE.

How *QUEERLY* people act!—each person realizes that he must die and has but a few short years to live on this earth, but instead of trying to use this time *wisely* in building character, he curiously uses every scheming, insidious device possible to get the best of his fellow man for a brief space of so-called "happiness" at the *expense* of sacrificing *true* happiness for perhaps all *eternity!* What *short-sightedness!!*

"COFFEE BREAKS" are taken advantage of by employees. Import duties are held at unreasonably high levels by big national manufacturers. The PUBLIC PAYS *and pays.* Combines are formed—all with the purpose of making "the other fellow" pay more than he should for what he receives. All this, in God's sight, is ROBBERY, as surely as if the money were taken out of someone's pocket! Man is still GLORYING IN EXERCISING THIS DISOBEDIENT DOWNPULL God has placed within him (Rom. 1:32). As long as the misery this causes doesn't hit them *directly*, they think they are "getting by" with something. But they *don't* get by. *God* is keeping the score. It's still the same old world that it was in the time of ancient Babylon. The international gangster—like Russia—is just individual human nature, grown big!

In order for the LITTLE MAN to hold his position in the business world the rule applies almost one hundred percent that he *MUST* BEAR *FALSE WITNESS* regarding the product he is selling, or lie regarding the service he is performing. The used car salesman must bear false witness that the speedometer was not turned back. God commands man *shall not* bear false witness. Ex. 20:16. Thievery and bearing false witness *DEFILE* those who do it.

2. Does God reveal that evil shall befall those who thus lie and defile themselves? Rev. 21:27. As these are such widespread customs among all nations, doesn't it clearly indicate that MUCH *PRELIMINARY WORK* MUST YET BE DONE before transformation of the vast majority of people can take place? Same verse.

Another of the Many Chains of Sorrow

1. Adultery? Does God *command*, "Thou shalt *NOT* COMMIT ADULTERY"? (Ex. 20:14.)

2. Doesn't God plainly point out that this is another of the disobedient pulls within people? It is

one which they must rise above through *repentance* for the sorrow they see it bring, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, have its attraction crushed out of their natures. Mark 7:21.

3. Doesn't Christ, our future Ruler, likewise verify the fact that man should be keeping *this* commandment *now* along with the other commandments? Mat. 19:17. *What* kind of life? Verse 16.

COMMENT: This country and the WORLD are *FULL* OF ADULTERY—it and fornication! The Kinsey Report, and many others, show in what manner it is being done in the United States. This WORLD IS BEING *EDUCATED* TO SIN!! God is left out. Wacky psychology courses in the schools deliberately ADVOCATE *TRIAL* MARITAL SEX RELATIONS—fornication—in *direct violation* against God's *Command*, "Thou shalt *not*." MOVIES *INFLAME* the already willing, disobedient, adultery pull still more, urging it to take action. Sex and vice are HEADLINED in papers everywhere, never letting the sexual urge rest. And now *RADIO* and *T.V.! PORNOGRAPHIC MAGAZINES* display their "wares."

The result? Women—and men—PATTERN THEMSELVES AFTER THEIR DIABOLICAL EDUCATION! They dress after the pagan sacrifice worshippers of old. WOMEN DRESS SKIMPILY, provocatively, and walk with mincing steps (Isa. 3:16)—as they have seen their matinee idols do. Men urge on with WOLF WHISTLES, and *ACT*. Clean social life is thereby undermined. Voodoo music appears at the parties—wild or otherwise. What happens? One or the other mate succumbs to the pressure. FAMILY LIFE is DISRUPTED. Friction or outright divorce result—and, following this, PARENTAL DISCIPLINE and training are RELAXED or abandoned altogether. The children thereby become unmanageable, *disobedient*—worthy even at this stage, in *God's* sight, of death (Rom. 1:32). But what do such children go on to do? They then go out and roam the streets, LEARN CRIME, then steal and finally *MURDER!* MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE runs *FIFTY-FIFTY* in some states!! *This* is the way of *this* world.

Why "Public Opinion" Demands Evil

1. WHAT does this world's PUBLIC OPINION *DEMAND* OF ITS huge system of CHURCHES? Isa. 30:9, 10, Rom. 8:7.

COMMENT: The Old Testament Israelites were, like all other people, *flesh-born* and so had the same disobedient pulls as all people have today.

COMMENT: "Public Opinion" consists of the opinions and *desires* of the public—the people of this world *as a group*. It is merely the mind of one person *grown large!* For "Public Opinion" is only a *group* of single individual minds unchanged by the Holy Spirit—minds which are at enmity to God (Rom. 8:7). It therefore *DEMANDS* that *SMOOTH THINGS*—things *agreeable* to its *disobedient nature*—be preached to it, and *not* the *commands* of *God*. It is a matter of common knowledge that WHAT THE MASS MIND WANTS IT USUALLY GETS, *because its force is so great.*

2. What other systems have come into being as a result of "public opinion"?

COMMENT: Great theatre chains watch the box office receipts. If the "public" didn't *DEMAND* LEWD PICTURES, there would not be any today. But *carnal nature does demand them!* The box office receipts say so. And they don't lie! The same is true of MURDER, RAPE, AND ARSON PLAY-UPS in the newspapers. The PUBLIC'S CARNAL NATURE *DEMANDS* IT. Circulation says so — and it does not lie. The examples are endless. *Carnal nature* ACCOUNTS FOR the EXISTENCE of many systems which puzzle some as to why such *VILE* SYSTEMS *would be allowed to exist!!* Army sanction of whores is an example.

3. What is God's fourth great commandment? Ex. 20:8. Are people keeping it? Look around you. What do you think?—here is a tip—*from the knowledge you have gained so far in this lesson regarding the disobedient nature God has placed within man,* DO YOU THINK MAN IS KEEPING THE DAY *GOD* COMMANDED, OR THE ONE WHICH *APPEALS* TO MAN'S *OWN DISOBEDIENT NATURE?*

COMMENT: Sunday and Saturday are the most kept days in the civilized world. Both cannot be right, for God commanded *one* day be kept. Sunday is kept by the *vast majority*. *Now* which one of these two days would you consider *God* commanded be kept?

COMMENT: Prophecy warns that the people of the United States are very soon going into CAPTIVITY unless they REPENT of their many wrong ways now and turn to God for guidance. And shortly after this event, prophecy shows that the *whole world* is going to be punished for disobedience if it does not do the same!

Many say, "REPENT of *what?* What do you mean, *repent?* I'm doing alright!" What *is* the matter with these people? Listen! *All* people have been *born* into this "evil world." This evil world made so by the evil pulls which are within all people. Being *born* into this evil world, they accept its evil systems as a matter of course, for they know nothing else. The evil pulls within all mankind add strength to the system. *YOU* ARE A PART OF THIS SYSTEM. The evil pulls that formed *it* are a part of *you!!* For God says, "*ALL HAVE SINNED*" (Rom. 3:23). That's why *you* need to

repent!! And turn from the practices of "This present evil world"! *You* can't *until* you *repent* and receive God's miraculous *power!*

Conclusion

Even at this late date—now, *in the climaxing final years of this age*—when prophesied crime, wars, unrest in governments, greed and fear and lust are reaching such a crescendo of violence that they cannot be ignored by anyone, most people would *still* like to look upon this world as "a good old place." But this is *impossible!*

Now this WORLD HAS REACHED such AN IMPASSE that even the most avid of "this world's lovers" are pausing to wonder at the *humanly* irrepairable "mess" "This Present Evil World" has worked itself into.

The world's nations and all of us individually have VIOLATED the LAW of Love *time after time*. These violations have worked hardship, heartaches, and misery on others. And then these violations have *BOOMERANGED RIGHT BACK* to inflict the same heartaches and misery ON US! And then, senselessly enough, everyone wonders why they have been so unhappy!

The people of this earth were *born* into this sort of world—they don't know of a better world with which to *compare* it. They do not realize there can be a *vastly better* world than this one! The people "don't know what they don't know"!

But *God* knows of a *BETTER* WORLD! He has in mind a *better* world. Remember the *wonderful* UTOPIA this "Present Evil World" is to become soon? *Why* will the *whole world* be so *wonderful* then? *God* knows the reason. And now *you* notice the reason and mark it well, for it concerns your *happiness* from *now* through all eternity!! It is BECAUSE at *that* time—in the *Millennium*—God says, "I will pour out My Spirit [the Holy Spirit of *begettal!*] upon *all* flesh [*all fleshly* human beings] and your sons and daughters [note they are *still*, as yet *un*born as *Spirit beings*] shall prophesy, and your *old men* [people are ageless *after* transformed so they will *still be* in the *begotten* state, just as the true Christian is *today*] shall dream dreams" (Joel 2:28-29). Do you grasp the great significance of this? It means that:

ALL mankind in the Millennium will BE *RE-EDUCATED* to a state of *belief* in Christ as their Savior-Ruler, and TO *REPENTANCE*, and baptism—JUST AS WE. They will seek the Holy Spirit, and it will be given them. Review in Lesson 6, on pages 7 and 8, *New Natures*, and *General Summary*. *ALL* FLESHLY MANKIND OF THE EARTH WILL BE IN A STATE OF *BEGETTAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT* OF GOD IN THE *MILLENNIUM!* They will all have the *Holy* Spirit, the principal attribute of which is *Love—God's* kind of Love—within them then by being impregnated by the Holy Spirit. By *nature* they will then have Love for everyone else.

So, by this glimpse at the Millennial world you are SEEING the CHANGING *POWER* OF THE *HOLY SPIRIT* IN ACTION ON *VAST MASSES* OF PEOPLE. Each individual will have JOY, PEACE, CONTENTMENT! *These are fruits of the Holy Spirit within one.* This being so, the whole world cannot help being a Utopia at that time!

But remember this! Those people who will have lived from this time through great *tribulation* and into the Millennial time, will have been brought to a state of *repentance* through terrible sorrows. They will be brought to *repentance* for all their evil deeds A *HARD WAY*. This is how they will receive the Holy Spirit which will create within them their Utopia, and will make of the world around them the Millennial Utopia. *Repentance* and *surrender* of *self*—that is what will make of "This Present Evil World" the *future* "Utopia."

BUT *YOU* CAN HAVE YOUR "UTOPIA" START *NOW*, and by a much quicker and enjoyable way if you will *repent* and *surrender* yourself *now* to God. That is what God is offering you. You need not go through tribulation nor lose out on the joyous life you can live until *you* are *transformed* into a *Spirit being!* The *same* Holy Spirit which will give these their Utopia later will give you yours *now*.

YOU NEED NOT WAIT! YOU *MUST* NOT WAIT. God commands you, who have heard the truth, to "*repent* . . . be baptized . . . and receive the . . . Holy Spirit" *of begettal*—now! (Acts 2:38.) *YOUR* OWN "WORLD" CAN BECOME HAPPY AND JOYOUS, FROM THIS TIME FORWARD, with an INWARD JOY and certainty that you have *never* experienced before—*if* you will at this time *repent* and *grow* in God's way of life which He will reveal to you in your Bible.

God says, "I call heaven and earth to record *this day* against you, that I have set before you life and death, *blessing* and cursing therefore *CHOOSE* life"—*eternal* life (Deut. 30:19). This *same* choice which God set before ancient Israel, is set before you *today*. *You* may have a happy and joyous life here and a glorious eternal life later thanks to the *power* of God's Holy Spirit! God's great purpose of creating for Himself a Family or Kingdom of God marches on! God has formed you so you can voluntarily cooperate by surrendering your carnal self, through *repentance*, to Him. The *choice* is yours—"choose"! Are you going to *REPENT* AND *SURRENDER SELF* to Him, or be discarded to eternal death?

CORRECTION FOR LESSON TWENTY-ONE

Please make this correction in your copy of Lesson Twenty-One.

On page 9, line 5, column 1, the Comment should have read:

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