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Re-education to GOD'S WAY in the MILLENNIUM

WHY should universal peace and prosperity be impossible? Why can't we have a world bubbling over with joy and happiness?

Ever since the dawn of civilization, MANKIND HAS longed to live in a place where all his desires would be fulfilled; But even as he has LONGED FOR such a place, in his heart he has been secretly positive such A *UTOPIA* could never be found *on this earth*. "Utopia" brings to the minds of the so-called "practical" people the same idea which the term "fairy story" would bring—an impossibility. They RIDICULE the IDEA THAT SUCH A PLACE COULD OCCUR *HERE*.

"All you have to do is to look at history to see that such a thing could not happen," they say. "Through the ages *MAN* has tried to bring about this utopia by every conceivable means—yet without success. He has tried in vain every imaginable type of government—oligarchy, autocracy, and democracy. He has even tried *no government at all, anarchy*. All of them have FAILED MISERABLY. A utopia is impossible," they conclude.

Yes, people today are *right* in drawing this conclusion. Disease, fears, worries, uncertainties, lack of necessities, poverty, hate, oppression, and injustice are taken for granted. The people of *this* age can view past history and *know* that mankind has failed to accomplish this objective. BUT WHY SHOULD A UTOPIA BE IMPOSSIBLE?

Must our only hope be in poor, erratic, weak efforts of men to bring this condition about? If this is true, we are lost. The human race is doomed!

People today have become *self*-centered! THEY FAIL TO REALIZE THERE IS ANY POWER OTHER THAN THEIR OWN THAT CAN BRING THIS CONDITION ABOUT! What is the power that can do this? GOD! *He* has the POWER and the WISDOM to make UTOPIA a *reality!* This is the very message God sent His son, Jesus Christ, to bring to us—the GOOD NEWS—the GOSPEL—that Christ would soon return with POWER to make a utopia of this earth! We will soon begin to have, for the *first* time, what we all have desired! Christ, through the *POWER OF GOD*, and by the *wisdom of God*, will come to this earth, and through HIS efforts BRING us universal peace and prosperity!

Man Lacks Wisdom

You have heard that in order to have world peace, we must have world government. But the NATIONS *LACK THE WISDOM* TO CREATE a *workable* world government and *lack the power* to enforce its decisions. Christ will be KING OVER THE WHOLE EARTH and His law, the LAW OF GOD, will be the law of the world (Zech. 14:9; Micah 4:2). His government will be strong enough to do what the governments of our day cannot do. It will prevent the strong from enslaving the weak. Justice will be received by all. The laws of God will be taught and practiced by those who administer the government. The high and the mighty who *rebel* against Christ will be forever removed.

GOD HAS ALLOWED A SIX-THOUSAND-YEAR PERIOD FOR MANKIND TO RULE himself. During this time, God has kept hands off the affairs of this world. Man has pursued the course that "seemeth right" to him. BUT this TIME is now ALMOST UP! The new order—THE WORLD TOMORROW—is about to begin!

Just what changes will really *good government* bring to the world which we know today? Will unprincipled, scheming politicians hold the power over the earth's nations? Will there be great political machines to back them as they run for office? Will wars be fought then, as now, because some power-

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mad dictator wishes to enlarge his sway of government? And what about the Jews—those people who have wandered over the face of the earth for hundreds of years? Will they ever settle down? Will people have to labor as hard then as they do now for what they receive? *Will* people be happy?

On the earth today, there are hundreds of confusing religious denominations. Will there be as many in that day? These and many other questions crowd into our minds as we hear that a new world order is soon to be established.

We are a privileged people. God has made it possible for us to be able to peer into the future through His prophecies. We can *know now* what will happen then. This age we are in is soon going to pass away and the new one will take its place. Christ will soon force the world to cease from its labor of wars, sickness, heartache and death. A *NEW* TYPE OF CIVILIZATION IS AHEAD—a millennial UTOPIA. It will be a time of genuine rest—a time of spiritual and physical rejuvenation and boundless peace and prosperity! It will be a time of *re-education.*

Prophecy tells us about the world to come—the Utopia of tomorrow which God will establish. Compare it with this world in which we now live. God wants you to do this. Then *you* make the decision WHO CAN RULE BEST—GOD OR MAN?

Christ Will Establish God's Government

People today believe this is not such a bad world. They have not seen too much wrong with this world's governments in the past. BUT GOD KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING WHAT IS WRONG WITH THEM!

HE KNEW THAT AS THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH WOULD BECOME DRAWN CLOSER AND CLOSER TO EACH OTHER BY MORE RAPID MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AND TRAVEL, MIGHTY MEN, THROUGH THEIR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, WOULD MAKE SLAVES OF THE WEAK! THEY WOULD NOT AND COULD NOT LIVE WITH EACH OTHER PEACEABLY. LOOK ABOUT YOU TODAY! A FEW MEN IN RUSSIA ARE ENSLAVING THIS EARTH!

It was for this very reason that at the tower of Babel, when the people of *all the earth* were living *close* to each other, He *scattered* them by giving them different languages (Gen. 11:8). One man—Nimrod—was then bringing all the known earth under his subjection (Gen. 11:4-6). BUT WHERE IS THERE A PLACE TO SCATTER MANKIND IN THIS MODERN AGE WHEN EVERYONE CAN RAPIDLY MOVE TO ALL PARTS OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE?

What *different* means will CHRIST use TO PREVENT A HUMAN DICTATOR from enslaving the world?

Remember that GOD IS *NOW* ALLOWING PEOPLE the opportunity to establish their own *forms of human government*—communism, democracy, fascism, socialism—TO the end that the nations LEARN THEIR woeful shortcomings!—their BASIC HUMAN WEAKNESSES.

WE MUST HAVE A *COMPLETELY NEW* FORM OF GOVERNMENT—*WORLD* GOVERNMENT with Christ as Supreme Ruler—if there is to be PEACE, or else *all* life will cease.

IT MUST BE A GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS THE WISDOM TO PLAN FOR THE GOOD OF ALL AND THE POWER TO ENFORCE ITS WISE PLAN ON ALL THOSE WHO DO NOT CHOOSE TO ABIDE BY IT! God, the Father, will supply His *wisdom* in the NEW FORM of government, and Christ is coming with *power* to enforce it! "The Kingdom of God [the *all-wise*] *will come* with POWER" (Mark 9:1).

PEOPLE WILL BE INDUCED BY FORCE TO LIVE BY A BETTER CODE OF LAWS *than they live by today*—a code which will BRING PEACE, HAPPINESS, AND ETERNAL LIFE. THIS CODE OF LAWS HAS ALWAYS BEEN HERE BUT THE WORLD HAS NEVER LIVED BY IT! For this purpose Christ will set up GOD'S FORM OF GOVERNMENT. Christ's government will administer these laws and rule the earth. How will this government be fashioned? Let's understand!

Final Instruction

We are about ready for the actual lesson. But first, read this instruction.

This lesson is intended to direct you to the Bible to help you learn how you can better study the Bible. Here is the METHOD OF STUDY.

Have your Bible in front of you. If not, don't read another word until you GET YOUR BIBLE—or Bibles, if you have more than one translation. Have a good dictionary, a CONCORDANCE if you have one, and your STATIONERY, all placed in front of you on a desk or table.

Remember—you must 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 to WRITE OUT THE SCRIPTURE which answers each question. This 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. *All the material in the Lessons 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 an 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 5

Part I

God's Millennial Government

1. Who will be higher than Christ in the new ONE WORLD? When Christ was on earth, what did He say? John 5:19. Was He able to do *anything* without the *Father's* aid? Who sent Him? Verse 36. Whose message did He bring? 7:16, 8:28.

2. Where is the FATHER'S THRONE? Matt. 5:34.

3. How does God compare Himself with the despotic leaders of today's nations? Isa. 40:15-31. Is there any RULER besides Him? Or is He the *supreme* God? Isa. 44:6; 45:21.

4. Is the FATHER INTERESTED IN WHO RULES OVER THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH? Dan. 2:21; 4:17, 25, 32. When God wishes to *emphasize* something, He *repeats* it. Notice also Dan. 5:21; 7:18.

5. Is it the Father who will give Christ authority to judge when He comes to rule? John 5:22, 27. Did the FATHER SAY IT IS HE WHO WILL GIVE CHRIST RULE OVER THE EARTH AND THE HEATHEN IN IT? Psa. 2:7-9.

6. Did Paul confirm this? Read Hebrews, chapters 1 and 2. Note especially Heb. 1:2. Did Isaiah also verify it? Isa. 53:12. Did Christ EARN this right to rule? Read the whole chapter of Isa. 53.

Christ Next in Authority Under Father

1. We have seen that the Father on His *throne in heaven* will be in supreme command of the government of the earth when Christ establishes it. Will CHRIST also have a THRONE? Matt. 19:28; 25:31.

2. Will it be located at Jerusalem? Jer. 3:17.

3. Whose throne was this in former times? Luke 1:32. Note that David's throne was located in Jerusalem. It is a historical fact. Although it is not there at this time, *it will be transferred there* at the time Christ establishes His rule. (Send at once for Mr. Armstrong's *free* booklet, "*The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*," which explains this fully.)

4. Did God promise David his throne would continue after he was dead? Psa. 89:3, 4.

5. Will CHRIST RULE THE EARTH? Zech. 14:9.

6. Is there to be only ONE king *on the earth* who will be Ruler of *all* the earth? (Recall that the Father's throne is in *heaven*, and Christ's throne will be on *earth*.)

COMMENT: Today, as never before, people are becoming increasingly aware of the *NECESSITY* OF GOOD GOVERNMENT. Notice the vast amount of space given over to discussions of the actions of governments—whether local, state, or national—of this world!

7. Will He rebuke the nations *gently* if they do wrong or will He punish them so they will *remember* their transgressions? Rev. 19:14-19; Jer. 23:5.

8. Does Psalm 72:11 show that Christ will finally obtain *complete* mastery over the earth? What will the people figuratively do?—verse 9, last half.

9. Under CHRIST, who WILL BE IN *DIRECT* CONTROL OF the MODEL CITY AND NATION that will be set up as a PATTERN FOR THE WORLD? Will it be David? Jer. 30:9. What did Jeremiah mean by "raise up"? Compare with I Cor. 6:14. David will rule over the *descendants* of "Jacob." Jer. 30:9. Jacob's descendants—both Israel and Judah—will be back in Palestine. Verse 3.

10. Will DAVID be recognized as A PRINCE? Ezek. 34:24.

11. Will Christ be directly over David? Isa. 9:7. Notice especially Moffatt's translation: "Great is His [Christ's] authority, endless is His peace, *over David's* throne and his dominion, to base it firm and stable."

12. Will God place a *weak* man over His nation which will be praised by all the earth? How can we know? We can examine David's *past record.*

Did he slay Goliath even as a youth? I Sam. 17:42, 49. Did the FEAR OF HIM fall upon ALL NATIONS? I Chron. 14:17. What was his former position? 2 Sam. 8:15.

13. Will the TWELVE APOSTLES BE PLACED OVER THE TWELVE TRIBES THAT CONSTITUTE ISRAEL? Mat. 19:28. Will each apostle have a throne? Lu. 22:29-30.

It can now be seen *why* Palestine will have the BEST GOVERNMENT ON EARTH. And *why* it will be the place to which representatives of the world's nations will journey to learn more of the *new* way of living.

Duties of the Saints

1. What duties will the saints, who will be raised immortal at Christ's second coming, have after they have aided in subduing the armies of the nations? Will they REIGN with Christ? Rev. 20:4. Sit on Christ's throne? Rev. 3:21.

2. Will the SAINTS have the WHOLE EARTH TO RULE? Dan. 7:27.

3. Will SOME BE KINGS and have power over NATIONS? Rev. 2:26; 5:10.

4. How will the CITIES be GOVERNED? Let us see: Jesus spoke a parable recorded in Luke the 19th chapter. Why? Was it that some of the people thought He had come *then* to take over the rule of the world? Verse 11. What did He tell them would be the *reward* of those who manage WISELY the abilities God has given them *now*? Verse 16-17, 18-19. When will the deserving be given rule over these cities? Verse 12.

COMMENT: Christ compares Himself to this nobleman who has gone off and will return to set up His Kingdom. Christ returns at the 7th trump. I Cor. 15:51-52; I Thes. 4:16-17.

5. Will the resurrected saints be PRIESTS? Rev. 5:10; 20:6. Will they be JUDGES? Rev. 20:4. *All* saints will be priests and will, *in addition*, have other offices, such as RULERSHIP and JUDGESHIP.

6. Does Jude speak of this time? Jude 14, 15.

7. Will many saints who become immortal when Christ returns appear in a material form when necessary? Isa. 30:20-21. What will they do? Verse 20.

COMMENT: This has been done before. For Christ, who has existed in the *spirit* form since His resurrection, appeared in a *material* form afterward in order to become visible to His disciples. John 20:17, 19, 25-27.

8. What will be some of the WAYS OF PUNISHING those WHO DISOBEY God's commandments? Zech. 14:17-19.

9. What will be done with those who become PERMANENTLY DISOBEDIENT to God? II Thes. 1:9-10.

10. And again, what will be CHRIST'S GENERAL POLICY OF GOVERNING THE UNRULY? Rev. 12:5.

Summary

When God *really* starts to save mankind it will be done under the very *strongest possible* kind of government. Man, influenced by his own carnal mind, must be held under rigid rule until he becomes conscious of a BETTER way of living. THE GREAT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF THE EARTH IN THE FUTURE WILL BE COMPOSED OF DIVINE BEINGS.

God the Father, the Supreme, *having all power and wisdom*, will be at the head of this government. Never again will we have to depend on a *human being*, with all his frailties, to guide us—WE WILL HAVE PERFECT GOVERNMENT. WE WILL BE RULED PERFECTLY.

Christ, the very Son of God, will be in *direct* control of the earth. Having been both human and divine, He will know man's frailties perfectly (Heb. 2:9-10); but having been divine, He will know what God expects us to measure up to, even with our present weak bodies. He will rule with a ROD OF IRON (Rev. 19:15).

David, who in God's sight ruled as wisely as was humanly possible, will be ruler over God's model city and nation: JERUSALEM and Palestine respectively. His military knowledge, acquired in the past, will be of advantage in preventing any insurrection.

Each of Christ's own twelve apostles will have a throne of his own, and each will rule over one of the twelve tribes of Israel which will inhabit Palestine. With their former training under Christ, and under His guidance in the future, they will make Palestine become the WORLD'S CENTER of religious knowledge; "All nations shall flow unto it" (Isaiah 2:2).

The saints—those being *called* at this time—are *now* receiving their instruction in the work they will do then as kings, rulers, priests, and judges. In those days, "The EARTH shall BE FULL of the KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9). Wickedness will *not* be tolerated. *All* nations will live by the TEN COMMANDMENTS.

But will humanity constantly live under the threat of force from God? *Is* God a harsh, stern, cruel monster—as the churches have represented Him? Doesn't He enjoy having active and willing cooperation from man at all times?

How will God begin to instill VOLUNTARY *cooperation* in place of forced submission? Government is far more effective with a cooperative citizenry; but there is only one way to achieve it—through RE-EDUCATION—*unlearning* this world's unsatisfactory ways and *learning* God's better ways.

Now let's study God's RE-EDUCATION program.

How People Will Be Re-Educated

GOD, the Creator of heaven and earth, HAS set in motion various *IMMUTABLE* LAWS which inexorably govern the things He has created. The stars, the moon, and the sun are all governed by His laws. They go along in the paths or *ways* which have been ordained for them by the laws of God.

Man, also, has been created by the same God. God has also ordained paths IN WHICH *MAN* SHOULD GO—ways which would bring him great peace and happiness. But, unlike the sun and the moon, there are *OTHER* PATHS or ways which are open to *man*. God has made *man* a creature who CAN CHOOSE!!

Down through the ages man has exercised *choice*. He has chosen to do what *he* thought was right. Having chosen these things as the best course, *man has established his own* EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS to teach these choices, whether right or *wrong*, to the following generations.

The greatest cause of world ills TODAY is MIS-EDUCATION. Man is the highest mortal being God has created. His MIND elevates him above dumb animals. Did not God intend our minds then, to be developed, trained, *used* to HIS honor and glory?

Today we live in a confused, misguided, deceived, chaotic world. This world is not happy. It's filled with strife, fear, ignorance, deception, injustice, crime, suffering, anguish, woe and DEATH!

Why?

Because *this whole worldly civilization is* BASED *on a system of false education*—a SYSTEM OF *mis*-EDUCATION!

Another System Needed

Modern education is almost wholly materialistic. It rejects the basic revelations of God. In *many* states the reading of the Bible in public school classrooms is barred! INCONSEQUENTIAL DETAILS ARE TAUGHT instead of teaching the oncoming generation the BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE—what life is, why we are here, where we are going, and how to live successfully, usefully, happily, joyfully!

Yes, something is WRONG with this world's education, as well as with its religion, its politics, its economics, and its society! And *wrong education* is a basic cause of ALL the world's wrongs today!

Our first parents REJECTED THE REVEALED KNOWLEDGE of God. To Adam and Eve, God revealed certain definite facts, principles, laws. This knowledge they rejected. Immediately they broke four of the Ten Commandments in the "original" sin. They DEPARTED FROM GOD'S REVEALED WAY OF LIFE. Down through the centuries man has continued to reject God's revealed KNOWLEDGE.

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you *free* (John 8:32). Notice—"Ye shall KNOW"—knowing is KNOWLEDGE—EDUCATION! Ignorance, and a false education in error have *enslaved* the human race in poverty, fear, inequality, discontent, unhappiness, sickness, suffering and DEATH!

And what is TRUTH? "*Thy Word*," Jesus said, "is TRUTH." The BIBLE is God's Word! *It* reveals the WAY to WORLD PEACE. It leads man out of sickness into HEALTH; out of suffering and death into LIFE! *It* reveals the LAWS OF LIFE which alone can lead to peace, prosperity, happiness, joy and finally eternal life!

But this precious fund of KNOWLEDGE the wise of this world REJECT! GOD'S LAWS AND WAYS they flout and disobey! Instead, the learned of this world have become *so steeped* in the fables of a God-rejecting materialism masquerading falsely under the attractive names of "rationalism," "modern science," "higher education," etc., that it has become impossible to UNlearn these deceptions and come to a knowledge of the TRUTH!

What does *God* say of the *wisdom* of this world? "The *WISDOM* OF *THIS WORLD* IS FOOLISHNESS WITH GOD!" (I Cor. 3:19).

We have been born into a world steeped with traditional ideas—and we usually accept them without question. We seldom, if ever, investigate to see where they came from and if they are true. Almost everyone takes for granted what is spoken or written. The majority can't be wrong!—so it is mistakenly thought.

Our educational system *has not dared* to examine the *fundamental concepts underlying human society* —the false traditions that have led us into political and religious strife, world-wide confusion, impending chaos, and *death*. God says, "*For lack of* KNOWLEDGE [*true* knowledge] *my people* PERISH!" (Hosea 4:6).

What WE NEED is a COMPLETE CHANGE —RE-EDUCATION—ENFORCED BY THE *AUTHORITY* of an infallible world government—the Kingdom OF GOD.

Lesson 5
Part II

Mis-education Today

1. The present generation has witnessed a tremendous increase in LEARNING. Is it possible to learn new facts and YET *NEVER TO ARRIVE AT THE RECOGNITION OF TRUTH?* II Tim. 3:7.

Isn't this exactly what has happened in this age of scientific advancement and mass education? Has scientific education secured peace, or has it brought the threat of world-destruction?

2. Today are ALL NATIONS DECEIVED? Rev. 17:1-2; 18:3. Is *faulty education*, which has *BEFOGGED* their *understanding*, like a veil that hides the mind from truth? Isa. 25:7.

3. Who is fundamentally guilty of deceiving the whole world? Rev. 12:9. Does that not make him basically the author of wrong education? Will he be allowed to deceive the nations when Christ commences to re-educate the world? Rev. 20-1-3.

4. SHOULD WE PROVE ALL THINGS before accepting them? I Thes. 5:21. Does this include our religious beliefs, our political concepts, or merely scientific facts? Does modern education really *teach* us to PROVE everything? Would the present-day confusion exist if everything were proved? What are we to do once we conclusively prove an idea to be right and good? Verse 21, last part.

What Is True Education?

A common *conception*, especially in America, is that EDUCATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH A WAY OF LIFE! The biggest controversy today is *whether* RELIGIOUS *education should be taught in public schools.* In most of the western world, the Bible is either politely passed over or totally rejected from the academic educational system. Why?

Is it not due to religious CONFUSION?—and due to the fear that one false religion will *force* its beliefs upon another? Who suffers from this attitude?

The WORLD TODAY DOES NOT *REALLY* BELIEVE that GOD, through Christ and THE BIBLE, HAS GIVEN US THE BEST PRECEPTS by which to *govern each event in our daily lives!* In Christ's time a group of people lived their daily lives by following every rule and teaching of the Scriptures. That group was under the *direct guidance* of Christ's twelve disciples whom He had personally trained for this duty. That group was called the *CHURCH OF GOD.*

The word "church" is translated from the Greek word *ecclesia* which is defined as a *crowd* or *group.* A church, then, is merely a crowd or group. There is nothing sanctimonious about the word church. A crowd or church is holy only if it is God's Church.

But the hundreds of churches or crowds which follow *this present evil world* are *worldly* churches —following worldly ways, customs and traditions.

1. *Today* GOD'S CHURCH IS THAT GROUP WHICH TRULY *FOLLOWS* GOD'S *BIBLE.* It follows God in ALL phases—in political, social and economic, even in food and clothing—it practices His WAY OF LIFE. *It is a Church*—or crowd—*which has been re-educated* to the RIGHT way—the *Bible's* way.

Do we have a record that the true apostolic Church preached God's *way of life?* Acts 19:9, 23. Does this world approve of GOD'S WAY OF LIFE? What does the world call it? Acts 24:14. Isn't God's *way of life* a matter of re-education? Of un-learning the false concepts of this world and learning the true values which can make life worth living?

2. Is the WORLD soon COMING TO A CLIMAX which will *shock* people into realizing something is radically wrong? What will they then acknowledge? Jer. 16:19. Would they be desiring to learn *another way* if their *present* way were better? Have the people INHERITED LIES subconsciously from birth—profitless ideas funneled into their minds, without ever questioning them, so that as adults they accept *fallacies* learned in childhood? When Christ rescues them from annihilation, will they ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR IGNORANCE—their lack of sound education? Won't this confession of error actually be *repentance?*

3. What does REPENTANCE really MEAN? Notice Isaiah 55:7. Is it TURNING FROM THE *WRONG WAY* WE HAVE BEEN LIVING? Is it forsaking the *wrong* thoughts we have taken for granted without proof?

4. Are God's ways and His thoughts superior to ours? Isaiah 55:8-9. If His ways are superior, doesn't it prove that *OUR OWN WAYS ARE INFERIOR* and should be *replaced?*

5. REPENTANCE IS A MATTER OF *UNLEARNING* FALSE CONCEPTS—OF RENEWING THE MIND WITH SOUND IDEAS and *practices.*

Are we then to be *conformists* to the ways of THIS world? Are most people going along with the crowd—conforming to the latest fad? Romans 12:2.

6. What are we to do instead? Are we to have a *change* take place in our minds—to be *transformed* in the way we think and live? Philip. 2:5. *Then doesn't repentance, which occurs in the mind,* involve RE-EDUCATION to a better way?

Objective of RE-EDUCATION

1. Since world ills can be solved only by re-edu-

cation, does GOD'S WAY OF LIFE REMOLD our *economic* life? II Cor. 8:21. Does it remold *social* life? I Peter 4:3-4. And all other phases in general? I Cor. 10:31.

2. In brief, does this way of life demand that we DEVELOP INTO PERFECT CHARACTERS? Compare Matthew 5:48 with Ephesians 4:13. Are we not to become re-educated in *all* things—mature in *every way*—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually? Eph. 4:15. Note the words "grow up."

3. Can we accomplish this unless God's way regulates our whole life? Are we to become SOUND-MINDED individuals? II Tim. 1:7. *How many leaders*, who have *this world's* destiny in their hands, are really educated by *God's* standards?

4. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. If we acknowledge God's authority—fear Him—and obey Him, we are fulfilling "the whole duty of man." According to the original Hebrew, the proper rendering of this verse should be "this is the WHOLE *MAN*." The word "duty" is inserted in italics indicating it was not in the original. So *total obedience to God* makes each of us *completely educated*—a WHOLE INDIVIDUAL, fully developed, BALANCED and well-rounded. Obedience to God *properly educates* us!

5. Does Jesus Christ promise us JOY in this life if we yield to His way? John 15:11. Is it the apostle's wish that we prosper and be healthy? III John 2. Did Christ come so that we might have LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY? John 10:10. Should Christianity be a drab religion—a yoke of bondage—or an ever-expanding, *happy* WAY?

God's System of Re-education

Now let us understand GOD'S PROGRAM OF RE-EDUCATION. Although human beings generally act in accordance with what *seems right* to *them* (Pro. 14:12), do they really *know* what is right? Do they know how to govern and educate themselves properly? How to stamp out crime? How to guarantee justice at home and world peace abroad?

All forms of *HUMAN* government HAVE FAILED MISERABLY. Men are beginning to *realize* their shortcomings! Since human beings—from the leaders down to the ordinary citizens—cannot adequately govern or educate themselves, then it means we must look to the Creator to do it.

1. When GOD intervenes in human affairs, WILL He permit the people to vote for their rulers or allow school boards to choose their TEACHERS?—*or* will *He* APPOINT them Himself? *Who* will give Christ the authority to rule and teach the nations? Luke 1:32.

2. Under the apostles will be the great body of faithful Christians. Will they be *voted* into office by the people? Rev. 2:26. Will they be accountable to the *people*, or to *Christ* for administration of their office? Luke 19:17, 19.

3. Will the Kingdom of God be run by school boards, POLITICAL PARTIES and the VOTE of the people? Or by *God* Himself? Will it be GOVERNMENT FROM the bottom up, or from THE TOP DOWN? Will the rulers bow to the will and fancies of the people, or will *the people learn to obey the will of their divine rulers* during the millennium?

4. How plain that IN GOD'S PATTERN the CHURCH AND the GOVERNMENT ARE *NOT SEPARATE!* What two great offices will Christ exercise? Rev. 19:16. Will Christ also teach? Isa. 2:3 and Psalm 25:8-10. Christ then will unite all these functions in Himself for God's WAY governs all phases of life.

5. Are *we* also to become a *KINGDOM* OF PRIESTS—to execute the same duties of Christ *under* Him? Rev. 5:10.

COMMENT: The proper translation of Rev. 5:9 according to the original Greek is that Christ purchased with His blood "men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and madest them a kingdom and priests to our God; and *they* shall reign upon the earth."

6. What is one of the DUTIES of priests? Malachi 2:7.

As ministers and teachers, Christ and the saints shall re-educate every nation. But they must carry authority to *enforce* God's educational program. Therefore they are a *government* with absolute power to overcome any type of opposition easily.

7. Will Christ make the mistake of not having an adequately TRAINED TEACHING STAFF before He sets out to re-educate the people? Will Christ and the saints appear and disappear for the purpose of rebuking those who turn from the right way? Isa. 30:20-22. Will the ABILITY *TO APPEAR on the scene of action* be a strong factor in preventing crime?

Universal Education

1. Will EVERYONE SEE EYE TO EYE after Christ has established His Kingdom and instructs the nations in peaceful channels? Isa. 52:7-8.

2. Doesn't this indicate that the process of RE-EDUCATION WILL BE UNIVERSAL? Jer. 31:34. Also compare Habakkuk 2:14 with Isa. 11:9.

3. Will the people acquire a *NEW OUTLOOK* on life—a new attitude—a new spirit—brought about by the *power* of God? Ezek. 36:26; Isa. 59:20-21.

4. Will scientific inventions and the latest technologies be used for *war* or PEACE? Will military academies for training officers be allowed? Micah 4:3.

5. Will the nations be taught the economic rules for prosperity?—the way to make an *honest* profit? Isaiah 48:17. Will everyone ultimately be educated to DEAL JUSTLY with their neighbor? Isa. 26:9. Notice also Psalm 25:8-9. Out of what will God

teach the people? Psalm 94:12. How does this verse correspond with Isaiah 2:3?

6. Will those who *grumble* against God learn instruction? Isa. 29:24.

7. Will there be a need of special schools for the handicapped and the blind? Isa. 29:18 and 35:5.

8. Is KNOWLEDGE ABOUT GOD *essential* to proper educational training? Rom. 1:21, 28. How will the nations in the 1000 years acquire it? Will *representatives* of all nations ultimately come to worship and be instructed in the Lord's presence in Jerusalem? Psa. 86:9.

9. Shall the Egyptians KNOW THE LORD in that day? Isa. 19:21.

COMMENT: How does one come to really *know* God? I John 2:4. How can the disobedient *know* God if they are *separated* from Him? Isa. 59:2, 10.

10. Will instruction of the Almighty and a divinely imparted new attitude on life soon begin to produce MATERIAL BENEFITS? Isa. 32:15, 20.

Will *Ethiopia* also seek to gain the benefits from a relationship with Christ? Psa. 68:31. These prophecies refer to a *few* nations NEAR Israel as *types of all nations. True Christianity pays!*

11. Will Gentile rulers bring presents to Christ in acknowledgment of His educational and material benefits? Psa. 68:29. Upon what condition has God always promised to shower material prosperity? Malachi 3:10-12.

Isn't it plain that the BASIS OF RIGHT EDUCATION IS GOD'S LAW? It is what PRODUCES PROSPERITY, peace and HAPPINESS! Notice the words of the prophecy: "And many people shall go and say, . . . 'He shall *teach* us His ways . . . for out of Zion shall go forth the LAW, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem' " (Isa. 2:3).

GENERAL SUMMARY

Since the days of Adam, people have been living the *WRONG* WAY (Genesis 3:6). Wrong methods of meeting the problems of life are promoted, even to the point of EDUCATING MANKIND IN THE USE OF FORCE AND VIOLENCE to take from others what is not rightfully theirs!

This is the world you and I were born into! From childhood WE HAVE KNOWN NOTHING ELSE. Our subconscious minds have accepted without question the teachings of our parents and the educational system of our time.

You now BEGIN TO REALIZE *this* world's way is often mentioned in the Bible: "There is a *way* which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the *ways of death*" (Proverbs 14:12). This is the way which tradition and *this world's educational systems* have furthered. This destructive WAY, feeding upon itself, is about to destroy itself along with its educational system by which it is promoted. This world's "way of life" is about to cause the death of the people it deceives!

What does God say? "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). FOR LACK OF TRUE KNOWLEDGE NO FLESH WOULD BE LEFT ALIVE! (Matthew 24:22.)

Christ must intervene with another—a different—a better—educational system if man is to continue to live on this earth!

Under God's government, which Christ will soon establish, education *will* be different! CHRIST WILL RE-EDUCATE the world in the *right* WAY, God's way—a way which mankind has never tried in all his six thousand years of existence. God will re-educate US *FROM* MAN'S WAYS which develop evil, competitive, dictatorial Babylonish systems. He will re-educate us *TOWARD* HIS WAYS. He, the Creator of all things, knows the way which will work out best for us.

What will be the *objective* of the coming world's new educational program? It will seek to develop a *fully balanced individual*—"the WHOLE MAN." No longer will there be unbalanced one-tracked individuals—the Hitlers, Mussolinis, and Stalins. People will live and let live! The type, who are the troublemakers of today's world, will be no more.

FULLY *BALANCED* individuals will be those who recognize they have found a *perfect* set of standards—the LAWS of GOD—which best serve their own interest and the interest of those around them. They will be *desirous* of abiding by these laws. In coming to this attitude they will have developed, as near as is humanly possible, an extremely necessary thing—"perfect character."

Christ is coming to RE-EDUCATE ALL WHO *REPENT*—all who DESIRE to TURN FROM THEIR OWN *WAYS*—to be "WHOLE MEN." The least of men will receive individual instruction—none will have an excuse for failing. Then, at long last, people will come to realize that their *proper* actions *do* influence favorably both men and nature toward them. They WILL PRODUCE a UTOPIA!

This world is through! The time has now come that God's plan is going to move forward—like it or not. "THE WORLD TOMORROW" is NEAR. It is AT OUR VERY DOOR. It will influence *your* life tremendously. What will "The World Tomorrow" be like?

God has allowed those who really believe His Word to glimpse a view of this exciting, MUCH-TO-BE-DESIRED PLACE! God allows us to see what this earth can really be like when it is filled with "*Whole* Men"—men of character! *You* can glimpse a view of this coming Utopia in the next lesson.