***The Messenger of Truth* background information**

**“The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong,” *The Plain Truth*, vol. 24, no. 12, December 1959, page 11:**

“As the meetings continued, Mr. Taylor proposed to get out “a paper.” I told him then of my vision of someday beginning publication of a magazine to be called “The PLAIN TRUTH.” As early as 1928 I had prepared “dummy” copies of this envisioned magazine. I had even had a professional letter-artist design a front cover.

But this was really Mr. Taylor’s magazine--or “paper,” as he called it. He accepted part of my plans, by incorporating the word “TRUTH” into its name. He named it ‘‘The Messenger *of Truth.”* Since I had had so many years’ experience in newspaper and magazine work, he delegated to me the work of designing the mast-head, and the make-up. It had to be a paper of very few pages. Lack of funds dictated that. I designed it as a small, 8-page magazine. Since we could not afford a special cover, the lead article began on the front cover …

"I might mention here that, so far as I know, only two issues of this “paper” of Mr. Taylor’s ever were published. As a publishing enterprise, it was a “dud.” He decided that the reason 50,000 or more subscriptions did not come in spontaneously as a result of the first issue was because it contained nothing about the Sabbath. This first issue came out about September 1, which I believe was after the close of our tent campaign. We prepared it during the last weeks of the campaign. I had left Eugene, and had no part in the second edition. It was devoted heavily to the Sabbath. The response was less than that from the first issue. When this did not bring in the subscription money, a few years later Mr. Taylor got out an issue of a “paper”—he may have still called it “The Messenger of Truth” devoted primarily to arguments against God’s Sabbath!"

**In a letter to his wife 23 Aug 1931, Loma Amstrong, Mr Armstrong wrote the following about the forthcoming publication:**

 “On this magazine, I naturally started to go right ahead on certain details of it, such as working out a tentative sketch for a cover design from Taylor’s own idea … I had a headline written for one article he had asked me to write, and it didn’t suite Mrs. Taylor … He gave me plainly to understand that this was his magazine … I thought this magazine was the Lord’s, but now it seems it is to be Taylor’s.” (p. 4)

“Taylor possibly proving to be a wolf in sheep’s clothing, trying to devour the flock instead of feed them after all, or else getting power drunk and wrecking everything.” (p. 7)