

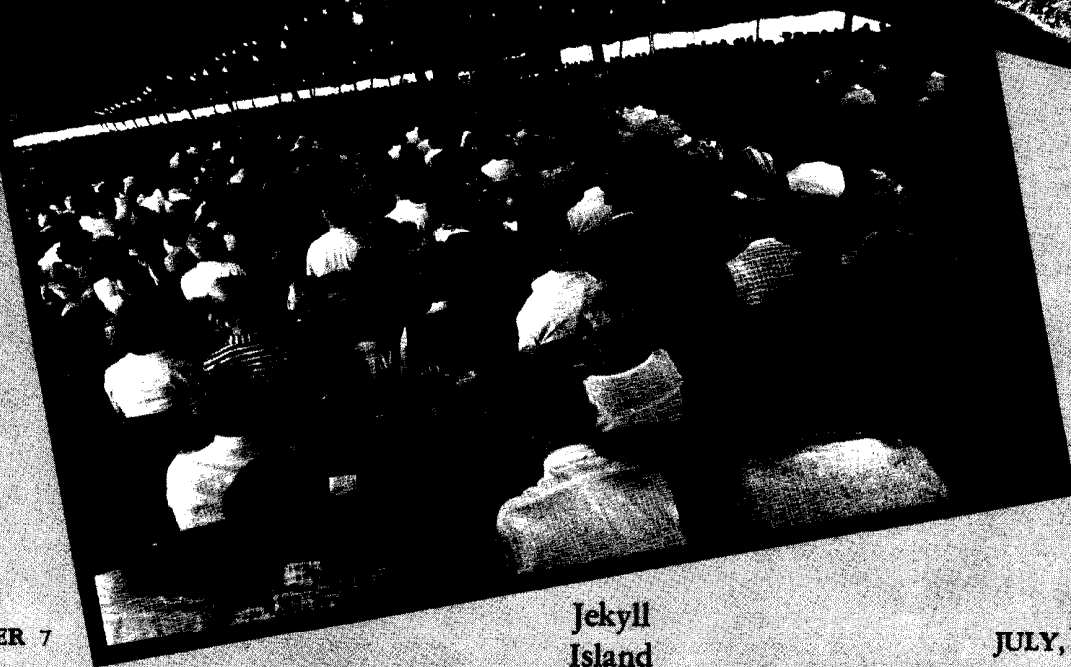
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More About Our Cover...

All the Festival sites God has chosen are beautiful and have every facility for our enjoyment and comfort. This month's cover shows the three sites in the United States. The view at Texas shows our people enjoying the facilities of Lake Loma. At Squaw Valley, the spacious Blyth Arena—home of the winter Olympics, 1960. And at Jekyll Island an inside view of one of the meetings conducted in the giant tent we erected there.

It is our responsibility to keep these Festival sites beautiful, to see to it that the Church of God is respected in every way by this world. Read Mr. Royer's article explaining HOW you can help make this year's Feast of Tabernacles a success in every way! See page 11. The photos are courtesy of The Ambassador College Annual—The ENVOY. Be sure to send for your copy if you do not already have one!

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What our READERS SAY...

More Proof This Is God's Church

"The 'Personal from the Editor' column in the GOOD NEWS where you corrected the error in the April issue over Romans 1:16 convicts me because at that time I did not open my own Bible to check the scripture myself. How stupid of me! I'm very thankful that you did, Mr. Armstrong."

William R. M., Arizona

God's Way Always Best

"We are glad that you were led to see how this second tithe could be used for the tabernacle. I know of brethren who always before have had to add extra money to their second tithe in order to make it to the Feast, but this year God has blessed them more so they won't have any problem making it. I hope He has done the same for all the others."

Mr. Glen W., Wyoming

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"We would like to comment on the 'new' look of *The Good News*. Not only for the beautiful colored cover and the much easier to read pages, but for the wonderful and spiritual articles

that are in it. We give you and all the staff great praise in the wonderful work that is being done."

Mr. & Mrs. Carl S., Oklahoma

"We have just received our new GOOD NEWS. It surely is a wonderful magazine. It is just outdoing itself each month both in looks and in reading content. We are indeed grateful for all of you that are doing such a fine job and for the One who makes it possible, Jesus Christ."

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Mrs. Berna P., Pennsylvania

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THE HOLY SPIRIT?

What does it do and how do you get it? The Holy Spirit, according to the organized religions of this world, is the third person in the Godhead. BUT IS THAT TRUE?

by Leslie L. McCullough

MORE than NINE HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE—nearly ONE-THIRD of the entire population of the world—believe in the doctrine of the Trinity. It is one of the few MAJOR doctrines upon which virtually all professing Christendom, Protestant and Catholic alike, basically agree.

World-renowned evangelists have been quoted as saying that the Holy Spirit, the supposed third person of the Godhead, "is not easy to explain in non-theological terms." The same noted evangelist has also been quoted as saying, "In actuality, this [the doctrine of the Trinity] IS A MYSTERY." No one can possibly understand the "three in one." When pointedly questioned concerning the belief in a Triune or three-in-one God, the answer is in effect—WHO KNOWS? It is something we must accept in faith.

Nebulous Foundation

The belief in the Trinity is the heart and core—"the CENTRAL doctrine of the Christian religion" (*The Catholic Encyclopedia*, article "Trinity"). It is the one point of doctrine where there is the most agreement. Yet in spite of the great universal agreement, it is still one of the most DIFFICULT-TO-EXPLAIN doctrines of Christianity. Explanations of it are clouded, mysterious, vague and nebulous. This foundational belief of supposed Christianity can't be clearly explained by anyone.

Of the nine hundred million professing believers in the Trinity, not one is able to clearly, without equivocation, PROVE and substantiate his belief. Every advocate of the Trinity when pinned down is forced to resort to such terms as "mysterious," "hard to define," "difficult to explain" and "easily misunderstood."

Would you want to build your Christian life on a foundation stone as shaky as this? Millions have blindly and ignorantly accepted this pagan doctrine as the truth. They have assumed that the lay member in the church doesn't need to understand and explain one of the most important facets of the God which he worships. Their religious leaders have convinced them that the truths of God are A GREAT MYSTERY which no one can understand. "Don't question, just accept and follow. You can't understand God's way, so don't try," they say.

Is that true? Is it impossible for anyone to understand the truths of God? If so, how can anyone ever attain salvation?

No Mystery to the Disciples

The Bible speaks of the plan of salvation as being a mystery. But that doesn't mean that God's truths are a MYSTERY to those whom He is calling to salvation. Open your Bible to Mark 4:11. Jesus Christ of Nazareth, one of the very members of the Godhead, is here speaking to His disciples. He has just given the multitude the parable of the sower and the seed, and after the multitude left, His disciples came to Him for the interpretation of the parable. "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given TO KNOW the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them."

Jesus Christ is plainly, clearly and pointedly showing that the truths of God, the doctrines of salvation or the

very words of life are a mystery TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT BEING CALLED. Only those who are His very own disciples are privileged TO KNOW THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. His truth, His way and His teachings aren't "mysterious, hard-to-define, etc." to His people. He only spoke in clouded, ambiguous terms to the unconverted.

The same applies today!

To the unconverted the ways of God make no sense. They can't see where it really pays to serve the Living Creator. They can't understand the fantastic and wonderful blessings which come as a result of obedience to our Heavenly Creator. To them, His ways seem too hard to follow, so they don't want or try to understand them.

There Is A Way That Seems Right

When allowed to go his own way, man thinks of religion or God's way as being veiled, clouded, hazy, hard to understand and impossible to follow. Consequently the doctrines of men reflect that feeling. But Proverbs 16:25 says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." What about you? Do you want to blindly follow the teachings of man? Do you want to accept as truth and base your salvation on a teaching which even the teachers can't understand or explain? Or would you rather come to understand the plain and simple truth of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in His Bible?

Jesus Christ never at any time in any way thought, hinted or alluded to the Holy Spirit as a third person in the Godhead. There is absolutely no basis or PROOF whatsoever in the Bible for the world-wide acceptance of the teach-

ing of the Trinity. Even the erudite writers of the Catholic Encyclopedia must confess that, "the passages which can be cited... as attesting to His (the Holy Spirit's) distinct personality are few" (Ibid.).

They are forced to admit that the Bible contains NO scriptures which even remotely HINT of a third personality in the Godhead. Yet, this teaching is said to be, "... the CENTRAL DOCTRINE of the Christian religion" (Ibid.). Without believing this fundamental doctrine—YOU CAN'T BE SAVED—so says the Roman Catholic Church.

Should you just accept "in faith" one of the most important beliefs in Christianity? Does God expect and want you to blindly, naively and unquestioningly accept "in faith" ANY of His precious truths? Is there any basis or proof *whatsoever* in the Bible for the teaching of the Trinity?

The answer in every case is a *resounding, thundering* NO! Nowhere in God's Bible is there even the remotest hint that there are three persons in the Godhead.

The Right Way

Christians are commanded to, "Prove ALL things . . ." (I Thess. 5:21). Universal acceptance or reasonability ARE NOT PROOFS of *any* doctrine. GOD'S WORD, the Bible, is the test of any doctrinal truth—not what MEN say, think or believe! Jesus Christ said, "... Thy word is TRUTH" (John 17:17). He also said in another place, "The word that I [Jesus] have spoken, the same shall judge him [you] in the last day" (John 12:48).

God's Word—the BIBLE—is the *only standard* for spiritual truths. As you read this article, GET YOUR BIBLE! Mark it as you go along with colored pencils or pens or anything, only mark it so you can't forget. Study the scriptures given until you *understand*, are able to give an answer to this pagan belief of the Trinity. DO IT NOW!

What Is the Trinity?

"The Trinity is... the truth that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. . . The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God,

and yet these are not three Gods, but one God... co-eternal and co-equal: all alike or uncreated and omnipotent" (The *Catholic Encyclopedia*, article "Trinity").

That is a pretty positive statement. Where is the authority to back it up? How have these learned teachers arrived at their conclusions? Have they honestly searched the Bible, as the Bereans did (Acts 17:11), with open minds eagerly looking for the *truth*? Or have they blindly accepted without question the false teachings of their predecessors?

What Is the Source?

One source often referred to, both by Catholic and Protestant alike, is the old stand-by—TRADITION! Ancient writers and "early Church fathers" are quoted, often misquoted, to show that for centuries this doctrine has been taught.

These facts are true; the belief in the Trinity has been extant for centuries and *even millenniums*. The fact that "... the doctrine of the blessed Trinity has from the earliest times been taught by the Catholic Church and professed by her members" (Ibid.) doesn't, however, prove the doctrine of the Trinity. The fact that *men* have believed a thing from the earliest times is proof of *nothing*. In these same earliest times, men also believed that the world was flat. They also believed the sun revolved around the earth and that mice, rodents and scorpions could be created from rotting vegetable matter under a stone. These beliefs didn't make such things so. Actual fact and proof has since demonstrated the fallacy of these ignorant beliefs.

Another interesting aspect which is blatantly overlooked is that many of those, to whom they now refer as believing in the "blessed Trinity," were *anathematized* for their beliefs. They were considered heretics in their day and completely disfellowshipped and many times put to death because of their heretical beliefs. It wasn't until the Council of Chalcedon, in 451 A.D., that the doctrine of the Trinity became the official formula of Catholic orthodoxy. Would God allow His Church to continue 400 years in absolute, blind ignorance of one of the

primary foundation stones of Christianity?

RIDICULOUS! OF COURSE NOT!

Nothing New

Actually the idea of the Trinity wasn't something new or peculiar only to Catholicism. It goes clear back to the time of Nimrod and his wife Semiramis. In the time shortly after the Flood, Nimrod began organizing all mankind and leading them in false worship. Because of his false teachings, Nimrod was hunted down and killed by Shem, who was one of the early followers of God.

The death of Nimrod frightened those who had been following him and openly worshipping Satan and caused them to stop their idolatrous practices—momentarily. Nimrod's wife, Semiramis, was not so easily dissuaded. She had been sharing in the limelight with Nimrod and wasn't willing to let go of the adulation of others without a fight. She, as most people at that time, knew there was to be a Messiah sent to deliver the people from their sins. She understood human nature and knew if she were clever enough she could deceive most of the people into following their old ways again. She therefore hit upon a plan.

Shortly after the death of Nimrod, the story began to circulate that he had been resurrected from the dead and made immortal. The son which Semiramis soon bore was then called the Son of God and passed off as the Messiah. The people, looking for and expecting a Messiah, readily accepted her teachings. In time, it was only logical that Semiramis, the mother of the Son of God, had to be a god in her own right. In this way, Nimrod, Semiramis and the son Horus were soon worshipped as three distinct gods.

Semiramis went even further in revising the false practices which "seemed to be so right" and appealed so much to the natural mind of man. She didn't dare openly worship a false god for fear of punishment. So she veiled her false worship in mystery and symbols. Only those who had been initiated into the inner circle of worshippers knew the true meaning of the symbols and understood what they were worshipping. As

time wore on, even the initiates forgot the real meaning of the symbols and what they represented. Thus it all became a MYSTERY. And so it is even to this day!

Satan has done a masterful job at deceiving the *whole* world (Rev. 12:9). Those who believe in the doctrine of the Trinity do not realize that in reality they are worshipping the original three—Nimrod, Semiramis and Horus. An air of mystery clouds the origin of these beliefs and all are hidden in the dim past. So it is the Catholic Church states that the true profession of the mystery of the Trinity is to admit the inability to understand or explain it.

Do you understand? Can you see that the belief in the Trinity actually came from the old pagan belief and worship of Satan and Nimrod?

Tradition or the long-accepted beliefs of man *are no proof* that the Holy Spirit is an individual, distinct personality in the Godhead.

Look in Your Bible

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

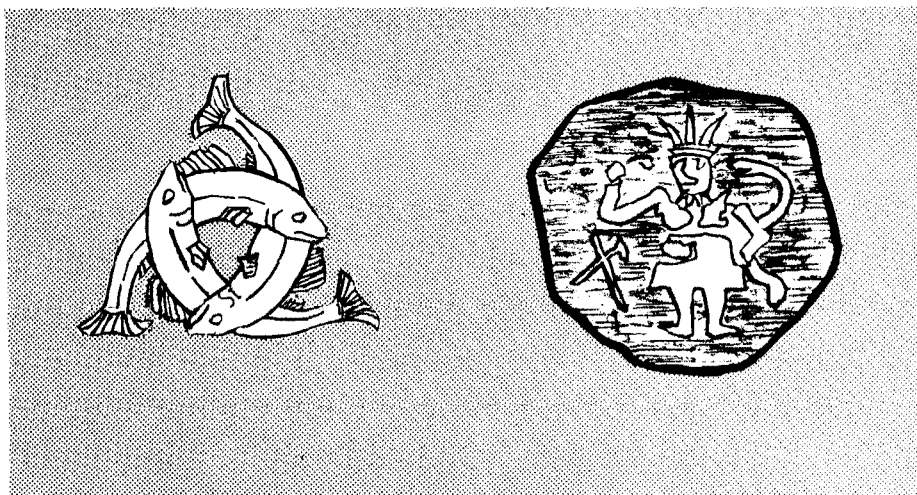
"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for DOCTRINE, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). God's Word—THE BIBLE—is the place to go to find spiritual truth. Traditions of men are just that. They aren't the TRUTH OF GOD!

Get your Bible now if you didn't before. See what the Bible says about the Trinity. Don't depend on the writing of men.

I John 5:7

I John 5:7 is one of the primary scriptures cited as proof of the Trinity. This verse reads: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one." There, doesn't that prove that there are three persons in the Godhead?

It would IF it were in the original letter written by John. BUT IT WASN'T! It isn't found in ANY OF THE MANUSCRIPTS until the eighth century after



LEFT: Three intertwined fish is a symbol representing the trinity widely used in European churches. Dagon, god of the Philistines was a savior, fish-god—another representation of Nimrod! RIGHT: Agni, the Hindoo god of fire is shown wearing a tiara with three leaves representing a triune god—adapted, according to Hislop, originally from the Assyrians (Germans) who used horns to represent the same meaning. The fleur-de-lis, the shamrock or clover leaf, the equilateral triangle and many other pagan symbols are used to represent this erroneous doctrine.

Christ. You can prove this for yourself by looking into any commentary on the Bible such as the *Critical and Experimental*, *Adam Clarke's* or numerous other study books of the Bible.

This verse is a HOAX, a deliberate FRAUD foisted off on a deceived world by some scribe or writer *centuries* after John wrote the original book. It was NEVER intended *by God* to be a part of the Bible. It was inserted CENTURIES after the canon of the Bible was completed in a VAIN, FUTILE attempt to prove the false teaching of the Trinity.

The Holy Spirit a Person?

Matthew 28:19-20 is one of the major proofs cited by the advocates of the Trinity to prove the Holy Spirit as a separate individual. The phrase "in the name of" is said to show the equality of the three names mentioned. The joining of these three names is said to be absolute proof the Holy Spirit is equal to both the Father and Jesus Christ and is therefore a separate, distinct individual. Is that what is *really* meant by the connection of these three names?

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

The true meaning of the inspired Greek here is something entirely different. First of all, the word "in" which is found in the King James Version of the Bible is translated from the Greek word *eis* which means INTO and not just "in" the name or place of three distinct persons. Therefore, we are

baptized INTO the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

What is the difference?

To be baptized "in" a person's name is to do it in his place or stead. But to be baptized INTO a person's name, particularly as the Greek of that day meant it, is to do it in the individual's name, by his authority and it included *everything* that name covered. In the Greek language, *everything* belonging to any single person was referred to and called *by his name*.

God's Name

What is the NAME *into* which converts are baptized? What is the name all converts or true Christians bear as a result of being baptized in water in the name, or by the authority, of Jesus Christ?

THE NAME OF GOD! It is the Father "...of whom the whole *family* in heaven and earth is NAMED" (Eph. 3:15). GOD is the *family name* of the Divine Kingdom. We are, after baptism, the begotten sons of God. We are to become the ACTUAL sons of God through birth into the God family at the resurrection. WE WILL BE GODS!

What this verse actually shows is that when we are baptized, we are inducted into a FAMILY. The name of God (*Elohim*) as given in Genesis 1:1 shows a plurality in the Godhead—a God family—Father and Son with *more* sons to be added. When we are baptized into the name of God, we are

simply being baptized *into the family of God*.

All that is shown by the mentioning of the Holy Spirit in this verse is that the Holy Spirit BELONGS TO THE GOD FAMILY. It is the essence or power of God. Just as the seed of life or spermatozoa of a man engenders a child and makes that child his, so the Spirit of God engenders us, upon baptism, into the God family and makes us begotten children of God.

The Holy Spirit then is the power of God which emanates from God. Since this power belongs to God, it is also found to be with His Son and the joining force which makes them a family. The truth of the matter in this verse is positive proof of the *family relationship* of God. It has nothing whatsoever to do with a Triune God.

If the Holy Spirit were a person, Jesus Christ prayed to the wrong individual. Throughout the four Gospels, we find Christ speaking to God as His Father. Yet in Matthew 1:18, we find that Mary was with child of the Holy Spirit. This would have to mean that the Holy Spirit and not God the Father was and is Christ's Father. Yet never once in all the Bible do we find Jesus Christ praying to the Holy Spirit.

God's Name The Personal Pronoun

It is said that the use of the personal pronoun in reference to the Holy Spirit also shows the distinct personality of the Holy Spirit. Those who say such a thing KNOW BETTER. It is an outright and *deliberate* lie!

In English, the personal pronouns "he, his, him, etc." are used in reference to a male individual such as a man or boy. The same applies to the feminine pronouns in regard to women or girls. The neuter pronoun "it" reflects no such masculinity or femininity. It is used when speaking of inanimate things such as a house, wind or anything which doesn't have life in itself.

In Greek, as in most of the Romance languages, every noun is either masculine or feminine. They do not think of an inanimate object as being neuter, but think of it in terms of gender.

The words used in the Greek and

translated as the masculine pronoun "he" in English, are *auto* and *ekeinos*. Both of these words are *neuter*. A Greek rule of grammar says that the neuter pronoun ALWAYS takes the gender of the word it modifies. If the object being spoken of is masculine, the pronoun reflects that masculinity. If the object is feminine, the opposite is true. The gender of the word is dependent upon the attributes which are indicated and portrayed by the word. In other words, if the attribute or characteristic of the word is thought of as being masculine, either of these pronouns, *auto* or *ekeinos*, used in reference to that attribute would be in the masculine gender.

Paraclete, which is one of the primary words used in referring to the Holy Spirit, means "a comforter, an advocate or a helper." All of these attributes were considered by the Greeks to be of a masculine nature. Therefore, the neuter pronoun modifying it would reflect that masculinity and be translated as "he." This doesn't prove the separate identity of the Holy Spirit. This is simply a rule of grammar *which must be followed*.

Those who would prove the separate individuality of the Holy Spirit by this means know better. They are *deliberately* twisting the truth when they say it proves the Holy Spirit to be a separate person in the Godhead.

The King James translators have correctly translated the pronouns (*auto* and *ekeinos*) at times, in such a manner as to show their neuter nature. John 1:32 and 6:63 as well as Romans 8:16 are three places where the original translators rendered these pronouns properly as "it" as they actually should be. Here is proof that they knew the proper way to translate the word when their minds weren't closed by their own vain reasonings and preconceived ideas.

What Is the Holy Spirit?

God is power! His power is the Holy Spirit. It is the power of God or Spirit of God by which all things were created in the very beginning.

How can this be? Genesis 1:1 says: "In the beginning GOD CREATED. . ." Doesn't that mean that God Himself had to fashion the whole creation with

His own hands? NO! God the Father didn't do the creating personally. Christ was the one who did the actual creating of all things (John 1:3). This truth is again demonstrated in Hebrews 1:2. Here it says, referring to Christ, "... by whom also he made the worlds."

Does this then mean that it was Jesus Christ only who fashioned all things? Again the answer is no. As has been said before, the word for God in Genesis 1:1 is *Elohim* which signifies a plurality or *family relationship* between the Father and Son.

The *God family* planned the creation long before it ever took place. Each and every detail was carefully thought out. Just as a contractor will have blueprints drawn up long before he ever lays the foundation for a large construction job, so the family of God planned the universe. After all planning was completed, Jesus Christ executed the plans through the *power* of the Holy Spirit. That doesn't mean that a third party took over and did the job. It simply means the work was done by the power, or spirit or authority of the God family.

Take the Panama Canal for example. We say the United States built the Panama Canal. Did all forty-eight, as it then was, of the states go down to the Isthmus of Panama and do the work? Of course not. It was done by the authority or power of the United States. The men, money and power of the United States caused the canal to come into being. In that way, the United States did the job. An exact parallel.

Holy Spirit Is Omnipresent

The power of God is everywhere. That is how Jesus was able to do all the work of the creation by Himself. David's prayer in Psalm 139:7-8 shows that he knew God's Spirit or power was omnipresent. No matter where in the universe you might go, God's Spirit will still be there. That is how Jesus Christ is "...upholding all things by the word of his POWER" (Heb. 1:3). By His authority as God, He keeps all things in the universe in their place. This work is done through the power of the God family and with

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Four New Churches -- Five New Elders -- and GROWTH!

by Roderick C. Meredith

THE long summer days are with us, but GROWTH continues in the Church of the Living God!

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong are still in England, at the campus of God's College in Bricket Wood. Mr. Ted Armstrong and his wife flew over briefly for graduation and some special meetings. But he and his family are spending most of the summer at Big Sandy, Texas, where he is directing the activities in preparation for the opening this fall of the THIRD Ambassador College there. You have, no doubt, already heard several of the broadcasts he is making in our studios right on the campus at Big Sandy.

Five New Elders Ordained

On the Sabbath of June 27, after the commencement exercises at Bricket Wood, Mr. Armstrong and the other ministers there ordained Mr. David Bedford and Mr. Reginald Platt as

Local Elders in God's Church.

Mr. Bedford had three years of training at Ambassador College in Pasadena and was the Student Body President at Bricket Wood year before last. He is certainly a dedicated servant of Christ, and is being assigned a position in one of the British churches.

Mr. Platt was the Student Body President this past year at Bricket Wood, and is now being given the opportunity for ministerial training in the United States under Mr. Raymond Cole in the New York City area! Only recently married, Mr. Platt and his wife should certainly be a fine addition there. His scintillating and sparkling personality and enthusiasm will undoubtedly rub off on many of the New York area brethren as it already has on the students and brethren in Bricket Wood!

Australian Ordinations

Down in Australia, *three* Local Elders were recently ordained in an inspiring ceremony. Let me quote the direct report from our correspondent there—which, incidentally, will give an interesting and vivid picture to all of you brethren around the world of the various ministerial activities of God's true Church in Australia:

"The Sabbath of June 6 was a 'big' day in the history of the Sydney Church of God and the lives of six of its members. The church rejoiced as *six* of their brethren were ordained into *three* different offices in God's Church!

"The ordination service was both *sobering* and *very inspiring*. After fitting introductory remarks, Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Evangelist in charge of

the Work in Australia, ordained Messrs. Frank Simpkins, Clarence Huse and Don Abraham to the office of *Local Elder*.

"First in order of ordination was Mr. Frank Simpkins. Mr. Simpkins arrived in Australia on June 21, 1961, from the U. S. A. with his wife Bernice. They now have one daughter and at the time of this writing are expecting the arrival of their second child at any moment.

"Mr. Simpkins is a graduate of Ambassador College and has served in varying capacities in the Sydney Office. His work has been mainly as a ministerial assistant, first under Mr. Gerald Waterhouse and presently under Mr. Wayne Cole. He has been a leader in the Visiting and Letter Answering Departments, and has given many sermonettes as well as some sermons in the three Churches in Australia. Four baptismal tours have taken Mr. Simp-



Mr. David Bedford, Local Elder.



Mr. Reginald Platt, Local Elder.



Mr. Don Abraham, the first Australian ordained to the office of Local Elder in this era of God's Church.

kins through much of Australia, including the states of New South Wales, Western Australia and Queensland, and the length of both the North and South Islands of New Zealand. With his ordination, it is certain that Mr. Simpkins will become a more powerful tool wherever he may be used in God's Work.

"Second in order of ordination was Mr. Clarence Huse. Also a graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena, Mr. Huse arrived in Sydney on October 18, 1961, with his wife Billie Kay. They have one child, a son born in Australia about two years ago.

"The biographical record of Mr. Huse since his arrival in Australia closely parallels that of Mr. Simpkins. He too has been a ministerial assistant to Mr. Cole and a leader in the Visiting and Letter Answering Departments. His sermonettes and occasional sermons have encouraged and inspired many in the three Churches in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, Australia. Mr. Huse is now in the process of planning his fifth baptismal tour since arriving in Australia to assist in the Sydney Office. The tours have taken him through New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and New Zealand. The forthcoming tour will be on the other side of the continent in Western Australia. The growth and fruit born while faithfully performing these duties showed that he should be ordained to the office of

Local Elder enabling him to be a more useful tool in God's hands.

"Third in order of ordination was Mr. Don Abraham. Mr. Abraham, unlike the other two, is a native Australian. He came into contact with the Work in 1956 while working as an announcer for radio station 4TO, Townsville, Queensland . . . a station that was airing *The WORLD TOMORROW* programme once weekly.

"Mr. Abraham with his wife and three children moved to Sydney over four years ago to be employed in the Sydney Office. Mr. Abraham was the first Australian hired to work in the Sydney Office soon after its establishment. Dedication to duties in the Of-



Mr. Clarence Huse, Local Elder.

office and the Church preceded his ordination into the office of Deacon about 18 months ago. Mr. Abraham has delivered many encouraging and helpful sermonettes and a few sermons in Sydney and Brisbane. He has been active on the Visiting Programme and in the Letter Answering Department. He has also served as second man on a baptismal tour which covered parts of New South Wales and extended along the coast into the northern part of Queensland. He is now preparing for the imminent tour with Mr. Huse into Western Australia. Though Mr. Abraham is not a graduate of Ambassador College, he has proved himself dedicated and zealous in his wholehearted willingness to be corrected and led by the Spirit of God.

His ordination as Local Elder equips him for greater service in God's Church."

FOUR New Churches Established!

In addition to more ministers being ordained, new churches for them to pastor are constantly being established!

On the Sabbath of June 6, a new church began in Newark, New Jersey, with 336 in attendance! This, of course, involved "splitting off" a number from the New York Church. But this was a wonderful beginning attendance figure even though there was some overlapping of visitors this first Sabbath. There still remained 429 brethren meeting in New York that Sabbath, followed by attendances of 451 and 488 on the next two successive Sabbaths. So the combined New York-Newark Church area already has an attendance of nearly 800 people!

On the Sabbath of June 20, a new church was founded in Asheville, North Carolina, with 224 in attendance! Mr. Gary Arvidson, recently ordained as a Preaching Elder, will pastor this fine new church and assist Mr. Richard Plache in the larger area.

Mr. Plache reports that even with Asheville beginning, Greensboro still had 341 present that Sabbath and that, with Richmond, the three churches in that area now have a combined attendance figure of about 750. It is amazing to realize that just eight short months ago there wasn't any church in



Mr. Frank Simpkins, Local Elder.

this large area, and now look what our God has provided!

A new church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, began its first local services on the Sabbath of June 20, with 204 in attendance! Mr. Guy Engelbart will be pastor of the Harrisburg and Philadelphia Churches, and reports that the Harrisburg attendance should increase over the first meeting with additional future growth in the Philadelphia area as well.

Finally, on July 4, the new church in Fort Worth, Texas, started with 286 in attendance! This still left 306 in Dallas—and enough room in the respective church meeting places for growth in both areas. The Dallas-Fort Worth area will be ministered to by Mr. Ron Kelly and Mr. Ben Chapman from God's College at Big Sandy, assisted by Mr. Cecil Battles as Local Elder. Tremendous *growth* is still promised for that area, and the ministers are already asking for additional help for Mr. Battles!

New Canadian Bible Study

In addition to the four new churches, a new Bible study was recently established in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, with 130 in attendance for the very first meeting! Mr. Dean Wilson—Director of the Canadian Work—says that the people are very enthusiastic and that God is beginning what should grow into a church in the Edmonton area.

Mr. Wilson reports: "The minister who begins the Edmonton Church is going to really have his hands full. *The WORLD TOMORROW* program is well-known in that area by everyone. Many of the pastors of the various churches in Edmonton have ordered their members to not listen to or have anything to do with the program of Mr. Armstrong. I have never been in a city of that size that has such strong feelings about the program. News travels fast in the city. They knew we were in town and many of the churches already know we are starting a Bible study.

"CFRN is the major radio station in the city and *The WORLD TOMORROW* program was the first religious program to ever buy straight half-hour program time daily in the city. It has really stimulated a lot of feeling both

ways. Many people want to listen and to read the literature but are afraid to because of what their ministers say. This seems to be especially true among the German-speaking people so Mr. Ron Miller has dubbed Edmonton as little Nineveh and rightly so. Over half of the church in Edmonton will be of German origin who immigrated to this country in the past twenty years. There is a real need for a church there and as soon as we can start one, there will be plenty to keep a minister busy."

Continuing Growth in All Church Areas

Perhaps the fastest growth in an already-existing church area is that shown in the Kansas City Springfield area. On June 27, Kansas City had 556 in attendance and Springfield 394—or exactly 950 between them! This, in addition to the Omaha Bible study, shows that Mr. Clark's immediate area should soon range over 1000 brethren in attendance. Also, this certainly seems to confirm *Christ's* decision to send the additional amount of help to Mr. Bryce Clark which we have recently done.

Mr. Kenneth Swisher has left his post at Big Sandy, Texas, and moved to Florida. He will soon be starting churches in Miami and, probably, Tampa within a few weeks! This should certainly be GOOD NEWS to the brethren in Florida! With this move, Mr. Swisher now becomes the District Superintendent over the Southeast District of the nation—and all the churches in this area. With this change, Mr. Leroy Neff—already acting Deputy Chancellor of the new college at Big Sandy—becomes the District Superintendent over the Southwest District of God's Churches in the United States. Since Mr. Neff has such heavy responsibilities in the college and business administration of the Work there, we are in this case designating Mr. Ronald Kelly as *Assistant* District Superintendent to assist Mr. Neff in taking some of the "field trips" out from Big Sandy to visit the churches in that area.

With Mr. Swisher's move to the Southeast, we now have exactly *seven* Church *Districts* in these United States! But frankly, and hopefully, it may not

be too many years hence until we have *many* Church Districts—perhaps twenty or thirty—with *many* different District Superintendents, each in charge over as many as eight to fifteen large congregations in his particular area!

Although we will not have gone *completely* "over the cities of Israel" before Jesus' return, God has certainly blessed His Church in this age in being able to raise up so many local congregations and *feed His flock* in so many local areas of the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa and elsewhere.

New Ministerial Assignments

This year, for the first time, three *British* graduates of Ambassador College at Bricket Wood are being given assignments to field churches in the *United States*! This will certainly be an exciting and broadening experience for them, and undoubtedly add new life, spark and interest to the church areas in which they are assigned.

As mentioned above, this past year's Student Body President, Mr. Reginald Platt, has been sent to the New York area to assist Mr. Raymond Cole in the burgeoning work there.

Mr. James Young, Senior Class President at Bricket Wood, is being sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, to assist Mr. Carn Catherwood in the rapidly growing Cincinnati and Lexington Churches. Both Mr. Young and Mr. Platt will be assisted by their dedicated wives. In both cases, these young wives were Ambassador coeds and have had training at God's College in Bricket Wood before marrying their respective husbands and having an opportunity to personally assist God's people.

Mr. John Sanderson, another student leader and graduate of Ambassador College at Bricket Wood, has been assigned to assist Mr. Richard Plache in the Greensboro-Richmond area. As we have already seen above, this area is literally bursting at the seams with growth, and his help will be most welcomed by Mr. Plache and God's people in that area.

Also, three *American* graduates of the college at Bricket Wood have been assigned to churches here in the United States. Mr. Don Waterhouse, younger

brother of Mr. Gerald Waterhouse—God's Evangelist in charge of His Work in South Africa, has been assigned to the Pittsburgh area to assist Mr. Friddle there.

Mr. Ron Reedy has been assigned to the Grand Rapids and Elkhart area to assist Mr. Frank McCrady in these fast-growing churches.

Mr. Ron McNeil is slated to go to Oklahoma City to assist Mr. David Antion in ministering to God's people in the Oklahoma City-Tulsa area.

Before returning to the States, however, these three men have been given permission to take a tour of the Continent and perhaps certain cities in the Middle East as well. This will be a tremendous inspirational and educational opportunity, and they should have plenty to talk about after seeing prophecy being fulfilled in Europe and perhaps viewing the Holy Land firsthand.

Baptizing Tour Reports

This year, more than ever, the U. S. baptizing tours are having to "slither" their way in between the large church areas where baptismal requests are handled all through the year by the local ministers. Thus, they are having to do more driving per baptism in many cases and, because of the local churches, have fewer new people overall to see about baptism.

But they are making fine progress, nevertheless, and at this writing *scores* of people are being baptized after coming to REAL repentance and submission to God through the work of His Church! This is something in which we hope ALL of you have had a part, and in which you certainly rejoice and *give God thanks!*

Writing from Livingston, Montana, Mr. Paul Flatt and Mr. Dennis Pyle report that they have baptized thirty out of sixty-one so far.

Writing from Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bass—conducting the Negro baptizing tour—report that they have baptized nine out of thirty-three so far with twenty-nine member visits as well. Mr. Bass writes: "We have been meeting locally heavy showers throughout Georgia. But they are on

a hit-and-miss order. We can see the results of the prayers of God's people. We are having no trouble at all. Surprisingly enough, we are finding white Southerners hospitable and courteous. Except for the famous 'Southern cooking,' we are enjoying our work here very much."

Remember, brethren, in a special way to PRAY for Mr. and Mrs. Bass on the Negro tour as they certainly will have extra problems as a result of the racial tensions in that area!

Writing from Mobile, Alabama, Mr. Frank McCrady reports that he and Mr. Dick Ames have baptized thirteen out of seventy-two so far. Mr. McCrady writes: "The same problems continue in the prospects we've met: not keeping the Sabbath, lethargy, tobacco, and the newness of the people... God has blessed the tour with His protection. Rain has followed us most of the time making it comfortable. Continue to remember us in your prayers."

Writing from Kentucky, Mr. Hal Baird reports that he and Mr. John Pruner have baptized twenty-two out of sixty-seven on their tour so far. Mr. Baird reports: "This state has more 'snuff-dippin,' 'tobaccer chewin,' lazy, illiterate, unemployed, 'Bahble-readin,' mixed-up degenerates than any other state in which we have been! It will certainly take God's Kingdom on this earth to ever straighten these tangled minds out. I heard of one man who was working at Public Works making over \$400 per month. He quit! Why? By getting Welfare and food stamps he was able to make more by loafing than by working. These firsthand sights encourage us to pray, 'Thy Kingdom come—quickly.'"

I have given you some of the direct quotes from these men's reports, brethren, so that you may more intelligently remember them in your prayers, and that you also LEARN *the lessons* which they are learning firsthand in traveling thousands of miles through many states, and visiting all types of interested people in every conceivable circumstance.

The Work Grows Overseas

From Australia, Mr. Wayne Cole reports that we now *own* a wonderful

Feast of Tabernacles site in Blackheath, New South Wales, which is *dede*d in *God's name!* It is a beautiful forty-acre piece of property located in the inspiring Blue Mountains—the same area where the Feast of Tabernacles there has been held before.

Mr. Cole has already obtained the go-ahead from Mr. Armstrong to have a building constructed which will be patterned—on a smaller scale—after the large Tabernacle in Texas. Construction has begun! Although it is winter there and the area normally has substantial rainfall, Mr. Cole reports that God is giving them absolutely *excellent* weather for building—clear and dry! He is confident the building will be completed in time for use this coming Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. Cole writes: "The Tabernacle is being built so that it can be enlarged to double or even more in size. The building as it is being built at this time will have a main auditorium with a 2500 seating capacity. A large and adequate kitchen is being built as well as a Business Office, ample restroom facilities and conference rooms. The dimensions at this stage are: main auditorium 120 feet wide and 100 feet deep. Steel trusses are used, hence there will be no pillars or posts in the auditorium.

"We have received very inspiring and remarkable favor with many people on this project. The Mayor, Building Inspector, City Engineer, Plumbing Inspector and other leading officials of the Blue Mountains City Council have been extremely favorable and have bent over backwards to assist us, for which we are all very grateful."

Another happy development overseas is that a new "door" is opening in South Africa to help *build* God's Work in that area where many of the people of Israel are still living. Mr. Gerald Waterhouse reports that we will soon be placing ads in "Personality" magazine in South Africa. The readership of this magazine is estimated at 770,000 and it is the second most highly *rated* magazine—for quality, etc.

in all South Africa next to *Reader's Digest*. We will be placing full-page
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A SUCCESSFUL Feast of Tabernacles

Carelessness on your part could mar the 1964 Feast of Tabernacles. You have greater responsibilities than you have ever realized before! Make sure you know what they are!

by Paul S. Royer

Squaw Valley, June 10, 1964

YESTERDAY my wife and I arrived in beautiful Squaw Valley, the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics. For the past three years Squaw Valley has served as the meeting place for the western one-third of the United States for God's annual Feast of Tabernacles. *In just three more months* the valley will again come to life as God's people assemble for the 1964 Feast of Tabernacles

God Is Very Particular Where He Places His Name!

Driving into Squaw Valley, we were greeted by a late spring snowfall that changed the meadows and tall pines from deep green to a dazzling white winter wonderland. The picture painted by our Creator was awe-inspiring. It was one that artists try in vain to recapture on canvas. What care God has taken in making and selecting each site where the Feast of Tabernacles is held! **GOD IS VERY PARTICULAR WHERE HIS PEOPLE GATHER TO CELEBRATE AND WORSHIP HIM!** The whole world is His from which to choose.

When God created Adam, He blessed him and set him in the midst of the most beautiful garden on earth, the Garden in Eden. God told Adam that he was responsible to **DRESS** and **KEEP** the garden (Gen. 2:15). Adam and Eve were given the rules and the commandments to live by that would continue their blessings and bring them true happiness. All they had to do was obey. They were made responsible to think and act on that which was right

and good. They were given the opportunity of choice, over which they were required to exercise wisdom and control to make the right decisions.

They were now responsible for the maintenance of their new surroundings. God had placed them in a very special spot to live! He had personally chosen it over all the other areas on earth and given it to Adam.

Adam Had a Problem

Adam had a problem. He found it difficult to obey, and it was very hard for Adam to follow directions. He just couldn't use his head. Adam *failed to think* his problem through and evaluate the situation. He did what came naturally! He did not *appreciate* what he had been given. His attitude was bad. Adam was in trouble!

Adam failed the first test that came along. When God spoke to Adam of his first mistake, Adam *without thinking* gave the *very first* excuse ever uttered on earth! "And the man said, the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (Gen. 3:12).

Because Adam did not obey and did not think, God cast him and his wife out of the most fabulous living conditions that were ever created. Adam failed to exercise his responsibilities. He did not think or exercise wisdom, and he did not *appreciate* his surroundings. Therefore, God cast him out of the garden into a world of sweat and toil, into a land that brought forth thorns and thistles (Gen. 3:17-19).

A Responsibility for YOU to Face

In the short space of seven years, God will be making known through His servants several more new locations here in the United States. Others will be added in different locations around the world as time crescendos on at an unprecedented pace toward the day when this Work will be finished!

Actual planning for the Feast of Tabernacles has been projected well into 1973 by those in responsible positions in Pasadena, World Headquarters for God's True Church. The excitement of planning and preparing for the annual Holy Days is beyond description. It is a tremendous blessing to watch God work out every detail through those He has chosen for the work.

What a privilege it is for those who are given the opportunity to work on this program. Not only do those at Headquarters have this blessing, but *many of you share in the assigned responsibilities* when we gather each fall in the nine locations now in existence around the world.

The size and scope of work in preparation for the Feast of Tabernacles is already staggering, and it is to grow larger—much larger! This year God's Church here in the United States is handling orders for tents, camping equipment, meal tickets and housing for over 22,000 people. We expect to handle orders for tents approaching the thousand mark, and camping equipment orders are already being received that would stagger the largest mail-order or discount house.

This year over three million dollars



This familiar sight of the thousands attending the Festivals in Texas and Jekyll Island (above, left and right) needs to inspire us to realize our responsibility as individuals who make up those thousands.

will be spent in the United States by God's people during the Feast. This colossal figure will be spent in just eight days in only three locations.

By 1971 there should be over 137,000 people attending the Feast of Tabernacles in the United States, spending over nineteen million dollars. You have all read Mr. Armstrong's inspiring letter projecting the future growth of this Work and how God has shown His ministers the way He wants the Feast of Tabernacles developed and paid for through the tithe of the tithe.

Everywhere we go the people we meet constantly express their amazement and pleasure in THE WAY that our people conduct themselves away from home. Words sometimes fail them when they compliment us on the conduct of our children. They like us, they like the way we behave and they like the way we police ourselves, our children and the area in which we meet. However, they are not quite sure how we do it!

Problems to Face!

Yet, in all this there are problems. There are a few who spoil the good for many! Most of the problems that do occur are precipitated as a result of a *lack of wisdom and failure to think!* None of our people deliberately plan or premeditate trouble. IT JUST HAPPENS!—and when it does, they are sorry—just like Adam!

Let's face it, brethren—we are not the mighty, we are not the great of the world—we are the weak! However, we ARE NOT TO STAY weak. God tells us what we are in I Corinthians 1:26. His ministers tell us over and over again, in sermon after sermon, our calling. We are told to come out of the

world in Revelation 18:4. Let's begin to make that change NOW!

One of our problems that crops up over and over again in each Feast area is the housing problem. Some of those God has called aren't accustomed to the finer things in life. They don't know how to live in and care for the many deluxe accommodations that have been provided in the different locations that God has given for the Feast of Tabernacles.

A few don't even know how to keep their own bodies clean, let alone take care of the property of others. *This must not be, brethren!* God has not called us from sin for the purpose of rolling around in it. He has called us to *come out of sin*, TO CHANGE and cast the darkness out of our life. He has given us His Spirit and made it possible to change.

One or two, without thinking, can ruin everything for the whole group. *Careless words, bad habits or careless acts* by a few can cause the people of an area to totally change their attitude. We could lose Squaw Valley, Jekyll Island, Blackheath or any one of the other locations that God has given.

An Unpleasant Shock

Today when I walked into a realtor's office here in Tahoe City I met with such resistance and anger from a totally unexpected quarter that I was dumbfounded! What was wrong? Here I was before a man that had been our friend. He hadn't been able to do enough for our people over the past two years. Yet, here he had suddenly TURNED COLD!

WHY?

He had turned cold because four families were inconsiderate enough to

leave the homes they lived in untidy and strewn with litter when they left the Feast of Tabernacles last year. *These people just didn't think!* They were selfish in not considering another's property. They were not used to the finer things in life.

Because of the unthoughtfulness on the part of a few, our relationship with a whole community was in jeopardy. After the Feast, when the owner of a very fine vacation home located on the south shore of Lake Tahoe returned to close it for the season, he was stricken with remorse, and then indignation, at what he saw. He couldn't believe what his eyes beheld. After all, he had been assured *that these people were something special.* These were the people that were honest, trustworthy and responsible! These were the people who made their children behave. His only remark might have been, "I just don't understand!"

We Must Be EXAMPLES to the World

All of you need to realize your responsibility as God's chosen people. You need to understand that you are chosen from the lowest to grow to be the greatest! You are to set an example for others. THAT EXAMPLE IS JESUS CHRIST living His life in you. Jesus Christ would set no such example as the one given. He lived a life of cleanliness. Jesus Christ took care of the property of others! You have been called out of a darkened world to be a light. You are to shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. The example set by the aforementioned families was one

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What Is Moderation?

Following last month's article—"Wine Makes a Glad Heart"—
this article will help you obtain exactly the **RIGHT BALANCE**
you should have regarding this subject.

by John Edward Portune

FEW SUBJECTS cause more comment today than the subject of drinking. Alcohol is so often the subject of heated discussion. Have you ever wondered why?

Let's clear up this matter of moderate drinking. Let's see it explained in detail. If drinking is to be a part of a Christian's life, how must it be used and what benefits do we derive from it?

Now the Bible shows that drinking is good, when done in moderation. It is drunkenness, not drinking, that God condemns. Yet among the members of God's Church there often is confusion about this important subject. Old wives' tales and considerable ignorance can easily be accepted as scripturally sound without the slightest Biblical authority. This is plain from the fact that many do not drink at all, while others lack control.

Drunkenness—Not Drinking— Is Wrong

Alcoholism is a growing curse in our land today. No DRUNKARD will inherit God's Kingdom (I Cor. 6:9, 10).

But on the other hand, alcohol is given to us as a *blessing from God*. Many places in the Bible we find the *abuse* of alcohol literally and dynamically condemned. But nowhere do the Scriptures *even suggest* TOTAL ABSTINENCE. It is over-indulgence in drink, and not the drink itself, that is sin.

If you would like this point proven from God's Word more clearly than there is space to do here, you should write for Mr. Roderick C. Meredith's article, "*Is Drinking a Sin?*" It is available in reprint form and can be had simply by request. Do so if the right or wrong of drinking is still a question to you.

But to help you understand HOW

God does intend us to *USE* alcoholic beverages, let's examine the facts from the field of scientific research.

What Is Drunkenness?

At numerous institutions of higher learning—such as the Yale Center for Alcoholic Studies and the University of California Medical Center near San Francisco—studies have been made probing the effects of alcohol on human beings. One of the questions that these men have gone to considerable lengths to answer is the various *stages* of intoxication. Their studies are of great help to us in learning the Godly use of drink.

Dr. Leon Greenberg of the Yale Center for Alcoholic Studies discovered that a 160-lb. man who drinks two or three ounces of any of the stronger distilled liquors (or the same number of glasses of wine or beer) "feels that he is sitting on top of the world."

When the same drinker has had five or six ounces, he has, as these scientists define, reached the state of "mild intoxication." Note that five or six ounces—not two or three—is the *first* stage called "intoxication." At this point, he continues, "the individual staggers slightly; has difficulty in putting on his overcoat; fumbles with his door key; and his tongue trips over familiar words." NONE OF GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD ALLOW THEMSELVES TO EXPERIENCE THIS.

Beyond that, about ten ounces or more, comes TOTAL intoxication. As Dr. Greenberg says, "The individual [who drinks this much] tends to assume a horizontal position; he needs help to walk or undress; he is easily moved to rage or tears."

Now the amount of alcohol neces-

sary to reach intoxication varies, but what is strikingly important from the careful studies of these men is the fact that a *small amount of alcohol* DOES NOT produce intoxication. Drunkenness DOES NOT begin with the first drink. Drunkenness is *excess* drink—not just drink in any amount.

There is a plain, clear point where a person goes from complete control of himself into intoxication. It is that transition which must be carefully avoided. The effects of alcohol prior to this point should not be called or considered drunkenness! In fact, as Dr. Salvatore P. Lucia, Professor of Medicine of the San Francisco Campus of the University of California, discovered, "Intoxication defeats the purpose of using wine [or any form of alcohol] . . . for it depresses the digestion rather than stimulating it and decreases one's ability to enjoy a meal." He also says, "Most of the beneficial effects of alcohol are *reversed* if the *amount* is too great."

UNDERSTAND THIS POINT.

EXCESS of drink is the sin. It is *misuse* that has given alcohol its poor reputation and makes so many shy away from its blessings, ignorantly thinking that any drink is bad.

How Much CAN You Drink, Then?

The amount of alcohol an individual can drink safely and profitably has a lot to do with circumstances. As the Yale men found, if you are big, and match drink for drink with a smaller companion, he (or she) will get intoxicated sooner than you. This partly explains why women can't "hold their alcohol" as well as men. The reason, of course, is that the larger you are, the more blood you have and the more it

takes to raise the percentage of alcohol in it. You should be conscious of what amount you may drink as a normal thing. Women should not attempt to match drinks with their husbands who normally weigh more. Nor should husbands *permit* their smaller wives to do so.

Also the amount of alcohol you can properly drink has a great deal to do with what you've eaten immediately *before*. On an empty stomach, most of the alcohol goes right through the stomach and is absorbed immediately into the bloodstream. The more food you have in your stomach, the more slowly the alcohol gets through into the bloodstream. You can drink considerably more on a *full* stomach.

But be careful. God's principle is always *moderation*. We are not only commanded to do things moderately but to go beyond that which is required (see Luke 17:10). So while you can drink more on a full stomach—the Yale study shows about three times as much—you need to be very careful. The knowledge of this, used intelligently, will help you use the blessings God has intended in alcohol.

If You Are Experienced, Can You Drink More?

Many people believe that the more experience they have had at drinking the greater is their limit. It may be a surprise—especially to those who fancy themselves seasoned drinkers to realize that *experience in drinking DOES NOT affect your ability to hold alcohol*.

When the Yale researchers gave an equal amount of alcohol to two groups—"habitual, heavy drinkers" and "occasional, light drinkers"—they found the light drinkers showed all the usual signs of intoxication, "unsteady gait, aggressiveness, noisiness, giggling," while the heavy drinkers *appeared to be completely sober*.

Yet tests made on both groups showed that, *physically* speaking, they were *equally affected by the alcohol*. Motor responses, hearing, vision and manual dexterity were just as much below par in the heavy drinkers as in the light drinkers. *They were drunk*—but they didn't show it.

These and other experiments led scientists to conclude that while you can learn to "hold your liquor" socially, you can't physically.

Now it might be true that experienced drinkers could possibly drink a little more than a beginner, but don't let this point, through sheer ignorance of the plain scientific facts, be an *excuse* for you to drink too freely. *More* than a drink or two, or a glass of wine or two, causes anyone—regardless of experience—to be intoxicated. Let this be a warning to you.

Does Moderate Drinking Harm You?

Excess drinking is not the only difficulty with alcohol. Many of the members of the Church of God, though *intellectually* convinced that drinking is acceptable, still cling to the idea that alcohol *must be bad for you in some way*. This generally is a result of this world's polluted ideas on the subject, but this fact does not change the attitude. We need to look at some of the facts.

Here are some very common ideas about the reputed harm of alcohol. Let's look at them and face the facts squarely.

Mental Effects

Does alcohol affect your hearing ability? A small amount of alcohol—meaning a couple of drinks—can actually *improve* your hearing. Dr. Edith Lisansky of the Yale Center reports that listeners could hear softer sounds when they had been given a small amount of spirits. On the other hand, they were less able to distinguish certain sounds. Dr. Lisansky theorizes that this might explain why some people enjoy music more when they're drinking. The alcohol keeps sound, that they ordinarily might not like, from *bothering* them. This is no disadvantage and, when understood, is a benefit in certain circumstances. During cases of social fellowship, your own singing or the performance of a companion may sound pretty good after you've had a proper amount of alcoholic beverage. This, no matter how you look at it, is a benefit and a blessing. Such a person is *in no way drunk*—he simply is enjoying God's blessing in drinking.

How about your *vision*, though? The U. S. Air Force carried out some tests and discovered that a moderate amount of alcohol doesn't particularly affect the vision. Much like the matter of hearing, alcohol may change one's ability to recognize and distinguish certain *colors*, but *under the right circumstances*, this is not in the least bit bad. It might be a disadvantage for a person who intends to drive immediately after drinking, but again wisdom and moderation must govern our activities.

Obviously it would probably be better not to drink very much immediately before driving. But this does not mean that we should never drink at all. We don't always have to drive immediately after we partake of alcoholic refreshment. Then, too, as we have seen from the above two examples, a little amount of alcohol should not reduce one's ability to control an automobile. In fact, it may to some degree heighten it. Another example should make this point plain—the proper amount of alcohol stimulates, does not depress.

Many people think that alcohol reduces the ability to think and reason. Such is just not the case.

Recently the inquisitive Yale scientists, operating under a grant from the United States Public Health Service, carried out some experiments proving that alcohol doesn't slow down your reasoning powers. It does, as they discovered, actually perk them up.

Subjects, all men, consumed 90 proof whisky mixed with soda on empty stomachs. As they drank, they tackled tough problems in calculus. The mental capacities of some actually showed *improvement after a drink or two*. It was not until they had consumed six ounces of whisky that they *began* to lose their powers of reasoning.

Six ounces of whisky is too much for anyone! But you should be able to see from this example that the *right amount* of alcohol does not damage your ability to think, and, in all probability, may increase it in the right circumstances.

So what we can see, at least mentally, is that controlled, moderate drinking does not depress one's ability to hear,
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A "PETER" Was in Rome Two Thousand Years B.C.!

Who was the first "Peter" of Rome? What were his successors called? The history of ancient religion reveals the plain truth about the original Peter of Rome. The truth about his real successors is now clear to us—but hidden to the world. Here is what history shows us of the ORIGINAL Peter of Rome. The truth is startling!

by Ernest L. Martin

THE BIBLE records that in the earliest ages, right after the Flood of Noah, men began to rebel against the teachings of God. They began to build cities, found religions, bring in idolatries. Pagan temples were erected—the Tower of Babel came on the scene. All of these things started *within the first two hundred years after the Flood.*

Pagan Gods Called "Peters"

Surprising as it may sound, it is a well-known fact among students of ancient religion that the chief pagan gods worshipped in the early civilizations were generally known by the name *PETER*. It is also known that the priests of those heathen gods were also called *PETERS*. That same name in one form or another, was even applied to the *pagan* TEMPLES consecrated to those gods.

Notice what Bryant, in his work "*Ancient Mythology*" says: "Not only the gods, but the Hierophantae [special priests], in most temples; and those priests in particular, who were occupied in the celebration of mysteries, were styled *PATRES*" (vol. 1, p. 354).

This is significant! The word *PATRE* is the same as *PATOR* or *PETER* in meaning and pronunciation.

Bryant continues: "*PATRE* was undoubtedly a religious term. . . the same as *PATOR* and *PATORA*."

The ancient *pagan gods*, the *priests* who were their ministers, and their sacred *sanctuaries*—their temples—were ALL called *PETORS* or *PETERS* (either

spelling is acceptable since vowels are fluid in all languages especially the Semitic).

The Meaning of "Peter"

What did the word *PATOR* or *PETER* really mean to the ancients? Surprisingly enough the word is in the Bible. When Moses wrote about the Egyptian priests, he shows they were called *PETERS* or "interpreters"—interpreters of the ancient Egyptian mysteries.

Notice Genesis 41:8. Davidson shows in his Hebrew Lexicon that the consonantal word P-T-R (*PETER*) signifies "to interpret" or "interpretation" (p. 638; of Brown, Driver, Briggs, p. 837; and Gesenius, p. 877 and p. 843). Bryant points out that "the term always related to *oracle interpretation*" (p. 308).

The pagan priests of the mystery religions were called *PATORS* or *PETERS*. They had the power to *interpret* the heathen mysteries. This is further brought out by Bunson in his *Hieroglyph*, page 545, where he shows that the Egyptians—as the Bible also indicates—called their "interpreters" or priests: *PETR*, that is, *PETER*.

The term *PETER* was one of the earliest names for the pagan gods. It lasted as late as Greek and Roman times. But by that time the term also took on a wide-spread secular meaning. It came generally to mean "father" or "parent." But this was not its primary meaning at all. Bryant continues: "The word *PATER*, when used in the religious addresses of the Greeks and Romans,

meant *NOT*, as is supposed, a father or parent; but related to the divine influence of the Deity, called by the people of the East, *PATOR*" (Ibid., p. 353).

In many ancient religions the father was the *chief priest* of the family. That is the *reason* the head of the family became known as *PATOR* or "father."

The father, because of his priestly position, became known as the *ARCH-PATOR*, or, as it is commonly rendered, *PATRI-ARCH*. This is how the term *PATOR* came to signify, in a secular sense, "a father." But originally, it always meant, "interpreter"—especially one of the *mystery* religions.

Chief Pagan Gods Called PETERS

We have clear evidence showing that the ancient Romans called their chief gods *PETERS*—the divine interpreters. The early Roman writer Lucilius, mentions Neptune, Liber, Saturn, Mars, Janus and Quirinus—all were *PATERS*. (See the Lucili Fragments.) He did not mean they were "father-gods." He meant they were *gods of PETER-rank*—the chief gods.

Lucilius doesn't exhaust the list. In fact, he leaves out *JUPITER*, the "*Father*" of the Roman gods. But it was *unnecessary* to mention him as a "*PETER-god*." Due to his high rank, the title *PETER* was actually *incorporated as a part of his name*. He was called *JU-PETER*.

Gladstone in his work on the antiquities of Greece, shows that Jupiter and the Greek god *ZEUS* were one and

the same. JU-PETER was the Roman way of saying ZEUS-PETER, the chief god of the Greeks (Homer and the Homeric Age, vol. 1, p. 287). PETER was the name that came to signify high rank among the gods—and among their priests.

Greeks Used Term "Peter"

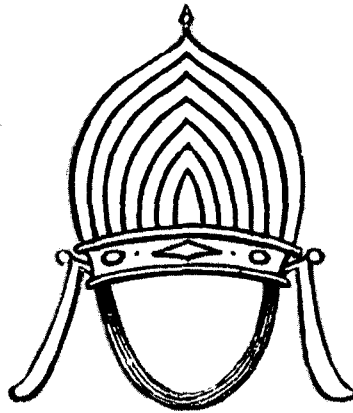
The Romans were not the only ones who called their gods PETERS. The *Classical Manual* reveals that the Greeks used the term PETER (or its variants) as often as did the Romans. For example, Apollo was called PATRIUS and his followers APOLLO PATRIUS (p. 23). Pausanius tells us that Artemis and Bacchus were called PATORA, that is PETER-gods (Books 1,2). Pindar speaks of *Poseidon Petraios*. He says the Thes-salians worshipped Neptune under this title (*Pyth. Ode 4*).

In Egypt, the Ammonian priests—who headed one of the chief pagan oracles of ancient Egypt—were called Petors, as Bryant also says: "The chief instrument (idol) in their hands was styled PETAURUM" (Ibid., p. 356).

This idol on many occasions took the form of a *pole* or *upright stake* (Ibid., p. 358). The pagan god Artemis is often pictured standing by a *stone pillar* which is called PATROA or PETER (Pausanius, Bk. 1). These pillars, and all the phallic symbols like them, came to be known as PETRAS—the sacred PETERS. (It is still common among the vulgar to refer to the male member by its original religious name—PETER.) These phallic Peter-stones can be found all over the ancient world. In fact, there is not a mention of an ancient pagan oracle temple without some notice being given to a PETER emblem—the sacred stone.

Like the word PATOR—which came to indicate simply a "father" or "parent"—the word PETRA came to mean *any large stone*. But in the earliest times, it conveyed only the original *religious meaning*.

"The term PETRA came at length to signify any rock or stone and to be in a manner confined to that meaning. *But in the first ages it was ALWAYS TAKEN IN A RELIGIOUS SENSE*; and related to the shrines of Osiris, or the Sun (Baal), and to other oracles



The emperor of China, acting as both priest and king, wore the priestly mitre above—note the similarity to the Papal tiara!

which were supposed to be exhibited" (Bryant, p. 359). In other words, the term PETRA meant the sacred PETER-stone—a stone usually phallic in design.

"Petras" in Pagan World

Notice some references to these sacred PETRAS found throughout the pagan world.

At the temple of Delphi in Greece, the chief object in the ritual was the PETRA (Pausanius, Bk. 10). At the Acropolis in Athens, Euripides tells us, the *niches* which held the idols were called the PETRAE (verse 935). It is well-known that *even the sacred book* which was used in the celebration of the Eleusinian mysteries, was entitled "Book PETROMA," PETER-ROMA—PETER'S BOOK (see Potter's *Antiquities*, vol. 1, p. 356).

Remember that the pagan *temples* were also called after the PETERS. The temple at Elis in Greece was called PETRON (Lycophron, verse 159). Pytho at Delphi was called PETRAEISSA (Olymp. Ode 6). The oracle temple dedicated to Apollo in Asia Minor was called the PATARA and the oracle there was called PATAREUS ("Eus" means "person who, one")—(Lempriere's *Classical Dictionary*, p. 438).

Also PATRAE—an ancient town where DIANA had a temple (p. 438), and the oracle in Achaia was called PATRA (Jones, *Proper Names of the Old Testament*, p. 296).

Examples are too numerous to mention, but this should be enough to show

that the name PETER, or its variants, *figured very high in every phase of pagan worship*. These PETER stones and temples were found all over the ancient world.

"There is in the history of every *oracular temple* some legend about a stone; some reference to the word PETRA" (Bryant, p. 362).

Origin of Ancient Peter-worship

PETER-worship can be traced directly back to MESOPOTAMIA. It was there that idolatry had its beginning. There is where the Tower of Babel was erected. It is no wonder that in Mesopotamia we find the first mention of a PETER-temple. In Numbers 23; 22:4-5 we read that the false prophet Balaam was called to prophesy against Israel. Further, in Deuteronomy 23:4, we read that this Balaam had been called from "Pethor of Mesopotamia"—that is, from the PETER of MESOPOTAMIA.

This Pethor or Peter (either spelling is correct) was the place of an oracle temple. In the dictionary *Proper Names of the Old Testament*, edited by A. Jones, we find that Balaam's PETHOR was the sacred high place "where there was an *oracular temple*, and hence called PETHOR, and PETHORA, which meant, *place of interpretation, or oracular temple*. Here was, no doubt, a college of priests of whom Balaam had been appointed chief PATORA" (p. 296).

Yes, Balaam was the chief PATORA (Peter) of the PETHOR (Peter-temple) of Mesopotamia.

It was customary for *each* pagan country to have a chief oracle or temple. The PETHOR or PETER in Greece was Delphi. In Egypt it was Ammon. In Asia Minor it was Lycia—and later Pergamos. Professor Jones tells about the other PETHORS throughout the world. Notice: "These 'high places' were scattered about in many parts. There was a city of 'interpretation' in Acaia, called PATRAE, and another in Lycia, called PATARA, where Apollo had an oracle. PETHOR was in after times celebrated for the worship of Ailat" (Ibid., p. 296).

Balaam "Chief Peter"

But Balaam came from PETHOR on the Euphrates—the oracle of Mesopo-

tamia. He was no less than the *CHIEF PATORA* (as Jones mentions) of the *VERY HOME of idolatry and false religion*.

The very meaning of the name "Balaam" shows he considered himself as sitting in the *very chair of Nimrod*, the beginner of the mystery religions. The name "Balaam" means in Semitic tongues "Conqueror of the People." This was the exact proper name the Greeks used to designate NIMROD. They called him NICOLAUS, which also meant "Conqueror of the People."

In the New Testament we read of people following the doctrines of NICOLAUS (Nimrod). They were called Nicolaitanes. *McClintock and Strong's Encyclopaedia* speaking of them says: "The sect of the Nicolaitanes is described as following the doctrine or teaching of Balaam—and it appears not improbable that this name is employed symbolically, as *NICOLAUS is equivalent in meaning to BALAAM*" (vol. 1, p. 621).

Yes, the two names NICOLAUS and BALAAM are exactly the same in meaning—they both point to NIMROD, the originator of paganism. We also find that when Simon Magus (alias Simon Peter) "Christianized" the religion of NIMROD, John the Apostle plainly labels his followers NICOLAITANES and followers of BALAAM. All of the heresies mentioned in the Seven Churches are of only ONE system—the system of NIMROD, under the leadership of Simon Magus.

Balaam Represents Nimrod

The name of Balaam is another name for NIMROD. But, understand this clearly—the "Balaam" who met Israel on their way out of Egypt was *NOT* the *original* Nimrod. He had been killed several hundred years before. This Balaam merely *represented* Nimrod as his successor. We are all aware that Joshua, being a successor of Moses, was looked on as *sitting in Moses' seat*. Even in Christ's time the scribes and Pharisees sat in Moses' seat of authority (Matt. 23:1-4).

So it was with Balaam. He maintained one of the proper names of Nimrod to signify that he was the *legitimate successor* of the Arch-Rebel.

And to emphasize his authority, Balaam could point to his headquarters as the PETHOR or PETER of Mesopotamia. Therefore, the Moabites in their hatred for Israel called for the chief priest of the pagan world. They ignored the priesthood of their own national gods—going to the highest authority they knew! Josephus represents this false prophet as "*Balaam, who lived by the Euphrates, and was the greatest of the prophets of that time*" (Ant. IV, 6,2). Balaam was the successor of Nimrod—the PONTIFEX MAXIMUS of the pagan world. His headquarters was the "PETER on the Euphrates"—the SAINT PETER'S OF MESOPOTAMIA, the chief oracle of paganism. This is a shocking revelation—but one which stands the test of the Bible and ancient religious history.

PETER-gods Come to Rome

It is well-known history that in the earliest ages, the center of civilization was in Asia and Mesopotamia. In later times, political power passed to the Greeks and then to the Romans. It is also well-recognized that the *religions* of Asia, by Greek and Roman times, had *also passed to the West*. By the First Century, the mystery religions of the Babylonians were centered primarily in Rome! By that time, Rome had become the chief city of the world.

Early records mention this transference of pagan religion from Asia right to the city of Rome. The First Century book by Virgil, *The Aeneid*, in Imperial times became a type of Roman "Bible." It gives the story of one Aeneas who wandered away from Asia right after the Trojan War and settled in Italy.

The main theme of the book concerns the so-called "sacred task" of Aeneas: *bringing the pagan gods of Asia to Italy!* Virgil spares no words in glorifying Aeneas' journey. He shows how Aeneas brought the Romans ORGANIZED RELIGION—with all the pagan gods and goddesses necessary for performing it. And most important: Virgil constantly says that *these deities were the PATRII* of Asia. (See the *Classical Manual*, page 592, for full information confirming this.) These gods and goddesses were the PETER-

deities—the chief deities which were destined to favor Rome and Italy above all other countries.

Asia had been the original home of the PETER-gods. Through Virgil we find them being transported to the doorstep of Rome. *And why not?* By the First Century, Rome was considered "the home of the gods." Prudentius, an ancient Roman himself, says that *there wasn't a single pagan deity that did not in the end find its headquarters at Rome*.

Notice what he says: "*There came to be one single home for all earth-born gods, and you may count as many temples of gods AT ROME as tombs of heroes in all the world*" (Symmachus, 189 to 197).

It could hardly be clearer! By Imperial times, Rome became the headquarters of pagan religion. It was the chief oracle of the world, the PETER for the earth.

The Chief Gods of Rome

There were two gods of ancient Rome which were pre-eminently worshipped as PETER-gods. One was JUPETER (Zeus-Peter). The other, says the *Classical Manual*, was JANUS, called PATER or PETER (see page 389). Sometimes these two gods are confused. But they are to be reckoned as distinct—relative to Roman paganism of the First Century. The latter god, JANUS-PETER, had some interesting roles to play in the pagan religion at Rome. These roles answer the question: *Who was the original Peter of Rome?* Notice a brief history and some of the activities of this god.

Plutarch in his life of Numa, gives us the identity of JANUS. Originally, according to Plutarch, Janus was an ancient prince who reigned in the infancy of the world. He brought men from a rude and savage life to a mild and rational system. *HE was the first to build cities and the first to establish government over men*. After his death he was deified.

There can be no mistaking who this JANUS was! This title was just another of the many names of Nimrod. This ancient prince who was violently killed was later deified by the pagan religions.

Because of his high authority, he was called a PATOR OF PETER.

Here are some of the religious activities that JANUS-PETER was in charge of.

It was JANUS-PETER who was pre-eminent in interpreting the times—especially prophecy. "The past and the future was always present in his mind" (*Classical Manual*, pages 388 and 389). He was pictured as being double-faced. Plutarch said this was a symbol of his endeavor to change men from barbarism to civilization—that is, bring them to the civilization of NIMROD. One of JANUS' roles, after his deification as a god, was the continuation of his sacred task of "civilizing" men.

But let us go a little farther.

Janus-Peter Had "Keys"

The PETER-god JANUS was to the ancient Romans the "KEEPER OF THE GATES OF HEAVEN AND EARTH." "HE IS REPRESENTED WITH A KEY IN ONE HAND. . . as emblematic of his presiding over GATES and highways."

How shocking! The pagan Romans were calling their JANUS a PETER hundreds of years before the birth of the Apostle Peter. It was this JANUS who was in charge of the "pearly gates"! The very word JANUS means "gates," that is, the one in charge of the GATES.

The *Classical Manual* continues: "Ovid speaks of him [Janus] in the first book of his *Fasti*; his face is double to denote his equal empire over the heavens and the earth—[does not the Pope claim the same power today?—and that all things are open and shut to him AT HIS WILL—[he was infallible and answered to no one for his actions, so the Pope]—that he governs the universe [Catholicism], and alone possesses the power of making the world revolve on its axis; THAT HE PRESIDES OVER THE GATES OF HEAVEN."

Catholics Claim "Keys"

The Catholic Church claims Peter gave to it the keys of the gates of heaven and that no one will enter into God's presence unless that church opens the gates. The very word "Cardinal" means "binge." The Cardinals of the Roman Church are the HINGES

upon which the GATE—the Pope—is able to turn.

The *Classical Manual* continues: "the successions of day and night are regulated by his influence; and that the east and the west is at one moment open to his view."

It was JANUS-PETER who also controlled the calendar by his priests. The first month of the year was named after him to show his control over the years. So, today, we still have JANU-ary as the first month. The Catholic Church, like the priests of Janus, feels it has this same authority over the calendar today.

Another Name for Nimrod

Finally, it is necessary to notice at least one more name under which Nimrod masqueraded—the name MITHRAS, the Persian name for Baal, the sun god. This Mithras-worship of Nimrod was popular and was one of the last to plant itself in Rome, but it had a very old theme—outright PETER-worship. "Mithras was styled by the nations of the East PATOR; his temples were PATRA and PETRA and his festivals PATRICA" (Bryant, vol. 1, p. 370).

Yes, even Nimrod under the name Mithras, the sun-god, was called PETER!!!

Sir James Frazer tells us of this religion of Mithra—the religion of the pagan PETER—coming to Rome. Notice it. "Among the gods of eastern origin who in the decline of the ancient world competed against each other for the allegiance of the West was the old Persian deity of MITHRA. The immense popularity of his worship is attested by the monuments illustrative of it which have been found scattered in profusion ALL OVER THE ROMAN EMPIRE. In respect both of doctrines and of rites the cult of MITHRA appears to have presented many points of resemblance not only to the religion of the Mother of the Gods but also to Christianity" (Golden Bough, St. Martin's ed., vol. 1, p. 471).

Catholics Accept "Peter" Worship

What he means is that the Christianity of the third and fourth centuries had already by that time inherited so much from pagan beliefs, that this PETER-religion coming from the East

found many similarities with Roman Christianity. The Catholics had already, by this late date, accepted the pagan festivals of Christmas, Easter and a host of other rituals and beliefs. Frazer continues: "Taken altogether, the coincidences of the Christian with the heathen festivals are too close and too numerous to be accidental" (*Ibid.*, p. 475).

It was this pagan MITHRAISM which gave the most to "Christianity."

Bryant shows that the chief name of MITHRA in the East was PATOR or PETER—"his temples were PATRA and PETRA and his festivals PATRICA." Everything connected with this ancient pagan religion can be traced right back to the original PETER—the original "interpreter of the mysteries" who was none other than NIMROD. This is the same mystery system which the Roman Catholics have absorbed.

Sits in "Peter's" Chair

No wonder the Roman Catholic Church claims to sit in PETER'S CHAIR and that the chief temple of the world is today called SAINT PETER'S. That Church has accepted the practices and symbols of the oldest pagan religion on earth: PETER-worship—the religion of Nimrod.

This pagan religion was believed and practiced before Christ ever told the Apostle Peter and the other Apostles that they were to have the "keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:19). Satan counterfeited God's true religion centuries before Christ came!

This was Satan's attempt to smother God's true religion with a counterfeit that to the untrained eye looks genuine. He did this principally through Simon Magus (Pater) who amalgamated all the pagan religions into one UNIVERSAL religion and called the system "Christianity."

The Bible tells us to come completely out of this false religious system masquerading under the name of Christianity. We are to get back to the faith once delivered to the saints. We can thank God for His goodness in giving to His Church the TRUTH.

Next month you will come to understand how Simon Magus created a "No works" religion!

Moderation

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see, think or use any of the five senses. It has certain effects, yes, but *these effects are NOT harmful*—they are GOOD!

How About PHYSICAL Effects?

Doubts about the value of alcohol also come from ideas that alcohol may be physically damaging. For example, many wonder if drinking is bad for the heart or the kidneys. Is this true?

"In spite of old notions," says Dr. Mark Keller of Yale, "alcohol is not particularly damaging to the kidneys." Alcohol does increase kidney activity, but this is not harmful. It's no worse for your kidneys to operate actively than it is for your heart to work hard when you are exercising. The kidneys are built to handle it very normally. The stimulation of alcohol is a very natural process for the kidneys.

How about the heart?

Once again Dr. Keller says that *moderate* drinking is not hard on your heart. It is true, as he reported, that alcoholic drinks can make the heart beat somewhat faster. This is only a reaction caused by a momentary effect on the nerve endings in the mouth and throat. While this causes some people to think that their hearts are "working harder," actually, reports Dr. Keller, "these short effects of a drink or two cause no lasting changes in the heart. There is no evidence that *moderate* amounts of alcohol cause heart disease, high blood pressure or hardening of the arteries."

How About a Hangover?

It's a curious fact, but alcohol researchers aren't quite sure. At the Yale Center scientists got a surprise when they sought to produce hangovers by giving experimenters a *pint of whiskey* apiece. Taken at a fairly rapid rate, this should have produced a tremendous hangover. But it didn't. The awful "morning after" wasn't awful at all.

The explanation is given by Dr. Greenberg: "They had not gone through the fatiguing process of a party—too much smoking, too little sleep." For some people a hangover is a result

of *over-fatigue, over-eating, nervous exhaustion* or the sufferer just feels *guilty* about drinking. A hangover, whatever the particular cause, has NOTHING to do with *moderate* drinking and certainly does not show that alcohol is hard on you.

Can Drinking Be Good for You?

The moderate drinker even gets a pat on the back from many medical authorities, some of whom, for example, met at a symposium on drinking held at the University of California School of Medicine. "There ought to be more like him," asserted Dr. William Dock, "particularly among older people."

This is so true among people who know drinking is right from the Bible, but who all their lives have never had the opportunity to learn how to drink. "If some people drink too much," he said, "many old people drink too little. The carefree attitude derived from alcohol . . . is most helpful for the aging."

Many doctors applaud the cocktail hour or the regular use of *mealtime wine*. Said Dr. Chauncey Leake, "Use of alcoholic drinks at the end of an emotionally grueling day may have a real civilizing effect on the over-tense, overwrought, overanxious and over-irritable husband seeking rest and peace in his home. A couple of drinks perform wonders in helping husbands and wives to feel more tolerant and understanding of each other."

Even if it's just for the tension and fatigue that beset us all, alcohol is a real blessing. It glorifies God when used sensibly and moderately. So many *need to learn* this fact.

Alcohol's Biggest Benefit

Social occasions provide perhaps the best and most valuable use of alcohol. Solomon said (Eccl. 10:19): "A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry . . ." If properly used, beer, wine or other types of drinks are a tremendous aid to social fellowship. How often I've seen God's people together and because some are a bit nervous, perhaps tired, or just shy, real fellowship is lacking. Yet how many other times I've seen the proper use of alco-

holic refreshments turn the social fellowship of God's people into an evening of unforgettable benefit. This is one of the most important purposes for alcoholic beverages.

Physically speaking also, alcohol is a great benefit to man, especially wine.

A casual thought might lead you to believe that the only important ingredient of wine is its alcohol. Actually, Dr. Lucia said, this is only one of the substances which gives wine its unique effects on the body. There are also various kinds of sugars, vitamins—especially the Vitamin B Complex—iron and other minerals, acids and many more. According to Dr. Lucia, the regular drinking of table wine with meals is one of the most efficient and pleasant ways of *enriching* the diet.

How many of you are missing this blessing?

"The iron supplement which comes from the daily use of wine is of special importance," Dr. Lucia said, "because most of our diets are basically deficient in iron."

Wine Aids Digestion

In addition to providing these and other food essentials, wine is an aid to digestion. Taken in small quantities, alcohol stimulates the flow of saliva and the gastric juices and therefore speeds up the process of digestion. A glass or two of table wine, or other alcoholic beverage, has a beneficial stimulating effect.

Wine not only prepares the digestive system to do its job, but for many people it serves to make eating more attractive and enjoyable. Our frame of mind has a great deal to do with how much pleasure we derive from our food, for example. The flavor and aroma of wine, as well as its alcoholic content, put one in a pleasant mood and relax the nervous tension which so often spoils the appetite.

For the average individual, then, table wine should form a valuable part of the diet. To derive the greatest nutritional and psychological benefits from wine, it should be used *regularly* and with meals, just like any other

healthful food. But *like any other food* it must be used in moderation.

Don't Miss the Blessing

So much can be said for the benefits of the fermented and distilled products of God's creation. But remember one thing. *Moderate* drinking is a blessing which many are missing. Some of this is ignorance. Some of it is unwillingness to change.

It might be over-extending the point to say that it is sin *not* to drink, but when we realize that God made alcohol *for* man, we can certainly call "teetotaling" a lack.

It would though, be well for all of us to remember the words of Benjamin Franklin, the famous advocate of thrift and temperance: "Wine is a constant proof that God loves us and wants to see us happy." Don't miss the blessings and certainly don't abuse them!

Readers Say . . .

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the printing, so clear and neat. Makes the materials an extra pleasure to read."

Mrs. Emma E. U., Nebraska

"I want to congratulate you on the excellence of printing and the quality of the pictures in your book entitled 'The Inside Story of *The WORLD TOMORROW* Broadcast.' I can appreciate good printing, being associated with it every day. The book is excellent reading." Mr. Harold D. S., Texas

Confused, Confused, CONFUSED!

"I am going out of my mind. I have been trying to follow your guide to be honest and straightforward in the truth of God. Every now and then I marry a girl. We do not last long and our marriage ends in divorce. I have been married three times since 1957 and now I am 30 years of age. These troubles start just when I begin to teach my young wife the purpose of human beings on this world, and I have read and proved from your booklets the way to have a joyous and happier marriage EACH YEAR. All this causes my loved one to be rebellious. She even

(or they even) term it this way saying, 'You cannot expect me to live life different to how others are living. Which kind of life did you invent better than that lived by others? I am packing and returning to my parents, because I can't stand it...!' Mr. Armstrong, I am longsuffering and never have I threatened or hit one of my three wives. Now I am seeking advice from you and I will not look for one until I hear from you. The sore thing to me is that I am an African and I am paying dowry every time I marry any girl. This is owing to the traditional law of our fathers-in-law. And so when I love someone's daughter I am bound by this law to pay what the father wants for his daughter. I hope you will understand my request and never let it down."

Mr. I. M. M.,
Republic of South Africa

• *A letter like this makes you realize how desperately this world needs God's Kingdom to come!*

Weird Medical Practice

"I had my baby in September. Due to circumstances I had him in a small clinic close by. When I asked the doctor not to give me anything he looked amazed and asked why. He said it wouldn't harm me or my baby. The nurse thought I would compromise when it got rough but I didn't. There were ten babies born while I was there—all were purple as lilac bushes but mine. He was so pink. They commented on what a perfect baby I had and how nice he looked. Then I had to refuse those pills they bring around every morning. And they woke me up to give me sleeping pills! Finally a nurse said to me, 'You certainly don't need anything do you?' That statement from her made me realize more how God supplies our needs. Two nurses made up their minds they couldn't like me. But they were all my friends when I left."

Mrs. Hope M., West Virginia

• *Whaaat? They actually woke you up—out of a sound sleep—to give you sleeping pills?? We knew medicine countenanced some weird practices—but this is the height of idiocy.*

Miraculous Healing

"I wrote you for an anointed cloth, and you sent it air mail on Monday. And Mr. Armstrong, on Wednesday I noticed all at once my leg was much better. You hadn't more than got my letter, and when I did get your anointed cloth the following week my leg was well."

Mrs. Phillip A., West Virginia

• *God doesn't always wait on the mails!*

Comments on Tithing

"I wanted to tell you how much God has blessed us this past year. We are just finishing the 3rd tithe and we are almost completely free of any debts. My husband's employer kept him when others were laid off. He has had pay raises in a 15 month period to equal \$60.00 a month!"

Mrs. R. A. M.

"I am sending my tithe for the first time in over a year. We have had nothing but trouble and sickness since I stopped tithing."

Mr. David L. S., Indiana

Headquarters, Too!

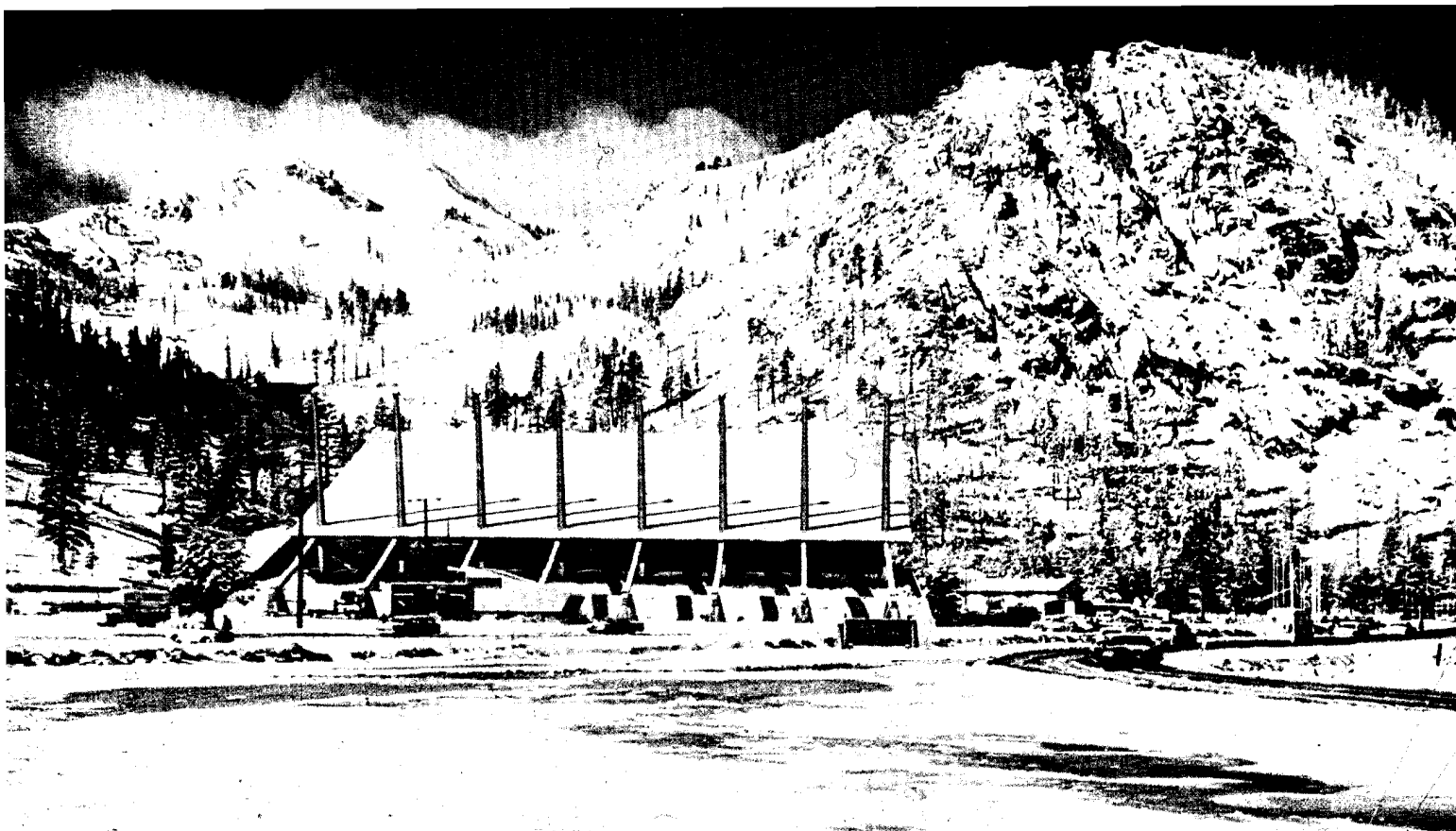
"Fantastic blessings for tithing also come to members of the Headquarters Church as well as those elsewhere. I was able to move into a brand-new, modern apartment in a good section of the city for only \$12.00 more rent per month. I have several rooms of new furniture completely paid for. A \$2,000 debt, which would have taken three years to pay off, was avoided. My last pay check ended my third tithe year and all my debts were cleared up. Finally, after two years at the same salary, I received two raises in pay in a nine-month period, which increases my salary by 25%."

Member, Pasadena

"I wish to discontinue the Bible Correspondence Course. Although I want to study the Bible, I feel that yours is not the *only* course and I don't like to be told which number of colored pencils, etc., to buy for it."

Miss C. N.

• *Talk about stiff-necked, hard-hearted rebellious Israel!*



Mr. Royer wanted to pass on to you this lovely sight that greeted him and his wife in their recent visit to Squaw Valley.

SUCCESSFUL Feast of Tabernacles

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of darkness. *They have not fully come out of the world!*

There are other instances, such as the several families who lived in one home and left it just a little dirtier than they had found it. Carelessly, they left behind used Kleenex, feminine hygiene tissues, wrappers and some garbage that they were unable to put outside in the over-filled trash cans. After all, it was raining outside. When they left, rats invaded the home and completely littered the house with shredded tissues and garbage. Floors, beds and furniture were covered with filth. It was an expensive job to clean, launder and restore the home to its original state.

Let's Be Clean

Not one of this group HAD THOUGHT of what could happen. In their zeal to be on the road and return home, they CARELESSLY OVERLOOKED cleaning the kitchen stove, and they forgot to hang up the towels to dry that had been used to mop up stains and water in the kitchen.

Brethren, there is one rule to follow when using any facility, **LEAVE IT CLEANER THAN YOU FOUND IT!** Any one of these misdemeanors could have been changed from *bobu* to light in a matter of minutes. (*Bobu* is a Hebrew word used in Genesis 1:2 to show the total darkness and confusion of the earth after Satan wrecked it in his rebellion against God.) If each person had zealously cleaned, arranged and set the home in order before departing, none would have spent more than 15 or 20 minutes of his time. Not only would he have left behind a shining example of God's people, but he would have saved both the owner and himself considerable time and money.

Our *good works* include clean, healthy living conditions. We are to leave our quarters cleaner than we found them. Our works won't earn us the Kingdom, but we won't make it without works!

If any of you are used to filth, if any of you are content to live in squalor, then you **NEED TO CHANGE**

and change in a hurry! If your life, the life you were called *out of*, was one of wretchedness, uncleanness and disorder, then you are instructed to change. Everyone must change if he is to enter the Kingdom of God. There won't be any "LITTER BUGS" in God's Temple in His Kingdom!

The examples given are but a few of the many housing problems that resulted from last year's Feast. There were a number of families who rented homes for *single* occupancy and then dishonestly subleased, or shared occupancy with two, three, or even four, other families. One family was quoted as turning his rental into a "motel"! This same family had a telephone installed during the Feast without the owner's permission. They had the chime system mounted right in the center of the living room wall at picture height!

Another family vacated in such a hurry that they left various personal belongings behind amidst the dirt and rubble of eight days of base living! The realtor returned the belongings by mail, including a billfold that contained money. This family considers themselves members of God's Church, yet they did not have the common

courtesy or decency to *acknowledge* this good turn.

YOUR Example—Good or Bad?

The majority of the people we rent from in the different areas are members of the churches of this world. What example do we set when we leave a place dirty and strewn with litter, whiskey and beer bottles?

Drinking isn't wrong when done in moderation. However, even when drinking in moderation, you are sure to accumulate a number of bottles over an eight-day period when different groups of you assemble for an evening cocktail or bottle of beer. Yet how much trouble would it be to pack up these bottles and haul them away where they would not be noticed and where they wouldn't *give the wrong impression*?

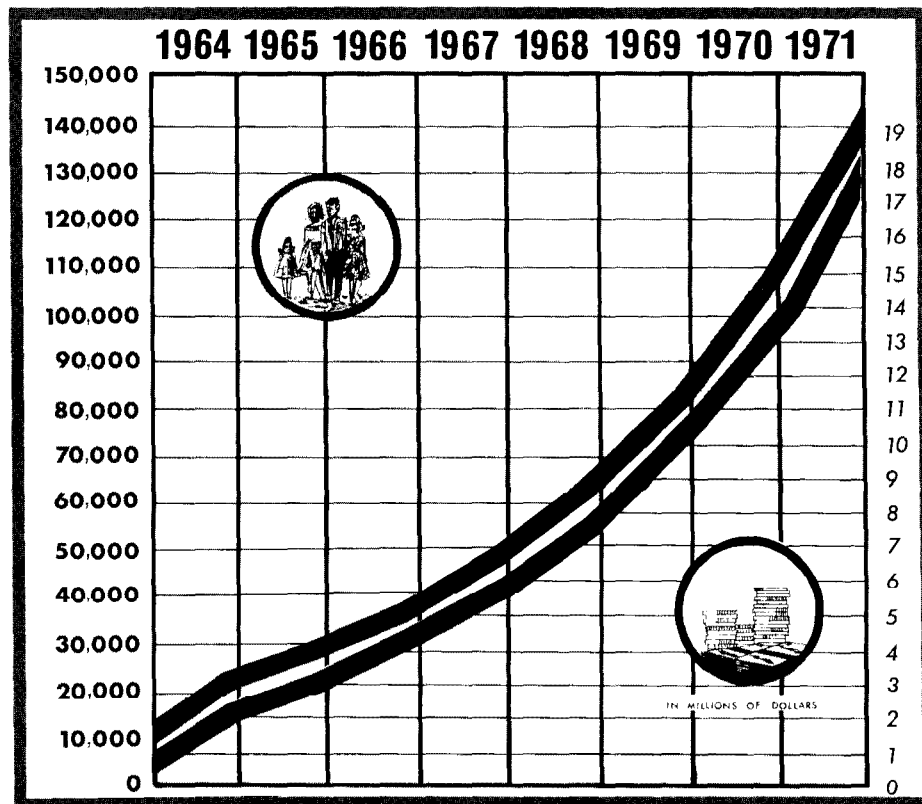
We don't need to hide what we do, but we do need to guard against setting a wrong example that might cause someone to stumble. The Apostle Paul said, "Let not then your good be evil spoken of" (Rom. 14:16).

Paul continued to say, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak" (Rom. 14:21). In such cases as cited, we need not refrain from moderate drinking, we only need to *clean up the litter!* To the world, scattered, empty bottles leave the impression that a wild brawl has taken place. Under similar circumstances, any one of us would have wondered what really took place in the homes left in the littered condition previously described.

Still More Problems

One of the most shocking mistakes that a few still make at the Feast year after year is to *voice their "STRANGE BELIEFS" to all within range.* Two years ago I actually saw one woman *stopping strangers* on the public streets and in shops, *telling them* that God's Church believed that Easter and Christmas were pagan! The people she stopped looked at her with their mouths hanging open. They were not remotely interested! *They hadn't asked.* They were *aghast* at what this noisy, bois-

Fantastic Festival Growth



The above chart shows how Festival attendance will increase in the years to come—also the increase of God's second tithe that will be spent. Study this, and realize your own personal responsibility as a part of this fantastic growth God has supplied.

terous woman FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD was saying!

When I stopped this woman, I found that she had been attending church several years! She knew I Peter 3:15 well! She had read it and heard it preached in sermons many times before! Brethren, *don't ever* tell people what you believe unless and until you are *directly asked!* Then do so briefly, with meekness, love and concern, as you are instructed in I Peter 3:15.

What an impression this woman left with those to whom she talked! The folly of it all is that *it reflected on the whole Church of God* and not just on this woman. Since she was staying in the same motel, I had the opportunity to talk with some of those to whom she had *witnessed!* Some took her to be a *CRACKPOT*, others were dismayed—and some were *angered* by a foolish woman who should have known that she will soon be judged by every idle word (Matt. 12:36). She will soon be required to give account for those words

in the Day of Judgment unless she deeply repents of her wrong action!

God understands what we are. He made us the way we are! *He knows that we will make mistakes.* God thought this whole plan out and made us with a mind that can learn. He gave us *ability to change.* He commands us to *change and become perfect like Him!* (Matt. 5:48).

God called "the *weak* of the world" and gave each one of us a spirit of repentance. He gave us knowledge to live and grow by, and He even supplies the *power* needed to change. When we accept *the way* of life that God has given, we are responsible to follow it and be the light that He has commanded us to be!

This way, the Christian life, is not always an easy one. It is sometimes hard and difficult, but the reward that we are to receive is so great that our problems and suffering are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which

will be revealed in us! (Rom. 8:18).

YOU Can Prevent Problems

Brethren, the problems mentioned in this article are not hard or difficult to overcome. All that is needed is a **LITTLE WISDOM**, a **LITTLE THOUGHT** and *concern for others!* If we use our minds and train them to think, we will find this a more joyous life to live. Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit. It is given to those who change and obey God!

In thinking of your responsibility at the Feast of Tabernacles, remember *that any one of us can be the difference between success and failure for a whole group at any location around the world!* Wouldn't you disdain the day that you were called before Jesus Christ to give account for something you had

done in a careless moment? It needn't be—there is **A WAY**—study it, prove it—and then live it.

Unless you do, it can happen again. God can and will cast *you* or **ALL OF US** out of any Feast site that is not *properly DRESSED* and **KEPT!** Each one of you has the same responsibility that Adam had for his surroundings.

Pray and determine ahead of time that *you* will not spoil the coming Feasts for God's Church—or for yourself. Pray for *wisdom* of action and word while you are attending. Ask God earnestly to help you be a *good* light, a shining example to this world of a converted, happy, clean and helpful individual.

Take this responsibility and help make the coming Festival *problem-free!*

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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the express consent of the Father (Verse 2).

There is no equality in the God family. The Father is **SUPREME** as witnessed to by Christ Himself (John 14:28). Since Jesus is the administrator of the Holy Spirit (John 15:26), He is greater than that Spirit. These two scriptures alone nullify and make void the supposition that the Holy Spirit is of equal rank with the Father and the Son. The Spirit is the *very power of God*—the agent by which He does His will. **IT IS NOT ANOTHER PERSON!**

It Is a Gift

This power of God can be yours as a free gift if you will only meet the preordained requirements. Once you have repented and been baptized, God **GIVES** you the free *gift* of His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

If the Holy Spirit were a person, God is being rather presumptuous to go around giving a part of that person to whomever He chooses. Again in speaking about the gift of the Spirit, God says that in the last days He will pour it—His Spirit, which belongs to Him—out upon all mankind (Acts 2:17). The meaning of the Greek here is to literally pour out as you would water from a pitcher.

How can you pour out a person? **YOU CAN'T!!** It is impossible!

What Are Its Functions?

We are to learn what God is planning by observing the happenings here on earth (Rom. 1:20). Everywhere we look we can see every animal, bird, microbe and plant reproducing itself. In Genesis 1:26, God (*Elohim*) is quoted as saying: "... Let us make man in **OUR IMAGE**..." *God is reproducing Himself!* How very plain that is to any rational, *thinking* individual. **WE ARE TO BE MADE IN THE VERY IMAGE OF GOD!** We are to become Gods ourselves.

The Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, unites with our minds and we are **BEGOTTEN AGAIN**—this time spiritually. Read it in your own Bible.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath **BEGOTTEN US AGAIN** unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (I Pet. 1:3). In Verse 23, it says, "Being **BEGOTTEN AGAIN**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (Ivan Panin Translation).

The Holy Spirit impregnates us with the God nature. That spiritual begetting imbues us with the nature and mind of God. Throughout our Christian lives we continue to grow and develop in the understanding and mind of God until we are finally born **INTO** the God family and made immortal at the return of Jesus Christ to this earth (I Cor. 15:49-52). We will then *rule* this earth as God's sons.

Why the Deception?

Why has Satan palmed off the doctrine of the Trinity on the world? Because he doesn't want **YOU** to rule in his place. Satan was originally created to carry out God's rule on earth. He rebelled and refused to serve the Creator and was cast out of his position of responsibility (Ezek. 28:11-19 and Isa. 14:12-14). A third of the angels united with Lucifer in that rebellion and were **CAST DOWN TO THIS EARTH WITH HIM**—having forever **DISQUALIFIED** themselves and Satan from ruling in the Government of God.

Since they are disqualified, they don't want anyone else to take what had once been their place. They have tried for nearly 6000 years now to hide from all the world the breathtaking **TRUTH OF GOD**. If they can make you believe in the Trinity, you will be deceived into thinking that the Godhead consists of *only* three persons. You would then never in your wildest dreams ever imagine that **YOU** were created to be born into the **GOD FAMILY** and actually become a part in ruling this earth!

Satan wants you to think that God is a limited Trinity and not a *growing* family or Kingdom into which we may enter. If we look upon the Godhead as being a closed unit, we won't **WORK** and **STRIVE** to qualify for that family.

There you have it. There is the truth about the Holy Spirit. God's family isn't closed to mankind as Satan would have you believe.

It's **WIDE OPEN** to you, your family and all mankind. If you just accept the truth of God and obey Him, **YOU** can be made in the exact likeness of God at Christ's return.

THE DECISION IS YOURS!

GROWTH

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ads—being placed once a month—and this should bring a tremendous response, we feel, within six months to a year. So this is a real *blessing* for God's Work and His people there, and should bring increased activity and growth to the area under Mr. Waterhouse's charge.

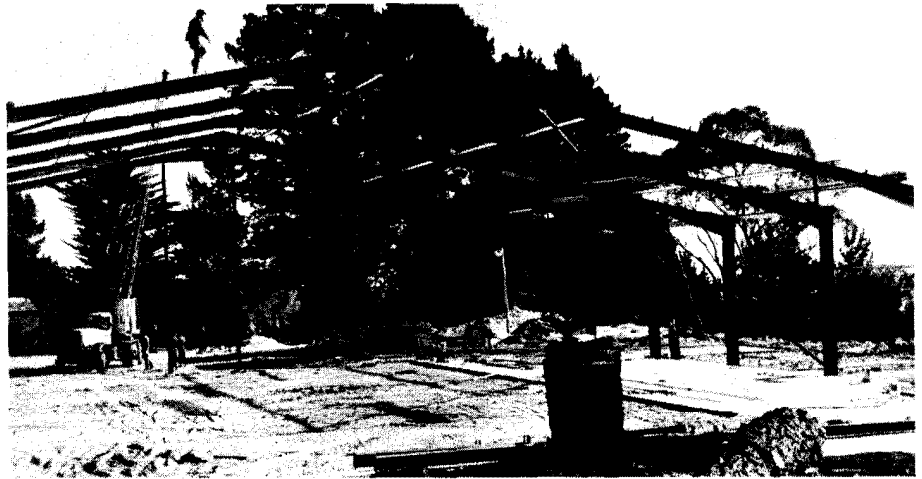
Let us pray that God will truly bless this new "door" He has opened for His Word in this far-flung area!

A Special Request

Finally, I would like to ask all of you brethren of God's Church to *pray fervently* that God will *guide* and *bless* in an unusual manner the opening of the proper "doors" of radio for His broadcast in the near future.

As Mr. Herbert Armstrong has stated, we have gone on very few major radio stations within the last two years. During this time, we have been on an "Austerity Program"—not cutting the Work back, but nevertheless holding down any unusual increase in expenditures until God's Work was on a firm financial footing. To a limited extent, we are still maintaining this program.

But now the time has come to add additional BIG fifty-thousand-watt and other large radio stations to carry *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast over the nation and around the world.



Here is a candid shot of a portion of the steel framework which will become the Tabernacle for the Festivals for the brethren in Australia. BELOW: An artist's conception of the finished Tabernacle.

However, many of the large and most effective commercial stations normally *refuse* to carry religious broadcasts—especially on a nightly basis. Because of the dynamic presentation and interest-arousing factors inherent in *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, we have been made an exception by many of these stations in the past. But we now need to pray that God will again grant Mr. Armstrong and His Work *exceptional favor* in the sight of these radio station managers and others with whom Mr. Armstrong must deal in obtaining radio time on these fine outlets.

Brethren, this is a BIG thing for the entire Work—world-wide! So during the next several months, especially,

pray fervently that God will *open these "doors"* for His Word, and that He will guide Mr. Armstrong in choosing just the right stations to reach His people and will grant him grace and favor in the sight of those with whom He must deal in this world!

The Work of the Living God is destined to literally MUSHROOM in size and power within the very next few years! Let us *give God thanks* for the blessings He has already granted all of us in His Church, for the opportunity to SERVE in this age-end crusade, and then pray earnestly for *His* guidance, favor and intervention that His Word may be THUNDERED around this world as a last witness and warning to His people!

