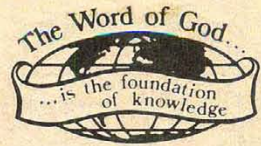


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WHERE ARE WE NOW in the PANORAMA of PROPHESED WORLD EVENTS?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

THE DEATH of Pope Paul VI may trigger a drastic change in world events. This change could plunge the world into the most terrifying crisis ever experienced by man.

But I hasten to add if this catastrophic World War III does explode, that will be the definite ASSURANCE that WORLD PEACE in the utopian WORLD TOMORROW is imminently to follow.

I would rather picture to our readers a future of WORLD HOPE than of horrifying world disaster. But we live in a troubled world with unprecedented evils piled mountain-high. And the trend is foreboding — not reassuring. It will get darker before the DAWN. The important thing is that the DAWN is absolutely assured by the living Creator GOD!

Some 30 years ago, before Pope John XXIII was elected, I had wondered if the pope then being selected by the College of Cardinals would be the one who would propose his good offices to the nations of Europe to achieve political, monetary and military union. European nations have longed for some sort of UNITY. They want not only economic union, as they have achieved by the Common Market. They fear the communist hordes — and especially if the U.S.S.R. and the People's Republic of CHINA ever get together.

Until now — since World War II — the Europeans have had to rely on the United States' military power to protect them from further encroachments of nuclear attack from the Soviet Union.

Back during the final days of World War II I was giving a commentary on the war news daily on *The World Tomorrow* radio program. We came to a point where the final coup de grace was expected hourly to be rendered on Germany by the Allies. But the Western Allies could not inflict that final death-blow until the Russians ended their part of the war in the Eastern sector.

Day after day — hour after hour — we waited. But the Russians were in no hurry to END the war. They continued on, until they had taken over Latvia, Estonia

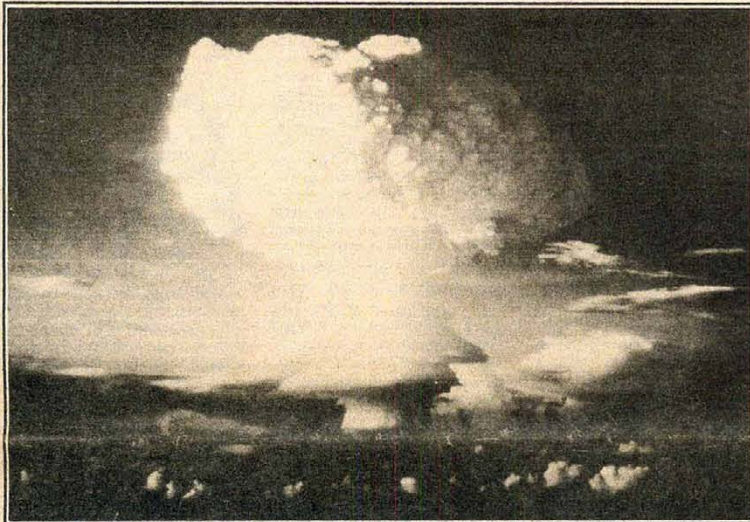


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and Lithuania — and until the Russian boot had been firmly planted on all eastern Europe — including Eastern Germany. All these became the satellite countries. They are spoken of as behind the Iron Curtain.

All who know communist beliefs, aims and tactics know that they are committed to waging this war by propaganda, by infiltration and fifth-column tactics, by sabotage and guerrilla war — and, when necessary, finally by open all-out nuclear war. The Soviet Union maintains a very huge standing army. The Soviet Union competes on a virtual parity with the United States as the world's two superpowers in military strength.

And the Europeans are right on their border. They know how communism did prove the domino theory correct in Vietnam. They not only continued on from North Vietnam to conquer South Vietnam — even with full U.S. participation with its military force — but then quickly Cambodia and Laos fell. And, next in the domino fall-down are to come Thailand, Burma, Malaysia, Indonesia a few years ago successfully stopped a threatened communist takeover — but now it is in the domino orbit.

The Europeans are far more disturbed about their safety in relying on United States military power to protect them than Americans realize! The United

States is not loved in Europe. European confidence in U.S. protection against their next door communist neighbor has been lessening and lessening.

EUROPEANS WANT THEIR OWN UNITED MILITARY POWER! They know that a political union of Europe would produce a THIRD MAJOR WORLD POWER, as strong

as either the United States or the U.S.S.R. — possibly stronger!

They have made a real effort toward union in the Common Market. It has made them economically strong. United they could become stronger economically than the United States. The dollar continues dropping in European and Japanese markets

— and especially the German MARK has soared stronger and stronger, along with the Swiss franc and Japanese yen.

But they well know there is but ONE POSSIBILITY of union in Europe — and that is through the Vatican.

Two leaders in Europe produced, a few years ago, two different plans for union. The former archduke, Otto von Hapsburg, of Austria and the "strong man of Europe," Dr. Franz Josef Strauss of Munich [West Germany]. I know the latter well. He has been a dinner guest in my home.

Five years ago I felt, personally, that the more likely plan that might come to fruition was that of the former archduke of Hapsburg, but the most likely man to HEAD such a union was Franz Josef Strauss. However, we all become a year older every year, and there has been so much delay that a younger man may now head up such a European union.

As I said before, when Pope John XXIII was in process of election, I felt that the pope elected might be the one who would make available his good offices to help political leaders of Europe bring about their hoped-for union.

But at once it became evident (See WHERE ARE WE NOW, page 7)

Two Head-of-State Friends Die

By Herbert W. Armstrong

PASADENA — Two of my personal acquaintances and friends, both heads-of-state, died — one yesterday, the other this morning.

Yesterday, Aug. 21, President Nicolaas Diederichs of South Af-

rica died in a Cape Town hospital after a second heart attack in eight days. He was 74. President Diederichs was founder of the Afrikaner nationalist movement.

Accompanied by Mr. Stanley Rader I spent about two hours with him about a year and a half

ago in Cape Town. We spent some little time taking photographs and in friendly conversation.

Then this morning my good friend, Jomo Kenyatta, president of Kenya, died at the State House (See TWO HEAD-OF-STATE, page 10)



WORLD LEADERS — Herbert W. Armstrong meets with Kenyan president Jomo Kenyatta, left, and South African president Nicolaas Diederichs, right. Mr. Armstrong discusses their deaths in the above article.

sharing...

Why procrastinate?

I've put off writing this little article for almost six months, so I think the title is appropriate.

My mother used to tell me when I was a child, "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

Most of us suffer under the burdensome feeling of being pressed for time. We never seem to catch up. We are afraid to sit down with only our thoughts for company, because those thoughts inevitably turn to something we should be doing. Much of this feeling is due to procrastination — the habit of needlessly putting off things to which we should attend.

'The thief of time'

Years ago Edward Young wrote the often-quoted line, "Procrastination is the thief of time." Procrastination is in fact much more, it is the thief of our self-respect. It deprives us of the fullest realization of our ambitions and hopes.

In our Christian life procrastination is equally damaging. Many people complain that they have no time for meditation, prayer and Bible-study with the family. We are constantly driven. Life for us is a steady grind. Is it possible we could be putting off our own salvation?

It is amazing, but true, how few of us really enjoy the sensation of putting things off. Most of us have consciences that prevent us from taking pleasure out of postponing our chores, yet this habit of putting off has a way of creeping upon us insidiously. Tomorrow is always another day, we say lightly but childishly.

None of us need to look beyond ourselves for examples.

The penalties of procrastination can be heavy. Many people have discovered, after their houses burned down, that they had let their insurance lapse.

Procrastination may, of course, in many instances, be attributed to ill health or it may be that your parents did more for you than they should have done. Perhaps they picked up after you and did other things you left undone. You learned that by putting off duties nothing serious happened; someone else did the work.

We are most inclined to postpone doing things that seem at the moment to be unpleasant, distasteful or difficult. Dreading and postponing a task may be more trying than doing it, and apprehension over the delays may so preoccupy us that other responsibilities are not efficiently fulfilled.

None of us escape our quota of disagreeable tasks, and it would be well to learn from the experience of others rather than from our own that difficult responsibilities do not fade away by being ignored. Eventually we have to roll up our sleeves and wade in. In the meantime we suffer.

Need for inspiration

An excuse sometimes made by writers, composers, business ex-

This issue's column was written by Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of The Good News.

ecutives and others engaged in creative work is that they are waiting for inspiration. But inspiration is a guest who does not visit the lazy or the procrastinator as often as he does the busy. A diligent writer finds the best way to win inspiration is to insert a blank sheet of paper into his typewriter.

On the whole it is wiser to make decisions promptly than to linger, waiting for the flash of inspiration. To put off a decision while gathering or awaiting pertinent information is not procrastination, but be sure that what is awaited is absolutely necessary.

Duty is not merely to do the thing we ought to do, but to do it when we should, whether we feel like it or not. When we make ourselves responsible for doing a job, making a plan or directing others, we are duty and honor bound to do it at the time promised or expected. Immature people excuse themselves for lateness by saying they have no sense of time, without stopping to think that if that statement were true they would be ahead of time as often as they are behind.

Some persons are more affected by procrastination than others, but everyone has at least a tinge of it. There is no use trying to forget our weakness or shrugging our shoulders and saying: "That's the way I am." The biographies of successful people are crammed with stories of overcoming weaknesses. As Christians isn't that what we are placed here on earth to do — to overcome? Revelation 2:7 says he that overcomes; this is the opposite of procrastination.

Overcoming inertia

Begin in a small way. Make it a rule to be orderly and systematic in whatever you do. Sit down and write yourself a letter, listing the things you always intended to do as though they had already been accomplished, some personal, some charitable, some spiritual. *Now is the time to act. Do it now!*

Schedule your time. Jot down the various jobs you must do or would like to do. Estimate the time needed for each. Number them in order of their importance to you. Then wade through them. This involves concentration on the job at hand and it also necessitates looking ahead.

Decisions count little unless followed by action. There is no recipe so efficient for getting things done as the one to start doing them. Doing nothing is negative action, but it positively has consequences: discouragement, irritation, disappointment and even ill health and mental upset.

Let's not defend our procrastination or find excuses for it. Winston Churchill said with regard to the failure of planners in another area: "If you simply take up the attitude of defending it, there will be no hope of improvement."

By constructive thought and action, energetically applied to the elimination of procrastination from our lives, we can make the coming year much fuller than past years in terms of responsibilities accomplished, happiness realized and a much fuller Christian life enjoyed.

Behind Hua's trip:

New alignment of nations?

PASADENA — Not since the hectic months immediately preceding World War II has the world witnessed the flurry of geopolitical activity as is occurring right now. And the process is

against other states must be strongly condemned and firmly combated."

The Chinese leader added insult to injury by timing his toast to coincide with the actual start of the invasion

Japan getting together and with relations between China and India also improving. As a result Moscow is making renewed efforts to shore up relations with the west — particularly with West Germany.

The government-controlled Soviet press has recently carried a number of articles emphasizing improved relations with Paris and Bonn in particular. Earlier this month *Izvestiya* [a Soviet daily newspaper] reported glowingly of good relations with Bonn in the wake of Leonid Brezhnev's visit there in May. Soviet television recently showed a flattering documentary on West Germany, dealing extensively with relations with Moscow. (West Germany is by far the Soviet Union's biggest capitalist trade partner, ahead of Japan, with the United States way down the list as Soviet and American (See NEW ALIGNMENT, page 7)

Worldwatch

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

just beginning.

Radical shifts even more dramatic than the Nazi-Soviet alliance of August, 1939 — the most stunning about-face in recent history — are yet to occur.

Try to imagine this setup in the near future: 1) Japan allied with China and the rest of Asia, possibly including India, in an economic and eventually military alliance; 2) a worried Russia, having lost Asia, forced to mend its fences on the western front, offering nonaggression guarantees to western Europe in return for Germany and the other Europeans scrapping NATO — and holding out to Bonn the long-sought prospect of reunification of the two German states; and 3) a weak, directionless United States, abandoned by its disillusioned allies and trading partners, left isolated on a mountain of unwanted, worthless dollars.

Hua's historic trip

Such earthshaking realignments are now in the winds. The current history-making trip to Rumania, Yugoslavia and Iran now being conducted by China's top political leader, Chairman Hua Kuo-feng — the first Chinese leader in history to visit Europe west of Moscow — illustrates the dramatic new dynamism on the world scene.

Chairman Hua embarked on his grand tour of the Soviet Union's sensitive Balkan backyard with a powerful trump card in his pocket. Only a few days earlier, on Aug. 12, China concluded a friendship treaty with Japan, effectively shoring up its position in Asia against Soviet expansionism. The Soviets, of course, angrily denounced the treaty, which contained the controversial anti-hegemony — meaning anti-Soviet — clause.

The Chinese have been deeply disturbed by the burgeoning military power of the Soviets in the Pacific Far East. They have consistently warned the west Europeans of the growing threat to NATO as well. And now the new Chinese leadership, no longer shackled by the inwardness of the Maoist period, has clearly embarked on the offensive, directly challenging Moscow on all fronts.

Stirring Soviet fears

The Chinese leadership has set as its primary goal the modernization of China by the end of the century. This will be an enormous task, necessitating massive infusions of foreign technology and capital. The Chinese are already shopping heavily in western Europe for up-to-date military hardware. The new Japanese pact will greatly increase trade between both nations, a welcome sign to Tokyo, fearful of U.S. protectionism against Japanese imports.

All of this is extremely upsetting to the Soviets, whom the Chinese never tire of labeling their No. 1 enemy. Chairman Hua, in fact, has made no attempt on his current sojourn to ally Moscow's fears.

In his toast at a farewell banquet sponsored by China for Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, Chairman Hua said, "Aggression, control and subversion of any state

10 years ago that crushed the Prague Spring policies of liberal Czech leader Alexander Dubcek.

Kremlin overtures to Bonn

China's aggressiveness is having a predictable reaction in Moscow. And this reaction is the single most important aspect of the changing world-power relationship.

The Soviets are fearful — in fact paranoid — about their shaky eastern flank, especially with China and

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In Revelation 1:3 I read "... the time is at hand." Will you explain if those words referred to [that time] then, or if they are in any way connected with prophecy from now on?

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"This apparent imminence of occurrences, predicted in the time of Christ and the apostles has puzzled many. Events clearly placed in end-time settings seem to be presented as just about to happen. Probably this is to be explained by the gradual growth in understanding of the apostles, from an almost childlike confidence that the culmination of God's Kingdom on earth was to occur immediately, to a mature comprehension that God had not (and has not yet) revealed the exact time of His intervention on earth — indeed the Father Himself has perhaps not yet chosen the exact time.

"Christ told his disciples, 'But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only' (Matthew 24:36, RSV). Yet the disciples kept on asking, seemingly unable to accept the idea that it might not be imminent, indeed that they might not even live to see it. 'So when they had come together, they asked him, Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? He said to them, It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by [or reserved for] his own authority' (Acts 1:6-7). "Even Paul obviously expected to be one of those still alive at Christ's return: "... we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep... the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we who are alive, who are left..." (1 Thessalonians 4:15, 17).

"As for Revelation 1:1-3, most Bibles separate these first three verses from the main body of the book of Revelation, as a special introductory paragraph. Possibly these first sentences are John's own opening comments about the book, which was to follow, rather than being part of the actual revelation or vision given to him by Christ. In the same way, the very last of chapter 22:20 with verse 21 are John's own closing words.

"John, like Paul, may still have been expecting the time of Christ's return and the Day of the Lord to occur in the very near future. Paul, who died

much earlier, came to know before his death that Christ's return would not occur in his lifetime (II Timothy 4:6-8, 18 compared to II Timothy 3:1), and of course John did not live to see this event occur either.

"The important point for us today, and for all people in every age, is to heed what the book has to say so as to be spiritually prepared for either Christ's return or our own deaths, whichever comes first."

If one loses one's mate, is it wrong to marry again? What about I Timothy 3:2?

Ida M.

Oconomoc, Wis.

"I Timothy 3:2 is part of the apostle Paul's seven-verse description of the qualifications for an elder in the Church. An elder (or overseer, Greek *episcopos*) stands forth, both to the outside world and in actual practice even to the membership of the Church, as an obvious representative of all that Christianity stands for. The elder must therefore be above re-

(See Q&A, page 10)

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The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING PART 4 WHAT IS FAITH!

By Herbert W. Armstrong
YOU CAN BE healed! Jesus said so! But also He said, "... According to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29).

First, are you sure you know *what faith is*? Very few know. Yet without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6) "... for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Looking down into our latter half of the 20th century, Jesus said, "... when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). Yet you must have faith for salvation!

How, then, may you have it? You can't work it up. Yet if you can't have the faith to be healed, how can you have the faith to be saved? God said, "For by grace are ye saved through faith..." (Ephesians 2:8).

Jesus foresaw the near total absence of faith in our time. Few today know what faith is or why they do not have it!

Certainly the world has almost lost sight of real FAITH. No wonder so few have any — no wonder so many say, "My faith isn't very strong," or "I just can't seem to work up the faith." People today do not know what faith is or why they do not possess it. Yet without FAITH none can even be saved!

Jesus had faith

When Jesus walked the earth in human flesh, He possessed faith! Yet He said plainly, "Of myself, I can do NOTHING!"

Few realize that what He did — the miracles He performed — He did not do by any supernatural power of His own. Everything He did, every miracle He performed, was done literally through FAITH, setting us a beautiful example.

But how, then, did He perform His miracles, accomplish His mighty works?

"... The FATHER that dwelleth in me," explained Jesus, "he doeth the works" (John 14:10).

Yes, even as you and I may be, Jesus was filled with God's Holy Spirit — God's dynamic supernatural POWER! This power of God Almighty, the Creator, was literally in Jesus; and the same identical power of the same identical living God may be within you today!

All the apostles and evangelists of the first century true Church of God did perform miracles, and even greater miracles than Jesus had performed, until even Peter's

shadow passing over the sick and afflicted caused them to be healed!

Peter, Stephen, Philip, Paul — all common, humble, ordinary men themselves — all had that power, the SAME identical power Jesus had, because they lived and walked CLOSE TO GOD and were filled with the Holy Spirit!

And we seem to LACK that power today, NOT because God denies us that power, but because we are so close to a modern, materialistic world — our minds are so filled with the material interests of this life; our minds and our hearts are so far from God; we are so out of touch with Him, through lack of enough time spent in the study of His Word and lack of enough of the right kind of surrendered, submissive, earnest and heartrending PRAYER — and, consequently, because we are not filled with the Holy Spirit!

So now let's ask two questions: First, what is faith? And second, how may we have it, and how may it be increased?

What faith is

Now notice, faith is the substance — the marginal rendering says ASSURANCE — of things hoped for (Hebrews 11:1). So FAITH comes before possession.

Once you have received the possession, you no longer hope for it. But even before you receive it, you have it in SUBSTANCE; and that ASSURANCE that you shall possess it — is faith.

Then again, faith is an EVIDENCE — the "evidence of things not seen." Faith precedes the actual receiving of what you ask for. And faith is the EVIDENCE you shall have it before you even see it. It is the EVIDENCE of things not yet seen. You do not have it. You do not see it or feel it — yet faith is your EVIDENCE that you have, or shall have, it. Faith is the ASSURANCE of receiving that which you still HOPE for.

Proof of healing

So I want you to notice that when you hope for things or ask God for things, there is an EVIDENCE — a proof, because where God is involved, His evidence is proof — that you shall receive what you have asked. And what is that proof, that evidence? Is it the actual receiving of the answer, so you see or feel or hear that you have it? No, it is the

Suppose, for instance, you were ill — taken with a disease. Now Jesus healed the sick continually. And He said the works that He did — and this was one of them — we should do also. Now suppose you ask God to heal you. Naturally, you want some evidence that you are going to be healed.

So what is that evidence, that proof? Is it the evidence of the pain ceasing — or the swelling going down — something you can feel and see? I know a man who said, "When I can see anyone healed by direct prayer, then I'll believe in it." This man said he wanted to BELIEVE in it — he wanted to have FAITH in it! He was looking for an EVIDENCE that he could SEE, and he died without ever seeing it!

Because what we SEE — what we FEEL — is not the true EVIDENCE. Having the thing — SEEING it — is not faith. Faith precedes possession because FAITH is CONFIDENCE, ASSURANCE, you shall possess it.

The human mind, naturally, can receive KNOWLEDGE only through the five senses. These are five sole channels capable of transmitting knowledge, by natural processes, to the human brain. The senses of seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling.

Faith is spiritual

But that is not FAITH! Faith is a spiritual matter, and it has nothing to do with the five senses, which are physical.

Prayer is a spiritual matter. God is a SPIRIT! And when we ask, for instance, for healing, we do have an evidence — proof positive — that the healing will be done. But that evidence is not something seen or felt or heard — it is not a physical evidence. It is rather the spiritual evidence of FAITH. FAITH is our evidence.

Let's understand plainly where your human nature has clouded the issue and deceived you. God has told you in Exodus 15 that He is your healer — your God-healer — that is one of His names, and God is named what He is. God sent His Son into the world to be beaten with stripes, to suffer the penalty of your transgressions of nature's laws (which God set in motion), in your stead. His body was broken for you, and by His stripes you are healed! God gave you His word that it is His will to

heal you. He commanded you to call the elders of the Church, which you did. He promised to heal you. But God has also made it a part of this contract, in His Word, that "according to your faith be it unto you" — in the very words of Christ!

Now FAITH is your evidence that God will do what He promised. You can't see faith — you can't feel it. What you see or feel has nothing to do with faith. But the point your human nature — Satan — wants you to overlook is that God did not promise WHEN or HOW He would heal you!

Learning patience

God's purpose in your life is to transform you from what you've been into the very image of His Son — into the very character of God Himself. Part of this character is the learning of PATIENCE! And God instructs you in James 1:3 that the trying of your faith works PATIENCE into your character. God has revealed to you in this and other scriptures that He will sometimes delay healing you in order to TRY your faith and to teach you to be patient! Your healing, God has promised, shall be according to your faith.

Faith is trusting God to do that which He has not yet done. After the healing is completed you no longer need to exercise faith. Faith is the ingredient you must exercise until God heals you — until you can see and feel that you are healed. It's the same with spiritual salvation. You are not yet in the Kingdom of God, but those in Christ have the ASSURANCE — the faith — that you shall be. After God has healed you then you won't need FAITH in it any longer. But your faith must remain firm and steadfast and patient, regardless of what you see or feel, until God actually heals you as He has promised to do.

Your human nature — Satan — wants you to believe that faith is something you exercise in about 30 seconds, while you are still praying, and then if God has not done what He promised as soon as you expect, you are to find God guilty of lying. The instant you yield to the devil's influence over your human nature and render a verdict that God will not do what He promised just because He has not done it yet, that moment you make God out a liar — you lost all FAITH in God. You thereupon

break your part of the agreement, which is to have faith and keep on having faith and trusting God and relying upon Him UNTIL He performs what He promised.

Simple reliance on God

Faith is simple reliance upon God's Word. It is the evidence of what you do not see or feel. Therefore Christ calls upon you to have patience — to keep on TRUSTING God, until He heals you, and then He will heal you!

You must render your verdict based upon the evidence.

Which now, is the evidence you believe? That which you see and feel — the physical evidences that often are deceptive — or your faith that God's Word is true, that His promises are sure, that it is impossible for God to lie?

If you BELIEVE this latter spiritual evidence and reject the physical evidences of sight and of feeling, you pronounce sentence that His Word has been VINDICATED by your verdict. You shall be RELEASED from the disease and what He promised shall be carried out.

But, if you decide that the physical evidences of sight or feeling are to be trusted over and above the Word of ALMIGHTY God, and you reject His Word and His promise and refuse to believe in it — refuse, in other words, to accept and trust in the evidence of FAITH until God completes it, then you yourself must render your verdict, "NOT HEALED," and you will not be healed!

You see, God does not promise healing or anything else unless we BELIEVE. "According to your FAITH be it unto you," said Jesus. And remember the FAITH must precede and, therefore, is a condition to the possession.

One man expressed it very well: "Faith is the assurance that the things which God said in His Word are true: and that God will act according to what He has said in His Word. This assurance, this reliance on God's Word, this confidence, is FAITH!" And it is a true Bible definition. This Work of God has been built by putting it into actual practice.

Learning God's WILL

God says, "... be ye not unwise, but UNDERSTANDING what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:17). Remember, whatever your need, the first thing to do, to be sure of receiving an answer to your prayer, is to search the Scriptures to learn whether it is God's WILL (Ephesians 5:17; II Timothy 3:14-17).

The Bible reveals God's will. We need never say, "Well, I know God could heal me if it is HIS WILL." You can know His (See THE PLAIN TRUTH, page 10)

WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW!

By Herbert W. Armstrong
TRULY, it's time we begin to sing — and even shout — "GLORY! HALLELUJAH! PRAISE OUR GREAT AND WONDERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD!" For each day we are just ONE DAY CLOSER TO GLORY in the Kingdom of God with PEACE, joy and happiness over all the earth!

The 6,000-year DAY OF MAN is just about over! In OUR TIME — this VERY LIVING GENERATION — KING OF kings JESUS CHRIST will rule over ALL NATIONS!

THINK OF IT! No more nerve-racking tensions, uneasy trials to endure. No more suffering, anguish and pain. No more crime, violence, war and fear of war. No more fears and worries! None of these things actually brought on, whether we realize it or not, BY A VERY REAL SATAN THE DEVIL!

But, even now, with all the troubles and evils on every side about us, remember GOD IS ON HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN — and Christ sitting beside Him, interceding for us. GOD'S POWER IS TOTAL — COMPLETE — far greater than Satan's!

And, in the meantime — possibly just a very few more years — of all these troubles — His ear is OPEN to our cry, and Christ is interceding for us.

But now, while in these days that remain, we are going to have to live in a time of TROUBLE. WHY? What is the CAUSE?

Does Satan work only in children of disobedience?

We need to realize this TRUTH! Too many in God's Church DON'T!

In Ephesians 2:2 is a very crucial statement. It is one of the most important in the Bible! It says Satan is "... THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR. THE SPIRIT THAT NOW WORKETH IN THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE."

Many of God's people will read right over the fact that Satan is the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR — not really UNDERSTANDING it, and since Satan is now working in the "children of disobedience," we suppose that EXCLUDES US — so we need have no concern about it!

Please let me MAKE THIS CLEAR!

I could never have understood that until I began broadcasting over the air. In the hotel room where I am writing right now are MANY VOICES, MANY SOUNDS, some MUSIC, that I DON'T HEAR. Therefore I am unaware of them. But bring in five or six radio sets and turn on the TV. Just tune to the right wavelengths and suddenly I and any in this room will hear these SOUNDS — voices speaking, sounds of music. I don't hear them now because my ears are not tuned to their particular wavelength.

SATAN BROADCASTS! He broadcasts worldwide — as far as

Many would say, "Don't tell me Satan could be using me! The devil can't use me — I'm in GOD'S CHURCH! But maybe we need to understand more about HOW Satan works to DECEIVE — and a deceived person DOESN'T KNOW he is deceived — else he wouldn't be, would he? LET'S MAKE SURE!

there is air. What he is broadcasting is in THIS SAME ROOM NOW! I don't HEAR it — I don't SEE what he is pushing out OVER THE AIR, as PRINCE OF THE POWER OF the AIR — but my spirit with my mind is TUNED to his wavelength.

But even though I AM automatically tuned in on his wavelength (as every human is), I'M NOT LISTENING! Because I'm keeping MY MIND CONCENTRATED ON WHAT I AM WRITING AND ON GOD'S MESSAGE IN GOD'S WORD, IN THE BIBLES that lie (two different translations) here beside me on the table.

You can tune in on either radio or TV. The SOUNDS come in. THEY WERE ALREADY IN THE ROOM — IN THE AIR — but now you're tuned in on their wavelengths with your radio or TV set; the sounds and pictures became audible and visible. But I can concentrate my mind on SOMETHING ELSE — like THE BIBLE — and focus my mind on THAT, become oblivious to what's coming in on radio and TV. So also I can ignore Satan's impulses.

Once you are converted and become a begotten CHILD OF GOD — once you become a member of GOD'S CHURCH, THAT DOES NOT DISCONNECT YOUR BRAIN AND SPIRIT FROM SATAN'S WAVELENGTH. YOU ARE STILL TUNED IN — if you are willing to yield and LISTEN to Satan.

Let me prove that. Let me quote so many scriptures to PROVE IT you will have to BELIEVE IT!

The POWER of the AIR

First, however, notice that word POWER of the air. Once, when we lived in a suburb west of Chicago, a tornado ripped through a town about a mile west of us. I saw it! It was a fearful sight! That was too close for comfort. I went to see the havoc and wreckage in its wake after it had passed on by. It was TERRIBLE! Several had been killed. A large, heavy church or schoolhouse bell, weighing at least two or three tons, was ripped off and that heavy mass of iron carried almost three blocks by the POWER of that wind before gravity pulled it to the ground!

I'm writing in Tokyo. We landed here at dusk last night after a 13-hour flight THROUGH THE AIR. We flew at 39,000 and 41,000 feet, at a speed up to 600 miles an hour. Slicing through the AIR at that rate of speed, there is SO MUCH POWER in the air that our plane's wings have to be swept backward instead of straight out or the force of that air-POWER would pull them off.

This article, updated by Herbert W. Armstrong for The Good News, was written by Mr. Armstrong during a trip to the Far East in July, 1977.

Still it's the POWER of the air that held up our plane and kept it floating along smoothly slicing through air at that same elevation above sea and ground for 13 hours.

Some people are AFRAID TO FLY. I met a man yesterday who is afraid to fly. Such people do not understand the POWER of the air and how an airplane is designed to utilize that air-POWER to hold it up in the air at the prescribed elevation and speed steadily and smoothly for HOURS.

Let me tell you that the PRINCE OF THE POWER of the air is a POWERFUL BEING! He is the MOST POWERFUL type of being God has ever created — short of GOD HIMSELF. THANK GOD, God is even MORE POWERFUL! And He is our protection, our refuge, our everpresent HELP.

HOW Satan works today

I have written so much about the spirit that is in every human that I surely need say but little about it here. The spirit in man is merely spirit essence — not a spirit person or ghost — and it cannot see, hear or think. THE BRAIN sees through the physical eye. The human spirit acts as a computer, retaining as MEMORY all the facts and knowledge the eyes have seen and ears heard during your lifetime, and it gives instant recall of that knowledge to the brain. With this instant recall the brain THINKS. Thus this human spirit imparts to the physical BRAIN the power of INTELLECT. Animals have no such spirit, so animals do not THINK as does man or have INTELLECT.

God made man to need ANOTHER Spirit to join with this human spirit — the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. That Spirit imparts the power of SPIRITUAL intellect — of spiritual comprehension and understanding — which the greatest men on earth — without that Holy Spirit — cannot know!

When GOD wanted to cause King Cyrus of Persia to send certain Jews under Zerubbabel as governor, and Joshua the high priest, and the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah back to Jerusalem to build the second Temple, "... the Eternal stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation..." (Ezra 1:1).

He got his message through to Cyrus' mind via Cyrus' human spirit. That is likewise how Satan

broadcasts. YOUR human spirit is automatically IN TUNE WITH SATAN'S wavelength.

He does not broadcast in words or pictures — neither audibly or in video — but in ATTITUDES OF SELF-centeredness, of vanity, lust and greed, of jealousy and envy, of competition, strife and violence, of hate, resentment, bitterness, of rebellion and resentment against authority. We call it HUMAN NATURE but it is actually Satan nature.

God's WAY — His Spirit, His law — is just the opposite — the way of LOVE, of outgoing concern for the GOOD of others.

Now the converted Christian with the HOLY Spirit of God can constantly read God's Word, pray often — keep his mind in a prayerful attitude — learn GOD'S WAY and therefore reject Satan's impulses of SELF-centeredness. That's WHY we need CONSTANT PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY and church attendance to keep SO CLOSE to God that Satan's broadcasting does not sway us — but we ignore or reject it. Satan CANNOT FORCE US AGAINST OUR WILLS if we do not voluntarily submit.

God's teaching

Now notice some scriptures showing us HOW to prevent Satan from WORKING IN US by his broadcasting.

Speaking of those to whom the Gospel was hid from their minds, Paul wrote: "In whom the god of this world [Satan] hath BLINDED the mind of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (II Corinthians 4:4).

Read that again. Notice, Satan blinded them by injecting into their minds through their human spirit the very OPPOSITE attitude of SELF-centeredness.

We were not BORN with human nature. Such spiritual traits as SELF-CENTEREDNESS are not transmitted by heredity. But we ACQUIRE this human nature just as the children of God, when converted, ACQUIRE THE DIVINE NATURE — "partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter 1:4).

To the Corinthians, Paul feared lest they would be deceived by the still-living Satan, just as was Mother Eve: "But I fear," Paul wrote, "lest... as the serpent beguiled [deceived] Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted... (II Corinthians 11:3). Satan is still working in Church members — just as in the Corinthians who were Church members!

Paul writes to those in God's CHURCH at Ephesus: "Finally,

my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the POWER of HIS might... For we wrestle NOT against flesh and blood [other PEOPLE], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness [WICKED SPIRITS] in high places" (Ephesians 6:10-12). And in verse 11 Paul wrote, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye [Christians] may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Rely on Christ

I have sensed that some of God's ministers felt that THEY were SO STRONG that they were BEYOND BEING DECEIVED BY HIM OR THAT SATAN could actually work IN THEM as I have described above. Brethren, I am Christ's chosen apostle, and I know Satan is a thousand times stronger than I. I have to rely on CHRIST, who is MORE POWERFUL than Satan. Those ministers WENT OUT from us. Satan DID deceive them and WORK IN THEM!

BUT LISTEN CAREFULLY! A DECEIVED man does NOT KNOW he is deceived. HE THINKS he is RIGHT. If he KNEW he was deceived, he would not be, would he? Satan is MORE POWERFUL, and, in addition, MORE CUNNING, MORE CLEVER, MORE SUBTILE, THAN ALL OUR MINISTERS PUT TOGETHER!

I say to you ministers! You may feel you have grown so great in the ministry that you are greater than I and so strong you can overpower Satan. THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT SATAN WANTS YOU TO THINK! No, you ministers — directly or indirectly my CHILDREN in the Lord — better teach your flocks what I am teaching them here — what CHRIST teaches them.

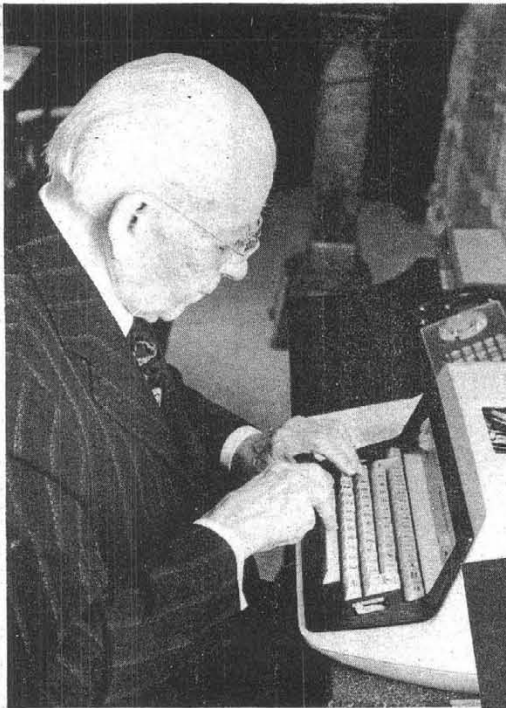
For some — and that few is too many in this WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD — have been tending to try to see HOW CLOSE they can get to Satan's way — apparently desiring HIS WAY of worldly interests, rather than God's — and STILL MAKE IT INTO THE KINGDOM! That's the best way I know to make it into the LAKE OF FIRE and take many of your congregation — over whom Christ and I have set you — along with you! If Satan's way were better, God would tell us to live that way!

Brethren, I say to you, THIS CHURCH HAS GOT TO HAVE A CLEANING UP!

THIS CHURCH HAS GOT TO GET BACK ON THE OLD PATHS OF GOD'S TRUTH, from which in some ways it has tended in recent years to stray. There is too much desire to be worldly — to be secular — to be like the churches of SATAN!

I have never compromised with GOD'S TRUTH and I never will, and if any minister does, I want members of his flock, who are directly or indirectly MY CHILDREN IN THE LORD, to write ME PRIVATELY and PERSONALLY with the facts, and I promise I will 1) PROTECT YOU and keep

MR. ARMSTRONG AT WORK



ON THE JOB—Herbert W. Armstrong types one of several articles, above, for *The Good News*. Mr. Armstrong types all his own articles and at times must work late into the night to produce a steady stream of material for the *Work's* publications. Right: Mr. Armstrong and his wife Ramona go over letters from members and co-workers. The couple often read numerous personal cards and letters, which are representative of the thousands that pour into Pasadena monthly. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong want to personally thank all those who have sent their special greetings and messages of support. Pictures here were taken in Mr. Armstrong's office in Pasadena.



PHOTOS BY DEXTER FAULKNER

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your information PRIVATE, so far as YOUR NAME is concerned, and 2) I WILL ACT ON IT!

I say, as Elijah did, "... If the ETERNAL BE GOD, FOLLOW HIM, but if [Satan], then follow him" (I Kings 18:21). But quit halting BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS!

A little leaven

I know that God's ministry and our brethren AS A WHOLE are faithfully preaching and believing GOD'S TRUTH and back of me in it 100 percent. But I receive warnings of a FEW that could increase until the WHOLE CHURCH would go the devil's way, if it is NOT HALTED IN ITS TRACKS RIGHT NOW!

That's PLAIN SPEAKING, but I speak in the name and with the POWER of the living CHRIST, and HE is back of it 100 percent. Many need to REPENT, that God's Church may be CLEAN!

Christ said a little leaven will leaven the whole lump! One rotten lemon in a crate will rot those next to it, and they in turn until the whole crate is rotten.

THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN TO GOD'S CHURCH!

God called me, taught me, committed His GREAT COMMISSION to me. He raised up this WORLDWIDE CHURCH of GOD — today's era of God's Church — through me. He started *The Good News* and *The Plain Truth* through me. He started the BROADCASTING and telecasting through me. He started AMBASSADOR COLLEGE through me. He used me to TEACH THE

STUDENTS, WHO WERE TO BECOME GOD'S MINISTERS, HIS TRUTH. That TRUTH included TITHING, HEALING and many things some of the younger ministers seem to want to GET AWAY FROM today!

I am going to call for GOD'S CHURCH TO GET BACK TO THE ORIGINAL CHANGELESS TRUTHS — for TRUTH is the SAME, yesterday, today and forever!

Some ministers, whom I have not taught directly — who have come along since I was able to continue personally teaching the Bible courses in college — have been tending to want to WATER DOWN God's precious TRUTH — to see how close to SATAN'S ways they can get and STILL make it into God's Kingdom.

Let me tell you with power — the POWER OF THE LIVING CHRIST — you CAN'T DO THAT: You'll make it into the LAKE OF FIRE INSTEAD!

I receive letters from thousands and thousands of you brethren assuring me that you are back of me 100 percent. And there is every evidence that is at least 98 percent of the brethren!

If you are — and I know you are — now is the time to STAND UP AND BE COUNTED. Write and TELL ME FRANKLY the condition in your local Church! Mark your letter PERSONAL and PRIVATE and it will reach me, and I will protect your confidence. But I WILL ACT — for the living Christ,

the HEAD of this Church, has shown me, His APOSTLE, that the time has come for a CLEANING UP!

One sent forth

In the Church, the highest rank is that of *apostle* — which, literally, means "one sent forth." Yet God put his TRUTHS and doctrines in His Church through them and their writings, and they were, in an executive way, IN CHARGE.

The same is true today! And today He has sent His apostle for our day from place to place all over the world, proclaiming the now VERY SOON-coming KINGDOM OF GOD to those of the very generation during which God's KINGDOM will be set up.

An apostle is ONE SENT FORTH! I am sent — with YOU BACK OF ME — and I know that 98 percent or more of you ARE 100 percent behind me (because you are behind Christ) backing me with your prayers and intercession to God through Christ as well as with tithes and special offerings.

But back to my subject. I know that my human spirit is tuned automatically — and I CAN'T TUNE IT OUT — to Satan's wavelength. And I know also that ALL OF YOURS ARE TOO.

It takes constant VIGILANCE to keep our minds ON CHRIST, ON HIS WORK, ON THE THINGS OF GOD — to avoid LISTENING to Satan's broadcasting of attitudes of selfishness, of taking interest in ma-

terial WORLDLY THINGS, of swaying us to REASON humanly that we can get a little closer to interest in worldly and material things — a little more like the professing "Christian" churches of this world — and still get into God's Kingdom!

Resist Satan's broadcasts

If we allow ourselves to LET DOWN just a little — in our prayer, Bible study or Church attendance and tithing, we begin to let our minds become interested in the things or ways of this world — TV or movies, perhaps — some have been seen gambling in casinos. Then we wonder why we find ourselves irritable, mentally on the defensive, suspecting others — getting conceptions of competition or division or sides in the Church — suspicious of the motives of others, controversial, cynical, and we do not realize WHAT IS CAUSING ALL THAT! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT CAUSED IT — SATAN WAS BROADCASTING IT, AND BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT VIGILANT IN PRAYER AND KEEPING CLOSE TO GOD AND HAVING GOD FILL YOUR MIND AND HEART WITH THE WARMTH OF HIS LOVE, these negative attitudes of Satan were taking hold of you!

That's why GOD WARNS US, through Peter, "Be sober, BE VIGILANT, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Just think of that sentence,

LITERALLY. If you were alone and a savage, roaring lion came running at you, you'd be FRIGHTENED to death, to use a common expression. God meant for us to realize that we SHOULD BE JUST AS FRIGHTENED at the knowledge Satan is seeking to DESTROY this Church and all of us in it.

Peter continues, "Whom [Satan] resist steadfast in the faith..." (verse 9).

Through James, Christ teaches us: "Submit yourselves therefore to God, RESIST THE DEVIL, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you..." (James 4:7-8). He meant for us to TAKE HEED!

Yes, it IS possible — maybe Satan is using YOU — and YOU DON'T KNOW IT!

This Church needs to get CLOSER TO GOD — back to the original TRUTHS He put in His Church through His apostle. We need to CONFESS our sins and He will be faithful and just to FORGIVE us our sins, and to CLEANSE US from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

I want to close this article by telling you once again HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU, for your faithfulness, your loyalty and your love to me. I know God IS blessing you — perhaps in ways you do not fully see or realize. I send you all my love.

And I hope to see many of you at the coming Feast of Tabernacles. For the first time in over 11 years I will have a WIFE at my side — except when I am in the pulpit — and she sends all HER LOVE to you all along with me.

Stan Rader addresses church: 'How to do business God's way?'

When I first met Mr. Armstrong, he made something very plain to me that I feel is worth sharing with you today. I was taking notes as he was speaking. And he was talking about the question of what is a real Christian.

When I first met Mr. Armstrong, we didn't really talk all that much about things spiritual because that wasn't the proper setting. He had called upon me to solve some specific problems and we were talking about those problems.

But very soon it became apparent I would be representing the Church in many different ways. And I would always be acting on behalf of the Church for the most part with persons or institutions on the outside of the organization. He wanted me to be certain that I understood that there was God's way of doing business and there was the other way of doing business. And he wanted me to be certain at all times to do business in God's way.

Now by that he meant that he did not believe it was necessary to get the best of every deal. He didn't believe it was necessary to use our economic power, for example, or leverage or whatever advantage we might have as an institution, in order to demand that last drop of blood or sweat from the man or the institution that we were about to do business with. He certainly did not believe in sharp practice, but he was going one step beyond that. He was saying to do business in God's way. He said we must try to make a good bargain with the people we do business with. We must try to make it a happy situation for them as well as for us. We must not try to grind them into the ground and the like.

Now this was very important because this is what I was also teaching when I was a professor in a law school without really realizing at the time that I was dealing with a biblical principle. I believed honestly that I was dealing with something that would be, you might say, an enlightened approach to the subject of business contracts based simply on the premise that what is good for both parties is more than likely going to produce a happy business relationship and will lead to both parties fulfilling their promises. That, after all, is what a contract is all about.

If a party has been forced by circumstances into accepting an agreement that is not one that will make him happy or will not produce for him some benefit he expects or warrants, one way or another, we're not going to have the kind of situation we would wish, and we might have something else. In fact, we might have a lawsuit.

So I taught all my law students that if the contract isn't good for both parties, it probably won't be good for

Stanley Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, addressed the Tucson, Ariz., church during services Aug. 19 on the subject of the Work's business dealings. Excerpts of his comments are reprinted here.

one — at least, not each time. But I hadn't realized at that time that is what could be found in the Bible. Essentially we are taught from the Bible, not that power, for example, can be abolished because that would be simply an illusion, but that power should be used in such a way as to benefit mankind. It should be used for the service of mankind. It should be used for service instead of domination. So when applying that principle for the Church on a contract basis we never had a lawsuit. We built the entire Ambassador College; in fact, we developed three campuses. Anyone who has had much to do with the business world will tell you that most of the lawsuits in the business world come about as a result of building contracts. It's a very, very common thing. In fact, a great body of law has been developed simply because of the kind of litigation that arises from building contracts. Not only simple misunderstandings between the parties, but because of what I just mentioned, one party driving too hard a bargain, the other party accepting it, then, in one way or another, trying to get out from under that heavy burden. And if he gets away with it, the other party doesn't get what he expected to and a lawsuit ensues.

We never had a lawsuit over business matters. As a matter of fact, in the entire history of the Work, since I have known it, we have never had a lawsuit that stemmed from a contractual arrangement or a business relationship between the Church or the college on one hand, and a businessman or other institution on the other. And yet we always got what we bargained for. It wasn't a question of our turning the other cheek and the other party getting away with something.

In applying Mr. Armstrong's principles, which of course are biblically founded, I was able to convince the other party, not only that we were people they would like to do business with, but that they would do their very best work for us. So if Mr. Armstrong wanted a building to go up and he wanted it to be the finest building possible for that price and those proportions, we knew we were not necessarily getting the building at the very, very lowest conceivable cost.

We knew that would be more or less illusory because seldom, if ever, would you ever get the lowest possible cost. And as I said, if the other party became burdened by the contract, he would try to get out from under it.



SUNSHINE BUSES — Osamu Gotoh, second from left, represents Herbert W. Armstrong and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation in donating two sunshine buses at the British embassy in Japan July 3 to help Japanese handicapped children. Also shown are the British ambassador to Japan, Sir Michael Wilford, and his wife and the United States ambassador, Michael J. Mansfield.

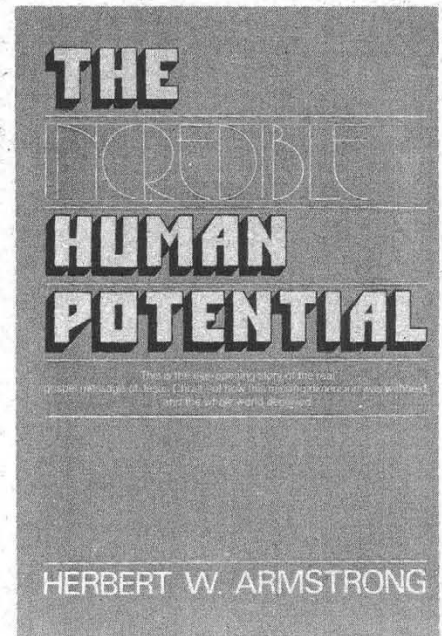
As a consequence, people doing business with us have not only cherished their relationship because they know that they have been as the servant worthy of his hire; they have been adequately paid. They have been paid what they thought would be the fair consideration for their services. And in the process they have given of themselves something extra. In most cases, it has been their very best performance. The Auditorium is a very good example of that because almost everything conceivable could have gone wrong in building a building of that size and to those specifications. It is truly the most beautiful building of its kind in the world. And it is the most expensive, if you want to use that word, per seat, per cubic foot and per square foot of any building of its kind. And it's recognized throughout the world as the finest. When you try to undertake something of that nature, invariably there is going to be a serious problem somewhere along the line. But each man was given an opportunity within his field to make a profit (the servant worthy of his hire) and each person delivered on time or ahead of time. Our acoustics were not bad. They were outstanding. Everything about the building turned out just as Mr. Armstrong hoped it would.

So again, that gives you an idea of what Mr. Armstrong insisted from the very beginning in bringing to my immediate attention. After all I had come to him from the business world, from the carnal world, if you like, where you're always dealing with another party in an adversary setting even if it doesn't look like an adversary setting. The spirit of competition and conflict is present at all times, even if it is sometimes concealed just below the surface. And the more grand the business in scope or in size, the more capable the people are in concealing all of these things, which can be summed up in terms of conflict and competition. It is an adversary setting and may the "best man" win. And they are trained to have an iron fist within the velvet glove.

Now that doesn't mean we're softies at the Worldwide Church of God or Ambassador College headquarters — not at all. Sometimes Mr. Armstrong has said if you believe in God and people know it, people think you're soft and weak. Well, that isn't the case when they have been dealing with us. They know that we're not. They just simply know that we are different in the right way. And as a consequence they do more for us.

We can walk away with pride and a sense of accomplishment in seeing to it that each person, who has worked for us in whatever capacity, has walked away knowing he would receive the benefit of his bargain and had done his best work on that particular occasion.

It was a very valuable principle for Mr. Armstrong to impart to me very early in our relationship because otherwise I would have probably, in the process of representing the Work, gone about quietly but firmly doing what everyone else was doing. That is, trying to maximize on every single occasion the benefits for the Church to the disadvantage of the other side. And I don't feel that would have been what the Work needed. Of course, Mr. Armstrong didn't either. And I think we would not have built the kind of community relationships that we have and the kind of worldwide relationships that we have. I'm very pleased that Mr. Armstrong took the time very early in our relationship to spell that out to me.



BOOK COVER — Reproduced above is the proposed cover for Herbert W. Armstrong's book, *The Incredible Human Potential*. According to Stanley Rader, Mr. Armstrong's general counsel, the book will be published and offered for the first time during the coming Feast of Tabernacles. He also announced plans to advertise the book on radio and television and in magazines. "... We think we will be able to bring this very important message to the public in the printed form as well as by means of Mr. Armstrong's television programs," Mr. Rader said. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Now that same principle could be applied even today to solve most of the problems that you read about when you pick up the newspapers or you turn on your television set and listen to your evening news. There doesn't seem to be, for example, any way to halt rising prices. There doesn't seem to be any way to halt inflation. There doesn't seem to be any way to stop the unions from grabbing more or to stop the employers from raising prices. The unions blame the people who own the big businesses, the big businesses blame the unions, and they both blame the government and the government blames each of them. And we know that.

And yet I'm positive if Mr. Armstrong's approach, which comes right from the Bible, were to be applied by President Carter and by the George Means of this world, and the Henry Fords, that we would have a solution and that solution comes from the Bible.

Now the Bible doesn't give us any detailed specific information as to how the problem would be solved in a technical sense. It doesn't tell us exactly how full employment, economic growth, price stability, favorable trade balances all can be simultaneously achieved. It would appear to the uninformed that supply and demand and foreign markets, foreign money markets, all of these various economic principles seem to have a life and a force of their own.

But if people for a moment would not follow the principle, which I talked about before, where each and every person enters into the struggle, which is simply a struggle for power, trying to exploit others as far as possible to his own advantage — if they would only leave that behind them for a while, we know that much could be accomplished.

We know, for example, that when these conflicts between the various interests come about, that it wouldn't

be a disgrace, would it, for the industrialists not to pass on the increased cost to the consumer. It wouldn't be a disgrace if he didn't pass it on just to keep his profits even or even to enhance them. And it really wouldn't be a disgrace either for the union leader to not ask for a price increase — or I should say, wage increase — even though his members expected or have demanded it. It wouldn't be a disgrace for him to give ground.

In brief, despite all the tough discussions that would take place in that setting of conflict, it wouldn't be a disgrace for some of those to think about society for a moment and to not always try to use the power they have for their own advantage.

Rather in certain situations they ought to be prepared to use that power for the benefit of others, to give way, to give a little ground. It wouldn't be a disgrace and maybe for once they would really be giving someone else their coat rather than their cloak.

But you can see that it's not easy to teach others to practice what we know is going to be the way in the world tomorrow. But the principles are there and all the business institutions and all the various institutions, which have to interact one with the other, were to just simply follow what Mr. Armstrong spelled out to me very clearly when we first met, I think you can all visualize things would be a little bit different today.

The same principle, of course, would apply to nations working out their border problems. The same kind of result would lead to peace rather than armed conflict. The Arabs and the Israelis could settle their differences tomorrow on this same basis where each would try to give the other something, where each would give ground just a little bit so each would get the benefit of the bargain, where each would be able to return from the "peace table" with a little bit more than the other ordinarily would be willing to give.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Mr. Armstrong

Let me just thank you for waking me up and getting me personally back on track. You are surely God's chosen human leader. *The Good News is great* and the articles are great. I have never seen anything like it since I have been in the Church.

I know you will be having many letters coming to you about the great change in the Work and the Church. It just makes me spiritually proud to be a member of the Worldwide Church of God. And to know that Jesus Christ is in charge of this Work and not man.

Thank you again, Mr. Armstrong. Just remember for me and my family we are in support of you and are fasting and praying more often.

Tiffany V. Jones and family
Randleman, N.C.

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I am glad to hear that Mr. Armstrong is making Ambassador College "God's College" once again. I had the misfortune of attending a secular college for four years where truly Satan was the head. Premarital sex, drugs and drunkenness were commonplace among the student body. Some of the professors even used profanity in the classrooms. I hope and pray that Mr. Armstrong will continue to sweep Ambassador College clean of Satan's influence.

Hezekiah Bradley Jr.
Greensboro, N.C.

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I am enthused about HWA being back. I began listening to him as a high school student in the 1950s. So when the first tape came I felt like the British fleet in 1940 when they flashed the message "Winston's back!"

Jerome M. Stam
Washington, D.C.

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We are indeed sad to read the six-page long letter dated June 22, 1978, from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Knowing he has only a little time left, Satan is fighting desperately to destroy God's Work built by the Worldwide Church of God for so many years. We

have no doubt our God will eventually triumph.

Let us pray, Lord, come to rescue quickly before too much damage is done.

Peter Chow
Roseville, Australia

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I am so deeply grateful that you sent the personal letter from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to me right away so that I received it last Friday, and this was able to participate fully in the Sabbath of 24th, the one day set aside for fasting and prayer by the entire Worldwide Church of God. I feel so cleansed and uplifted.

Thank God that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is so fully restored to health that he is now able to send us this pastoral letter for our present and future well-being in the Church of God.

Mrs. Enid Hose
E. Geelong, Australia

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Not just a newspaper

I would like to commend the *new Good News*. To me it is not just a newspaper, but a good and new attitude towards God's Work.

I particularly enjoy Mr. Armstrong's articles on the Church and its doctrines! Also, I enjoy *immensely*, Mr. Hogberg's "Worldwatch" section.

Now let's give the Work one last good punch to tell the world.

Randy E. Fisher
Winnipeg, Man.

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Man, what a change in the *Good News* paper. It certainly is uplifting to read articles like those in the July 24, 1978, edition. Please keep up the good work.

Please relate to Mr. HWA that I remain 100 percent behind him and do pray for him and the successful completion of this "Great Work."

I was especially happy to read that there will be a section in the *PT* with strong spiritual meat for the members and co-workers. This will certainly be greatly appreciated.

So until next letter thank God that I can be used of Him, and thank you all at headquarters for the great Work being done for us brethren and co-workers; it is (in my opinion) truly a fine example.

Robert Lege
Kaplan, La.

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I wish I could really put into words

what I felt after reading the latest issue of *The Good News*. I can't read it fast enough, and it is full of spiritual food and encouragement.

I know Mr. Armstrong is God's apostle and Christ is leading him, and Mr. Rader is truly like-minded and following his example and leadership and is very inspiring in his loyalty and faithfulness. I'm very thankful God has put such a pair in that place, and it makes me want to attain the same goal you both are reaching for.

Mrs. Stanley Davis
Milwaukie, Ore.

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Good news in 'Good News'

Through the pages of *The Good News*, would you kindly convey sincere gratitude and thanks for the way Mr. H.W. Armstrong is allowing God, through Jesus Christ, to use him to rejuvenate and inspire God's Church and people at this time. It is wonderful to be reminded of, and to receive in print, scriptural doctrines which are for the benefit and good of all the human race — if they will but take heed and act upon.

Hopefully there will be some reminders in every future copy, plus a "Sermon Summary" for the scattered ones in God's Church who are unable to attend services and fellowship with others of like mind. They are a real blessing, and looked forward to very much indeed.

It's so very good to have the good news in *The Good News* once more.

Betty B. Swainston
Yealering, Australia

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Fantastic! Fantastic! The *new Good News* is absolutely fantastic! Thank you for the strength that now comes from it loud and clear.

We in middle Tennessee are now able to hear from headquarters seven days a week. About two months ago we were literally having a "famine of the word" except for Sabbath services, of course. We can now hear you every weekday on WSIX and see you, looking extremely well, I might add, on Sunday morning on WTVF, channel 5. My unconverted husband won't hear my words, but not a word does he say when you're on television. He says, "There's something about his voice." Wonder what it is?

Wendy Loveless
Columbia, Tenn.

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I feel a spiritual lift just from reading

New alignment

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trade continues to contract.)

The Soviets have an unwitting ally in their new overtures to the west — the United States. According to the authoritative "Evans and Novak Report" of July 5, datelined from Bonn:

"The Soviet campaign to cast doubt on the dependability of the United States in it is full bloom across Europe, particularly here in West Germany, which for 30 years has been the root of the U.S.-European strategy against Moscow. The smell of this Soviet campaign is everywhere, sweetened with the apprehensions of America's NATO allies as to whether the Carter administration really knows what it wants and how to get it."

the new *Good News* and am looking forward to the spiritual meat in *The Plain Truth* (added addition).

I have the faith now that will grow once again.

Gordon Brauchla
Anderson, Ind.

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Sure do appreciate the meatier articles in the *GN*. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to help us with these articles. Really great!

Janet E. Flythe
Starke, Fla.

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Your most recent article in *The Good News*, "The Deadly Leaven of Higher Education," inspired me and filled in some empty spaces for me.

My first thought was, Why is Mr. Armstrong against higher education? But as I read on, I realized that it's the *kind of* higher education that concerns you.

Thank you for loving us enough to warn us against our errors and for teaching us continually as God directs you.

Billie Wakeman
Humboldt, Iowa

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I just want to write and say I could not be more pleased with the direction the (See LETTERS, page 10)

The pressure for a new arrangement in Europe, across ideological boundaries, comes not only from the communist side, however. A top official in the West German government, Egon Bahr, architect of Willy Brandt's *Ostpolitik*, continues to be especially active in pushing for greatly expanded ties with the Soviet Union. Mr. Bahr spent hours talking with Mr. Brezhnev both in Bonn and on a subsequent trip he made to Moscow in July. Mr. Bahr did not act as an official emissary of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and is, in fact, aligned with the SPD's [Social Democratic Party] activist left wing. Nevertheless, as Germany's confidence in America decreases, Mr. Bahr's radical approach may become the standard German policy in the future. According to Evans and Novak:

"Here is the specter of what has always made the western alliance tremble: a menacing new version of the 1920 Rapallo Soviet-German treaty. Another Rapallo is certainly no possibility in the near future. Indeed, it is unthinkable in Helmut Schmidt's Germany."

"Nevertheless, what is clearly at issue in the Brezhnev-Bahr talks is chilling, even though no immediate threat: West Germany leaving NATO with Soviet guarantees against aggression and with the ultimate prospect of German reunification. Bahr, a fanatical German nationalist, leads SPD's far-left faction which believes the key to Germany's future reunification is held in Moscow, not Washington."

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WHERE ARE WE NOW in the PANORAMA of PROPHESED WORLD EVENTS?

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that Pope John had other ideas. He started the ecumenical movement to bring about a different kind of union — a church union between Protestants, the Eastern Orthodox churches and the Roman Catholics.

Then 15 years ago I thought Pope Paul might be the one to lead in this European political union. But the resurrection of the old Holy Roman Empire was again delayed. Pope Paul continued with Pope John's ecumenical union project. But that was not to be accomplished.

Now realize it, but GOD ALMIGHTY is the one with power to make and unmake nations and kingdoms. God *allows* many things. He has *allowed* Satan to continue for the entire 6,000 years during which, on Adam's choice, God *sentenced* the whole world, except such as God should call for special service, to be cut off from God.

And sometimes God *delays* — holds up impending events that He has foretold. In the seventh chapter of Revelation in order of time sequence of prophesied events, the time had come for the seven trumpet plagues. But, in this history-in-advance account,

God is shown *delaying* these plagues until the sealing of the 144,000 and another innumerable multitude.

On the other hand, God reserves the prerogative to *speed up* events when His purpose requires. And we may well be at the very time of this prophesy now: "For he [God] will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness; because a *short work* will the Lord make upon the earth" (Romans 9:28).

It has been, these past 15 years, appearing that God was holding up world events that are prophesied to come — delaying them — to allow time for CHRIST'S GOSPEL MESSAGE to be delivered over the entire world. As in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end [of the present, evil world] come."

But during Pope Paul's reign the Roman Catholic Church ran into unprecedented strife-torn troubles from *within*. Many priests were starting a liberal movement. Quite a number were marrying, contrary to Catholic law. Many nuns were marrying. Probably 90 to 98 percent (there

are estimates only, and they vary) of the Catholic laity neglected completely to follow the traditional church doctrine that the sexual union, even in marriage, must be solely for procreation — and any other use is decreed sin, even though venial.

Also Pope Paul faced, at the opposite extreme, a power group of cardinals and bishops and priests who stood unalterably for traditional conservative Catholic tradition.

Pope Paul walked the tightrope, but did manage to hold the church together, though torn within by dissent and opposing power struggles.

What kind of pope will the College of Cardinals elect now? (This is written prior to that election). Some cardinals and bishops are saying they hope it will be another middle-of-the-roader like Paul — but there seems agreement that is not likely.

What does seem more likely to me, as an observer and one who understands what is prophesied, is that in the privacy of the locked-in Sistine Chapel there will be sharp contention — a heated power struggle from both liberal and conservative camps,

It will threaten to split the church right down the middle. Neither side will, in the first few days, give ground.

Then what seems prophetically likely is that a strong conservative leader will suggest a solution to save the church. Let the Vatican take the lead in uniting the nations of Europe into a political UNION.

Two popes have failed to achieve ecumenical religious union. Why not now turn to lead in POLITICAL UNION, on condition that the resurrected Holy Roman Empire be a UNION OF CHURCH AND STATE!

A political union, with a common monetary currency, in all probability the German MARK — with a common MILITARY FORCE to protect not only political Europe but also Catholicism against encroaching COMMUNISM! Communism is perhaps a bigger threat to Catholicism than to political Europe.

But also, this political union will put the Catholic church right back in the saddle as it was from 554 to 1814 — with the power of police and military to enforce its decrees!

At one bold stroke, this would

solidify the Roman Catholic Church and its strife within, protect it from communist encroachment and elevate it to a position of pinnacle POWER, heading what may well become the GREATEST POLITICAL AND MILITARY POWER ON EARTH!

Of course the liberals will object to this enforcement of the Catholic faith, if it is to enforce the traditional conservative doctrines.

The conservative cardinals may give some ground. This meeting of the College of Catholic Cardinals may emerge with a slightly changed Catholic doctrine — but the traditional conservatism will probably carry the balance of power in what emerges from this cardinal congress.

The meeting of the Catholic College of Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican may well prove to be a WORLD-SHAKING EVENT — the most important world event since World War II!

In the panorama of prophesied world events, the next prophesied event IS the restoration of the Holy Roman Empire as a new United States of Europe!

After that...WHAT?

"And this Gospel" shall be preached..."

Matthew 24:14

Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

'Close Encounter' Through Prayer

A currently popular movie is entitled *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. And several other movies and scripts are being written about close encounters between human beings and extraterrestrial beings.

I have found a very interesting, very exciting story that deals with these subjects. It has space wars in it, interstellar spacecraft, transmutation of matter into pure energy, numerous encounters between earthlings and extraterrestrial beings, even an invasion of the earth and a great war. With an awesome plot and all kinds of interesting characters, it's the all-time No. 1 best-seller, and its title is the Bible.

Because the Bible has more to do with meetings and encounters between human beings and extraterrestrial beings than any other book you'll ever read, let's contrast it with today's sci-fi craze.

But how do science fiction and human problems relate? The answer is we all need and are destined to have an encounter with an extraterrestrial being — God. We all need to have a personal relationship with God — something more than an encounter of the first or second kind.

According to the advertising for the movie the encounter of the first kind is sighting an unidentified object, comparable, let's say, to a person's first hint that a God exists. The second kind is some kind of physical evidence of a UFO (unidentified flying object) that remains when the UFO has departed. Compare some past intervention by God in man's history that has left us with permanent results. Three, in both cases, is actual give-and-take contact. This third kind is where man meets his God.

A relationship built by prayer

There's really one fundamental way in which human beings can get involved in bringing about the necessary encounter and build a relationship, while easing the stress of trial and test. I think it's also the answer to our lack of faith and to all of our human problems in the world today. And that is prayer.

That relationship you build with God is based primarily, fundamentally upon your prayer life. That's how you can have, right now, an encounter with God. Do you realize that your salvation depends upon your prayer life? Your most important Christian responsibility is your prayer life, your time of contact with God Almighty. There are so many facets of our lives that are in some way dependent upon prayer.

Spiritual growth, how you progress in God's Church, how you are able to take the trials of life, your Bible knowledge, your understanding of God's Work, the marital relationship you have with your husband or your wife, how you train and rear your children and your relationship with them, how you treat your workers or your boss, how you live with your neighbors, how you get along with fellow workers are all partially dependent upon your prayer life. Prayer is really the essence of your whole spiritual life.

Prayer is one thing God expects of us — that we set aside time to visit with Him, to talk to Him. Your schedule should really be built around your prayer life if you really want to prepare for God's Kingdom.

I want to share with you four basic ingredients for successful prayer. And I hope by understanding and practicing them your life will pick up, you will be happier, you will be a more understanding person, you'll be a more patient person and, above all, you will have more faith in God and faith in God's Church.

Simple obedience

Point 1 is obedience to God's law, obedience to the Ten Commandments (not just in the letter but in the spirit as well). If you don't think your prayers are going

above the ceiling, maybe it's because you've got some sin you haven't repented of. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2).

If you don't know if you have any sins, just get on your knees to God and ask Him to show you your sins. But the result may be pretty tough to take because God doesn't pull any punches. If you ask for something, if you seek, you will find. So if you say, "God, show me my sins," be prepared, because He might open your eyes up wide so you can begin to see what kind of a human being you really are. Of course, being a human being, you are subject to faults and mistakes and lusts and sins.

"... But," says the Lord, "to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isaiah 66:2).

Have we gotten away from this concept of getting on our knees and praying to God with our Bibles in front of us occasionally and asking God to show us an understanding of His word?

Unwavering faith

The second point to a good prayer life is faith, belief that God will hear. Normally it will do little good to go before God and say: "Well, God, I'm not quite sure you're going to hear this, and I think I'm wasting my breath, but here goes anyhow."

Hebrews 11:6: "But without faith it is impossible to please him [God]; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

What you have to do is go before God in faith, believing He does hear. James 1:6: "... let him ask in faith, nothing wavering..."

I'm reminded of the story of Peter coming on the water to Christ. When Christ bade him to "come," Peter walked out on that water because at first he didn't doubt. And then he looked around and he saw all the elements — the wind blowing and making all this noise and the waves lapping at his shoes — and he began to doubt. He took his eyes off Christ, and he began to sink. He was wavering like the waves themselves.

"... For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think he shall receive any thing of the Lord" (verses 6 and 7).

When you go before God's throne, you come boldly before that throne as He tells us in Hebrews 4:16. You approach that throne knowing you are a human being, subject to mistakes, but you approach that throne with the attitude, I want to talk to God; I know He will hear me. He's never too busy, even though He might be controlling all the forces of this universe. He's never too busy to take time to listen to your prayers.

The Holy Spirit will help you have faith. In fact, the Holy Spirit makes intercession for us (Romans 8:27) because sometimes we don't even know how to talk to God. God reads our attitude, our spirit and on that basis answers our prayers.

He already knows what we need, but He says, "I still want you to ask."

Romans 4:21 is really a definition of the faith we should have when we ask. "... being fully persuaded

that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

Notice this, that it's a knowledge of God's will and what He has promised that is required to believe He will perform it. But a lot of people make the same mistake with this that they do with Acts 16:31:

"And they [Paul and Silas] said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." A lot of people just stop right there and simply say, "Well, all you have to do is believe in Christ, you pronounce the name Jesus Christ and you give your heart to Him and you are saved." They don't really understand what Luke was writing. It means believing in the way that Man lived. It means conducting your life the way He conducted His life. It means doing the same kind of work He did. It means giving to the poor as He did. It means, if it is God's will, to step out on faith and raise the sick, to cast out demons, whatever Christ inspires you to do. It means to pattern your life after His life. Sin not with your lips, sin not in deed, but to live a righteous life. It means to be willing to give your life as Christ gave His life — to be a living sacrifice as Romans 11 tells us. Belief in Christ is much more than simple belief in a name. It's a willingness to live the same kind of life.

Which brings us to the third point for effective prayer.

According to God's will

So many times when we pray we have what I call the gimmes. "Lord, gimme this, and Lord, gimme that. Now Lord, provide me with this. And Lord, make sure I am blessed that way."

I have told people the simplest, quickest way to solve one of your personal problems is to find somebody else — one of your brothers or sisters — who has a very similar problem and begin to pray for that individual, about his problem, his calamity or his difficulty. You must ask according to God's will. If you ask for something just to be able to consume it on your own lusting, James 4:1-3 says you are not going to receive it.

Pray about others. Pray about the needs of the Work. Pray about the bad health some of us are experiencing. Pray for God's will in all things.

The effective prayer

James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

The kind of prayers God hears are the ones in which He knows you are in deadly earnest. If you really want a personal relationship with God, of course you will be in earnest. The only way you are going to be in God's family is in a personal relationship that's that close to God.

Why don't you — you ought to — read the example of Elias' life sometime and find out what things he did and how his prayers were answered? They were answered because he was fervent in his prayers. He really meant them when he prayed.

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession" (Hebrews 4:14). An integral part of our profession is prayer, though God calls you for other things as well: to give your time and your energies to His Work, to study His Word, your Bible, etc. Verses 15 and 16: "For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly before the throne of grace" — How do you do that? You do that

(See 'CLOSE ENCOUNTER,' page 9)

This sermon was delivered by Benjamin R. Chapman, pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church. Mr. Chapman also serves as a theology instructor at Ambassador College School of Ministerial and Biblical Studies.

Portions of TV 'milestone' recorded in Auditorium

By Sheila Graham

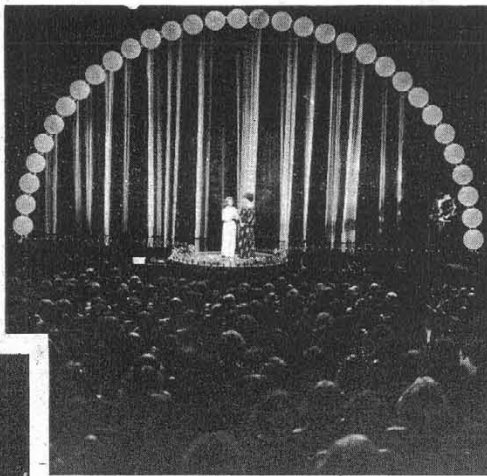
PASADENA — Extended rounds of enthusiastic applause from the Ambassador Auditorium audience were registered on videotape along with a standing ovation the evening of Aug. 17. After the black-tie audience had completed its part in the Ford Motor Co.'s 75th anniversary television special the spectators leaned back to enjoy performances by Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin and Johnny Mathis backed by a glittering stage setting designed by Emmy Award-winning art director Charles Lisansby. Telly Savalas, Joanne Woodward and Dr. Joyce Brothers also made brief appearances.

The two-hour special, *A Salute to American Imagination*, is scheduled to be aired on CBS Oct. 5, according to Bob Banner, executive producer. Only segments of the ambitious \$2 million production, which has been in planning and preparation for almost a year, were taped at the Auditorium.

Described by the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times* as a "television milestone," the show was taped over much of the summer and in several studios. Telly Savalas, Joanne Woodward, Madeline Kahn and Paul Newman are the hosts and hostesses who carry the imagination theme through four half-hour portions, "The Way We Work," "Love and Marriage," "The Way We Entertain Ourselves" and "On Our Way to the Stars."

Television star Jack Riley, best known for his role as Mr. Carlin on *The Bob Newhart Show*, was host for the evening.

In the final televised version in October viewers will be able to enjoy appearances by such notable persons and performers as Neil Armstrong, Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, Edward Asner, John Ritter and Ethel Merman, who appeared on *The Ford 50th Anniversary Show* produced five 25 years ago on June 15, 1953.



AUDITORIUM TAPING — Portions of the Ford Motor Co.'s 75th anniversary television special are videotaped in the Ambassador Auditorium Aug. 17. Aretha Franklin, top left, and Ray Charles, left, rehearse before their evening performances. Above: Dr. Joyce Brothers, left, and Joanne Woodward are videotaped before a black-tie audience in the Auditorium.

An Overlooked Key to Prayer

Requests for prayer run the gamut of human needs. Is prayer the only cure?

This article was contributed by Val Aspenns, a senior correspondent in the Work's Personal Correspondence Department. The department handles mail addressed to Herbert W. Armstrong and provides personal answers to questions or topics not covered in other literature published by the Church.

Every day Herbert W. Armstrong receives dozens of letters from people requesting prayer. These requests run the gamut of human needs, such as healing a child dying from some dreaded disease, personal problems, employment needs, financial problems, marital troubles — even a few humorous ones such as prayer for Aunt Gertie's sick canary! Because Mr. Armstrong is obviously not able to personally read each letter and pray for each specific request, he is assisted in these very important duties by the Personal Correspondence Department.

We have the privilege of helping pray for, encourage and assist these people who need help. Along with joining them in prayer, we try to send appropriate information giving deeper insight on how God deals with us, why He allows various trials in our lives and inspiring hope for ultimate victory and deliverance.

Why problems not resolved

Very often we receive responses to our letters that are most gratifying, showing God does indeed answer prayer — with resounding power. There are also those who tell us the problem or need they were praying about has not been resolved. And they wonder why.

It is often difficult to know why a specific prayer has not been answered as yet. But there are general principles or keys all of us who pray or ask others to pray should consider. Mr. Armstrong has often mentioned that while we should commit our lives totally to God, we should also continue to work as though everything depends on us. This principle can apply to prayer as well.

We've noticed that too often people will pray and then sit back and do nothing to improve the situation themselves. In many cases we not only need to pray for God's deliverance, but also to ask Him to open our minds to how we can solve the problem. We've all heard of the principle of cause and effect. The problems, the trials, the financial predicaments are the

effects. When we pray we look to God to extricate us from these unwanted effects, but God in His wisdom may have something else in mind. He may want us to look at the causes and learn a few lessons in the process.

It's true that occasionally we may hit an impene-trable impasse, a virtual Red Sea, where there is absolutely nothing we can or should do except pray and expect God's deliverance in faith. But most of the time there are things we can and should do ourselves — learn why we have had troubles, repent of mistakes and take action to overcome.

When we fall seriously ill, prayer and anointing are of course called for. But this should not be thought of as a spiritual aspirin — just getting rid of the effects. We should also try to find what caused our ailments so we can do whatever possible to prevent a recurrence. Whatever the cause, in most cases God sees in His infinite wisdom that there is something we can do to personally change or remove the cause so we needn't continue to suffer the effect.

If we have problems with the proverbial mother-in-law or our mate or the children have become uncontrollable teenage ruffians, prayer is likely not enough. We may need to seek counsel from God's ministers or competent professionals or read books pertaining to

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the specific problem. Or maybe it's a matter of trying to bridge the gap with honest, loving, caring communication.

Seek the solution

Many write heartrending letters telling us they're alone and lonely. Is prayer the cure? It helps but in many cases people should help themselves by becoming involved in helping and encouraging others. We've all heard the admonition to "visit the fatherless and

widows in their affliction . . ." This applies to the lonely too. As people help others they literally help themselves. Helpful people are generally happy people.

Once again, God wants us to be actively involved in seeking the solution. He wants us to pray and, in addition, many times He expects us to do our share in working the problem out.

God wants us to use the trials and tribulations of this life not only to develop deep, abiding faith but also to develop resourcefulness, ingenuity and ability to solve problems. It is our destiny to be born into His Family

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where we will assist in judging angels and help solve problems of multiple thousands, whom God will put under our care. We should be training for that by working with God's blessing and help to solve and overcome some of our own problems today.

'Close Encounter'

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in prayer — "that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

None of us have had to face the kind of trial Jesus had to face. And maybe that's why His prayers were so fervent He literally sweated blood, out of His skin, out of His pores (Luke 22:44).

But that's the model we have and the example we need to follow.

Prepare for an encounter

There's going to be an encounter — perhaps of a fourth or a fifth kind — in the resurrection. And even if you are falling short, now is the time to be having a really personal relationship with God in preparation.

We are God's children. "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified together" (Romans 8:17).

That's all our goal. Beyond salvation, it means glorification with God. That's what we're fighting for. That's why we suffer — not necessarily because of sin, but because God puts suffering on us to teach us lessons, to help us see how much we need Him, and each other. How much we all need to be a team.

Therefore, said Paul, ". . . I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). And across the page in verse 28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose."

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The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING

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will. And so far as healing is concerned, I can tell you definitely that His Word says plainly and emphatically that it is His will. The Bible is full of promises — literally FULL of them. If you need anything study to see whether God promised it, and if He has, HE CAN'T BREAK A PROMISE!

Claiming a promise

I remember one time several years ago when my two sons came to me and asked me to do something for them — I don't remember now what. They were then around 7 and 9 years old. I do remember I didn't want to do it.

"But, Daddy, you PROMISED," they said, "and you've GOT TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE."

And then I remembered I had promised. Well, what do you think? Do you think I could break a promise when my two sons came to me and put it like that? No, and if you'll just as boldly tell God He has promised and then CLAIM that promise as applied to your case and TRUST God to keep it and quit worrying about it — quit trying to work up faith — just RELAX and let God take over from there — leave it with Him — let Him do it — He'll do it, every time!

I know whereof I speak, because I've put what I'm now telling you to the test not once, but literally hundreds and thousands of times, and God has never failed to keep His promise once. I've seen the answers come so often and so frequently that I expect the answer when I ask!

God promises to supply every need — that if we'll seek first the Kingdom of God and His RIGHTEOUSNESS, which is right doing, He will provide every material need (Matthew 6:33).

Work a living example

Why, this very Work we conduct is a direct answer to prayer. This Work of the Worldwide Church of God — *The World Tomorrow* broadcast, *The Plain Truth* magazine and AMBASSADOR COLLEGE — which now has grown to national and international scope and influence, started as small as any work could start — literally from NOTHING.

It has been from the start 100 percent a work of FAITH, and we had to really learn this lesson of faith before it had even started.

Why people lack faith

And now, very briefly, WHY don't we have FAITH, and how may we get it, and how may it be increased? So many say, "Well, I have no impression — I have no feeling, no conviction — that I shall get the answer."

They want to wait until they get a certain CONVICTION, a certain FEELING, a sort of ASSURANCE they can FEEL, before they really believe they shall have the answer.

BUT THAT IS NOT FAITH!

That is FEELING!

Your feeling, your convictions, your impressions, have absolutely not one thing or the other to do with FAITH.

FAITH HAS ONLY TO DO WITH GOD'S WORD! The one question is, Has God promised it in the Bible? If He has, then probabilities, pos-

sibilities, feelings, convictions, impressions, have nothing whatsoever to do with it. God has a thousand ways we know nothing of, of answering and providing whatever He has promised. We don't need to see HOW He is going to do it or even WHEN!

And that's another thing, He almost never will do it the way we expect. So don't try to figure out how it is possible for God to do it. You are trusting SUPERNATURAL POWER! Then BELIEVE in that power. God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. What He has promised He will perform; but He will do it His way and in His TIME. Leave all that to Him and just TRUST HIM. Rely upon His Word.

God's gift

And let us remember FAITH is the GIFT OF GOD.

So many think that everything else that comes from God is His gift, but the FAITH REQUIRED to receive these things is something we ourselves must somehow work up or strain and strive for. But we have to just relax and TRUST God, even for the FAITH by which we receive everything else! (Ephesians 2:8.)

In Revelation 14:12 is a description of the true Church of THIS DAY. Those in this Church have the FAITH OF JESUS. Notice, the FAITH OF JESUS! It is not just our faith in HIM, but His faith — the very faith with which He performed His miracles — placed in us and acting in us.

How can you get it? Draw closer to God. Get to know God. Surrender all the way to Him and do His will. And then PRAY. You get to know Him in PRAYER. We are too close to the material things. Through PRAYER, much more prayer, you can come closer to God and the spiritual things. And what a happy, joyous experience it is, once you have really done it!

Faith required for salvation

No subject pertaining to Christian salvation is more generally misunderstood than that of saving FAITH.

Just "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" is the popular teaching today. And that statement is abso-

lutely true — if you understand what kind of BELIEVING is required.

Unfortunately millions are being deceived — led to trust in a faith that will never save one single soul — by a very popular and very false teaching.

It is customary to quote only a PART of the scriptures on this subject — reading a false meaning into them — and thus by subtle half-truths, popular teachings shackle most of Christendom to spiritual blindness and deceptions.

Do these scriptures contradict?

God does not usually reveal all the truth respecting a particular subject in any one passage alone. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? . . . precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isaiah 28:9-10). To understand any general subject in the Bible, it is necessary to view all the scriptural evidence touching that particular subject. And we cannot read our inherited or desired meaning into any particular passage; for "no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (II Peter 1:20), but each passage is interpreted by, and in the light of, other texts.

For example, it is quite popular to quote Romans 3:20: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight. . . ." and from this passage alone assume that salvation comes by faith, *indisobedience to God's law!* Those who thus interpret this passage never tell you that in Romans 2:13 the same apostle Paul was inspired to write: ". . . not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the DOERS of the law shall be justified."

Is there contradiction here? If the one scripture is intended to reveal that we do not have to make an effort to obey God's law to be justified and then saved — but that we are saved by faith without obedience to God's law — then, indeed, God contradicts Himself in His Word! And if you wish to make Romans 3:20 say that, you must consistently acknowledge there is contradiction in the Scriptures, and if this be true, you have

no basis for your faith!

No contradictions here

Again, Ephesians 2:8-9: ". . . by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: *Not of works, lest any man should boast.*" But those who quote this text so freely to teach the doctrine of no works never tell you that the same inspired scripture says also: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (verse 10).

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? . . . Even so FAITH, if it hath not works, is DEAD, being alone . . . I will show thee my faith by my works."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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proach, his conduct, reputation and life blameless, because right or wrong he will be imitated.

"One way he must be blameless has been variously understood and translated as 'husband of one wife' (KJV), 'married only once' (RSV) and has been interpreted even more variously by different ones to forbid polygamy, to forbid remarriage of a man whose wife has divorced him or even to forbid the second marriage of a widower.

"However, the actual Greek expression, literally 'one-woman man,' probably means simply that an elder must be one who is faithful in thought and action to his own wife (as a Christian example to others) as opposed to running after other women.

"The same expression is also found in Paul's instructions about ordaining elders to Titus (Titus 1:6), in regard to deacons to Timothy (I Timothy 3:12) and the converse (a one-man woman) to Timothy about deaconesses (I Timothy 5:9)."

Please explain the meaning of I John 5:8, there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood.
H.A.S.
Teaneck, N.J.

"The three witnesses mentioned here are witness to the fact that God is giving us eternal life through His Son (verse 11). They are:

"1. *God's Spirit*, which is not a person but the power of God, the down payment of begettal given by God to show that He will later finish

THOU BELIEVEST that there is one God; thou doest well: *the devils also believe, and tremble.* But wilt-thou know, O vain man, that faith *without works* is DEAD?" (James 2:14-20).

There is no contradiction here! Rather, by putting all the scriptures on the subject of saving faith together, we learn that there are TWO KINDS of faith. And the kind so blindly trusted in by the majority of this day is nothing but a DEAD faith — and a DEAD faith never will save one soul! Notice! James 2:20: ". . . faith without works is DEAD" — just a DEAD faith.

James continues: "Was not Abraham our father JUSTIFIED by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how FAITH wrought with his works, and BY WORKS WAS FAITH MADE PERFECT? . . . Ye see then that BY WORKS A (See THE PLAIN TRUTH, page 11)

the payment when you're born into the Kingdom of God with a wholly spiritual body (Ephesians 1:13-14).

"2. *The water*, which is baptism, a symbol of our burial and death so that a new entity can begin to exist, an entity that can grow into a Son of God (Romans 6:4). An alternative explanation would be that the water is God's Word, which cleanses the Church (Ephesians 5:26).

"3. *The blood*, a symbol of Christ's death, which reconciles us to God by paying our death penalty and thereby enables us to go on to inherit eternal life.

"Christ's sacrifice, our coming to repentance and being baptized and then the receiving of the Holy Spirit from God the Father are proofs or witnesses to the fact that God is giving us eternal life, for these are the means by which it will come. There is a part — a witness — for each of us — God, man and Jesus Christ."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Church has taken, back in the right direction! Although, it must have been a bit painful to see some members leave. But in order for God's true Church to get its Work done, it must first have Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, with Christ leading him, at the helm.

Rocco Nardone Jr.
Newark, N.J.

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We thank you for these letters of inspiration as you are thoughtful enough to inform us as to what is happening. It's better to hear it from you than twisted around and coming in over the radio.

We live so far and have small children that it is a special treat for us to attend services, so we want to let you know how much your letters and *The Good News* is appreciated. We read every word of your articles and the sermons. This is meat. Mr. and Mrs. Vic Cox
Bogata, Tex.

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I really appreciate the fact that Mr. Herbert Armstrong has been pointing us back to the fact that Christ is the living Head of this Church by his wonderful articles in this publication (*The Good News*).

The headlines emphasizing how Christ is moving to make AC, the Worldwide Church of God, the Work, etc., into things pleasing to God really got me to thinking. I have been looking to Herbert Armstrong, Garner Ted and the local ministers more than Christ.

Mr. Armstrong's articles helped me to realize I was not alone in this, that the whole Church has been drifting away from God and His ways and looking to fallible human leadership instead of Christ.

Rod King
Columbus, Ohio

Two Head-of-State Friends Die

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in Mombasa in his sleep.

I had visited with him, accompanied by Mr. Rader, at his office in the State House in Nairobi and the better part of a whole day at his residence 35 miles outside Nairobi. He customarily spent every night in his suburban home, driving the 35 miles every morning to his office in Nairobi.

We had luncheon at his home with members of his family. He conducted us on a tour through a suburban self-help hospital, which he had built. He was, as an I, a staunch believer in helping others to help themselves — to help them get on their own feet so they can make their own way, rather than supporting others out-

right in pure charity while they do nothing to help themselves.

Through the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, we had undertaken to join with President Kenyatta in founding in Kenya a self-help school to help reduce the illiteracy of the country. He was apparently just my age — 86, though he did not know his exact birth date. He was a very close friend — like two close brothers — with Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. The emperor was just eight days older than I, and one of his last acts before he was taken prisoner by the military coup that overthrew his government was to send me a telegram of congratulations on my 83rd birthday.

President Kenyatta defeated the British in the fight for Kenyan independence in 1963. He ruled one of the most stable governments in Africa.

After spending several hours with him, I rated him publicly with the evaluation of greatness — one of the few persons I have known in a life of acquaintance with hundreds of the great and the near-great.

God rates people according to how well they do according to what they have to do with. Jomo Kenyatta started out with very little — as an African tribesman. He was a self-educated and self-made man whom I felt had reached the status, in this world, of true greatness.

The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING

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MAN IS JUSTIFIED, and not by faith only" (James 2:21-24). Then are we saved by works *instead* of faith? No, NEVER! We are saved by FAITH! But faith functions with our works and by works our FAITH IS MADE PERFECT! That is LIVING FAITH!

Why salvation is needed

Why do we even need salvation? Because we have SINNED, and the penalty of sin is DEATH!

But how have we sinned? What is sin, anyhow? Sin is the transgression of LAW, is God's answer (1 John 3:4).

"Yes," answers the victim of modern fables, "but we are not under the law today, but UNDER GRACE!" Why certainly! "What then?" asks the inspired Paul, "shall we SIN (transgress the law) because we are not under the law, but under grace?" And Paul's answer is, "GOD FORBID" (Romans 6:15). And again, "... Shall we continue in SIN (transgressing the law), that grace may abound? GOD FORBID. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:1-2).

The law has a penalty — DEATH. It claims the life of the one who transgresses it. The law has power to take the life of the transgressor. It therefore is more powerful than the sinner — and is OVER the sinner, holding a claim on his life. It is the SINNER who is UNDER the law. But when the sinner REPENTS of his transgression and accepts the sacrifice of Christ as payment of the penalty of the law, then he is PARDONED — UNDER GRACE — the law no longer stands OVER him, claiming his life. Those who are still sinning are still UNDER the law! And those who, through repentance, obedience and FAITH, have turned from disobedience and are, through faith, KEEPING the law are the *only* ones who are UNDER GRACE!

God's spiritual mirror

Let us understand it! "... By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight. ..." No, certainly not! That scripture is 100 percent true, and there is no contradiction! You cannot be justified by the deeds of the law — not at all!

Why? The last half of this same verse gives the answer. Why do most preachers never quote it? "... For by the law is the KNOWLEDGE of sin" (Romans 3:20). THAT'S WHY!

The purpose of the law is not to forgive, to justify, to wash away, to cleanse. Only THE BLOOD OF CHRIST can do that! The purpose of the law is to tell us what sin is — to define it, to REVEAL it — so we can quit it. Sin is the transgression of the law — that's what sin is.

All women ought to understand this. In every woman's handbag is a little mirror. She knows what it is for. Every little while she takes out this mirror and steals a glance at her face. Sometimes it reveals a speck of dirt. And we might truthfully say, "By the use of these mirrors are no dirty faces washed clean." You women understand what we mean! But do you throw your mirrors away because by

them your faces are not washed? Of course not — what a silly question it seems when applied to a MATERIAL case! And if we ask you WHY your faces are not washed clean by your mirrors, you answer: "Because by the mirror comes the KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIRT."

God's law is His spiritual mirror. We look into it and see the dirt on our hearts! But by looking at the law or keeping it no dirt is WASHED from our hearts — only Christ's BLOOD can do that. By the law comes the KNOWLEDGE OF SIN!

Listen to James explain it! "But be ye DOERS of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect LAW of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a DOER of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:22-25).

Faith establishes law

"But," argues the no-law deceiver, "no man can keep the Commandments. It is not humanly possible. Since FAITH has come, we keep no law — faith has made it VOID."

Thus even "... Satan himself is transformed into an angel of LIGHT. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness. ..." For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ" (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

"Do we then make void the law through faith?" comes the question in inspired Scripture — and the answer: "GOD FORBID: yea, we ESTABLISH THE LAW." (Romans 3:31).

Yes, faith *establishes* the law! By keeping it, is faith made PERFECT!

Yet, can we keep the Commandments? Is it possible? Satan's no-law deceivers say NO! What is the PLAIN TRUTH?

A man came to Jesus and asked how to be saved. The Savior Himself replied, "... if thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Matthew 19:17). "When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (verses 25-26).

There is Christ's own answer! With men it is impossible — utterly impossible to really KEEP His Commandments. But — here's the blessed truth — WITH GOD, it is possible, even to keep His Commandments. Do you begin to see? IT TAKES FAITH — faith in the power of GOD! And, just as your own diligent effort coupled with faith makes faith perfect, so faith coupled with your effort makes PERFECT OBEDIENCE! The two go hand in hand. And you cannot have the one without the other. A LIVING FAITH, the only kind

that will SAVE, is an *active* faith — one that trusts God to make it possible to OBEY Him, to live the true Christian life, to KEEP His blessed Commandments!

Think! Could a just God command men to do what is IMPOSSIBLE to do? Or can we conceive of Jesus as a smart-aleck young man who knew more than His Father and who did away with His Father's COMMANDMENTS? How absurd! Yet this is the popular conception today.

The law is eternal

God's law is not a horrible monster! Just and right laws are a terror only to the criminal — they are made to PROTECT the good! God's law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7); it is a SPIRITUAL law, (Romans 7:14), HOLY and just and good (Romans 7:12). ALL His commandments are SURE and stand fast FOREVER and EVER (Psalm 111:7-8). Don't you believe it when men tell you differently!

God's law is, simply, LOVE! It is the perfect way of life. Every particle of human suffering, unhappiness, misery and death has come solely from its transgression. It was given to make man HAPPY and is the *only* philosophy of life that can do so. It came from a God of LOVE, and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law (Romans 13:10).

But NOT YOUR OWN natural love! It requires "... the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts BY THE HOLY GHOST. ..." (Romans 5:5). God has, and will give you, the love that will fulfill His law. And so it is possible through FAITH and the GIFT of God's Holy Spirit for man to keep His Commandments! And whoever claims differently, God calls a plain LIAR (1 John 2:4).

Faith necessary for obedience

The true Commandment-keeper is forced to trust God to make obedience possible. And thus faith does not void, but *establishes* the law! And to keep the law requires FAITH!

A thrilling example of this eternal truth is recorded in the book of Daniel. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, erected a great golden image.

"Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of the [band] ... ye fall down and worship the golden image. ..." (Daniel 3:4-5). "And whoso fall eth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (verse 6).

Set over the affairs of the province of Babylon were Daniel's three young Jewish friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. One of the Commandments of God's eternal spiritual law forbids such worship of images.

Had you been in their place, what would you have done? Would you not have said: "Well, I have to bow down to this image. I have to do it or be killed!" And perhaps you would have excused yourself by reasoning thus: "I don't think God would be fair if He punished me for this, when He knows I am FORCED to do it. Anyway, He tells us to be subject to the

power of state!" Yes, it is easy to use reason to excuse disobedience to God. But God is not looking for chances to punish us — but rather for opportunities to SAVE us through faith — to save us from the folly of SIN and the sad consequence our own acts impose!

God's law is intended to protect us from suffering. Whatever we sow we shall reap. It is not God who punishes us when we do wrong; it is merely our own acts rebounding like a boomerang!

But these three young Jews knew the truth — that we should OBEY God rather than men, that through FAITH God makes it possible to bow down to worship the king's image, Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded they be brought before him (verse 13).

Listen to the quiet, trusting, unafraid answer of these lads. "... O Nebuchadnezzar ... our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace. ..." (verses 16-18).

A test of faith

Sometimes God *tries* our faith. He tried theirs. You might think He failed them, but He only permitted their faith to be tested.

"Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed. ... therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. ... Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments" — surely the God whom they trusted would have them released *now*? But no, there was no physical evidence whatever that God so much as heard! — "and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace" (verses 19-21).

The furnace was so hot the flames leaped out and "... slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego." And they fell down "... bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace" (verses 22-23).

God permitted them actually to be thrown in! Was He unmindful of those who trusted in Him to make possible the keeping of His Commandments? Not God!

The king looked into the furnace, and said, "... Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (verse 25). So Nebuchadnezzar came near the mouth of the furnace and called to them.

"... Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego came forth of the midst of the fire. ... these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and DELIVERED his servants that TRUSTED IN HIM. ..." (verses 26-28).

There was an example of *living* FAITH — a faith that TRUSTED God

to make it possible to live the way of His law! Yes, WITH God, it is possible to keep all His Commandments. Don't let any man deceive you to the contrary.

Worshipping in vain

When God's Word says, "... BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. ..." (Acts 16:31), it does not mean the DEAD faith now popularly taught. The common teachings of this day distort this to mean a mere belief in the FACTS of Christ's existence, His sacrifice and His saving work. Just accept these FACTS and accept HIM — without any obedience to God's laws! But the demons believe these things — and they TREMBLE — but they are *not* thereby saved!

Christ was the Messenger of the new covenant — a Messenger sent from God. You cannot BELIEVE on such a divine Messenger unless you believe and obey the MESSAGE that He brought. "... If thou wilt enter into LIFE," was His teaching, "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS" (Matthew 19:17).

"REPENT," said the inspired Peter, and "... ye SHALL receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). God gives His Holy Spirit only to them that OBEY HIM (Acts 5:32). And His Holy Spirit is the LOVE that God gives us to fulfill and to keep His Commandments. And it all comes BY FAITH!

Christ came to save us FROM, not in, our sins. TO FREE us from the enslavement of sin and unhappiness and wretchedness it brings — not to make us free to commit sin.

Is it possible to BELIEVE in Christ — to worship Him — in the customary manner of the day, *and yet be lost*? Christ Himself says YES!

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Hear Him again! "Howbeit IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men. ..." (Mark 7:7-8).

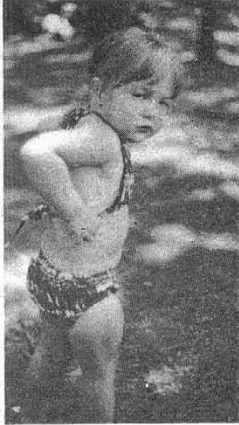
There it is! From Jesus' own lips! Such a dead faith — such worship — is IN VAIN. Those who trust in it, and in the men and denominations that teach it, ARE LOST! And the quicker we come to realize it, the better.

God's true purpose

God's PURPOSE in salvation is to rescue men from SIN and its resulting unhappiness, misery and death. TO REPENT of sin is the first step. Then the BLOOD OF CHRIST, upon acceptance and faith, cleanses of all past sins. And by FAITH we are kept from sin in the future. Thus the resulting righteousness is of FAITH — the righteousness imparted from God.

We are not justified BY THE LAW — we are justified by the blood of Jesus Christ. But this justification will be given only on condition that we REPENT of our transgressions of God's law. And so it is, after all, only the DOERS of the law that shall be JUSTIFIED (Romans 2:13).

How plain and how beautiful is God's TRUTH! ...



KEEPING THEIR COOL — Carolina beauties Andrea "Andy" Rollins, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rollins; Rebecca Dunn, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dunn; and Teresa Barker, daughter of Wilma Barker, show how they beat the heat at the Greenville, S.C., church picnic July 30. (See "Picnics and Potlucks," Greenville, this page.)



WINNING COMBINATION — Eight 3- and 4-year-olds of the Portland, Ore., church display the ribbons they won in contests and races at the church's annual picnic July 23. The get-together was held on the well-groomed picnic grounds of the Portland General Electric Trojan Nuclear Plant, near Rainier, Ore. [Photo by Woody Corsi]

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCATTERED HAPPENINGS

The second in a series of monthly Bible lectures sponsored by the ASHEVILLE, N.C., brethren was held at the Sheraton Inn in Asheville July 27. In spite of a heavy downpour 72 attended, of which 19 were nonmembers, five of them attending for the first time. Pastor Dave Mills lectured on the Ten Commandments, emphasizing the Sabbath. Before the lecture computer print-out lists of Plain Truth subscribers had been divided among the Asheville brethren, and each of them had called about 75 subscribers to invite them to the lecture. *Steve Tershanys*.

Ninety brethren assembled in CUMBERLAND, Md., July 22 at the Ali Ghan Shrine for the first Sabbath service of the new congregation. Davis Groves delivered the sermonette, followed by the sermon by pastor Terry Mattson, who discussed the analogy between the Church and a large family. *Gerald Dulaney*.

It was seven years and three days late, but 86 brethren of the MONTREAL, Que., church helped Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Vincelli celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary July 23. The Vincellis have been longtime supporters of the Church and are the parents of member Dominic Vincelli. After the chicken dinner, wine and French pastry had been downed and the couple of honor had danced the first waltz, the rest of those in attendance got down to the business of dancing to the sounds of Joe Storzuk's band. *D. Vincelli*.

The SEATTLE, Wash., chapter of the AICF presented another in a series of variety shows July 21 in the veterans' hospital's recreation room. Pianist Dave Roscoe launched the program, after which master of ceremonies Al Peterson introduced the AICF and explained its purpose. Then the New Dawn Singers presented oldtime favorites and 92-year-old Morey Morrison showed his talent as a stand-up comic, reciter of dramatic poetry and dancer.

In conclusion, Mr. Peterson invited those attending to join the Add-a-Plus to Life program of the Seattle school district. The program is designed to involve adults throughout the community in a volunteer effort to tutor and give friendly assistance to Seattle's schoolchildren and promote better understanding between the generations. The Seattle AICF chapter contributes publicity to the program through variety shows, which are the major portion of its Experience in Action program. *George Hood*.

Steaks were grilled to perfection by chef-pastor George Aelfeldt and his assistant, Jim McCord, at a special picnic of the WATERTOWN, S.D., brethren July 16. Colin Wonder was baptized the same day in the lake, by which the brethren

gathered for the picnic. Later in the day the junior YOU members held a track meet.

The following Sabbath, July 22, Mr. McCord, a deacon in the Sioux Falls, S.D., church and a photographic technologist at the Earth's Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Data Center of the Department of Interior, presented slides he had taken on a recent business trip to Egypt and in Greece. He brought gifts of dolls from Greece and clothes from Egypt for his wife Betty and his daughters, Beth, 17, and Heather, 7, which they modeled at the close of the slide narration. *Diane Skorseih and Frieda Tapper*.

A six-part marriage seminar for the YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, brethren was completed July 28. Adults of all ages met weekly to hear pastor Gene Noel speak about needs, communication, biology, masculine and feminine response, menopause and impotence and applying lessons learned for improvement of their marriages. Each seminar brought out the biblical principles and guidelines of the subject discussed. Interest was kept high by having short quizzes on preceding lessons. Those attending were given free booklets, charts and notes from various sources and a bibliography of source material for further reading. *Clifford A. Redant*.

PICNICS AND POTLUCK

On the first bright and sunny day after weeks of rain, the ANCHORAGE and PALMER, Alaska, brethren enjoyed an outing at Fun and Sail on the shores of Big Lake July 23. A bevy of brethren squeezed swimming, sailing, skiing, miniature golf, horseshoes, Frisbee throwing and dancing into the five-hour outing, which was arranged by Mike Hunicke. *Linda Orchard*.

Eight large turkeys were exquisitely prepared over hot coals at the annual weekend camp-out of the BISMARCK, DICKINSON and MINOT, N.D., churches at the Washburn 4-H camp July 21 through 23. The turkey barbecue, done on a special three-spit rotisserie constructed by Ronald Fricke, was supervised by Glenn Gappert. *Ronald Gersman*.

The COOS BAY, Ore., congregation adjourned to Sunset Beach after the Sabbath service July 22 for a picnic and wiener roast despite overcast skies and a chilly surf. Angela Owen, 9, warmed up by being buried up to her chin in the sand. The families returned home at 7 p.m., full and refreshed. *Virginia Childs*.

Chuck Zimmerman apparently had his mind on his new daughter as his softball team lost 32-12 at the GREELEY, Colo., church picnic July 16. The brethren met at the North Lake picnic grounds at the foot of the Rocky Mountains in Loveland, Colo., for the outing. *Richard Kline*.

Lake Keowee in High Falls Park was the scene of the GREENVILLE, S.C., church picnic July 30. Activities were available for all ages, from 4-month-old Carrie Marie Holcombe to Marie Law-

rence, 80. Area horseshoe champion Roy Cox presided over the horseshoe pitching.

A number of brethren had also attended a get-together of music and dancing the night before at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Burdette. Mr. Burdette performed his solo boogie, which was followed by a lively game of spoons around the kichen table for all. *L.J. Fisher*.

Members of the OLYMPIA, Wash., church gathered at Lake Cushman for their annual picnic July 23. The water was just right for boating, swimming and wading. Young and old paused briefly from the multitude of activities for a potluck picnic. *Montez Myers*.

Squirt-gun battles raged at the picnic of the PITTSBURGH, Pa., East and West churches July 23. Gathering at Brush Creek Park near Beaver, Pa., the brethren participated in volleyball, softball, horseshoes, tennis and bingo. A heavy rain began to fall at 6 p.m., signaling an early end to the picnic. *Frank Lewandowski*.

A plump pie won the men's bake-off for Steve Verbe at the SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., annual church picnic July 23. Meeting at Flood Park in Redwood City, all brought their own lunches and many had barbecues. Champion of the men's watermelon-eating contest was John Frolloff, and Jimmy Erickson ate his way to victory in the children's contest. While adults played soccer and horseshoes, children lined up for games and races. Charlie Kammerling came in first in the potato-sack race. *Gloria Cuaiao*.

CLUB MEETINGS

The men of the WOODBRIDGE, N.J., Graduate Spokesman Club prepared eight recipes for their annual ladies' night dinner engagement July 25. Assisted by wives and friends, the men concocted chicken tetrazzini, soup, fruit cocktail, cheesecake and several cakes.

After Italian mood music sung by Dean Lekas, pastor Richard Frankel opened the club meeting and several club members contributed researched articles related to prophecy. Terry Coleman conducted the topics session, which was followed by four speeches. *A.L. Legg*.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Amid excited talking and laughter, the BIG SANDY, Tex., Silver Ambassadors gathered for a potluck buffet and a version of the *Gong Show* July 26 in a classroom on the former Ambassador campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warren headed the refreshment committee, and Louise Moore organized the show, with president Adolph Bjoraker as master of ceremonies and Alta McCann in charge of the gong.

Musical numbers by Mrs. Moore, Jeannie Cooper, La Vaughn McGhee, Marline Boyce and Mr. Warren were accompanied by Mike Hale and Phil Edwards on stringed instruments. James Jackson pantomimed a fish story and Mr. Warren "The Strong Man." Linnie Fisk and Ruth Cawood read poems, followed by Martha Massey and Ruth McNeely doing the Charleston. Lela Fisk and Iva Binion sang "America" backwards (with their backs to the audience). The gong was rung several times during the show.

Star of the show was Rosa Warren, who sang a German song and initiated a Russian ballerina doing "The Dying Swan." Norvel Pyle closed the entertainment with his reading of "Grandma's Receipt for Washing Clothes." *Lela Fisk*.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Some 20 members of the BROOKLYN-QUEENS, N.Y., YOU chapter presented a variety show for the residents of the Hillside Nursing Home in Queens in New York City on July 23. The show, the teens' community project, featured singing performances by district talent-contest winners Brian Mickens and Vera Comparetto. Brian Morris gave a reading from the book of Revelation to the theme music from 2001: A Space Odyssey. Piano accompaniment for the show was provided by Portia Lagares, also

conductor of the choir, Zac Challenger, parents' adviser to YOU, and Henry Smith II. Marvin Sylvester manned the public-address system. Also on hand were coordinator Glen Laman and talent adviser Raoul Ramos, who made arrangements for the show. *Toni Laman*.

Teens from CINCINNATI to DAYTON, Ohio, set out for YOU Day at Kings Island Amusement Park July 21. Thrilling to the stomach-tossing rides. A fireworks display ended the perfect day at 11 p.m.

A weekend of camping for the CINCINNATI West YOU members came to a premature end early July 31. The teens had traveled to Harold White's farm in Guilford, Ind., July 30 and had just finished roasting marshmallows when heavy rains rumbled through the valley. When the rain showed no sign of letting up, all packed up at 5 a.m. and returned home. The camp-out is rescheduled for September. *Jeff Berger*.

With sore muscles, aching backs and tired bodies, six EVANSVILLE, Ind., YOU cheerleaders returned home from the NCA cheerleading camp held July 17 through 21 at Vincennes (Ind.) University. About 60 squads from Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky took part in the vigorous five-day program. The Evansville squad of Martha Glover, Sherry Jarboe, Kim Brooks, Charlotte Jarboe, Wilma Nickamp and Dana Glover took home two blue superior ribbons, two red excellent ribbons and one purple ribbon for completing the Superstar Squad course. The

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The Good News has revised its "Local Church News Wrap-Up" format and policy to better serve our readers and accommodate an ever-increasing load of material.

This section of the paper, renamed "Local Church News," will feature reports under a common heading with the name of the church in boldfaced type. Our aim is to save as much space as possible and yet bring readers a continual and interesting flow of information.

Please help us maintain reader interest by keeping submissions to this section timely and as short as possible. It is most important that writers be selective in their reporting. Because space is at a premium, reports should be limited to significant events and happenings such as church anniversaries, new and innovative church projects, gala events, new developments worthy of note and general items that would provide a spark of inspiration to other church areas.

(Reports for "Local Church News" must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the date of the event reported on and be no longer than 250 words. Reports lacking the date of the event cannot be published.)

CHURCH NEWS

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girls also received the spirit stick twice for being among the 13 most spirited squads. *Wilma Nickamp.*

The HAGERSTOWN, Md., church observed its YOU Day July 15. YOU coordinator Daniel Dawson gave the sermonette, giving pointers on ways parents can better understand their children, and pastor Terry Mattson, speaking on the role of youths in the Church, delivered the sermon. Teens handled the setup, ushered, led songs, passed out songbooks and manned the sound system. The teens honored the older members by presenting them corsages and bougainieres.

After the service, the brethren gathered for a potluck dinner in honor of members who will be attending the new CUMBERLAND, Md., church, which was scheduled to begin July 22. Also honored were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Athey, who were recently married. They were given a set of wine glasses and a cake. Davis Grove was recognized for his many years of service to the Hagerstown church and given a 35-mm. camera. *Loretta Paul.*

The grounds of the lakeside home of Gordon and Terry Gutsell, near Wilberforce, Ont., was the site of a camp July 23 to 28 for 21 boys and girls ages 10 to 15 of the PETERBOROUGH, Ont., church. Pastor Rob Elliott, assisted by Ed Hill and Gerald McNaughton, instructed the young campers in the practical points of tenting, building fires, preparing meals, leathercraft, knots and lashings, raft building, hiking, swimming, soccer and volleyball. Ken Spencer gave lessons in first aid. Bible study was a part of each day. The campers also made a 13-mile endurance hike through the rolling countryside, but, for some, building two rafts and racing them across Lake Wilberforce topped the excitement. *Gerald McNaughton.*

New officers were selected for the RICHMOND, Va., YOU chapter July 22. Jay Stone was named president; Cathy

Austin, vice president; Jessie Holbrook, secretary; Debbie Burruss, treasurer; and Chip Brockmeir, sergeant at arms.

The next day eight preteens, escorted by Carl and Suzie Knuth, made a trip to the ball park to watch the Richmond Braves play the Syracuse Chiefs in an AAA baseball game. *Richard Ely.*

SHREVEPORT, La., teens entertained the elderly at the Wellington Square Apartments July 30 with songs, instrumentals and refreshments. The group presented the residents a clock for their game room. The money for the project was raised by several YOU car washes. *B. Boze.*

A weekend tour of New York City was on tap for 17 SYRACUSE, N.Y., YOU teens and adults July 21 through 23. The teens had raised the money for the trip during the past two years by selling popcorn and cards and collecting newspapers. Leaving from the home of coordinators Harold and Esther Maybury, the group traveled to the Long Island home of the Charles Capo family, members of the Hicksville, N.Y., church. There they swam in Long Island Sound and visited Jones Beach.

The trip around the city included a Circle Line boat cruise around the city on the Hudson and East rivers, a walking tour of Chinatown, Little Italy, Greenwich Village, the Empire State Building and Washington Square, viewing a show at the Radio City Music Hall and a tour of the United Nations Building. Some splashed in water from a fire hydrant during the 111-degree heat wave. The only time anyone got lost on the trip was in Macy's department store, when two girls took the wrong escalators. *Marilynn Denny.*

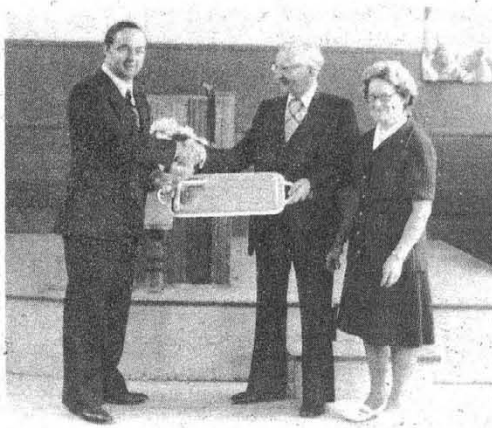
YOU members of the WATERTOWN, S.D., church sponsored a parent-member banquet, July 15 at Plateau Inn to recognize new officers for the coming year. New officers are Anita Thompson, president, Glen Thompson, vice president, and Ann Spieker, secre-



BATTER UP! — Sabrina Gipson goes to bat for her team during a softball game at the annual picnic of the Chicago (Ill.) Southside church July 16, held this year at Miller's Meadow Forest Preserves. [Photo by John Loupe]

tary. Glen read to the parents about YOU, then the teens held a regular YOU meeting so the parents could observe what goes on. The YOU members discussed a civic project and a possible sight-seeing trip to Chicago. Pastor George Affeldt concluded with a talk about parents' support of YOU members. *Ann Spieker.*

Twenty-one WOODBRIDGE, N.J., pre-YOU boys and girls had their first all-night camp-out July 22 and 23 in a member's backyard. Supervised by coordinator Don Brown, the children set up their tents and cooked their food over an open fire. They later studied trees, frogs,



ELDER HONORED — Neil Earle, left, pastor of the Brandon, Man., and Moosomin, Sask., churches, presents local elder Guy Stillborn and his wife Dorothy an engraved silver-plated serving tray in honor of their years of faithful service to the brethren in southeast Saskatchewan since the early '60s. The presentation was made on the Moosomin church's 10th anniversary June 24. [Photo by Roy Bortolotto]

insects, birds and other wildlife on a nature walk along a nearby lake. The children were given special jackets to be worn to their monthly meetings and were presented awards, which they have been working for during the past few months. Categories included gym, cooking, science and first-aid recognitions. *A.L. Legg.*

Ten children of the MANCHESTER, England, Sabbath school went to the nearby Bolton Museum July 15 to see some of the things they have been learning about in their lessons. At the aquarium they checked to see which of the fish were clean and fit to eat, and in the natural-history section they viewed models of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals. The group returned just in time for refreshments as the Sabbath service ended. *Sarah Narley and Adam Burke.*

SPORTS

The RICHMOND, Va., invitational softball and volleyball tournament July 23 involved four church areas, with teams from Bluefield, W. Va., Norfolk, Va., Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D.C., gathering at Orange, Va., for the tournament.

The Richmond hosts had good news and bad news at day's end. The Richmond women's volleyball team, coached by Leonard James, won first place by defeating Bluefield in a best-of-three-games series. But the church's softball team ended up in last place. The team from Washington again won the trophy. Richmond coach Roger Jacobs organized the tournament. *Richard Ely.*

Tragedy strikes family; home, child lost in blaze

This article is excerpted from an article about Minneapolis, Minn., Church member David Myers and his family and is reprinted by permission from the Minneapolis Tribune of July 10. An update to this story appears on this page.

By Molly MacGregor

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — David Myers is a Minneapolis man who has earned the respect of many people, but he's also been plagued with misfortune and, now, tragedy.

Myers, 35, lost his home at 5154 James Ave. N., his belongings and one of his 11 children in a fire Friday [July 7].

Myer's troubles didn't start with the fire, which is one of the reasons his friends say they especially want to help the family, which includes a 6-week-old baby.

Myers is a senior in architecture at the University of Minnesota, runs his own home-remodeling business and is active in Church affairs. Bob Kadow, a family friend, says Myers' schedule keeps him so busy that he once passed out in class from exhaustion.

But he keeps up the pace with the hope that some day he will have his own family construction business. Getting started in business hasn't been easy and it's only been in the last six months that the firm has started to get off the ground, Kadow said.

Remodeling jobs

Myers has had to find remodeling or rehabilitation jobs and do the necessary paperwork, in addition to find-

ing time to complete the jobs and make it to his classes. He's had trouble selling the remodeling services of his little-known firm, Select Wood Products, Inc., family friends said.

On April 2 the collection of tools he had been building for 10 years was stolen from his van.

On Friday, as he tried to save his family from the burning home, the van was stolen from his driveway.

Myers was out shopping when the fire started. He arrived home and, seeing smoke, ran from his van without worrying about the keys. As his home burned, neighborhood youths took off in his van for a joyride. A friend stopped the joyriders in an alley near the home and the van was returned unharmed, according to Kadow.

His 2-year-old daughter, Jennifer, died in the fire.

Ambitious man

Myers is a proud, industrious and ambitious man and his children are well-disciplined and helpful. That's one of the reasons people want to help him now.

"You feel more inclined to help people who are so diligent, like Dave Myers is," Robert Hoops, the family's minister, said.

Friends, neighbors and the Red Cross have already pitched in. Friends found them a place to stay and the Red Cross provided two changes of clothing for the entire family — "not an easy job when there are 10 children," Hoops added. Church members donated \$150 Saturday, but Hoops and family friend Bob Kadow agree that it will take up to \$5,000 to get the family going again.



FAMILY TRAGEDY — Mr. and Mrs. David Myers of the Minneapolis, Minn., church lost their home and one of their children in a fire July 7. [Photo courtesy Minneapolis Tribune]

Myers' Church, Worldwide Church of God, which holds services at North Hennepin Junior College, has set up a special fund to help the family replace the belongings lost in the fire and ease funeral expenses for Jennifer.

The fund to help the family is set up through the Ambassador Culture Foundation, a charitable, nonprofit arm of the Worldwide Church of God.

Help flows to aid family

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Since the story describing the tragedy that hit Church member David Myers and his family appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune (see reprint, this page), cash donations totaling \$11,000 have been received from the community and Church members by the Minneapolis chapter of the AICF, reports pastor Bob Hoops.

"This one article did it," said Mr. Hoops as he listed contributions including a mountain of children's clothing, a whole house full of furniture, appliances, toys, bicycles, tools

and three new suits of clothing for Mr. Myers from a clothing store in town. The funeral for the Myers daughter who perished in the fire was provided free by a local funeral home.

"Mr. Myers has had more offers for contracting work that he can handle in a long time and has had to begin giving the overflow work to other contractors in the Church," said Mr. Hoops.

The local AICF chapter presented Mr. Myers a check for \$11,000 the end of July. An additional \$4,000 has been contributed since then.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR A CHANGE...



BIRTHS

ALEXANDER, Tim and Sherry (Hope), of Longview, Tex., girl, Darrell Leigh, Aug. 1, 12:35 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

ALFIERI, Vincent and Lucille, of Woodbridge, N.J., girl, Laurie Ann, June 11, 6:38 p.m., 7 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ALLEN, Ronnie and Rita (Brooks), of Champaign, Ill., boy, Derek Donald, July 16, 8:34 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

BALDREY, Allan and Jacques (Jenkinson), of Denver, Colo., boy, Bryan Kenneth Thomas, July 27, 9:02 a.m., 9 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BLACKWELL, Lowell and Susan (DeShong), of Anderson, Ind., girl, Cheryl Ann, July 21, 12:32 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BROWN, Barry and Carolyn (Grove), of Macomb, Ill., boy, Bryan William, July 27, 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

CARLSON, Donald and Judy (Doerf), of Duluth, Minn., girl, Amy Lynne, July 20, 10:32 a.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

CHALMERS, Norm and Carolyn (Fisher), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Michelle Joy, Aug. 4, 7:28 p.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

CRANE, Walter and Kitty (Shippam), of Big Sandy, Tex., boy, Luke Elliot, July 4, 2:47 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

CROW, Fred and Susan (Scholfield), of Phoenix, Ariz., twin girls, Tamara Lynn and Tracy Renee, Aug. 8, 1:22 and 1:24 p.m., 4 pounds 5 ounces and 3 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first children.

STANCZAK, Rick and Carrie (Irwin), of Arlington Heights, Ill., girl, Rachel Anne, Aug. 1, 11:07 p.m., 6 pounds.

John Golts and Sarah Slotts were united in marriage June 1. They reside at 814 Ave. A, South Houston, Tex., 77587.

THOMAS, Ferris (Andy) and Carolyn, of Knoxville, Tenn., boy, Jeremiah Edward, July 19, 6:44 a.m., 10 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

WHITT, Richard and Caroline (Hopkins), of Metropolis, Ill., boy, Jacob Lee, Aug. 2, 2:15 p.m., 10 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WONG, David and Marilyn (Tay), of Auckland, New Zealand, girl, Olivia, June 7, 1:15 p.m., 5 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meister of Tecumseh, Neb., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Sue to Brian McAnally of Pasadena, Calif. The wedding will take place Oct. 12 in Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett of the Rockhampton, Australia, church, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Wendy to Ian McCully, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken McCully of the Mackay, Australia, church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Rasor of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mr. and Mrs. William Torode of Union Lake, Mich., are happy to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Deborah Ann Rasor and Michael Thomas Torode. The wedding will take place Oct. 7 in Michigan.

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Reak are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Dana Karen to David B. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Ferguson, July 22 in Albuquerque, N.M. Bill Porter, pastor of the Albuquerque church, performed the ceremony. Greg Sandilands was best man and Peggy Moss was matron of honor. The couple may be written at Rt. 1, Box 9-B, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

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MR. AND MRS. PAUL LOWE

Mary H. Maniak and Paul E. Lowe are happy to announce their marriage July 16 in the Francis Park Rose Garden, Lansing, Mich. Mary lived in Indianapolis, Ind. The couple will attend the Lansing church and may be written at 2525 Dan St., Jackson, Mich., 48601.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dearest Clarence, Sept. 18 marks the fourth year of our rare and beautiful love affair that no one but you could have made possible. Happy anniversary, my love, and thanks for all the happiness you have given me.

Happy first anniversary, Marc and Janan Owings, Sept. 18. We hope you will continue to be as happy as you are now and that this will only be the first of many, many happy years together. Much love, Marnie and Duddy Owe.

Happy anniversary and best wishes on your 31st. May the coming years be full of happiness and love. Mom and Dad, you're the best parents and grandparents anyone could ask for. We love you. Rick, Sandy, Becky, Niki and Mark.

Happy fourth, Rick. Thank you for making my life so happy and for loving me. You're a great husband, father and friend. I love you Sunday.

Happy anniversary to Marty and Ginny Cooper, the crack couple I've ever known. Thanks for everything. You are great friends and we love you! Rick and Sandy.

Fathy, we've had three truly wonderful years Aug. 24. If ever someone was made for someone else, you're it for me. All I can say is thank you and love you, Zalia.

July 20, 1946, Pasquale Vincelli and Elizabeth Ramaglia married. Thirty-two years and three children later, we are still as true as when we were given an anniversary party by the members of God's Church in Montreal, Que.

Little Brown, happy fifth or sixth. Now it's just up to God against the world, and we will succeed. Thanks to all. Linnie Pliska, D. G. and Muppet.

Hey, Green Eyes. You know I love you, but I wanted to tell you again. You mean so much to me, and I really am thankful to our Father in Heaven that he saw how much I needed a fabulous husband like you. Happy second, I am looking forward to the time when we are three or four in number, rather than two. God bless you baby. Bloncia.

Congratulations and happy 40th wedding anniversary Aug. 7 to Madge and John Lang of Scott City, Mo. We truly appreciate everything you two have done for us. Ethel, Cora and Evelyn.

TRANSITION

The Ministerial Services Department in Pasadena has released the names of the following men recently ordained. Ordained as preaching elders: Michael B. Lee of the Rome, Ga. church; Warren Heaton III of Pikeville, Ky. Ordained as local church elder was Carl Fritts of Tulsa, Okla.

Twenty-six ministers and their wives began a year of sabbatical studies at the Pasadena headquarters this month. The men are Gary Anlion from the Toronto, Ont., church; Dan Bantam from Prince George, B.C.; Bob Boyce from Macomb and Peoria, Ill.; Keith Britton from Cornwall, Ont., and Lake Placid, N.Y.; Mark Cardona from Brisbane, Bundaberg and Caboolture, Australia; Carl Calverton from Brussels, Belgium; Colin Calo from Frankfurt, West Germany; and Sergio Austria, Arnold Clouston from Erie, Pa.; Roy Remest from Harrisburg, Pa.; Bob Fahy from Jacksonville, South Africa; Bill Freedman from Springfield, Mo.; Roger Gipe from Las Vegas; Nev.; Mike Hechel from Toledo, Ohio; Bruce Kent from Brentwood and Gloucester, England; William Kesler from Milwaukee, Wis.; Jim Lea from Dallas, Tex.; Gary Moore from Aull, Miss.; Marie, Ont.; Frank Schnee from Bonn, West Germany; Steve Smith from Moultrie, Ga.; Bob Spence from Kansas City, Kan.; Vince Szymkowski from Jacksonville, N.C.; Keith Walden from Wheeling, W. Va.; Stan Watts from Olathe, Kan.; and Ted Wason from Cincinnati, Ohio; Glen White from Great Falls, Helena and Missoula, Mont.; Richard Widling from Calgary, Alta.



MR. AND MRS. ARLAND HEAD

Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Webb of Big Sandy, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Alton C. Head of Fort Worth, Tex., are proud to announce the wedding of their children, Terry Webb and Arland Head, May 27. The ceremony took place in the lower valley at the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus. Richard LaHam was best man and the bride's sister Annette was the maid of honor. Terry and Arland now reside at 4912 1/2 E. Loraine, Haltom City, Tex., 76117.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN PAYNE

Barbara Bernice Taylor, daughter of Mrs. H. Taylor of Independence, Mo., and John Michael Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Payne of Dallas, Tex., were united in marriage March 25 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Glasgow. Dean C. Blackwell officiated. They are both 1974 graduates of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., and members of the Dallas (Tex.) North Church and will reside in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Terdik of the Bluefield, W. Va., church announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa Ann to Mark Stephen Helm, July 15, Annandale, Va. The couple now resides in Springfield, Va.

Julie Ann Rogers and Thomas Edward Birmingham were married June 23 in Sacramento, Calif. Marc A. Segall, associate pastor of the Sacramento church, officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Rogers of Sacramento and the groom is the son of Mr. Norman Birmingham and Mrs. Mildred Sachs. The maid of honor was Jean Cook. David Dawson was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Schapansky of Grande Prairie, Alta., wish to announce the marriage of their two eldest daughters, Miss Mae Belle Schapansky was married to Mr. David Henry Trischuk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trischuk of Saskatoon, Sask., on July 29. Miss Margie Lou Schapansky was married to Mr. Craig Jefferson Locke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Locke of Vancouver, B.C., July 2.

The following ministerial manpower changes have been announced by the Ministerial Services Department. Halifax, Nova Scotia, pastor Steven Bolts will be transferred at the end of August to become the pastor of the Charleston and Parkersburg, W. Va., churches. The Los Angeles, Calif., church will welcome the return of Rodger Meredith to Robert Cloninger. Dr. Meredith will be the dean of faculty at Ambassador College. Robert Cloninger will pastor both the Los Angeles and Reseda, Calif., churches. Paul Keifler will be transferred from his ministerial assignment in Bon Air, Quasqueton, West Germany, in September to become an associate pastor in the Dayton, Ohio, church area. Kingsport, Tenn., pastor Joe Mills will enter the noncareer ministry. Columbus, Ohio, associate pastor Steve Nutzman will become the pastor of Taree Hawks Inn church, Charlestown and Parkersburg, W. Va., pastor Jim Peoples will become pastor of

In our last issue we announced a change in what was formerly our "Personals" page. "Announcements" reflects the aim of this section as we bring you news of the latest births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries and obituary notices. A new section titled "Transition" will keep you informed about current ministerial ordinations, moves, appointments and administrative changes and programs.

Because space is at a premium and the system of box numbers is proving costly and time consuming, we will no longer be able to provide space for pen pals, literature requests and travel in our effort to bring you a varied and stimulating blend of articles.

Nor will we be able to continue special requests as we experience increasing difficulty judging much of the material appropriate for publication. The Church's Personal Correspondence Department has informed us prayer requests may be sent to them at Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, where your requests are given personal attention. (Some letters are also sent to Mr. Armstrong's office or to other ministers at headquarters.)

Thank you again for your letters and your sincere comments. We appreciate hearing from our readers and most certainly welcome your input. We hope our new look will serve and inform you to the full.

the Fayetteville, N.C., and Florence, S.C., churches. Fort Worth, Tex., associate pastor Mark Robinson will become an associate pastor in the Abilene and San Angelo, Tex., churches. Bernie Schripper will be an associate pastor in the Pasadena Imperial church.

Four new churches have recently been started according to the Ministerial Services Department. They are Dobby, Nova Scotia, pastor's name not available; Misamis Oriental, Philippines; Encarido Benitez, Negroes Occidental, Philippines; Jose Raduban; and Pangsasinan, Philippines, Benivendo Macaraeg.

Miscellaneous Church news: The Durango, Colo., church is now the Farmington, N.M., church. Pasadena Imperial, P.M., is now Pasadena Imperial, Philadelphia (Pa.) P.M. is now Philadelphia, Pa. Philadelphia P.M. is now Hammon, N.J. The Dovo Dei Sur, Philippines, church has been cancelled.

Bogota, Colombia, brethren have a resident pastor at last, reports the Spanish Office in Pasadena. Their new pastor is Pablo Gonzalez, who on July 25 left San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he had been serving the Spanish-speaking brethren in the Caribbean since 1974. Mr. Gonzalez frequently visited the Bogota brethren over the past few years, but was unable to get permission to reside in Colombia until now. The San Juan church there a farewell picnic in honor of Mr. Gonzalez, his wife Aurea and daughters Millie and Arlene.

Obituaries

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Ruth E. Guard, 74, died July 28 after a valiant fight against cancer.

Mrs. Guard, a member of God's Church for over 20 years, is survived by a son, Leonard A. Johnson; a daughter, Beverly Parker; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Ruth Storr

Frink, Becky, a member of God's Church since 1960, died of a stroke July 9. Mrs. Frink is survived by her husband, Loren; her daughter, Faith Williams, of Amarillo, Tex.; and her granddaughter, Kathi Meggers, also of Amarillo.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Valerie Wynn, 61, died July 8 after a lengthy illness. She was baptized Feb. 13, 1972, and attended the Southside church here.

Mrs. Wynn is survived by her husband, Isaiah, also a member since 1972; and three daughters, Earline Deramus, Aleatha Smith and Patricia Harris.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Henrietta G. Velle, 73, died Aug. 9. She had been a resident of Houston for 32 years. Leroy Neff, pastor of the church here, officiated.

Mrs. Velle is survived by two sons, Donald of Staten Island, N. Y., and Jim of Baytown, Tex.; two daughters, Leone A. Nye of Houston and Dorothy Bernard of Schenectady, N. Y.; a brother, Leon Gourlay of Schenectady; two sisters, Letia Lee and Grace Robinson, both of Mechanicville, N. Y.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mail your announcements to: Announcements, The Good News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A.

Youths honored

MEDFORD, Ore. — Retta Parsons, 17, a senior at Medford Senior High who attends the Medford church, and her parents attended an initiation ceremony Feb. 28 during which Retta became a member of the National Honor Society.

A 3.7 grade average is required for membership in the society.

Retta also won second place in second-year shorthand speed at the Southern Oregon Career Skills Contest Feb. 24.

FARMERSVILLE, La. — Jay Frasier, along with two other 12-year-old boys of Farmer Middle School, merited a third-place award in the State Social Studies Fair at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, April 16, and 17.

Their project, titled "Pioneer Cabin," previously won second place at the Farmerville school and first place in regional competition at Louisiana Tech University, Ruston.

Jay, a YOU member, attends church at Monroe, La., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Frasier, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Crosby McPherson, and his sisters, brother-in-law, brother, sister-in-law, nephew, aunt and two cousins.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Lisa Sampson of the Huntsville church has been honored with membership in the National Honor Society, an organization whose members maintain high academic levels.

Lisa has maintained an overall A (See YOUTHS HONORED, page 15).

Youths honored

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average during this school year.
Lisa is a member of the local YOU chapter and served as cocaptain of the Huntsville YOU cheerleaders last basketball season.
Her parents are Bob and Shirley Sampson.

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C. — Lauralani Tershansy, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.S. Tershansy Jr., won the Black Mountain



LAURALANI TERSHANSY

Primary School's spelling bee. Her picture appeared in the Black Mountain News.
Lauralani reads at the eighth-grade level, reading three to four books a week on a variety of subjects. She attends the Asheville, N.C., church with her father and mother and her older sister, Maralani.

LUBBOCK, Tex. — Monica Sharee Leatherwood, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Leatherwood, Church members here, was accepted for participation in the Christopher Parkening Master Class in Classical Guitar at Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont.
Even though Sharee's tape recording of her guitar music was submitted after the deadline, she was selected by Mr. Parkening to serve as one of the 24 performing and 42 auditing musicians at the classes Aug. 14 to 18. Applications for attendance at the classes come from throughout the United States.
Mr. Parkening is an acknowledged



SHAREE LEATHERWOOD

concert artist who tours the country when not teaching at Montana State University. He records for Angel Records.
Sharee is a member of the YOU and has been secretary and treasurer for the Lubbock chapter for the past two years.

GRAND PRAIRIE, Tex. — Michael James Hohertz was selected to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1978.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon C. Hohertz of Grand Prairie, Michael was chosen on the basis of leadership of scholastic, athletic and extracurricular activities.

Michael, a senior at South Grand Prairie High, has participated in vari-

ety football and lettered in track. He is an active member of the school's chess and chemistry clubs and received an award from the Engineers Club of Dallas, Tex.

The 18-year-old student is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

After graduation, Michael plans to pursue a career in chemical engineering.

The Hohertz family attends the Fort Worth, Tex., church.

ELMORE, Ala. — Paul David Kurts, 9-year-old son of Paul Kurts, pastor of the Montgomery, Ala.,



PAUL DAVID KURTS

church, earned all the badges the Cub Scouts offer in just six months. He also won trophies for kite making and the Pine Wood Derby.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurts are den leaders.

BATON ROUGE, La. — Lorenda Clement, 18, of the church here, recently graduated sixth out of 247 from Denham Strongs High School. Lorenda received a four-year



LORENDIA CLEMENT

scholarship to Southeastern Louisiana University, where she intends to study nursing.

Lorenda is active in YOU and has given herself assistance to the cheerleading squad.

ADA, Okla. — Fourteen-year-old Chris Winslow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winslow of McAlester, Okla., has won the President's Physical Fitness Award for the second year in a row. He received the award May 16. Chris is the only student in his eighth-grade class to do so.

Chris is active in the Ada YOU program and plays basketball for the Texoma basketball team. He is also active in school sports in track and basketball at the Krebs Elementary School in McAlester.

The Winslow family attends church in Ada.

EDINBURG, Pa. — Tammy Lewis, a sixth-grade student of the Hillsville, Pa., Elementary School, was one of seven winners of an essay contest recently sponsored by the Lawrence County Board of Realtors. The contest, held in recognition of

National Home Week, was entered by about 150 essayists, who wrote on why a home is so important to them.

Tammy, who attends the Young-



TAMMY LEWIS

stown, Ohio, church, wrote that her home "provides her with the security of knowing she will not be pushed out of the way as long as she is there."

In addition to receiving a small cash prize, Tammy and the other winners had an article written about them in the New Castle, Pa., News.

TYLER, Tex. — Paul Carmichael, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carmichael, was honored at the senior-class awards assembly



PAUL CARMICHAEL

of Robert E. Lee High School here as the Outstanding Computer Math Student.

Paul is a member of the National Honor Society and is a writer and photographer for his school's newspaper, *The Southern Accent*. He attends church here with his family.

PASADENA — Phil Greenwood, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Greenwood, made his debut as a composer of modern classical music May 7 in the Recital Hall of the Fine Arts Building of Ambassador College. His "Essay for Piano and Winds" was performed by the John Marshall Fundamental High School band here and received a standing



PHIL GREENWOOD

ovation from an enthusiastic audience. He had worked on this composition for eight months, preparing all the musical scores himself.

Phil, an accomplished musician, has played the saxophone for nine years, the flute for three years and the organ for one year. He taught himself

to play the piano at age 13 and has progressed steadily since.

He has studied composition privately for two years and has composed many minor works. "Essay for Piano and Winds," however, is his first major classical piece, combining both jazz and classical styles.

A member of YOU and John Marshall's swim team, Phil is also taking part in his school's coming production of *South Pacific*.

Phil hopes to attend California State, Los Angeles, and obtain a bachelor-of-music degree through study in composition and performance.

LAKE OSWEGO, Ore. — Dawn Fricke was honored as the outstanding seventh-grade athlete, the outstanding seventh-grade musician as well as special recognition in academics at the honors assembly at the junior high school here.

Dawn participated in basketball, volleyball and track for the school program and soccer and softball in



DAWN FRICKE

the city sports program. Her soccer team tied for the league championship and her softball team, coached by her father, Dan Fricke, pastor of the Portland (Ore.) West church, won the league championship.

In music Dawn was first chair in the clarinet section. Her job was to warm up the band. A few times she conducted the class period when the teacher was absent.

Dawn brought home all straight A's on her report cards this year.

TUPELO, Miss. — Danny Lampley, 17, won a \$200 scholarship to Itawamba Junior College (Fulton, Miss.) for the 1978-79 school year.

The scholarship was awarded by Carl C. Comer, registrar, on the basis



DANNY LAMPLEY

of Danny's high scholastic standing and leadership ability during the school year.

Danny also won \$50 for an essay he submitted in school entitled: "2001: How Today's Citizen Can Insure Freedom and Democracy for the 21st Century."

Danny is vice president of the Tupelo YOU club.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Daniel Shore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Shore of the Memphis church, was honored May 11 at the Shadowlawn Middle School banquet for having the highest grade average

in the eighth grade, which has approximately 300 students. His grade-point average was 3.92. He was also commended for his citizenship and conduct.

On May 23, Daniel was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society for high academic grades, citizenship, leadership and service.

Daniel is a YOU member and enjoys playing an electric guitar and singing as a member of the Sunset Paradise Band.

He also enjoys golf, swimming and activities with his parents and two brothers, Alex and Samuel Shore.

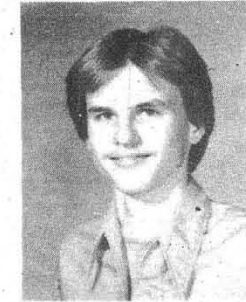
FLINT, Mich. — Doug Benner, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Benner, and Doug Norkus, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Norkus, both officers in the YOU chapter here, have



DOUG BENNER

been nominated for honorary award recognition and will have their biographies published in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1977-78 edition.

The recognition is reserved exclusively for junior and senior high school students who have demon-



DOUG NORKUS

strated leadership and achievement in academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and community service.

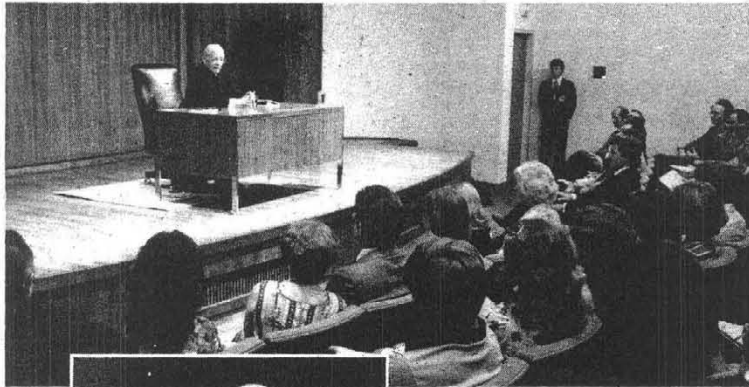
ANNAPOLIS, Mo. — Lynnette M. Franz graduated as valedictorian and first in her class from South Iron High School here May 12.

Among her achievements and awards are the Curator's Scholarship and the Isaac Hinton Brown Scholarship, both from the University of Missouri, Columbia; and the Caroline B. Ullmann Scholarship from the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers to the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Lynnette was active in the Beta Club, Math Club and Science Club at school and was on the girls' varsity volleyball and basketball teams. She was chosen to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1976-77, in her junior year.

She served as secretary of the Poplar Bluff, Mo., YOU chapter in 1976-77, treasurer in 1977-78 and was a representative to the 1977 International YOU Conference in Big Sandy, Tex.

Lynnette plans to enter the University of Missouri, Columbia, this fall and major in education.



CHANCELLOR SPEAKS — Herbert W. Armstrong addresses Ambassador College students, faculty and department heads, above and left, as classes get underway. Below: Student academic adviser Richard Paige aids enrolling students. (Photos by Roland Rees)



AC founder, chancellor outlines goals, purposes

PASADENA — Stating the purpose for and philosophy of Ambassador College, Herbert W. Armstrong addressed the combined student body, faculty and department heads of the Worldwide Church of God Aug. 22.

Mr. Armstrong was greeted with a standing ovation by the audience assembled in the college's Fine Arts building.

The founder and chancellor of Ambassador College read from a college bulletin, which carried his original educational philosophy and foundational policy for the institution, as he called for a return to true values.

He emphasized the college would go back to the original goals and purposes set forth when Ambassador College first opened its doors in 1947. He added that he was confident those goals would be achieved.

'Life is learning'

"Life is learning," he said, noting that he, even at age 86, is still learning on a daily basis. Mr. Armstrong recounted the example of an 84-year-old man who had attended some of his early evangelistic campaigns in the 1930s. After every meeting, Mr. Armstrong said, the man would approach Mr. Armstrong and tell him that he had "learned something new" that night.

Mr. Armstrong reiterated that sometimes young people in their

teens feel they know more than their parents or other elders. He said this could not be so, as it would mean that young people would actually lose knowledge as they grew older, based on that assumption.

He also emphasized that he has probably learned more significant new truth in the last 5 years than at any previous period in his life.

Tested and experienced faculty

Speaking about the faculty, Mr. Armstrong said that the present administrators in the college have been tested and are experienced. He also expressed confidence that all fundamental decisions that need to be made will be brought to his attention.

According to Dr. Herman Hoeh, theology faculty member and one of the four pioneer students of Ambassador in 1947, Mr. Armstrong's renewed role in the college is to bring the students of the late 70s to a realization of the goals instituted in the late 40s.

Faculty support

Dr. Hoeh said that Mr. Armstrong has the support of the faculty, and the 13 faculty members now teaching at Ambassador "represent the kind of faculty Mr. Armstrong wishes he had been able to have in the beginning of the college."

This year the college is offering 22 courses for the 282 registered students, including sabbatical ministers, attending. Classes officially got under way Aug. 17.

Israel's threat from the north

Time of blitzkrieg victories past for Israel

By Moshe Ben Simcha

JERUSALEM — The widespread assumption that Israel would win another Middle East war hands down is not shared by the men who ought to know best — the commanders of the Israeli army.

Back in May, right after taking over as the Israeli defense force's new chief of staff, Gen. Rafael Eitan — one of the toughest and most plain-speaking soldiers in the army — stated in an interview with army radio that the greatest threat to Israel now comes from the Arab eastern front of Jordan, Syria and Iraq, backed by Saudi Arabia.

He said that Syria is now stronger than it was in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, while the Iraqi army, also built up with Russian assistance, is even stronger. The Jordan army is also undergoing a massive buildup while Saudi Arabia's military potential "is, in fact, unlimited."

Joseph Churba, former chief intelligence officer for the U.S. Air Force, agreed with this assessment in an interview with the *Jerusalem Post* in July. To him Syria, in particular, poses the greatest threat to Israel.

"If I were an Israeli," he said, "it would be the Syrians who would worry me most."

Saudi defense budget up

The main reason for these strongly stated views is the military might of the Saudi-funded eastern front. The current Saudi defense budget, which has been estimated to be \$13 billion by informed London journalist Jon

Kimche, is up by over 40 percent on last year and is three times as large as that of either Israel or Egypt. Saudi arms purchases since 1973 add up to some \$14 billion or about half of all purchases by the entire Arab world.

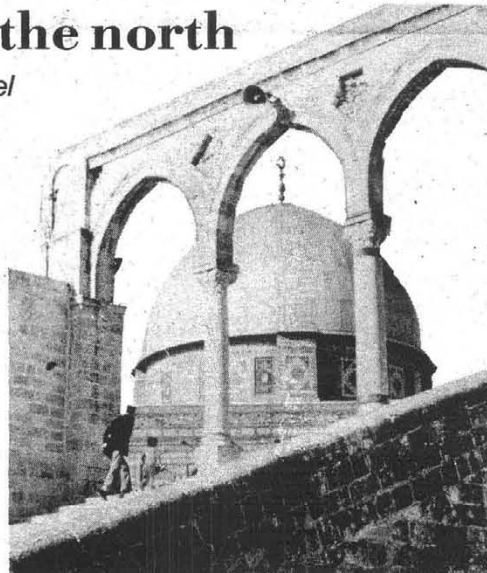
Saudi oil wealth flows to bolster her allies. Jordan gets a half billion dollars a year and Syria over a billion dollars a year for military preparations. The huge sums given to Syria, a revolutionary state in the Soviet orbit, by Saudi, the most anticommunist and Islamic of the Arab states, are of particular importance. For Saudi diplomacy has continuously been encouraging Arab states to sink their ideological differences to produce a common front against Israel.

Communications network vital

Joseph Churba pointed out that the Saudis are investing \$200 million a year in building a top-secret communications network to coordinate the 15 armored divisions that Saudi, Syria, Iraq and Jordan combined can put into the eastern front.

This communications system is vital. Churba pointed out that in the Yom Kippur War the Syrian armor was defeated because it could not coordinate its movements properly. A Russian attempt to do this for them by helicopter failed. According to Churba, had this succeeded, the Syrians could have reached Tel Aviv [Israel].

Syria's armor certainly won't be less effective next time. Current Institute of Strategic Studies estimates credit Syria with two armored and three mechanized divisions equipped with over 2,500 tanks, of which 1,500 are the formidable Soviet T-54/55s and another 800, ultramodern T-62s. A further large number of T-62s, financed by Libya,



DOMES OF THE ROCK — Recovery of this sacred 1,300-year-old mosque in Jerusalem is a key objective of Arab strategy. (Photo by Dexter Faulkner)

are believed to have been sent since President Assad's visit to Moscow in February.

All this massive hardware, as well as the Iraqi and Jordanian armies, could be focused against Israel in only one area — the Golan Heights.

The terrain of the Jordan Rift Valley, with its 1,000-foot-below-sea-level depth contrasting with 3,000-foot-high mountains on either side, rules out any major attack from the east while Israel holds on to the West Bank.

But as the 1973 war showed, Golan is the Achilles heel of Israel. There is simply no room in the Israeli position on the heights for any de-

sert bloom through Israel's national water carrier. Loss of these would certainly fulfill God's threat that "The Lord of Hosts will cut off Judah and Jerusalem's food and water supplies" (Isaiah 3:1 — Living Bible).

As if all that were not enough, there is today a Palestinian Arab majority in Israeli western Galilee. It was quiet in the 1967 and 1973 wars, but the bitterness and violence of the 1976 Land Day riots, which were only put down at a cost of 12 dead, suggest that it may be optimistic to count on this again. With 30,000 Syrian troops now firmly established in southern Lebanon on the banks of the Litani River (a mere stream by American standards), unrest behind the lines could seriously disrupt Israeli forces fully committed on the northern front in the event of a full-scale war.

Was current threat predicted?

Here too, the current threat facing Israel is incredibly similar to the circumstances predicted by the prophet Isaiah 2,600 years ago and never yet fulfilled with "the Syrians on the east and the Philistines on the west. With bared fangs they will devour Israel" (Isaiah 9:12, Living Bible). It is interesting that Isaiah 9:1 may indicate the time of this as being an earlier, limited destruction before the full tribulation of the end.

Certainly, the time of the blitzkrieg victories of the Israeli army, which astonished the world, is now past. Modern Judah, like its sister tribes of Israel, has placed its faith in its own strength and not in the Creator of heaven and earth, who gave it its victories. So Judah too will soon have to realize: "How could one single enemy chase a thousand of them. And two put ten thousand to flight. Unless their Rock had abandoned them, Unless their Rock had destroyed them? (Deuteronomy 32:30).

Only the Eternal of Hosts can bring victory to His peoples and only He can truly deliver them.

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