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What's Wrong with the WEATHER?

by Herman L. Hoeh

FLASH! "Tornado hits East, deaths climb to 202." Flash! "10,000 set to flee four-river rampage."

Flash! "Drought strikes Rio Grande region.—Plague of caterpillars devour fruit trees in West Virginia and Ohio."

These are recent newspaper headlines warning this nation that there is something radically *wrong* with the weather. Floods in Montana, Iowa, Louisiana, while droughts sweep over many parched regions of the Southwest. The Rio Grande River almost dry!

What is wrong? What caused the frightful tornadoes in Ohio and New England?

The Atomic Bomb?

People are *afraid* of what is happening. Congressmen are demanding investigations to determine if the atomic bomb tests conducted in Nevada are responsible for the ominous changes in the weather. Just stop testing the bombs and all will be fine, they dream.

But are the atom-bomb tests the real cause of the terrifying storms and droughts? Is there a far more IMPORTANT cause that we have been overlooking?

The basic reason why most people don't understand what is occurring is that they haven't known the POWER that controls the weather. We have been reared in a materialistic age that believes all climatic changes are due to the interaction of the huge masses of cold

and warm air. This idea assumes that when God created the world He set it in motion to run its own merry course. This teaching assumes that God has left the world and not only *doesn't* intervene, but *can't* intervene in nature.

It is time we realize that God is not only the Creator, but also the Controller and the Preserver of the universe.

GOD CONTROLS THE WEATHER!—not man in his puny efforts to cause rain by seeding clouds.

But why does God allow these frightful weather conditions to destroy property and human life? What is the reason?

The Cause Made Plain

God has *revealed* WHY He causes floods, droughts, tornadoes and plagues. Notice Amos 3:7. "Surely the Lord God"—the One who controls the weather because He created it—"will do nothing, but he *revealeth his secret* unto his servants the prophets."

So God has already made known, if we would only look for the answer, why He is bringing natural catastrophes on us. The answer has been revealed by the prophets who wrote for OUR TIME—this twentieth century A.D. Peter tells us that these things were revealed to the prophets *to deliver to us* (I Peter 1:12). Paul wrote that we should quit shutting our eyes to what the prophets wrote, but wake up and learn that their writings are for our admonition (I Cor. 10:11).

Now turn to Amos 4:7-9 to see WHY America is suffering at the hands of "nature." Here is what God says to us TODAY:

"And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city:—floods—"and caused it not to rain upon another city:—droughts—"one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: YET HAVE YE NOT RETURNED UNTO ME, *saith the Lord.*"

He is also sending insects, worms and mildew; "yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord."

Let's not hide our heads in the sand. These things are *real*. *They are happening before our very eyes*. Amos' warning is not for a long gone past. It is for this twentieth century just before the second coming of Jesus Christ to rule the world. Amos says "prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (verse 12). And that means the United States and Canada today. We are Israel, the nations to whom this message is directed.

God is sending these troubles little by little to correct us, to turn us from the ways that have made us unhappy, to turn us to HIM. It is time we began to acknowledge God's supreme control and rulership over the creation.

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What can you do to avoid these increasing troubles?

The Answer Is Simple

God intended us to be happy, and prosperous. "I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health" is Jesus' desire for you and me today (III John 2). To insure prosperity, God revealed THE PLAN WHICH WILL KEEP US PROSPEROUS, IF WE WILL OBEY. Down through the ages men have rejected God's plan for prosperity and have substituted plans of their own based on selfishness instead of on GIVING.

First, we must humbly come to acknowledge the POWER and AUTHORITY of God. We must come to understand Him as the Almighty Giver of prosperity and health and acknowledge our sins, as the Gentile city of Nineveh did. Then God will hear our prayers. He answers even the unconverted if they earnestly cry out to Him for help. The drought-stricken city of Laredo, Texas, recently petitioned God for help. They acknowledged His supreme authority. He sent them rain as He will do for all who earnestly gather together and implore His intervention.

Second, we must not be like Nineveh which returned to its sins. God wants us to turn completely from our ways and RETURN to Him. We must repent of robbing God—a terrible sin that has brought a curse upon this whole nation (Mal. 3:9).

Yes, this nation is bringing floods,

droughts, tornadoes and insect plagues upon itself BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN ROBBING GOD—defying the only way that will make us prosperous and happy.

"Wherein have we robbed thee?" the people ask.

"In tithes and offerings," God answers.

Yes, the cause of the troubles is not really nature, IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WRONG. We are being punished and corrected to teach us that the way to prosperity is by giving, not getting, that we need to acknowledge God as our Partner by paying the tithes that are rightfully His because of the manifold material prosperity that He has already given this nation.

Have you ever noticed that God says we ought to test Him to see if He really does control the weather? "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven"—cause rain to fall on parched ground—"and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field . . . and all nations shall call you blessed" (Mal. 3:8-12).

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"The WORLD TOMORROW"

Herbert W. Armstrong analyzes today's news, with the prophecies of The WORLD TOMORROW!

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This is God's challenge! Are we going to DO what He asks?

But let us suppose that the nation won't heed God, that the people continue to bring storms and drought upon themselves. What can you do as an individual?

What You Can Do

Jesus had to suffer for the sins of others. Christians today suffer from the sins of the world. "MANY are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Eternal delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19). Yes, we may encounter troubles, but God has promised to deliver us out of every famine, drought and tornado. But we will have to cry to Him for help, turn from our sins and return to Him by beginning to pay tithes faithfully and give offerings liberally so the nation might be spared and the special work that God is doing on this earth now—the carrying of the true gospel to all nations—may go forth in power.

Droughts are not new. They have always plagued mankind. They are scheduled to become progressively worse until ONE THIRD OF OUR PEOPLE DIE OF FAMINE AND ANOTHER THIRD DIE OF RESULTING DISEASES!—unless the nation repents. In the days of the early church, when the world brought punishments upon itself for its sins, a drought struck the Mediterranean area and Palestine. God's people needed deliverance from the famine. They cried out to Him and He sent them relief (Acts 11:28-29).

You may suffer from the sins of the world, but God will always deliver you if you remain faithful to Him. Submit to Him, trust Him, obey Him.

A Final Warning

If anyone persists in robbing God, He gives such a person permission. Only know this that someday he will wake up to see that all he has saved is gone, washed away, eaten, blown away, or withered. Or perhaps some morning he WON'T wake up. His neighbors will find his mangled body where the forces of nature carried him.

But if you treasure your life and your family, you had better wake up, and ask God to deliver you. Ask Him to pardon the hundreds of times you may have robbed Him despite the fact that He has given you freely ninety percent of all that grows.

It is time we realized God's power to control the forces of nature and to intervene on our behalf, if we obey Him. This is the only way this nation can remain prosperous and enjoy the material blessings bestowed on us all from Heaven.

The SEVEN KEYS to understanding the Bible

**Because of the requests of so many of our readers,
we are again publishing this eye-opening article**

by Herbert W. Armstrong

DO YOU realize God has purposely closed much of the Holy Bible from human understanding, *until now?*

Look at the pitiful spectacle!—hundreds of different sects and denominations, all confused and mixed up, each with its *own* different ideas, beliefs and practices—all disagreeing as to what the Bible says—none understanding its full true Message!

WHY?

Because none of them possesses the keys needed to open the doors to understanding, and therefore this spiritual Treasurehouse is closed to them.

Locked Up Until Now!

Even the prophets inspired in writing the Word of God did not understand much of what they wrote. Daniel records, in his last chapter:

"I heard this, but I did not understand it." When he asked the meaning of what he was inspired to write, he was told: "Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are *closed up and sealed* till the time of the end"—or, as Moffatt translates it, "*till the crisis at the close*" (Daniel 12:8-9).

The whole world is now in chaos—we have now entered the world-*crisis*, at the CLOSE of this age! But even now, Daniel was told, "the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (verse 10).

Since this very Word of God reveals that "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4), those who encourage the breaking of God's law, teaching that it is done away—as nearly all sects and denominations do—are, in Bible terminology, "the wicked." And who are "the wise," who shall now understand?

"The fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom: a GOOD UNDERSTANDING have all they that *do* His Commandments" (Psalm 111:10).

Again God's angel caused Daniel to record: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to

and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Yes, much of the Word of God especially the prophecies, were shut up and sealed until now. Today people *run* to and fro, all over the world, in automobiles, trains, and planes. Today knowledge has been increased. We have reached the world-CRISIS AT THE CLOSE of this Age! The wise—those who fear God and keep His Commandments, can now UNDERSTAND!

Even forty years ago this true understanding *was still closed and sealed!* None of the established church denominations has been willing, in these forty years, to admit error, correct false teachings or accept new light now suddenly revealed! No wonder they all disagree! They are in "BABYLON"—CONFUSION!

In the first place, none can understand by himself. The carnal mind cannot "see" spiritual things. These Truths are *revealed* thru the indwelling of the Holy Spirit—and God gives His Spirit *only* to them that OBEY Him and keep His commandments! Only the truly converted can even *begin* to understand.

But even having that beginning, there are SEVEN KEYS needed to unlock these closed doors of Truth! And just as one key alone will not unlock your safety deposit box at the bank, so no one, no two, or even six of these keys will open the scriptural doors to full UNDERSTANDING. It requires ALL SEVEN KEYS.

Church Leaders Threw Away KEYS

Christ gave His apostles *the keys* of true UNDERSTANDING, which unlock the Door to the KINGDOM OF GOD.

To Peter and the others, He said: "And I will give unto thee *the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven*" (Mat. 16:19).

But He prophesied apostacy. "Many false prophets shall rise," He said, "and shall deceive many." Paul foretold the great "falling away" from God's Truth and Christ's Gospel, turning unto FABLES (II Thes. 2:1-9; II Tim. 4:1-4). It had even begun in Paul's day (II Thes. 2:7). Church leaders only used *the keys* to lock up the Door of

the Kingdom, and then threw the keys away, even as the Pharisees and rulers did before them:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" said Jesus to them, "for ye shut up the Kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in" (Mat. 23:13).

The Seven Vital Keys

And so naturally, today no organized denomination, sect, or church possesses these seven KEYS!

Here they are: How many of these necessary "keys" do *you* have?

1) The True Gospel

Almost no one has this first Key, believe it or not! The Gospel of Christ is the Gospel Christ preached—a particular Message sent from God by Jesus Christ as Messenger. The Gospel of Christ is CHRIST'S OWN GOSPEL—not a story *about* His Person!

Today people are led to believe that the Gospel is telling the story *about* Jesus—telling people *about* a Saviour; or, they believe it is "the Gospel of salvation," not understanding the true way of salvation themselves! No wonder there is NO POWER in what is falsely preached as "the Gospel" today! The Gospel OF Christ "is the POWER OF GOD unto salvation." Today most popular denominations do away with all that is vital in Christ's Gospel, saying He was preaching only to Jews under the Old Covenant! WHAT IGNORANCE!

What *is* Christ's Gospel? What is the Message God sent to mankind by Jesus Christ? It is the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD! "Kingdom" means GOVERNMENT! It is the Message of *Divine Government* — government by GOD'S LAWS!

It is the prophetic proclamation of the coming WORLD GOVERNMENT to rule all nations and bring today's confused, chaotic, war-weary earth PEACE, and JOY! It is the vital, dynamic, powerful living Message of GOD'S GOVERNMENT, first in individual hearts now in this world, later over all nations internation-

ally in The WORLD TOMORROW!

Of course that power-filled Message includes the knowledge about the Saviour, High Priest and coming King! Of course it includes the true way of salvation, which the churches seem to have lost! And it includes also knowledge of the location of the TERRITORY to be ruled over by the King of the coming Kingdom—the fact it is *this earth*, and not heaven!

But there can be no GOVERNMENT without LAWS, and so the TRUE GOSPEL also must proclaim the LAW of God, which alone can bring peace to the world and success, happiness and joy to the individual!

The TRUE GOSPEL has to do with the nations of today's world, world conditions today, and Christ's reign over all nations in The WORLD TOMORROW! It is a full, complete, dynamic and POWERFUL Gospel which has been kept by the powers of darkness from the world for 1800 years! *This knowledge is the first KEY!*

2) Salvation IS Creation

The idea preached in this dark, confused world is that salvation is God's Plan for *repairing the damage* caused by Satan in "the fall of man" in the Garden of Eden.

God, so the world has been taught by church leaders, had *completed* His work of creation—man was a *finished* creation, spiritual, immortal, perfect in character. Then along came Satan, and by cunning he wrecked God's handiwork, thwarted God's purpose, caused man to fall to the low plane of sinful human nature, ruined God's perfect creation! Then God is supposed to have looked down upon this colossal smash-up, and to have thereupon thought out THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION as a means of *repairing the damage*.

Salvation, then, is presented merely as God's effort to *restore* man to a condition *as good as* Adam was in the first place. The picture is that God has been doing His very best for 6,000 long years, but Satan has resisted Him! God has found Himself unable to avoid a CONTEST with Satan—a "GREAT CONTROVERSY" as one writer phrased it—in which God has done His best, but Satan has continued to outsmart Him and now today, with TIME ABOUT UP, the vast majority of people on earth are still unsaved—still on Satan's side! The contest is almost over, and the best God can now do is take revenge, and soon to send Christ to DESTROY ALL THE WICKED whom Satan has kept on his side!

Can you see that *that* picture could only have come from the deceiving false GOD OF THIS WORLD, Satan himself?

It presents Satan at every turn as more powerful than God—as succeeding in his rivalry! This entire concept is a damnable LIE!

The TRUTH is the second important KEY—and it explains GOD'S PURPOSE in placing humanity on this earth!

Salvation is *not* a "repairing of the damage" done by Satan in the Garden of Eden. Satan never did alter or change God's Purpose or Plan. The devil has never thwarted God's will. All has gone always, and always will, exactly according to GOD'S PURPOSE!

Salvation is merely the COMPLETING of CREATION! Creation was *not* completed 6,000 years ago, at the time described in Genesis 1! That was merely the *first, or material phase* of a Creation *now still going on!* What God then created was *physical—material*. The spiritual creation is a process, continuing, according to God's Plan, today!

Man was created PHYSICAL, not spiritual—MORTAL, not immortal—of the dust of the ground—the "clay model" which God the Master Potter is now fashioning and shaping, *spiritually*, into the FINAL image! Man was created purposely, with the same human nature he now has! He was first made in the mere PHYSICAL image of God, a free moral agent, with possibility revealed to him of *receiving* as God's gift the very spiritual nature of God, so that he may by God's power be made into a perfect, righteous, spiritual character, then given immortality as God's gift! *There is no contest!* Satan does nothing except what God *permits!* And God permits it FOR A PURPOSE.

Character is created by experience, and experience requires time, and therefore it is a process! As Christ our example learned by suffering, so do we! The fact that SALVATION IS THE COMPLETING OF CREATION—the *spiritual* phase of Creation—that GOD'S PURPOSE is to create in us, as free moral agents who make our own decisions, the supreme Masterpiece of all His Creative acts—holy, righteous, spiritual, immortal CHARACTERS—resisting the downpull of self-desire, building character by LIVING GOD'S LAWS—that knowledge of GOD'S PURPOSE is *the second vital KEY!*

3) God's Dual Method

A duality runs thru every phase of God's Plan. First, the *material* creation of Genesis 1, completed; second, the *spiritual* creation still in process pictured finally complete in the *prophecy* of Revelation 21 and 22. There was the *first* Adam, material—of the earth; and there is the *second* Adam, Christ Jesus, spiritual, from Heaven. There was the *first* Covenant with Israel, material and national, devoid of salvation, based

upon the Birthright promise; and there is the NEW Covenant, spiritual and individual, with a spiritually begotten Israel, based upon the Sceptre promise. God made man mortal, of the dust, in order to convert him into immortality, composed of Spirit.

In this very salvation process is the DUAL METHOD—the very word "salvation" means, first, rescuing from the penalty of eternal death, and second, the act of preserving, or imparting eternal life as God's gift. And so, in being saved, we first are now *begotten* of God by the indwelling of His Spirit in our mortal bodies as the temple, or house of the Spirit—and are now merely the *heirs* of salvation; and second, we shall finally be fully *born* of God at the Resurrection of the just, when we shall *inherit* the Kingdom.

This same DUAL PRINCIPLE runs all thru prophecy! First, a former, or preliminary fulfillment which is merely the type or forerunner of a second, the final climactic fulfillment occurring, usually, during this CRISIS AT THE CLOSE we already have entered! And positively *none* can understand the Bible prophecies unless this DUALITY of fulfillment is understood. It is a vital key!

4) God's Holydays

These were given to God's people to picture, and to keep them in the understanding of, God's PLAN for bringing about His purpose—His reign over all the earth whose people shall have been converted to righteous immortality!

Every sect, organization or denomination which has lost God's holydays and fastened its eyes upon the pagan Romish holidays instead, has lost the knowledge of GOD'S PLAN!

God's holydays picture:

1st, Passover, the crucifixion of Christ;
2nd, Feast of Unleavened Bread, putting sin out of our lives, or, keeping God's Commandments—and during this festival was the "wave-sheaf" picturing the Resurrected Christ accepted of God as our High Priest;

3rd, Feast of Firstfruits, or Pentecost, picturing the coming of the Holy Spirit and the completing of this, the merely *first* and preliminary harvest of souls;

4th, Feast of Trumpets on first day of seventh month, picturing the Second Coming of Christ at the beginning of the seventh millennium, at the *last Trump*;

5th, Day of Atonement, picturing justice done by laying Satan's guilt in our sins upon his own head, removing him and chaining him in the symbolic "bottomless pit," making us finally AT ONE with God. Atonement means at-one-ment.

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REPORT from EUROPE

From our European Correspondent here is a vital account of the German revolt and of the unseen forces which will finally UNITE Europe and provoke WORLD WAR III!

**by Richard D. Armstrong
London, England**

WHAT does the new "Peace Offensive" of Russia really mean? Are her new communist masters in serious trouble at home?

Tension in the Cold War has slackened considerably since Stalin's death. Bans have been placed on slanderous references to the Western allies in the Iron Curtain press.

Does it mean that the threat of war with Russia is over and we shall have peace in the world at last?

Violence Covers Globe

First, let us not hasten to believe that all is peace. When it appeared that peace in Korea was almost here, what happened? The communists, while *talking* peace, suddenly launched a powerful military offensive at the very moment that truce teams were attempting to draw the final cease-fire line.

This clever communist plot to continue the war hardly had been stalled when the South Koreans in patriotic zeal freed thousands of anti-communist North Korean prisoners *in defiance* of the United Nations military command. Confusion among the "United" Nations is just what the communists **KNEW WOULD HAPPEN**. Their entire "peace offensive" is based on the idea of "divide and conquer."

But Russia is not limiting her efforts to Korea. The French are fighting Communists in Indo-China, the British are fighting them in Malaya.

Far from being a peaceful situation, this is a world seething with daily increasing unrest. The British are having trouble with Egypt over the Sudan and the Suez. And the French, apart from having their battles with the Communists in Indo-China, are still having to fight unrest in Moslem North Africa. Also, let's not forget Palestine where the Jewish people are still fighting border skirmishes with the Arabs to maintain themselves as a nation.

No, all the news of a Russian peace offensive does NOT mean the world is going to see peace at last.

Significance of East German Rebellion

For years we have been reporting to

you through the columns of **The PLAIN TRUTH** that there would not be a World War III with Russia *now*. We have been telling you in advance that, instead, the communist strangle hold on Eastern Europe would finally be overthrown by rebellion in the satellite nations, and that **THESE NATIONS WILL JOIN A SOON-TO-BE-REVIVED UNITED FASCIST EUROPE WHICH WILL PROVOKE WORLD WAR III!**

This is exactly the trend that is taking place now! In the past few weeks the press and the radio have been filled with stirring reports of the East German rebellion that had to be crushed by rushing Soviet troops and tanks from Poland. The outbursts have been quelled temporarily; but once revolutions begin, they will spread till they engulf all Eastern Europe.

The Communist Politburo has realized that Stalin's strong-arm measures were driving the European satellite countries away from Russia instead of toward her. Now Russia is attempting to strengthen her hold on them by wooing them with conciliatory measures which at the same time supply her with more "peace" propaganda to cement the illiterate peoples of Asia under Russian control.

WHY a Temporary Lull

The peace offensive gives the nations of Europe *more time* to turn toward the pressing problem of European unity. The organization of the European Defense Community and the six-nation trade alliance between Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg are bogging down. France is holding out right now, and the other countries are getting peeved at her for it, as is the U.S. and England. But if all seems well on the surface, all is not well underground.

While reading the usual news in this morning's papers about the Moscow peace offensive and the bettered conditions in Europe and Korea, I crossed an item which struck me as of singular importance to the world. Yet it was so seemingly unimportant to the editors who printed it that it was only given one short paragraph of space.

This small article announces that the

German aircraft industry is to be revived—not for the purpose of making aircraft, but, instead, for the purpose of manufacturing GUIDED MISSILES . . . and tells us to "believe it or not but the Germans are set up to build atomic piles."

Germany Plans Guided Rockets For America!

It is well-known that former Nazis are busily at work trying to reorganize. Recently a *few* of the ringleaders were arrested in the British zone of West Germany. But the newspapers—and *the public*—do not grasp the startling significance of this Nazi-Fascist revival.

Agreements with the Western powers would prevent such atomic piles at the present time, but it is expected that bans will be released if they are stocked for "peaceful" use. I wonder if anyone in the State Department ever matched this bulletin with the one announced while I was in Germany last summer—that *the Germans hope to be able to deliver mail to New York and the east coast of America in the next few years in record smashing time by GUIDED ROCKETS?*

While economic conditions continue to improve throughout Western Europe, due to American dollars, and while the Soviets strike out on a baffling "peace offensive," *the world is being lulled into a peaceful slumber* by believing that everything is going to be all right. But our *future enemies*—the Germans and their Fascist cohorts—are rebuilding *even faster* than our friends!

Last year at this time, the average Englishman was worse off for living conditions than the average citizen of Germany. German industry was, and still is, booming. It is passing pre-war production levels and recapturing a place in world markets. It is even cutting into the markets of the British in certain products.

However, that was just what the world needed—free enterprise and competition in the world markets that would release the U.S. from some of the burden of backing the German economy.

Now, one year later, conditions are
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NO!

I Never Was a "Jehovah Witness," or a Seventh Day Adventist!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

LETTERS continue to ask, "Were you ever a 'Jehovah Witness'? Members of that sect have told me you were."

Although I have stated positively and definitely on the radio program a number of times that I never belonged to the sect known as "Jehovah Witnesses," or the Seventh Day Adventist denomination, it seems that many, especially of the "Jehovah Witnesses" sect, continue spreading the false claim that I once belonged to them.

Let me now make the truth PLAIN.

I have never been a member of these so-called "Jehovah Witnesses," nor of the Seventh Day Adventists. I have never in any manner, shape, nor form, had any remote connection with them, or associated with either sect or denomination. I have never had any fellowship with them.

I have never attended a regular meeting or church service of either, altho I have attended a very few week-night evangelistic campaign services conducted by Seventh Day Adventist evangelists. I have never, however, attended *any* meeting of the "Jehovah Witnesses" sect of any kind. I have never had any kind of fellowship with any of their members.

I have never belonged to, attended any meeting of, or had any remote semblance of fellowship with the "Jehovah Witnesses" predecessor, the "Pastor Russell" people.

I did not learn any of God's TRUTH from the "Jehovah Witnesses" sect. I have, of course, read some of their writings and their books, and I have been glad to find that they have certain truths, as all sects and denominations have (though mixed with dangerous errors), but God had already revealed these truths to me long before I read of them in their literature. I LEARNED NOTHING THAT I BELIEVE AND TEACH FROM THIS SECT. If they boast of having taught me anything, they misrepresent.

I learned God's TRUTH direct from GOD'S WORD—the Holy Bible. I did not learn it from *any* sect or denomination.

But I say unto you, as the Apostle Paul said:

"I certify you, brethren, that the GOSPEL which is preached of me is not after man. For *I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it*, BUT BY THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST . . . But when it pleased God, who . . . called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me that I might preach Him to" THE WORLD; "immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood"—neither went I to any sect or denomination or organized "church," but I went directly to the WORD OF GOD, and on my knees asked God thru His Spirit to open my understanding—to correct me, reprove and rebuke, and instruct in His Truth and His righteousness; . . . then after three years I went to some of the humble of God's people in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, and preached to them. (Please compare with Galatians 1:11-18).

My ambition and zeal was *not* persecuting God's true Church, as was Paul's, but climbing the ladder of business success and making money. God struck me down three times successively, by taking out from under my feet the businesses I had started, wiping me out, financially. Then God brought me to the study of His Word by causing me to try to refute the truth of God's Sabbath which He had revealed to my wife, and which I at first bitterly opposed.

During that six-months' study of more than fourteen hours per day, I read very little literature favorable to the Sabbath, but I read everything I could find which opposed it and upheld Sunday worship—but mostly I studied—just the BIBLE! After six months' intensive study I was forced, in honesty before my God, to swallow the most bitter pill of my life. It literally "killed" me—and *I died*—surrendered wholly to God, gave my life henceforth to Him to use "if He could."

I had been brought up from birth in the Friends Church (Quakers), though I had never been converted or begotten as a child of God, and at age 18 I strayed almost wholly away from all

church interest or attendance, and devoted my whole energies to business. I had just passed age 30 when God forced me into this study of His Word, and total surrender to Him and His rule over my life.

From then on, I studied the Bible ON MY KNEES. Time after time it corrected me. Repeatedly I had to suffer reproof, and acknowledge I had been wrong in my beliefs and desires. God chastened and corrected me repeatedly, not only thru revealing His Truth in this way, but by continual circumstances. I had been conceited, proud. But now by bitter experience, by suffering, by circumstance, and by God's Word, I was brought low and humbled. But also I began to experience the unmatched joy of learning truth NEW to me, as God little by little, yet more and more, revealed TRUTHS so wonderful they produced spiritual ecstasy. For the first time in my life I found what HAPPINESS really is!

God launched me in His work, and after my first evangelistic effort in a church in Harrisburg, Oregon, I experienced the greatest thrill of my life so far, upon realizing a few precious lives had been brought to repentance, to surrender to God, to FAITH in Jesus Christ—CONVERTED—CHANGED! *Truly* it is more blessed to give than to receive!

That process of being corrected, of GROWING in grace and the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, has continued, now, to these 27 years—more than a quarter century. *And it is still continuing!* God grant it shall forever!

No, MEN did not teach me what I preach to you. I was not taught of men, but of GOD! I do not speak to you by authority of men, or any politically organized church of men—but in the name, and by the AUTHORITY of JESUS CHRIST, the living HEAD of the true CHURCH OF GOD!

These words of Christ, which He received from the Father—the very words and Gospel of CHRIST which I speak and write to you—they are SPIRIT, and they are LIFE!

How to KNOW God

Most people know OF God. Many think they are His children. But the TRUTH is going to surprise you.

by Roderick C. Meredith

“HOW GOOD it is to know the Lord this morning!” said the emotional preacher.

“Amen,” echoed several of the congregation.

Haven't *you* seen people talk in this glib manner about their relationship with their God and Creator? They honestly believe that they are glorifying the Eternal God by such talk. They are—on the whole—quite evidently sincere. But non-Christians and those of less emotional beliefs just smile to themselves and feel that these people have been misguided into using religion as a means of “letting off steam.”

Putting all personal feelings and preconceived ideas aside, how can one really “get to know” God?

God Reveals His Nature

There are three basic means by which you can come to know and really understand the true God—the Creator of Heaven and Earth. The first way is by carefully studying what God has produced—His creation—the thing we sometimes call “nature.” The apostle Paul knew this. He was inspired to write in Romans 1:20, “For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, *being understood by the things that are made . . .*”

So evident is the supreme intelligence of God in His creation, that the atheist is totally without excuse for denying God's existence. This is a *law-abiding* universe. God is clearly revealed in nature as a God of LAW and order—of supreme wisdom and purpose behind every creation.

Try to break the law of gravity sometime! The unity of nature—the constancy of its inexorable laws—all point to the nature and character of the Creator. God's creation *did not evolve!* Its laws remain the same. Charles Darwin's own son said, “*We cannot prove that a single species has been changed.*” God decreed (Gen. 1:25) that every plant and animal should bring forth “after his kind.” Not once in six thousand years has this decree been violated.

God's laws do not change! All nature thunders forth this truth. This principle applies to *spiritual* as well as physical things. *Study God's creation if you truly wish to understand your Creator.* The Bible and “nature” both teach that God's plan and His laws do not alter. “The

works of his hands are verity and judgment; *all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness*” (Ps. 111:7-8).

Second Witness Needed

In contrast to the united testimony of nature, human beings are divided and confused in their ideas of God. It has been said, “Man creates God in his own image.” In the *majority of cases*, that is *true!*

People of every nation and tongue have always worshipped something. But their “god” was usually a product of their imaginations—a god that would conform to their current *human* standards, laws, and ways of looking at things.

Even today, most professing “Christians” *read their OWN idea of God into the Bible.* We all know of “sweet old ladies” who think of God as a kindly, sentimental, and *very prudish* old fellow who would be shocked to tears and completely upset if any of his children should go to a movie. Their conception of God is just as narrow and limited as their own environment, training, and mental outlook has been.

Other people go to the opposite extreme. They think of God as a far-off spiritual power with little or no direct concern with the human family. They imagine that God is “wise” enough to *let us alone* to choose our own amusements, society, laws—*our own religion* the way *we* want to have it. They think they are philosophic, cosmopolitan, “modern.” *So they make God in their own image!*

In every nation, city, and family there are people with differing *human* ideas of what God is like.

Let's QUIT trying to make God in our *own image!*

The Holy Bible is the *revealed* Word of the Creator God. It was written to show us the nature of God, and how we should live and worship Him—that we might be His children. Diligently *studying* your Bible is the second way to come to know God. It is the *second witness* needed to dispel man's confusion in his ideas of God.

The Bible Carries Authority

If you have proved and really *believe* that the Bible is the inspired revelation from God to man, then you should

clearly realize that God's Word is not to be argued with—or falsely interpreted to bolster pet doctrines.

We may have had our own preconceived *human* idea of God. But if we want the *truth*, let's put that aside and search God's Word to find out how He *reveals* Himself to us. Remember that, “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*” (II Tim. 3:16). The Bible is to correct and reprove us—to show us where we are wrong. Will we let it?

God says, “I am the Lord, I *change not . . .*” (Mal. 3:6). We find that Jesus Christ is, “the *same* yesterday, and today, and for ever” (Heb. 13:8). The Father and the Son do not whimsically change their plans and principles, OR THEIR LAWS. They “change not.”

At this point, it is important to realize that Christ *was* the God or “Lord” of the Old Testament! In John 1:1-5, we find that Christ was the “Word” or “Spokesman” who was with the Father from the beginning. All things were created by Jesus Christ (v. 3 and Col. 1:16). Christ was the spiritual “Rock” that went before and protected the children of Israel, and *that gave them the Ten Commandments* (I Cor. 10:1-6).

God in the *person of Jesus Christ* is the one who gave the LAW that most preachers *hate* today! *Why* do they hide their eyes from the Christ who is supreme LAW-GIVER? Do they think that Christ has changed?

Your Bible says NO!

God's methods and laws are basically the same from Genesis to Revelation. Apparently not realizing this, most self-appointed preachers will tell you about the “God of the Old Testament” in contrast with Christ in the New Testament. Then they go on to say that Christ preached one gospel, and the Apostle Paul preached a *different* gospel. They are in CONFUSION.

In Rev. 17:5, God names this mixed-up, divided system of churchianity “Babylon the Great” which literally means “*Great Confusion.*” God's true people are commanded to *come out* of this system (Rev. 18:4). *Why?*

Because they *don't know the true God!* Satan has his own *false* ministers who *appear* to be the ministers of (Please continue on page 12)

Why Was Elizabeth II Crowned Queen of ISRAEL?

**Should the British be condemned for such an elaborate coronation? The real truth is SHOCKING!
Dick Armstrong was there. Here is the TRUTH.**

**by Richard D. Armstrong
London, England**

ON THE second of June, I witnessed the coronation procession of Queen Elizabeth II in London, England.

I have just returned for a visit home from London, where I have been residing, in the interest of the broadcast now being heard in England and all Europe over Radio Luxembourg. My plane had landed at Idylwild International Airport, New York. I was the only passenger on the bus from Idylwild to La Guardia Field, where I was to take a plane for Los Angeles.

A conversation with the bus driver was typical of a widespread American attitude toward royalty and such an elaborate coronation ceremony.

An American's Opinion

"I don't go for all this king business," the bus driver said.

We here in America have shied away from monarchies, and prided ourselves on our democratic form of government. But the real TRUTH about the British Royal Family, and the British coronation ceremony is a surprising revelation to many Americans.

In another article in this issue, Herman L. Hoeh reveals the astonishing fact that Elizabeth II actually sits on the throne of King David of ISRAEL—that she is a direct descendant, continuing David's dynasty—the VERY THRONE on which Christ shall sit after His return to earth in all divine power and glory!

It is my purpose to give you the astonishing facts about the CORONATION CEREMONY. Few know its true BIBLE ORIGIN.

Origin of Coronation Ceremony

Few people in the United States realize that the coronation ceremony is one that was instituted by God as His way of crowning the kings of his people of Israel.

This ceremony has been carried down

from the times of Solomon, whom David had crowned King of Israel.

Turn to I Kings, chapter 1, and you will read where the ceremony was originated. David said (verses 32-36): "Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine mule, and bring him down to Gihon: And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save King Solomon."

As you read on you will find that the crowning of Solomon was cause for a great celebration and trumpets were sounded. "The people piped pipes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them."

Notice that the people were told to shout "God save King Solomon"—the same as the people of Britain shouted "God Save Queen Elizabeth, Long Live the Queen, May the Queen Live Forever."

The meaning of this ovation is explained in the ceremony itself. The bishops of the church pray that the Queen may be granted eternal life by the Saviour, that she may be granted to rule under God forever—not in this present life, as everyone knows that kings and queens die the same as anyone else, but in the life to come, after the resurrection.

In the Abbey of Westminster, just before and at the moment of crowning, the choir sings this anthem written by George Handel: "Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet Anointed Solomon King: And all the people rejoiced and said: God save the King! Long live the King! May the King live for ever. Amen. Allelujah!"

Pagan Customs Enter Ceremony

Because all governments of this world have strayed from the true ways of God, many pagan practices have been introduced into the coronation. God originally ordained the coronation ceremony—

the blowing of trumpets, the music, the anointing and the crowning. Yet He has allowed men to pervert it. The anointing was done with the pagan sign of the cross; the Queen had to promise to defend the authority of the Church of England—not the Church of God. But the basis for the entire ceremony is still as it was in days of old for the kings of Israel.

Elizabeth II was crowned "Queen of thy people Israel." She recognizes the fact that God rules and she is only granted the privilege of ruling under Him.

One of the pieces of regalia used in the coronation ceremony of Queen Elizabeth II is known as the Orb. It is a gold plated silver sphere topped with a cross which symbolizes the earth under the rule of God.

Government of God Supreme

Thus the supremacy of God over the kings and governments of this earth is recognized throughout the ceremony used to crown British royalty today. But recognition is not enough! Peace cannot again come to this earth until all governments of the world both recognize and SUBMIT to God as the Supreme Ruler, and follow His ways.

With the nations of the world seething with unrest—with the very existence of mankind now imperiled by hydrogen bomb warfare—it is significant that even the crowning of a human Queen on the throne of David has given the British people a new feeling of hope and security. But how much more real security will come to this world when a divine King is sitting on this same throne—the King of Kings—Jesus Christ.

Britain's coronation ceremony proves that she once recognized God's AUTHORITY above all rulers. If you haven't yet read the amazing truth about the House of Israel—the truth about Britain's and our own national identity—be sure to write for my father's free booklet, "The United States in Prophecy."

Inside Story of the Coronation

Here is the little-known, but gripping inside account of England's royal family—of Elizabeth II

by Herman L. Hoeh

A QUEEN has been crowned—a queen of the oldest ruling dynasty in the world!

For weeks London has been filled with festive preparations for the coronation of Elizabeth II. The whole world waited in nervous expectation as plans were announced to have films of the coronation ceremony flown by jet across the Atlantic in order to be televised to the whole United States.

To most Englishmen the coronation is THE important ceremony of a generation, filled as it is with pomp, color and tradition. Britains proudly boast that in a world seething with revolutionary outbursts they still possess a royal monarch.

Yet the real significance was not the pomp and ceremony, the ritual of the Church of England to which Englishmen cling to provide consolation from their troubles. The *real significance*—and the most *astounding* fact—is that on the English throne is seated a descendant of the oldest ruling dynasty in the world—a dynasty which *God* established and which *He* has protected and perpetuated through every generation for almost 3000 years!

England's throne is important in God's sight! Men can't abolish it! God said so!

Real Significance Behind Throne

The coronation of Elizabeth II occurred in Westminster Abbey which Dick Armstrong and I visited last summer. Surrounded by royal dignitaries in the Abbey, the Queen was anointed, given the royal robe, the crown jewels and finally crowned in the famous coronation chair which was specially built for *the stone of destiny*—a rock that has been in recorded history for 3700 years!

Do you know the significance of this stone? Of England's throne? Of this dynasty which God considers so important as to preserve it for almost three millenniums?

While in Westminster Abbey, Dick Armstrong and I saw this intriguing stone of destiny, steel gray in color, mixed with red veins, twenty-two

inches long, thirteen inches broad and eleven inches deep. Attached to both ends are two worn iron rings by which the stone may be carried. This rock is not beautiful, *yet it is more important than all the crown jewels!*

Why?

What is the real reason that Elizabeth II had to be crowned on this rock? Centuries prior to this, the kings of Scotland—the ancestors of the present British royal family—were crowned upon it. Upon this stone the ancient Irish kings of this same royal family were also crowned, even as far back as five and one-half centuries before the birth of Jesus Christ.

Why? What is the true significance of this rock? Where did it come from?

Ancient Irish annals prove the rock—which they called "Lia fail" meaning stone of destiny—did *not* originate in Ireland, but came by way of Spain *from the East*. It was brought by a white-haired old man—a prophet—who also brought a daughter of an Eastern king. Through her marriage to the king of Ireland, she not only *continued her father's* throne but also became the ancestor of a dynasty which has continued to Elizabeth II, who was crowned Queen on June 2 over the stone of destiny.

If you were to go to Westminster Abbey, you would see that this stone is labeled *Jacob's pillow stone* or *Jacob's pillar stone!* Believe it or not, this is the very stone upon which the patriarch Jacob rested his head that evening about 3700 years ago when fleeing from his father's house!

Here is the astonishing origin of the coronation stone!

How the Stone Has Been Preserved

Turn to Genesis 28:11-22. Here you read that Jacob, tired after miles of walking, stopped for the night and took one of the stones to serve as his pillows. After dreaming in his sleep, "Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took THE STONE that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it" (verse 18).

This verse shows that Jacob used *one*

particular stone. Although verse eleven of this chapter implies that Jacob used several stones, it is a mistranslation. The word "them" is in italics and not in the original Hebrew. It should be translated "and he took *of* the stones of that place, and put *one* for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep."

Now notice verse 22. Jacob poured oil on the stone and said: "And this stone, which I have set for a *pillar* shall be *God's house*." This stone was anointed, set aside to become a pillar or witness proving which is God's house, which is the royal family God had chosen.

Many years later Jacob again speaks of this stone as a "shepherd."

Notice Genesis 49:1. Jacob called his sons together and told them what would befall them in our day, "in the last days." In verse 24, when speaking of Joseph's descendants he interjects by saying that from the tribe of Joseph—not Judah—will be found "the *shepherd*, the STONE of Israel."

This same rock—the coronation stone—accompanied the Israelites during their forty years wandering in the wilderness. Paul says in I Corinthians 10:4 that just as the Israelites had manna as a type of Christ, so they had, as a type of Christ, *a rock* which gave them water and which *followed* or *went with* them in their wanderings! Christ provides spiritual waters—the Holy Spirit, and Jacob's shepherd stone, a type of the Divine Shepherd, miraculously provided material water in the wilderness.

Notice Deuteronomy 8:15. Moses says that God provided water during the entire forty years from "THE ROCK," *not many different rocks* located in the countryside. This is *the* rock that Moses struck with his rod to bring forth waters (Exodus 17 and Numbers 20). It was the shepherd rock, the stone of Israel which went with them in the wilderness.

During those forty years the stone accompanied Israel. That is undoubtedly why the two iron rings fastened to either end are so worn. The stone beneath the coronation chair could never have become worn by lying untouched

in England's Westminster, or Scotland's Scone or in the halls of Tara in Ireland. It must have been worn during the wilderness wanderings.

As this stone is used in the coronation ceremonies to this day, let's turn to a scripture which proves that this pillar stone was used in the family of David in the days of ancient Israel.

Open your Bible to II Kings 11:14. The event mentioned here occurred at the time when Josiah was proclaimed king in the temple and when wicked Athaliah, who had usurped the throne, was about to meet her doom. Notice what it says: "And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the Lord. And when she looked, behold"—what? "the king stood by a *pillar*, as the manner was, and the princes and the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets."

So it was the manner or custom even in that day to have the pillar of stone—Jacob's pillar stone—used in the coronation ceremonies!

But how did that stone finally reach London, England, where it may be seen today?

God Makes King David a Promise

The World today in its ignorance looks upon any government or throne as deriving its power from human authority, little realizing that it is God who sets up rulers and who breaks down thrones. Almost 3000 years ago God made an amazing promise whereby David's dynasty would continue ruling through *all generations* and that he should *never lack an individual* to reign upon his throne. "I have sworn unto my servant David, Thy seed will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to *all generations*" (Psalm 89:3-4).

"David shall *never* want (lack) a man to sit upon the throne of the *house of Israel*" (Jer. 33:17). Notice it reads "the house of Israel," not the "house of Judah." Remember that after the days of Solomon, the children of Israel were divided into two houses, the House of Judah and the House of Israel. The throne of David ruled in the House of Judah until the days of Zedekiah. When the throne of David apparently was at an end, God caused the prophet Jeremiah to take king Zedekiah's daughters (Jer. 43:5-7) and Jacob's pillar stone with him to transplant the throne of David from Judah to the House of Israel where Jacob prophesied the stone of destiny would be found in our day!

Where Is the House of Israel?

Jacob said that the stone which he anointed would be a pillar—a witness

proving which is the house, the nation, the royal family that God has chosen. That stone is found today in *England*—in London's Westminster Abbey. *And wonder of wonders, during the coronation of Elizabeth II millions in the English-speaking world heard her called the "QUEEN OF ISRAEL"!* In a prayer it was petitioned that Elizabeth II might govern well "thy people Israel"—the British people!

Yes, Elizabeth II is "Queen of thy people Israel."

The world may scoff and sneer at the truth, the world may deny the *facts of history*, but Queen Elizabeth is ruling over part of Israel—the tribe of Ephraim. She sits upon the throne of David!—the very throne that Jesus Christ shall take when he returns to rule the world. "And the Lord God shall give unto him (Jesus) the THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever" (Luke 1:32-33).

Yes, on the throne of England reigns a daughter of David, a descendant of King Zedekiah's daughter whom Jeremiah the prophet took to Ireland together with the stone of destiny. From the marriage of that young princess has descended a dynasty that has ruled Ireland, Scotland and England for over 2500 years! And all of them have been crowned over the stone of destiny, Jacob's pillow stone.

How startling the truth becomes when we know the *inside story* of the coronation!

The SEVEN KEYS

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6th, Feast of Tabernacles, for seven days, picturing the KINGDOM OF GOD during the seventh millennium, the "great fall harvest" of souls.

And 7th, the Last Great Day, immediately following the Feast of Tabernacles, picturing the final Great White Throne Judgment which almost nobody today understands—and the final COMPLETING of God's Plan!

5) The Truth About Israel

The fact that the nation Israel became divided into two nations, the Ten Tribed Kingdom, called The Kingdom of Israel, possessing the Birthright promises, and The Kingdom of Judah, composed of Judah and Benjamin and a large portion of Levi, possessing the Sceptre; and, secondly, the fact revealed during this "Time of the End" that the Jewish people today are merely a portion of the descendants of the Kingdom of Judah; and the Americans, British, and Democracies of Northwestern Europe are the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes" or descend-

ed from the House of ISRAEL—and that Britain is Ephraim, and the United States is Mannasseh co-holders of the Birthright, which is the true explanation of our sudden rise, beginning 1800 A.D. to the greatest national power and wealth ever possessed by any nation.

Prophecies cannot be understood without this vital key.

6) Bible Interpretation of Symbols

God has concealed until now His prophecies of these colossal end-time world events now occurring by means of SYMBOLS used to describe these events—as well as by the fact of His dual principle, and that our Israelitish identity has been hidden from men.

Symbols, like parables, were used, *not* to make meaning clearer, but to *hide* and *conceal* God's true meaning until the time came for *Him* to reveal the interpretation of the symbols. Just as Jesus' parables were not understood until Jesus Himself explained them in plain language, so with symbols. For generations men have been putting human interpretations upon God's symbols. An important KEY, therefore, is that these symbols are interpreted in plain language in the Bible itself, if not in the context, then elsewhere, and we must search for *God's own interpretation*, never apply our own.

7) God's Sabbath

Since this is the *test* commandment—the one most professing Christians refuse to obey—the one which causes the greatest *test of faith* and reliance upon God to be able to keep it, it stands as the final completing *basic key* for "A GOOD UNDERSTANDING have all they that *do* His Commandments!"

Also it is the basic key to the *identity* of the true God—the CREATOR OF ALL (Ex. 31:12-17) and the key to the *identity* of ISRAEL. The House of Israel threw away this key to their identity—and thereby became the "lost Ten Tribes!" The great majority of the House of Judah likewise threw it away, and lost their identity—not known even today! The Jews who returned to Palestine under Ezra and Nehemiah became strict Sabbatarians, and have remained so to this day—and therefore the world looks upon them as ISRAEL (because they carry Israel's *identifying* SIGN) although they are *not* Israel, but only a small portion of JUDAH!

This completes the KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING the KEYS to the KINGDOM OF GOD!

The churches have lost these KEYS! No wonder they are all mixed up, in confusion, each claiming the Bible says something *different*, none understanding ITS TRUE MESSAGE!

TABERNACLE PROGRESSING

Largest building in county astonishes local people. Here are facts you ought to know about WHY it is being erected.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

WHY, IN the first place, do we need to build a large tabernacle? WHY, in the second place, is it being located in Northeast Texas?

WHY, in the third place, is the largest building in Upshur county being erected in a secluded, wooded spot out in the country, away from town or city? This building already has attracted great attention throughout Upshur county, Texas. The county-seat newspaper gave it prominent space, with a large picture, across three columns at the top of page one. Hundreds of people have driven into the grounds to see it.

They come to see—and WONDER!

WHY build a tabernacle of this size out *away* from town or city—back off the highway, completely secluded from public sight by thickly wooded areas?

Turned Upside Down

That is the question most often asked. To understand the reason, we need to realize that this world has turned God's Word—His Truth—His instruction, upside down. The world has most things about as near the reverse of God's way as possible. In this world the custom is to build churches on prominent streets or corners in towns and cities—as centrally located for the public as possible. Signs say to the world: "Public Invited", or, "Public Worship, 11 A.M. Sundays." That is, to *the world* they say: "Come and worship with us. We want to have fellowship with you."

Ask one hundred church members who profess to be "Christians" whether they see anything wrong with that. Surely 99, and probably the entire hundred, will say, "Certainly not. Why *shouldn't* we cordially invite the world to come and fellowship with us in worship?" They wouldn't think it "Christian" to do otherwise! That is *the way* that seems RIGHT to a man!

But God says: "There is *a way* that seemeth RIGHT to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH." That is, the ways of SIN—contrary to God's law.

What God Commands

Now see what GOD commands. Does God say that we should snub the world, or withhold the Gospel from those in the world? Of course not! But does He say we shall invite the world into our

place of meeting to fellowship with us? NO!

Jesus gave His Church the divine commission:

"GO YE into all the world, and preach the Gospel." He did not command the church to invite the world into its fellowship. He commanded the CHURCH to *go into the world* and PREACH the Gospel! Precisely the *opposite* from the practice of churches today. Instead of inviting the world to come into the Church, He commanded the Church to GO into the world, and preach to it!

That's exactly what we do in this true work of God. By radio and the printing press we go right INTO the homes of the world—of all North America, and all of Europe and the British Isles—and preach the *very* Gospel JESUS preached!

But what about those who have repented, been baptized in testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord and Master, received the Holy Spirit and thus been baptized into the begotten family of God which is the Body of Christ, the true Church of God? To us, God says: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for WHAT FELLOWSHIP hath righteousness (obedience to God) with unrighteousness? . . . wherefore, *come out from among them*, and be ye SEPARATE (from the world), saith the Lord." (II Cor. 6:14,17)

And again, "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house." (II John 9). What about having fellowship with the world, by inviting the public which doesn't even KNOW God into church services for worship *with* God's children? "Know ye not that the FRIENDSHIP of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the ENEMY OF GOD!" (James 4:4).

So there is our answer! There is GOD'S WAY—God's command to us!

First, God has commissioned us to GO TO the world, preaching His Gospel which He sent by Jesus Christ. But, to those converted as His children—HIS CHURCH—He commands us NOT to forsake assembling OURSELVES together (Heb. 10:25), but He also commands us to SEPARATE ourselves from the PUBLIC, and forbids us to have any fel-

lowship with the unconverted of the world. For the assembling of OURSELVES for mutual edification, that the flock may be fed as God has ordained (Eph. 4:11-13; Acts 20:28), we need, as the Bible shows God's people always had, a PLACE OF MEETING, which is APART FROM, and *secluded* from the world!

That is why God's Tabernacle, according to the divine directions of the very Word of God, is being built out AWAY from towns and centers of population, easy of access for God's own people, yet off the highway and secluded from the world!

The PURPOSE of this Tabernacle is *not* to draw the attendance of the public—*not* to provide a place for public evangelism to try to convert the world. God has graciously OPENED THE SUPER-POWER DOOR of radio and the press to carry God's GOSPEL into the world.

WHY the Tabernacle?

But, even though the *first* and great commission to us as God's children is to GO INTO the world and proclaim Christ's Gospel as a witness unto all nations, that is not the only commission Christ gave us!

To Peter He said, "FEED my sheep!" To the elders the Apostle Paul under divine inspiration commanded, "FEED the Church of God." To the Church God commands: "NOT forsaking the assembling of OURSELVES together."

God also COMMANDS His Church to ASSEMBLE three times in the year for His appointed festivals, ordained to be observed FOREVER!

In order to OBEY God in this, *we must have a place of meeting separated and away from the world!* For seven years we rented annually the use of the facilities of Belknap Hot Springs, in Oregon, until we outgrew it. Then last fall we rented the facilities of Seigler Hot Springs in California, a larger place. Yet we had outgrown it even as we met there the first time!

But both of these places were built and maintained, *not* for God's holy and sacred use, but for worldly pleasure! In both places, while geographically secluded from the world, yet pleasure-seekers of the world, by force of habit, continued to drive into the grounds

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How to *KNOW* God

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righteousness (II Cor. 11:15). These *false* ministers are deceiving people, "In whom the god of this world hath *blinded* the minds of them which believe not . . ." (II Cor. 4:4).

How can these people be so easily deceived? *First*, because they blindly follow human tradition and these false ministers and therefore have a *FALSE* conception of God. *And second*, because they are spiritually too *LAZY* to study their Bibles and come to know the true God and *His way*.

The Bible Is Consistent

From Genesis to Revelation, God is revealed as the *Creator*, the *Ruler*, and the potential *Spiritual Father* of mankind. In Genesis 2:17, God *commanded* the man *not* to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Stubborn man *disobeyed* this command and incurred the death penalty. God had shown himself as *RULER*, and man had *disobeyed*.

Long before the old covenant was instituted, Abraham was blessed because he *obeyed* God's laws and *kept* His commandments (Gen. 26:5). He recognized God—he *KNEW* God—as Supreme *RULER*.

After Israel had come out of Egypt (a type of sin) to become an independent people, God gave them His commandments which they had *lost* since Abraham's time. They were to be *ruled* by God's laws—which alone can bring happiness. Having the same human nature as we do, they *disobeyed* God and were driven into captivity.

Why? Because they refused to recognize God—to *KNOW* God—as their Supreme Ruler.

Jesus Reveals Father

Jesus came in the flesh to "reveal" the Father. He showed that God's law would be in force until heaven and earth should pass away (Mat. 5:18). He didn't come to destroy God's law, but to *fulfill* it (v. 17). And *fulfill* means to do or *perform*, *NOT* to do away with. When a young man came to ask Jesus how to be saved, he was told, "*keep the COMMANDMENTS*" (Mat. 19:17).

Jesus taught that we were no longer to carry out the administration of the *civil* statutes and *judgments* for breaking the law (Jn. 8:1-8). We are no longer to execute judgment on evil doers (Mat. 7:1-5). The *rituals*, sacrifices, and *carnal ordinances* were nailed to the cross (Col. 2:14, Heb. 7:27). *But* the spiritual commandments were *never* to be broken (Mat. 5:19). He told the young

man, "*keep the commandments.*"

Indeed, Jesus' whole ministry was one of revealing God as the supreme Law-giver and Ruler. He preached the good news of the coming kingdom or *GOVERNMENT* of God (Mark 1:14). That is the *true gospel*—the good news of God's government, God's *RULE*.

The very foundation of Jesus' teaching was that, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4). What *word*? What *God*? Those Jews knew very well that Christ was referring to the God of the Old Testament—the giver of the *LAW*—the God who was to *RULE* Israel. The only "word" of the *true* God—at that time—was the Old Testament as contained in *your Bible*! Jesus referred to the "law"—the Old Testament writings—as *scripture*, and He said, "*the scripture cannot be broken*" (Jn. 10:35).

YOU are commanded to live by every word of the *true* God as revealed in the New and Old Testaments of your Bible. He is the *true* God.

Do you *know* that God? Or do you think that Christ didn't know what He was talking about?

Let's open our minds to TRUTH!

Christ Our Example

Most professing "Christian" ministers talk about Christ as some sort of hero and Saviour, but they *refuse* to acknowledge His *gospel*, His *teaching*, and His *example*. They picture Jesus as a sweet but *helpless* little baby at Christ-mas time and as a Saviour who has gone "way off to heaven" at Easter time! Their conception is that He came to die for men, but that *His teaching carries NO AUTHORITY* today!

Your Bible says the *exact opposite*!

In John 1:4, we find that Jesus' life was the "light" of men. It was to show them *God's way* to live. Peter was inspired to write, ". . . Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should follow his steps" (I Pet. 2:21). Read I John 2:6. It is more properly rendered in the Moffatt translation. Speaking of Christ, John wrote, "He who says he 'remains in him' *ought to be living as he lived.*"

Jesus is our *perfect* example! If we say we are a Christian—that we "remain in Him"—we ought to be *LIVING* as He lived! Are *you*? If you don't believe in and try to follow Jesus' example, you don't understand *what kind* of God the *true* God is. You are *ignorant* of how to worship and obey the God and Father of Jesus Christ.

What *was* Jesus' example?

Jesus entire life is a perfect example of *OBEDIENCE* to God's law and His rule! He said, . . . "I have *kept* my

Father's commandments . . ." (John 15:10). His own teaching was simply a magnification of God's law (Isa 42:21). Actually, He came in the flesh to magnify *His own law*—the Ten Commandments! Remember? He *was* the God of the Old Testament who *gave* the Ten Commandments and dealt with Israel (I Cor. 10:1-6).

When He came in the flesh, Jesus *KEPT* that law *to set us an example*. He was our "light," our *example*. A *true Christian* is simply one who follows Christ—who *follows that example*.

Do you begin to see the true nature of the living God?

He is the *ONE* who has set all physical and spiritual *laws* and *energies* in motion. He has an overall plan for this earth—He is Supreme Ruler.

God came in the flesh as Jesus Christ to preach the good news of God's kingdom—or government. Jesus always preached that gospel. Philip preached it (Acts 8:12). The apostle Paul preached it all through his ministry—even to the *Gentiles at Rome* (Acts 28:31). It is the *ONLY* true gospel!

God's Character

God is *RULER*. If we become His children through *repentance*, *baptism*, and receiving the *Holy Spirit* (Acts 2:38), we may be "born again" (Jn. 3:1-8)—changed into, actually *born of spirit* as a *literal* son of God! God is reproducing Himself! He—the Creator and Ruler of the universe—is begetting human beings through His Spirit to be *born* as His sons—to be in His own family—to inherit eternal life. But we must *first* learn *how to live* before God will grant us eternal life and make us His own sons.

We must develop God's *wisdom*, God's *character*. We must "*live* by every word of God." Realizing that our Creator knows best, we should *OBEY* Him. To deny this is to admit a profound *ignorance* of the Eternal God's great wisdom and purpose! It betrays a lack of understanding of the *character* of the *true* God.

The apostle John summed it all up when he wrote of Christ—the God of the Old Testament, the giver of the *LAW*—"He that saith, *I know him*, and *keepeth not his commandments*, is a *LIAR*, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

God himself calls these lawless ministers *liars* when they try to deny the authority of His *RULE*, the wisdom of His *LAW*, and the very basis of His great *PURPOSE*.

It is time to wake up! May God help you to *repent* of *defying* His rule, of *breaking* His laws, and guide you to accept Christ as your Saviour *from* sin.

Then you may begin to develop the *character* of God and be born of the Spirit as His son in the resurrection. You *need* to come to know the *true God* as your Father.

Talk to God

Once you come to really know the true God—the God revealed by Jesus Christ—you will want to talk to Him. You may do this in prayer. This is the *third way* you may come to really "know" the true God.

As you come to know God in this way, you will soon realize that here, too, you have to OBEY God if you expect an answer. But you will find that God is LOVE—and that He will gladly grant any request that is good for *you* under the circumstances. You will also discover that He has POWER to *heal* you when you are sick, to *deliver* you in miraculous ways from trouble, and to *bless* you in a manner beyond human comprehension.

So *get to know God* by talking to Him often.

And remember—the combined testimonies of *nature*, of the *Bible*, and of *answered prayer* all reveal the same *true God*. He is the All-Wise, All-Powerful, Law-Giving RULER of the universe.

Are *you* willing to *acknowledge* His government, *obey* His laws, and inherit eternal life as His child?

Tabernacle Progressing

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during our festivals. We have sorely *needed* a place of our own, dedicated *only* to God's use.

Now what is the BIBLE EXAMPLE? Back when God first commanded His people to assemble for His festivals, as they journeyed through the wilderness on leaving Egypt, did they rent a place of meeting from the world of pleasure-seekers?

Now read this carefully, for one or two co-workers, not knowing THE INSTRUCTION OF GOD, have criticized me for doing what God has plainly shown HE wants done, in raising funds and building this Tabernacle!

Turn to Exodus 25, and read!

"And THE ETERNAL spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an OFFERING: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering . . . gold, and silver, and brass . . . And let them make me a sanctuary" (that is, a temple, or tabernacle) "that I may dwell among them. According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the TABERNACLE, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it."

That was God's tabernacle in the wilderness, in Moses' day!

God's Own Tabernacle

Come down to the time of Israel in Palestine. On first entering the Holy Land, we read: "And the whole congregation of the children of Israel ASSEMBLED together at Shiloh, and set up the TABERNACLE of the congregation there." (Josh. 18:1). Notice, it was exclusively for the congregation. Unbelievers never came.

Yes, ALWAYS God has had His people BUILD TABERNACLES IN WHICH TO ASSEMBLE. Is this WRONG? Is God wrong? Are those whom GOD has chosen, and is using in the direction of HIS WORK today, wrong in following GOD'S PATTERN? Will you sit on the sidelines and criticize—or will you join us in OBEYING GOD, and give your repeated offerings "willingly with your HEART?"

The Temple in Jerusalem, known as Solomon's Temple, was built by God's express permission and approval, and was so elaborate and fabulous and costly that it was the wonder of the whole world. When God caused many Jews to return to Palestine from the captivity in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, God Himself had them rebuild the Temple—larger, even though not so fine or costly as Solomon's. Jesus Himself assembled and worshipped in the Temple which Herod had built, as God caused him to do. The Jews had synagogues everywhere, and Jesus approved these by entering into them every Sabbath AS HIS CUSTOM WAS!

And so GOD HIMSELF led His ministers through whom HE carries on His work today to build for God this Tabernacle near Gladewater, Texas. THIS IS GOD'S OWN tabernacle! This entire property, with its 43 acres of lovely rolling wooded grounds, is actually DEEDED in GOD'S NAME since it is in the name of God's Church—Radio Church of GOD—which means the Church belongs to GOD!

But it is OUR VERY OWN Tabernacle, too, since we are God's begotten children! HIS earthly home is OUR home!

WHY This Location?

Lastly, WHY are we building this Tabernacle in Northeastern Texas?

The answer is simple. Because this location is the geographical CENTER of the thickest density of our radio listening audience, and therefore of those whom God is converting and adding to His Church.

In other words, it is the very location which is CLOSEST to the *largest number of people* whom God has put into His Church. God's annual Festivals are CONVOKED—which means God *commands* His people to attend. Therefore

God has led HIS CHURCH to build His Tabernacle in the location of easiest access to the largest number.

URGENT Need of Funds

We have now paid up the building costs to date, which includes considerable materials and supplies on hand but not yet built into the building. Work once again is beginning to proceed, but at the present time VERY SLOWLY, due to the small trickle of funds being received for this purpose. Each letter sent to Co-Workers brings in a nice little spurt of special offerings for the Tabernacle, but after a week or ten days it seems to die down again.

But when God commanded His people Israel way back in Moses' day to send in special offerings for that Tabernacle, "whosoever is of a willing heart" (Ex. 35:5), "all the congregation of the children of Israel came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Eternal's offering to the work . . . as many as were willing hearted . . ." until it was reported to Moses, "the people bring much MORE than enough," and Moses was forced to issue another proclamation RESTRAINING the people from sending more! (Ex. 35:5, 20-22, and 36:5-6).

CAN WE AROUSE OURSELVES LIKE THAT TODAY? Will *you* let God make YOU willing, and your heart stir *you* up, to meet this urgent emergency today? Have God's people lost their zeal? Even small special offerings of only one, two, or five dollars will help immensely, IF ONLY THERE ARE ENOUGH OF THEM. Of course, the work of God's Tabernacle also needs the really generous offerings of one or several hundred and one or several thousand dollars, too. God's way is for EVERYBODY to give according to ability—according as God has prospered and made possible. If everybody would do that, the funds would be ample.

We are completing this Tabernacle *only* with SPECIAL offerings sent in for this special purpose. It would not be wrong to use a portion of God's tithes, or the regular offerings sent in for the work, for God's Tabernacle—but due to the fact the work needs it at this time, and it cannot be spared from the regular Gospel work, we MUST finish this Tabernacle only with the special Tabernacle building FUND.

Only about one-third of the floor-space had been laid up until now. As I write the workers are due to be pouring the concrete floor on the two sidewings of the main auditorium.

LET US PRAY, and SPUR ourselves to greater effort, so that this Tabernacle may be ready for God's great annual Feast of Tabernacles in September.

ON THE CAMPUS

Following are articles written by students of Ambassador College on student activities to give you the story of their jam-packed lives on the campus

Spring Festival Finale

by David Jon Hill

Uniting their forces in a magnificent display of musical ability and beauty, the Ambassador Chorale and Mrs. Beverly Armstrong Gott, under the able direction of Mr. Leon Ettinger and Mrs. Lucy Martin terminated the Spring Music Festival in a manner even above the expectations of the audience.

For the past few years, the students of voice and piano have taken part in a Spring Music Festival here at Ambassador, presenting to the public the best of their achievements during the year. This year, the Festival was presented in four different sessions to enable *all* the talent to be displayed.

As the serious work of getting out the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the world has grown, so too has the enthusiasm, coupled with the abilities and gifts, of the students of Ambassador College. This year brings with it a milestone in the advancement of the work, and that milestone marks also the establishment of a new record in student activities. Topping the list is the Spring Music Festival.

Beginning at the first of this school year, Mr. Ettinger started coaching the Ambassador Chorale. With *raw material*—young men and women who had, for the most part, no previous musical training, Mr. Ettinger has worked hard all year to bring to the public this spring something that would be worth while. With the willing cooperation of all the students, he has accomplished much more than that.

More surprised than any at the advancement of student abilities were the students themselves. The achievement of a single year of intensive training is an outstanding challenge to future students. Mrs. Martin, in her capacity as piano instructor and head of the Music Department of Ambassador, is to be praised as much as any for her artful and inspiring work with students. Her kind and thoughtful encouragements, her high standards and her meticulous care have been a God-send to all who have had the privilege to study under her.

Mrs. Beverly Gott—Mr. Armstrong's daughter—has studied voice for several years, and many of you have heard her

sing on the World Tomorrow Program. On this final evening of the Spring Music Festival, May 30, 1953, she offered her first public recital in conjunction with that of the Ambassador Chorale.

A hush fell over the audience as Mr. Armstrong, president of the college, announced the beginning of the last session of the Festival. As Mr. Armstrong introduced Mr. Ettinger, a tide of expectation moved the audience; and in that moment of bated breath, the Ambassador Chorale was introduced. Following three numbers by the Chorale, Mrs. Gott sang her first song, "O Mio Fernando," from the opera "La Favorita" by Donizetti. Most of the audience had heard her sing over the air, some had heard her sing in church, but all were moved that night as the true beauty of her voice came out in the triumph of her first recital. Again the Chorale sang, featuring the arrangement of "Shrimp Boats" with a solo part by Ted Armstrong—also a Scott arrangement of "Green Sleeves," an old Welch air, with a solo by Rod Meredith.

Like the players in a ball game, first the Chorale and then Mrs. Gott "went up to bat" with their music. Mrs. Gott ended with "My Heart At Thy Sweet Voice" from the opera Samson and Delilah. The Chorale ended with the powerful "Battle Hymn of the Republic," in which Mrs. Gott sang the solo part to bring the evening to a thrilling close . . . united talents in a song of unity.

Farewell to the Olsons

by Jo Ann Felt

A party! For whom? Mr. and Mrs. Herman Olson.

On the evening of May twenty-seventh, Dr. and Mrs. Lisman, Miss Ella Mae Cole and Mrs. Gene Michel gave a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Olson. We all wanted to make this last gathering with the Olsons before they left for Oregon a memorable one. After participating in several games, the students and friends had refreshments. Then Mrs. Lisman read a comical history which she herself had written about the honored couple. But the serious side of the story is that the Olsons have been in God's work and have served you co-workers for many years.

With Mr. James Gott, Mr. Olson worked in the college printshop and

both are greatly responsible for printing the bulletins, letters, and other material for you co-workers.

Many a time when a deadline had to be met, it *was met* by the faithful printers even if they had to work past their regular hours into the small hours of night. Their part would be done.

Just after the Olsons left, a little birdie (named Mr. Gott) sadly chirped in my ear, "When Herman left, I felt almost like I had lost my right arm! But he once told me that of all the jobs he had ever had, he liked this one the best . . . That's why I think he'll be back!" So you can see that a large portion of Mr. Olson's heart is in the printing office of Ambassador College.

The responsible position of head of the Mail Receiving Department was held by Mrs. Esther Olson. Because Mr. Armstrong receives up to a thousand letters a day, he is not able to personally read and answer every one. For that reason the Mail Receiving Department exists. Every letter is considered a very personal item to be read only by the dependable staff. Only four people have worked in that office. Now there are only three.

In many of the letters, individuals will pour out their troubles, telling their problems, asking for help. Mrs. Olson would practically live the experiences with the authors of the letters, sharing their problems—so concerned would she be.

The Olsons are returning to Eugene, Oregon, where they will again be with their children and grandchildren. When asked if they would be back, the Olsons said, "*We might.*" Now, that is a sure sign of weakness! In the near future, we here at Ambassador are all looking forward to the *return of the Olsons!*

Ambassador Celebrates Third Commencement

by Isabell Kunkel

June 12, the day set for the third commencement exercise of Ambassador College, dawned clear and pleasant. Preparations were made for the ceremony to be held in the secluded lower garden, the same as at previous graduations. Shortly before four o'clock in the afternoon, guests and students began assembling, each receiving a printed program from the ushers, Calvin Allen and Paul Smith.

Mrs. Lucy Martin opened with the Processional March on the piano. Charlene Glover, commencement monitor, preceded the faculty members and the candidates for graduation as they marched to their places.

Following the opening prayer, the president of Ambassador, Mr. Armstrong, gave a short address of welcome, ending with the scripture, II Timothy 3:1-5.

In his valedictory address entitled "Why Should a Minister Have an Education?" Raymond McNair explained that God's ministers must be trained to meet the challenge of today's diffusion of knowledge to teach the right principles in this "mis-educated" world. He cited examples from the Bible of men—Moses, Daniel, Paul—whom God chose because they were learned and qualified for special responsibilities. Then he named denominational ministers of later times who were influential because of their thorough education—Augustine, Martin Luther and John Wesley.

Following this address, Beverly Gott, soloist, and the Chorale, under the able direction of Professor Leon Ettinger, gave stirring renditions of "The Forty-Eighth Psalm" by Croker and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arranged by Ringold.

President Armstrong in the commencement address, "Education and World Destiny," pointed out that man has produced many marvelous inventions culminating in the harnessing of atomic power, but that man does not know how to control and use them properly because of wrong education. As long as men refuse to be taught by their Creator, these inventions will only be used by mankind for self-destruction. The purpose of Ambassador College is to properly train men who will carry to all the world the message that Jesus brought, the good news of the Kingdom, or Reign, of heaven when mankind will learn not only how to utilize for peaceful use and profit the material things God has provided, but also how to properly guide the powers with which God endowed man.

Dr. H. O. Taylor, Dean, announced the candidates for graduation. Mrs. Lucy Martin presented diplomas conferring the Bachelor of Arts (A.B.) Degree to Kenneth Herrmann, Gene Michel, Marion McNair and Raymond McNair. Mr. Theodore Walker announced the candidate for the Master of Arts Degree in Theology, Dr. Paul C. Meredith, who received his diploma from Mrs. Martin.

After the faculty and graduates arose and filed out to the strains of the Processional March, the graduates received warm congratulations from us all.

Report from Europe

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much improved in England. Many items have gone off rationing and more are to come. New housing is being built across the land and, though it still presents a problem, the housing situation is not nearly so drastic as it used to be. England has started to pay back some lend-lease debts to America. For the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, American tourists poured into Britain by the thousands bringing dollars with them.

WHY Germany Is Rebuilding Faster Than England

All across the face of Europe one sees a miraculous rebuilding after the devastation of World War II. Relief from the painful conditions brought about by the war is slower in some countries than in others, but still progressing. *You might be amazed to learn that conditions are progressing MORE RAPIDLY IN GERMANY THAN ANY OTHER EUROPEAN NATION!*

Far from being unbelievable, this is the plausible thing to happen. The Germans are one of the most industrious people of the world, if not *the most* industrious.

When the average German goes to bed at night there is one thing that haunts him in his sleep and that is *the rebuilding of Germany* to what he believes is her rightful place as the *leader* of the nations of the world. He knows it can't come all at once and he *doesn't want* it to come about by American "dollar diplomacy"—he's too proud for that. He would rather see it come about by his own sweat. And sweat he does! For Germany, while not free from labor troubles and union strikes, is at the moment the *hardest working nation on the face of this earth.*

Trouble Ahead in France

Quite a contrast is Germany's next door neighbor, France. France is in a really *desperate situation* right now. If she weren't being buoyed up by American dollars her whole economic structure would collapse. West Germany built more housing units last year than France has in the seven years since the end of the war!

American forces are allocating money (at ridiculous prices) for the building of airstrips in France, planes aren't even able to land on them when they're completed due to the poor construction. It is a problem for the American authorities to choose the sites of the communities in which these dollars shall be spent because there are so many Communists in some locales that they might sabotage the work and render it com-

pletely useless during time of emergency. All this while the government of France begs the U.S. for more money to keep it going.

Germany Secretly Plots World Domination

While the entire world is focusing its attention on the Russians—their subtle threats and their peace offensives, Germany quietly continues to rebuild and dream of the day the rest of the world will recognize her for what she believes to be her ruling place in the destiny of the world. *She hopes the nations won't recognize her goal before she attains it . . . the RULE of the world!*

You might ask: Haven't the Germans squabbled about having to build up an army and equip it? Haven't they shouted that they're tired of war and don't want any more armies?

Indeed this is true. But look at the reason.

Germany would have to pay for this army out of the money she is now using to rebuild herself as a world power. And she doesn't want to spend that money on something that she feels will be used at present only as a protection for America against Russia.

Maybe the unification of Eastern and Western Germany into a great German nation in the near future seems hopeless *today*. But how hopeless will it look *tomorrow*? The politics of this world have a strange way of turning tail over night.

Often the world is *suddenly* confronted with what it thought to be the impossible. Remember those few months before December 7, 1941? Our Navy was telling us they'd be able to whip Japan with a Naval blockade within a few weeks time. But *it didn't work out that way*. Instead we lost most of our Pacific naval defenses overnight at Pearl Harbor and were faced with a long and costly war from island to island.

Now our defense department frankly tells us that it would be a bitter struggle if war were to break out with Russia at the present time, that we are ill-prepared for it. It seems silly, unthinkable and utterly ridiculous in Washington that we would have to fight another war with Germany or, what's worse and *what will happen*, a war with a *ten-nation united Fascist Europe* within twenty years!

It's always easy to win battles in retrospect. But it is hard to know what *will* happen in this world from the present day-to-day state of affairs. And yet, there *is* one way of telling.

How to Know What Will Happen

The Almighty God who created this earth and who put you and me on it did

not create it and then just go off somewhere to leave us on our own. Neither is He so impotent that He can do nothing about the present state of affairs. It is Almighty God who has determined the "times" and the "bounds" of the nations (Acts 17:26). Russia can go no further than God permits.

God has been working out a plan of His own here on this earth in which all this suffering is included. Included only because man brings it on himself. God has allowed man to find out for himself which way is best, God's way (Acts 18:26) or man's way. For the past six thousand years, man has been going *his own way* and ignoring the law of the God that created him.

Man has clearly demonstrated that his own way is WRONG, that he is in dire need of a better way—God's way to real peace and happiness.

God has given us a copy of His plan for this earth—the Bible. In it, He tells us what is *yet to happen* just as He foretold in it what has happened in the past. It is the ONLY key to what will happen in this world tomorrow, or the next day, or the next few years. Man, looking at these conditions and studying history to interpret them, has not been able to do so. He is still wandering blind, in a muddle, not knowing what's coming next. If he would only forget

trying to make peace *by human means*—which can't be done—and instead TURN TO GOD and study *His way of life*

Sacred Calendar Printed

Many of you have written us requesting some means of calculating God's annual Holy Days. These annual Sabbaths are not to be determined by means of our present Roman calendar—of *Pagan* origin. Rather, they are based on the sacred calendar God gave to Israel to preserve for us today.

This calendar can be verified by history, astronomy, and mathematics. It is the same calendar that God gave His people to help them—and us—to observe His Holy Days and therefore keep in remembrance His *true* plan of salvation.

We are happy to inform you that one of our college graduates, Mr. Kenneth Herrmann, has carefully prepared and edited in handy form God's Sacred Calendar in conjunction with our present calendar for easy reference. This will enable you to easily and accurately determine all of God's festivals this year. Be sure to write *immediately* for one of these Sacred Calendars which will be mailed to you free of charge.

for us, *we could have real peace!*

The Final Lesson

Since mankind refuses to obey God, He is going to step in to save man from SELF DESTRUCTION and make human beings live in peace by ruling the world as it should be (Rev. 19:11-16; Isa. 11). But before this happens, man is going to have to learn by war his final and bitter *lesson*—that he can't rule this world *peacefully* without God.

The final chapter in that bitter lesson is *now being written*. Here in Europe, you can see these things happening.

We are now beginning to warn the people over here of the great *meaning* of these times—and to teach them about the soon-coming Kingdom of God.

This is why the *delay* in humanity's mad plunge to world destruction. *This very work of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom—the Rule—of God as a witness to all nations* (Mat. 24:14) *must be accomplished!* God has given us a *few more years* in which we can preach His truth to the world.

The people here are fascinated when they hear the *true* gospel—it is something new and different to them. But it makes sense—and shows the way out of this world's *mess*. They *need* God's truth here in Europe!

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