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The PLAIN TRUTH About **THE KINSEY REPORT**

on Sexual Behaviour of Women

Never in history has such impetus been given to public discussion of the question of SEX. The whole nation is avidly devouring this so-called scientific report. Read how it is plunging the nation into an accelerated toboggan-slide of immorality!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

SEX IS NO longer a "hush-hush" subject in America. "Science" now pours forth a torrent of sex discussion threatening to submerge what is left of the nation's morals!

Forty years ago no newspaper or magazine would have dared publish an article openly discussing the "forbidden" subject of sex. It was taboo. Sex was lust, evil, nasty. Nice people never mentioned it. It was shameful. Mothers never instructed their daughters. It would have been too embarrassing, and it would have been also impossible—they didn't know anything, themselves.

World War I and its aftermath let down the moral bars. Young people began to dare to discuss the forbidden subject among themselves, even though their parents were unaware of it. They began "loving up" as it was called forty years ago—they didn't use the word "petting" then—though gradually the terminology evolved into such expressions as "bundling," "mugging," "smooching," and now, today, it is "necking," or "petting." It's all the same thing under whatever happens to be the current slang name.

World War II knocked down additional moral bars, and since 1940 many books have been appearing on book store shelves on the subject of sex. Today many national magazines include an article on sex in every issue—it sells magazines on the news stands.

And Now, SCIENCE Speaks

Strange as it may seem, today there is more real IGNORANCE about sex than ever before!

Humans tend to swing to opposite extremes like pendulums. From the age of false-modest hush Americans have swung to the extreme of universal unblushing discussion, but still in total ignorance of the real PURPOSE and RIGHT USE of sex. Consequently dangerous misinformation is disseminated and diabolical influence exerted in the name of "Science," which today is tearing down the very foundation of happy home life.

Like the ancients, this modern world is unwilling to "retain GOD in its knowledge." Ignoring the basic truth that it was GOD who made us male and female—it was GOD who created sex—and that

God designed it for a wonderful PURPOSE and a USE productive of unbounded happiness, "science," the false messiah of this world, views the subject biologically and purely from motives of selfish physical satisfactions. In so doing it leads people in the diametrical *opposite* direction from the wonderful and truly satisfying happiness sex was designed to bring.

NO BIOLOGIST — NO PSYCHIATRIST —NO DOCTOR OF MEDICINE or any other man of a purely physical and material "science" is qualified to UNDERSTAND and intelligently to teach the people the REAL TRUTHS about sex, unless he be also a called and chosen and fully converted child of God, whose mind thru enlightenment of God's Holy Spirit, has come to UNDERSTAND God's true purposes in sex and how they can be achieved, thru the revelation of God's Word, the Holy Bible!

The true authority for the dissemination of right UNDERSTANDING of the subject of sex is the called and chosen minister of Jesus Christ. That is why such a book is being written by God's minister.

Kinsey Champions Cause

The great invisible spirit of unmorality and opposition to the laws of GOD—the spirit which sways this evil world—has impatiently awaited this Kinsey report.

It has long needed the cloak of respectability and the mantle of authority which a recognized "man of science" such as Dr. Kinsey could lend it.

And what an avalanche of influence this spirit is now pouring upon a gullible nation! Almost every magazine and newspaper has blazoned feature stories or articles on this sensational Kinsey report about women over its front pages! It's doubtful whether the news of the atomic bomb received so much publicity! Probably no other so-called pronouncement of "Science," except the news of the atomic bomb in 1945, has ever been given such a surge of publicity!

And now the forces of lax morals and unchastity have a champion whom they can dignify as a "Scientist."

What the Kinsey Report Is

First, before discussing the report and what's wrong with it, let me make plain to you exactly WHAT this much-publicized Kinsey Report is.

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey is a member of the faculty staff at Indiana University. He is a biologist, once an expert on gall wasps. He spent years studying the life and habits—especially the sex habits—of gall wasps. Of course all that was of tremendous importance in the eyes of "Science," but then Dr. Kinsey came to realize that science knew more about the sex life of gall wasps than it did about sex behaviour in human beings. So he switched his field, and began a "scientific" study of the sex behaviour of humans.

Indiana University backed him and sponsored his work. After some years devoted to interviewing some thousands of human males, and analyzing information about their sex habits, he published his sensational book, "Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male" in 1948. It became a best seller.

Then, with three assistants, all holding doctor's degrees, he set out to learn all about the sexual behaviour of the human female, and in what manner women differ from men sexually. His findings are based on long interviews with and very thorough questioning of 5,940 women. In itself, this fact finding should be helpful.

I have heard women exclaim: "No woman would ever really open up and tell all these secret sex facts about herself." But they are mistaken. Nearly 6,000 women *did* open up and disclose all the facts about themselves freely

and in full frankness. Very few people, untrained in the methods of making such surveys, realize now it is done.

I can well realize it for the simple reason that so far as I know the very first survey work of this nature done in the United States was a survey of retail merchandising conditions made in 1914 in Richmond, Kentucky, which I myself originated and conducted. In this survey I interviewed hundreds of consumers in town and in the country outside, and secured data from banks, freight and express offices, and many other sources. My report and analysis of retail conditions in that city were published in full in a national business magazine and created some kind of national sensation at the time.

Later I made numerous other surveys to obtain facts, based on the principle of the law of averages, both by personal interview and by written questionnaire. At one time, in an advertising agency business I operated, we employed college graduates specially trained in this sort of work. They were universally successful in obtaining confidential information pertaining to our clients' business or service which women had never divulged to anyone before.

One of the secrets of obtaining information in this way is the fact that the investigator is altogether non-personal, and merely securing answers to questions which are carefully tabulated along with similar answers from hundreds or thousands of others. The information is never connected with the name of the individual giving it. It is absolutely confidential. I learned years ago that a trained investigator who can inspire confidence *can* obtain the most personal and intimate information from housewives in this way, which they would never divulge to a *local* person or known friend.

In the first ten years of our marriage, Mrs. Armstrong did a great deal of this type of investigation work for me. There was something in her sincere personality which inspired most women to open their hearts and minds to her, and confide in her anything she had reason to ask. Perhaps one out of two hundred women did not respond very well, and once a woman slammed the door in her face. But the point is, PEOPLE WILL TALK TO A PROPERLY TRAINED INVESTIGATOR.

There is no doubt in my mind of the authenticity of the information obtained by Dr. Kinsey and his assistants. They are mature, married, well educated and highly trained men who are undoubtedly well skilled in this work. Every woman was made to understand perfectly that no human being would ever know what she had divulged; her answers were merely tabulated as one more yes or no along with thousands of others; she

would be helping other women, and aiding "science," and the doctor who interviewed her was so professional and disinterested personally she well knew he would not remember her individual answers. Oh, yes, I'm quite sure that these 5,940 women did open up and "tell all" on this subject!

What's WRONG With Kinsey's Report!

Now let's get to the point.

What's wrong with Dr. Kinsey's report? The *wrong* is not in the statistical report of facts about themselves learned from these thousands of women. The report is undoubtedly the most accurate yet compiled, so far as actual fact-finding is concerned. Of course it should be understood that the tabulated information reported is not representative of American women as a whole, because it did not come from a representative cross-section of all types, classes, and age-groups. But all this the report itself carefully points out. Dr. Kinsey himself admits that too large a proportion of college graduates were interviewed, too large a proportion of big-city girls and women who are club women or members of fashionable modernist churches where the social activity is the main interest. Too few came from smaller towns and rural sections, too few from lower middle-class and poorer economic groups, too few from the more devout religious groups.

But the **WRONG** is not in Dr. Kinsey's actual fact-finding. Indeed, Dr. Kinsey appears to be the typical modern "scientist,"—exceedingly careful and cautious in his "observations and measurements," which in this case was his careful accuracy in compiling statistics based on confidential interviews with nearly 6,000 women.

But, while "scientific" men as a whole are most conservative and careful in the accuracy of their fact-finding, and in the recording, tabulating and classifying of the literal data, they are at the same time singularly indifferent to the manifest absurdity of their often extravagant and absurd hypotheses—the **CONCLUSIONS** they draw, thru human reasoning, from their carefully recorded facts.

Carnal Viewpoint, Dangerous Recommendations

And that is exactly *what's* **WRONG** with this latest Kinsey report! Dr. Kinsey strays completely out of his field of finding and reporting facts, and *attempts to draw conclusions and make recommendations respecting morals in unmarried women!*

Dr. Kinsey and his associates are ably qualified to extract information and tabulate the data, but they are totally un-

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Satan's Great Deception

Did you know that long before Jesus Christ was born, there were other "Saviors" worshipped as Sons of God?—other Madonnas, other Christ-children—and the symbol of the cross? Strange as it may seem, this is true!

And stranger still, the gospel of God sent to this world by God through Jesus Christ, was known and cleverly counterfeited many centuries before Christ.

How that counterfeit was deliberately designed and spread throughout the world long before Christ—how that same pagan counterfeit was cleverly, gradually, by secret stealth and fifth-column methods, innoculated into the early church until it completely replaced the gospel, the Truth of God and the Way of God, is the most mysterious, astonishing, yet important story of the history of mankind.

That is the intriguing, yet vital and factual, theme of this book, here published serially in "The Plain Truth."

by Dr. C. Paul Meredith

Part One

DID YOU know that ancient *pagan* beliefs and practices in *many* ways bore a close resemblance to the beliefs and practices taught and followed by Christ and the apostles?

This is the very reason for the most amazing and least realized fact of all, which is easily seen by reading through the New Testament, that the teachings and practices of Jesus and the apostles in the original true church are *not* the same as we see in today's churches. This CHANGE was due to the paradoxical *fact* of the astonishing resemblance between ancient pagan beliefs and those enunciated by Jesus!

Paganism Resembled Truth

The false often appears as true. It is made to resemble the genuine. Edward Carpenter's *Pagan and Christian Creeds*, p. 25, says: "The *similarity* of ancient pagan legends and beliefs with Christian traditions was *so great* that they excited the *attention and undisguised wrath of the early Christian* . . . not knowing how to explain it, they fell back to the theory the devil, centuries before, caused the pagans to adopt certain beliefs and practices."

He also quotes Tertullian, one of the early church fathers living between 160 and 220 A.D., as saying, "The *devil*, by the *mysteries* of his idols, *imitates even the main part of the divine mysteries*."

Furthermore he says, "Cortez, too, complained that the devil had possibly taught the Mexicans the same thing that God taught Christendom."

Since the practices of today's churches

are not the same as the early true church recorded in the New Testament, it is vital to know if there has been a *purposeful* mixing of the false practices of paganism with the *true* teachings of Christ, the apostles, and the Bible.

Many writers of history, including Edward Gibbon in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Vol. I, chap. 15, state that there has been a *change* brought about by great numbers of pagans flocking into the early Christian Church and *mixing* their similar pagan customs and beliefs with those of the true church.

The important question, then, is this:

As the churches of today are teaching beliefs and practices not commanded by God and which, although similar, do *not* really lead to our placing ourselves as *obedient* servants to Him—being ruled over by Him *now* so that we may be eligible to obtain eternal life—it is vital that we know it, so that we may *return* from the counterfeit to the right way.

"Christian" Church Attitude

Inasmuch as the churches of today follow a great number of practices originating from ancient pagan Babylon—practices which are entirely opposite to those which Christ and the apostles taught—it is important to notice the attitude toward Paganism, of the churches which consider themselves completely Christian. The following excerpts from Edward Carpenter's *Pagan and Christian Creeds* show this.

"The Christian Church has kept itself

severely apart from *discussions* of heathenism, taking the stand that it, the church, represents a unique and divine revelation and has persuaded mankind of this to such a degree that few people nowadays realize that it has sprung from just the same root as paganism and that it shares by far the most part of its doctrines and rites with the latter." (Pages 11-12.)

Notice, today's churches have sprung from the same root as paganism!

"The common idea is that the pagan gods fled away at Christ's coming, yet it is well known to every student that this is contrary to fact. At the time of the recorded appearance of Jesus, and for some centuries before, there were temples without and dedicated to Apollo or Dionysius among the Greeks, or Hercules among the Romans, Mythria among the Persians, Baal and Astarte among the Babylonians, and temples dedicated to many other gods. An outstanding phenomenon is apparent: notwithstanding great geographical distances, racial differences between cults and in detail of services, the general outline of creeds and ceremonials were—if not identical—markedly similar." (Pages 19-21).

Pagan Similarities

Not only were these pagan creeds and ceremonies which had existed centuries before Christ's coming markedly similar to each other, but also they were similar to true Christianity—a fact that cannot be considered accidental. As an example

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of this, of eleven main deities from seven countries, it was believed of all or nearly all that, "these deities' births were on or near Christmas, of a virgin mother, in a cave underground, that they led a life of toil for man. They were called light bringers, healers, mediators, and saviors. They were thought to have been vanquished by the powers of darkness, descended into hell or the underworld, to have arisen and become pioneers of mankind to a heavenly world . . . Krishna, the god of India is an outstanding parallel with the life of Christ." (Pages 21-23.)

Mr. Carpenter, the author of *Pagan and Christian Creeds*, says "The idea of God sacrificing his Son for the salvation of the world is so remote and remarkable—yet it ranges through all ancient religion and back to the earliest times and is embodied in their rituals." (Page 133.) These unusual customs were so similar to the truth that they strongly suggest there must have been some guiding force behind them.

It is evident that with such marked similarities to true Christianity, as are shown by the eleven main deities from seven countries, that one should approach this subject with an open mind to see if a fusion of Paganism and true Christianity is present today.

I Thessalonians 5:21 tells us to "Prove all things: hold fast to that which is good." Jude 3 to 4 tells us to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares . . . ungodly men, turning the grace of our god into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." We are warned of a turning away from the truth of God which was starting to occur even in the time of the apostles.

Consider for a moment.

Is it probable that the pagans who had methods of worship, seemingly near in form and belief to that of Christ and the apostles, would come into Christianity and completely discard their pagan practices which often contained very pleasurable things, for teachings that did not appeal to them as much, even though God has commanded them? Of course not. Paul warned in II Thes. 2:7, "The mystery of iniquity doth already work." A mysterious perversion of the gospel had already started to work even in Paul's time! The pagans didn't give up their ideas!

But when was the very beginning of this mysterious force for evil? Its origin dates from the time when Lucifer was created by God the Father, to rule the earth. He rebelled and became Satan the deceiver. We will now see how this came about.

How It All Began

God, speaking to Lucifer, the archangel (who later became Satan after he had sinned) said in Isaiah 14:11-15, "Oh Lucifer son of the morning! how

art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou said in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God."

Now notice Ezekiel 28:12-16, which speaks of the king of Tyre, the type of this same Lucifer spoken of above: "Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; . . . Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so . . . Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the days that thou wast created till iniquity was found in thee . . . I will remove thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire."

Lucifer, whom God created as an archangel to carry out His will and government, was given rule of the earth. But he was not content—he wanted to exalt his throne above the stars of God. He wanted to be God! He ascended above the atmosphere to take God's place from him, but Revelation 12:3,4, and Luke 10:18 show that God's angels met him and cast him down. Note Luke 10:18. "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Lucifer the archangel, whom God created, became Satan when he sinned. He is a deceiver of the whole world (Rev. 12:9).

Satan Retains Rule by Deceiving

Satan, however, has been permitted to retain rule of the earth; Christ did not deny this for Matthew 4:3-10 says, "The devil taketh him (Christ) . . . and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world . . . and sayeth unto him, all these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." They were the devil's kingdoms to give—he ruled over them. He rules over this earth! See also John 14:30 and 16:11. He was trying to bring Christ under his rule—"worship me."

But notice something else very carefully here. It is the key to the understanding of the method by which Satan, through the organized churches, is deceiving the world today—a key to the *Mystery of Iniquity* which was already working in the churches in Paul's time (II Thes. 2:7). In Matthew 4:6 Satan says to Christ, "If thou be the son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee." God promises to aid those who find themselves in hazardous circumstances not of their own making, but He does not say He will protect those who deliberately place themselves in such circumstances in order to convince others. But Christ replies in verse 7, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

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Will YOU Go to Heaven?

Millions are basing their lives on the hope of "getting to Heaven." What does the BIBLE say about this subject?

by Roderick C. Meredith

MANY eloquent sermons have been preached on "the joys of heaven." Most funeral sermons are filled with the idea—the preachers try to comfort the bereaved with this hope. It is a *popular* idea.

The lives of most "Christians" would seem empty and futile if they didn't know that there was a "heavenly home" awaiting them. But, they feel *sure* there is.

How can they know this? Why, their preacher told them so, of course! And he should know, shouldn't he? After all, that is *his business*. But where did he get his information? Ah—that is what we are about to look into.

Remember that *you* are commanded to "prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thes. 5:21). And recall that Christ said we are to live by *God's word* (Matt. 4:4), not what men say contrary thereto.

A Popular Idea

The prospect of going to heaven is certainly a pleasant one to most people. It probably was to your preacher when he was first taught it as a child.

No doubt he accepted it *without question*, just as many of you have. After all, little children don't usually argue with their parents or Sunday School teachers about something of this nature. Having innocent faith, they just accept without question whatever is *injected* into their little minds.

Having such an appeal to the natural mind of man, the idea of going to heaven has been easy to pass on and be accepted by each succeeding generation. This is true in *heathen* as well as in "Christian" societies.

The *Encyclopedia Americana*, Vol. 14, in its article on *Heaven* states: "All the religious systems which include the *immortality of the soul* involve at least in substance, the idea of a future state of happiness as a reward for a virtuous life. The delight of the heavens of the various beliefs and creeds differ greatly in kind."

So we find that the idea of going to heaven is prominent in many *differing* religions. But it is based upon the doctrine of the immortality of the soul.

Present-Day Belief

Most of the current ideas about heaven in our society have unquestionably

come from the Roman Catholic Church—which the Protestants came out of. Stemming from a common origin, Protestant and Catholic teaching on this subject is quite similar.

Present Catholic teaching is that the *immortal souls* of those who are saved will go eventually to heaven, and are later united with the body at the time of the Resurrection. As to the *location* and *nature* of heaven, *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, Vol. VII, Article *Heaven*, states: "Where is heaven, the dwelling of God and the blessed? Some are of opinion that heaven is everywhere, as God is everywhere. According to this view the blessed can move about freely in every part of the universe, and still remain with God and see Him everywhere . . . In general, however, theologians deem it more appropriate that there should be a special and glorious abode, in which the blessed have their peculiar home and where they usually abide, even though they be free to go about in this world . . . Naturally, this place is held to exist, not within the earth, but, in accordance with the expressions of scripture, without and beyond its limits. All further details regarding its locality are quite uncertain. The Church has decided nothing on this subject."

Catholic and Protestant alike believe that in heaven, the saints enjoy a continuous round of pleasure beyond human imagination—one that will never end. Their theologians picture golden castles in the sky, *nothing* to do—except perhaps play on a harp.

This is what most of YOU have been taught to believe! Where did most of these ideas come from?

Origin of Doctrine

I said before that the various differing ideas about heaven all sprang from a common origin. What is that origin?

In Isaiah 14:12-15, we find the inspired account of how *Satan the Devil* tried to ascend into heaven to rival God on His throne. He said, "I will be like the most High." But he was cast back down onto the earth, and the rebellious angels with him.

He had been Lucifer, meaning "light bringer"; now his name was changed to Satan, meaning "adversary." In his vanity, this former great archangel led away a third of the angels in *rebellion* against

God. Now these fallen angels are called *demons*.

It was Satan's original idea to exalt himself and get to heaven. God says that he now "deceiveth the *whole world*" (Rev. 12:9). He has implanted in carnal, human minds the desire to do the very thing for which God had to punish him!

In Genesis 3:1-6, we read that Satan deceived Adam and Eve on the very thing that has given rise to the doctrine of going to heaven. God had told them that if they ate the fruit of the forbidden tree, they would *surely die*.

But Satan said to the woman, "Ye shall *not* surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Right there Satan began to deceive the man into thinking he had an *immortal soul*. This necessitated a place for the soul to go at death, and the idea of going to heaven began to develop among the *pagans*.

For the complete scriptural PROOF that man does *not* have an immortal soul, read Mr. Hoeh's article in last month's *Plain Truth*.

The idea of going to heaven, then, was first conceived by Satan himself. It began to develop into different forms among the pagan religions which believed that man had an immortal soul, and was later injected into the Roman Catholic Church—and has never been weeded out by the Protestants.

Are there any valid Biblical grounds to support this teaching?

The Bible Teaching

Since the Bible is the only *reliable* source of God-given knowledge on this subject, let's see what it has to say about heaven and about the reward of Christians.

In Ephesians 2:11-22, the apostle Paul told the saints at Ephesus that when they were in time past Gentiles in the flesh, they were "strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world." But he reminded them that Christ had broken down the wall of partition, and that they were "no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."

Paul was showing the Ephesian Christians that they were now recipients of

the covenants of promise, no more strangers and foreigners. He wrote the Galatians, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29).

The *promise*, the covenant, that Paul was speaking about was clearly the one given to Abraham and his seed. In Romans 11, the apostle Paul clearly shows that *all* Christians are "grafted into" Israel. In Galatians 6:16, Paul speaks of the church as the "Israel of God." So Israel is now of the *spirit*, not of flesh birth, and it is *this* Israel which is heir to the promises made to Abraham.

Promise to Abraham

Because Abraham obeyed God's voice and *kept His commandments* (Gen. 26:1-5)—because he proved his faith by his *works* (James 2:21-22), God promised Abraham inheritance of land *on this earth* (Gen. 13:15). That promise was ultimately to extend to the entire earth, and was to bless all nations (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

Christians are heirs, then, to the promises God made to Abraham and his seed. *Going to heaven* is NOWHERE included in that or any other promise given by God.

In Galatians 3:16, Paul says that the promises were made to the "ONE (seed) WHICH is Christ." Then he said, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29). If we are God's children, we are *joint-heirs* with Christ (Rom. 8:17).

By giving His life in payment for our sins, Christ made it possible for us to be forgiven and to receive of God's Holy Spirit—the begetting of *eternal life*. The New Testament gives the promise of eternal inheritance (Heb. 9:15). If we have God's Spirit, we shall be resurrected at Christ's coming and receive *eternal life* to make the realization of this inheritance possible (Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 15:52).

And how is Abraham going to receive this inheritance since he died without receiving the promise? (Heb. 11:8-13). Abraham will have to be *resurrected* and given immortality to receive his inheritance (Luke 20:37-38).

God's Kingdom Here

All through the Bible you will find that a Christian is to enter *the Kingdom of God*. That kingdom, or *divine government*, is to be ruling *on this earth*—NOT up in heaven!

The rebellious Jews will be resurrected and will see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the *kingdom of God* (Luke 13:28). Will these Christ-rejecting Jews be resurrected up in heaven? Of course not! Christ is returning to *this earth* to "smite the nations: and he shall

rule them with a rod of iron" (Rev. 19:15).

Even before Jesus was born, the angel told Mary, "the Lord God shall give unto him the *throne* of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob *forever*; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32-33). Christ is returning to sit on *David's throne* which is *on this earth*! (Send for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, *United States in Prophecy*, which will explain this.)

When Christ returns, the saints are resurrected and "the kingdoms of *this world* are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). Christ shall take over the kingdoms of *this world*—NOT HEAVEN!

Text Twisting

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 shows that the saints will be resurrected to meet Christ in the air. Those who are still alive will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. "And so," Paul wrote, "shall we ever be with the Lord" (verse 17). But where will the Lord be? *In heaven?* NO!

This text and many others are taken *by themselves* and *perverted* by false ministers who try to support the pagan doctrine of going to heaven. We just found that Christ was coming to rule *on this earth*. Is there a contradiction then? No, but this should show that you must be careful to study *all* the texts in the Bible on this or any other subject before drawing a conclusion.

The answer is that the saints will rise to meet Christ in the air *as He returns to this earth*. When Christ ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives, the angels told the disciples, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall come *in like manner* as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

Christ is coming visibly to the Mount of Olives. Jude wrote, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints" (Jude 14). There it is! The saints will meet Him in the air, and then will return with Him in glory! They will return to the Mount of Olives *on this earth* and He shall put down the rebellious nations and begin His rule over the entire earth (Zech. 14:3-4).

All the "problem texts" such as the accounts of Enoch, Elijah, and Lazarus and the Rich Man are really no problem at all when you study all the passages in Bible relating to the subject. These have been answered in past issues, and will soon be put in booklets. Write Mr. Armstrong *today* for the free booklet giving the true explanation of Lazarus and the Rich Man.

God's word is *consistent*, and going

to heaven is taught NOWHERE in your Bible. The saints are to reign with Christ *on this earth*.

The Christian's Reward

The important and glorious calling of the Christian is explained in Luke 19:12-27 in the parable of the pounds. Jesus was showing that if we exercise our abilities in God's service, we will be given positions of *rulership* in God's kingdom. Jesus told the good servant, "Have thou authority over ten cities" (verse 17).

Jesus told his twelve disciples, "In the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, *ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones* judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Luke 19:28).

Christians are training to help *rule this world* under Christ. To develop the *character* necessary for this great responsibility, we must strive to *live by every word of God* (Luke 4:4). We must *keep* God's commandments (Matt. 19:17) through the help of His spirit. Finally, God will complete the new covenant he has made with Christians—who comprise spiritual Israel. God says, "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts" (Heb. 8:19). We will then be *fit* and *capable* of bringing a real and lasting PEACE to this war-torn earth.

Christians have to *overcome* sin and *obey* God to be qualified for this reward. Then they will rightly use the divine powers they will be given. Christ promises: "And he that *overcometh* will I give POWER over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron" (Rev. 2:26-27).

Revelation 5:10 reveals in plain language that Christ has redeemed the saints, "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us (Christians) unto our God kings and priests: and *we shall reign on the EARTH*." Let's *believe* what the Bible says!

The Christian is rewarded, not by lying around in bliss with *nothing* to do, but with the glorious opportunity of helping bring real peace to this earth—and of instructing men in God's way of love which leads to an *eternal, active, and joyous* life of accomplishment in God's kingdom.

The New Earth

After the thousand year reign of Christ and His glorified saints (Rev. 20), and the judgment period which follows, this present earth will be burned with fire (II Peter 3:10). "Nevertheless we, *according to his promise*, look for new heavens and a *new earth*, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (verse 13).

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HALLOWEEN

Where Did It Come From?

by Herman L. Hoeh

Part XI

HALLOWEEN—the strangest holiday of the entire year!

Every autumn, on the eve of November 1, children dressed as goblins, or as witches with broomsticks, knock on doors, announce “trick or treat,” soap windows of schools and stores, tear down mailboxes, and give the police a great many headaches with their juvenile vandalism. It is a time when young people “let off steam.”

To perpetuate this spirit of Halloween with its frolicking fun, stores are filled with black and orange masks, with pumpkins and other gaudy decorations to attract the eye. Even some older people enjoy their games and frivolity.

In this “enlightened” age, with ignorance and superstition supposedly banished, we find the nation still celebrating one of its most ridiculous holidays, with its goblins, the fear of black cats, and children masked as demons and witches. In schools, the children march in weird processions during the day, in anticipation of a hectic night of fun and foolishness.

Is this the way in which children should be brought up? WHY is this holiday celebrated anyway? Where did the custom of “trick or treat” originate?

It is time that people who think themselves *intelligent* begin to look into the origin of this spirit of frivolity and understand how it entered a supposedly Christian society. Certainly such a custom never came from the Bible!

Real Origin of Halloween

Do you know that Halloween was introduced into the professing Christian world centuries *after* the death of the apostles, yet it was celebrated by the pagans centuries *before* the New Testament Church was founded!

How did Halloween come to America? Here is the intriguing answer from history: “The American celebration rests upon Scottish and Irish folk customs WHICH CAN BE TRACED IN DIRECT LINE FROM PRE-CHRISTIAN TIMES” — from paganism! “Although Halloween has become a night of rollicking fun, superstitious spells, and eerie games which people take only half seriously, its beginnings were quite otherwise. The earliest Halloween celebrations were held”—not by the inspired early

church, but—“by the Druids in honor of Samhain, Lord of the Dead, whose festival fell on November 1.” (From *Halloween Through Twenty Centuries*, by Ralph Linton, p. 4.)

Far from being Christian, this festival is an old pagan holiday, masquerading as though it were one of the customs of the church. And yet professing Christians allow their children to get into the spirit of this pagan custom!

The *Encyclopedia Americana* states about Halloween that it “is clearly a relic of pagan times.”

Now notice what the authoritative *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says about Halloween: “It long antedates Christianity. The two chief characteristics of ancient Halloween were the lighting of bonfires and the belief that this is the one night in the year during which ghosts and witches are most likely to wander about. History shows that the main celebrations of Halloween were purely Druidical—from the pagan Druids of Northwest Europe—and this is further proved by the fact that in parts of Ireland October 31 is still known as *Oidhche Shambhna*, ‘Vigil of Saman.’” Saman or Samhain was the pagan lord of the dead among the Druids.

So Halloween was celebrated among the pagans long before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This pagan holiday, however, was not celebrated alone among the Druids. It was also a Roman festival! The *Britannica* continues: “On the Druidic ceremonies were grafted some of the characteristics of the Roman festival in honour of Pomona held about November 1, in which nuts and apples, representing the winter store of fruits, played an important part.”

Notice the widespread pagan custom to celebrate this season of the year.

WHY Halloween Was Celebrated

Now comes the shocking *truth* from history as to why this holiday was celebrated! Here are the plain facts as written in *The Book of Halloween*, on page 10, by Ruth Kelley: The pagan Druid priests “taught the *immortality of the soul*, that it passed from one body to another at death . . . They believed that on the last night of the old year (October 31) the lord of death gathered together the souls of all those who had died in the passing year and had been condemned to live in the bodies

of animals, to decree what forms they should inhabit for the next twelve months. He could be coaxed to give *lighter sentence by gifts and prayers.*”

“On the New Year, their sins being expiated, they were released to go to *the Druid Heaven.*” (From *Halloween Through Twenty Centuries*, p. 5.)

Halloween was celebrated to preserve in the minds of the people the false doctrine of the *immortality of the soul*—that the dead are not really dead. Almost all heathen nations had days in honor of the dead—days originally instituted to commemorate the death of Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10) whom Semiramis, his wife, said was still alive.

Now let us understand the meaning of the word “Halloween.” “It is the eve of Allhallows or Hallowmas or All Saints’ Day—and as such it is one of the most solemn festivals of the (Catholic) church.” (From page 3 of Linton’s *Halloween Through Twenty Centuries.*)

Halloween is the evening of Allhallows or All Saints’ Day, which falls on November 1. Since in ancient times, the days were customarily reckoned as beginning at sunset, Halloween was merely the *evening celebration* in anticipation of the great day of November 1, dedicated to the lord of the dead!

Who Was the “Lord of the Dead”?

You will remember that shortly before his crucifixion, Jesus was questioned by the Sadducees about the resurrection. In order to prove that there would be a resurrection from the dead, Jesus told them: “But as touching the *resurrection of the dead*, have ye not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? *God is NOT the God of the dead, but of the living*” (Matt. 22:31-32).

Notice the meaning of Jesus’ answer. Since the patriarchs are DEAD, and since God is ONLY the God of the living—because the DEAD serve not the Lord (Psalms 6:5; 115:17)—then there must be a resurrection of the DEAD in order that they might live again and that God might be their God.

To make the resurrection possible, “Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be the Lord both of the dead and living” (Rom. 14:9). Observe that Jesus *became* the lord or master of the dead because through his

resurrection he gained the keys of the grave and death (Rev. 1:18) and will resurrect the dead so they may live to serve him. But from whom did Jesus gain these keys? Who had prior mastery over the dead?

Paul, in the book of Hebrews, speaks of "him that had the power of death, that is the DEVIL" (Heb. 2:14). So the devil, Satan, was lord or master of the dead!

Among the heathen Druids, Samhain or Saman, the lord of the dead, was Satan! To this day people still celebrate with frolicking fun a wild night in honor of the devil! Paul says that the heathen who thought they were worshipping the true God were actually serving demons (Gal. 4:8). Youngsters today who tear up the countryside on Halloween are not serving God.

But if Halloween is merely the *evening* in honor of the devil, how did the day—called Allhallows or All Saints' Day—come to be celebrated in the professing Christian Church?

The Origin of All Saints' Day

The first of November, celebrated among the pagans in honor of Samhain—Satan—is today celebrated in hundreds of churches "to honor all the saints, known and unknown, and according to (pope) Urban IV, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year" (*Catholic Encyclopaedia*).

How did the veneration of saints, supposedly alive in heaven, come to be celebrated on a day in honor of the devil?

Prior to 300 A.D. *separate days* were set aside by gentile Catholics in honor of particular individuals who suffered martyrdom—in much the same manner as Americans commemorate such presidents as Washington and Lincoln. During the reign of the Roman emperor Diocletian, so many were put to death that joint commemorations were held on particular days in local communities. Then, according to the *Catholic Encyclopaedia*, "In the fourth century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast; as is shown by the invitation of St. Basil of Caesarea (397) to the bishops of the province of Pontus . . . *The Church*, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, *appointed a common day for all.*"

Notice, what once was a memorial for each martyr on different days became a general day in honor of the *dead* who were believed to be alive in heaven. "Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary on *November 1* . . . Gregory IV (827-

844) extended the celebration on 1 November *to the entire Church*. The vigil"—Halloween—"seems to have been held as early as the feast itself."

Notice that the celebration of Halloween, the eve of the day, is as old as the celebration of All Saints' Day in the Catholic Church. On page 6 of his book, Ralph Linton says of this holiday. "All Saints' Day was introduced into the church calendar because the year was not long enough to make it possible to dedicate a special day for each spirit of the Catholic Church . . . *That the day chosen was one already associated in the popular mind with a thronging of spirits of the dead was quite in line with church policy of incorporating harmless pagan folk ideas.*"

It was *not* the Bible, but the policy of the Catholic Church to choose pagan customs and call them by Christian names. Thus the pagan day in honor of the spirits of the dead became a day in honor of those who were slain for Catholic dogma. The day was preserved to teach the people the false doctrine of the immortality of the soul—that the *dead* are not really dead!

But this is not the end of the amazing story. Whereas the pagans regarded November 1 as a day in honor of the dead in general, the Catholic Church at first honored *only* the martyrs as patron saints by the special days, a practice stemming from the Roman custom of honoring a patron god in each community. With the rapid influx of pagans into the fold of the church, what was the Church going to do with the heathen custom of prayers and gifts to appease the lord of the dead so that the "souls" of the unrighteous would not have to suffer punishment but could go to a heaven?

Prayers for the Dead Introduced

In order to gain more heathen converts, who were accustomed at Halloween season to give gifts and pray so the dead might become worthy of heaven, the Catholic Church introduced All Souls' Day, celebrated generally on November 2.

Here is how it happened. As the Catholic Church spread toward the North of Europe, it naturally found that "in Germany there existed . . . a time-honored ceremony of *praying to the dead* on 1 October. This was accepted and sanctified by the Church," states the *Catholic Encyclopaedia*.

This ceremony of praying to or for the dead—a satanic deception to blind mankind from the true plan of God—was introduced into the church "by Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, France, who died in 1048 . . . The custom spread from there to the other congregations.

By the end of the thirteenth century, the celebration of All Souls' Day was practically universal," wrote Linton in his book on page 13.

Far from being Christian, the Halloween season is filled with heathen practices. The *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, article "All Souls' Day," states: "Certain popular beliefs connected with All Souls' Day are of *pagan origin and immemorial antiquity*. In many Catholic countries the dead are believed by the peasantry to revisit their homes on All Souls' night and partake of the food of the living."

For years it has been the custom of Belgian children to "build shrines in front of their homes with figures of the Madonna and candles, and beg for money to buy cakes. As many cakes as one eats, so many (people) should be free from Purgatory" (*Book of Halloween*, pp. 144-145).

Observe not only that the festival is of pagan origin, but also that the purpose of it is to perpetuate one of Satan's many false doctrines—that human beings already possess immortal life.

Here is the Catholics' own explanation of the feast which they derived from the ancient Halloween celebrations: "The theological basis for the feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision"—being in the immediate presence of God in heaven—"and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, almsdeeds and especially by the sacrifice of the Mass."

Prayer for the dead is acknowledged by many Protestant churches when they recite from the Creed: "I believe in the *communion of saints*"—which means that men can communicate with saints on behalf of souls in Purgatory!

Although most Protestants have not continued to observe the two Catholic feasts of the Halloween season, which originated from paganism, they continue to observe the most foolish part of the pagan ceremonies—Halloween! Protestants have continued the celebration of Halloween partly "since it was on this day, in 1517, that Martin Luther posted his epoch-making ninety-five theses on the door of the castle church at Wittenberg" which started the Protestant Reformation. "He chose Halloween night because he knew that the town-folk . . . would be coming to the church that night" (*Halloween*, pp. 9, 10.)

Origin of "Trick or Treat"

Do you know where the common Halloween prank of children knocking
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Do You Want the BAPTISM by FIRE?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

OFTEN we hear one say, "I want that baptism with the Holy Spirit and FIRE."

Or: "I have the baptism with the SPIRIT,—now I want that FIRE!

Do such persons know what they are asking?

The common belief that we should desire that baptism with FIRE springs from texts showing God will purify and cleanse those who are His, by purging away the dross. And the Scriptures speaking of this purifying process usually speak of it as "purge away," or "take away the dross," rather than burning it away with fire.

But in Ezekiel 22, God does speak of burning away this dross with fire. Before we examine the words of John the Baptist about being baptised with the Holy Spirit and with FIRE, let's see if we want even to have this dross purified by FIRE. Here it is! LISTEN!

"Son of man, the House of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver. Therefore thus saith the Eternal God; because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you *in mine* ANGER and in my FURY, and I will leave you there, and melt you. Yea, I will gather you and blow upon you the FIRE of my WRATH." (Ezek. 22:18-21.)

Now do YOU want to become DROSS? Do *you* want this kind of FIRE? Do you want to become so wicked—so rebellious, stiff-necked, hard-hearted, as God says Israel was, that you PROVOKE GOD'S ANGER to the extent that He has to chastise you in the FIRE of His WRATH? Those here purified in this fire were those so wicked, so rebellious, in such a wrong spirit that God is punishing them in ANGER, and in FURY. He is not here speaking of CHRISTIANS at all, but with unregenerate, stiff-necked, rebellious sinning ISRAEL.

To Whom Was John Speaking?

Now examine the text which speaks of this baptism with FIRE. The words were spoken by John the Baptist: "I indeed baptize you with water into repentance: but He that cometh after me . . . shall baptize you with the Holy

Spirit, and with FIRE." (Matt. 3:11.)

To whom was John speaking? Notice verse 5 . . . "Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan." Now are we to suppose that All Jerusalem and all Judaea, and all this region was RIGHTEOUS, or at least REPENTANT, and seeking salvation? Not at all! The whole population came in great crowds—largely out of curiosity. Did John baptize them all? Not at all! Many were, confessing their sins. But others were not. Notice:

"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, '*O generation of VIPERS, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.*'" (Verses 7-8.) John is speaking to these hypocrites whom he calls VIPERS, whom he refused to baptize, who are awaiting the WRATH TO COME, as well as to those who repented and whom he baptized. So notice, SOME of those in his audience to whom John spoke were to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, later. Others are awaiting the WRATH TO COME, which shall burn them with unquenchable FIRE! There are two classes of people here, awaiting two opposite fates—one to receive the Holy Spirit, the others HELL FIRE!

Notice the 10th verse: "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree bringeth *not* forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the FIRE." He is speaking of the fate of the wicked, which shall be cast into the lake of FIRE, which is the second death (Rev. 20:14), and standing before him were those to receive that fate!

Next, John said to them, "He"—Jesus Christ—"shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with FIRE whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather His wheat into the garner, and He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable FIRE." (Verses 11-12.)

Now notice many things here. He will gather HIS wheat. The wheat is cast, or rather gathered, into the garner. But the FIRE is the fate of the chaff—unquenchable FIRE! Compare that with Matt. 13:30. "Let both (wheat and tares—wheat representing saints, the tares

lost sinners) grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to *burn them*: but gather the wheat into my barn." What do the symbols represent? Jesus explained: "The field is the world; the good seed (wheat) are the children of the kingdom; but the tares (chaff) are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of the world. The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom (purge his floor) all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of FIRE." (Matt. 13:38-42.)

What Is His Floor?

Now the KEY to the whole question lies in the definition of "His Floor." Those who believe Christians should seek this baptism with FIRE believe the "floor" means the individual Christian—that Christ will fan up the flames with the fan in His hand, burning out the dross from the life of the Christian, purging this life of sin, thus burning up the chaff, leaving only the GOOD part of the man—the wheat.

But that is merely an interpretation read into it. That is not at all the evident meaning as INTERPRETED BY SCRIPTURE.

Notice, Christ's fan is to be in His hand. He will purge His floor. Purge it of what? Of the Chaff. Then the wheat will be gathered into His garner. What is "His floor"? Evidently the same as "His field" of Matt. 13:24. "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in HIS FIELD." But while He slept, the enemy, the devil, came and sowed tares—sinners. Now He let BOTH—saints and sinners—the wheat and the tares (or the wheat and the chaff) grow together in HIS FIELD—(HIS FLOOR)—until the harvest. Then He sends the angels to baptize (immerse) the tares, or the chaff—the lost sinners—with FIRE, which burns them up, but the wheat—the saved—are gathered into His garner—His kingdom.

Verse 38 says the field is the world.

The expressions used are almost identical to John's statement about baptizing with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Before John were gathered the children of the wicked one, and also some of those to be heirs of salvation. Christ will PURGE His floor—His field—the Earth. The wheat will be gathered into His kingdom and the chaff, or tares—the lost sinners—are to be PURGED from the world, burned with unquenchable fire.

Now examine that word "purge." What is it Christ will PURGE? Notice Ezek. 20:38. When He comes again, "I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me; . . . and they shall not enter into the land of Israel." What about that word "fan"? The marginal reference takes us to Jer. 51:1-2: "Thus saith the Eternal, I will raise up against Babylon (sinners) . . . a DESTROYING WIND, and will send unto Babylon FANNERS that shall fan her, and shall empty her land." And she (Babylon) shall be utterly BURNED with FIRE: "for strong is the Lord God that judgeth her." (Rev. 18:8.) The fan is an instrument for destroying sinners with FIRE—hell fire—not purifying saints.

Now what is the "CHAFF"? Speaking of SINNERS (not sins to be cleansed out of saints), God says, through Hosea 13:3: "Therefore they shall be as the . . . CHAFF that is driven with the whirlwind (fanned) *out of the FLOOR*." How closely this language matches that of Christ, with His fan, whipping up a wind that purges the chaff off His floor, to be burned! Now notice further, Dan. 2:35: "Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold (Babylon—sinners) broken to pieces together, and became like the CHAFF of the summer threshing FLOORS; and the *wind* (fanned by His fan) carried them away." Yes, to be burned. These scriptures show the chaff refers to lost sinners, not faults of saints. With His fan he purges His floor, carrying away the chaff, or the tares, to be burned with FIRE. Now what is UNQUENCHABLE fire? Is it used in connection with purifying saints, or punishing the lost?

Notice Isa. 66:24: "And they (saints) shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed *against me*: for their worm shall not die, neither shall THEIR FIRE BE QUENCHED." Notice Malachi 4:1: "For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble (chaff; tares): and the day that cometh shall BURN THEM UP, saith the Lord of hosts."

Surely that settles it. John was speaking to both sinners and those to be

saved. When he said Christ shall baptize YOU—the YOU included BOTH. The saved He would baptize with His SPIRIT—the others with the FIRE!

The Kinsey Report

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fitted to teach ways of life where spiritual principles are expressed in physical conduct.

The Holy Bible is a revelation from God Almighty, of basic laws and principles set in motion by the Creator which control human happiness and destiny—a revelation of knowledge essential to our well being which men are unable to learn in any other way. It reveals the purpose of life and the laws governing it. It reveals the purpose of sex, the basic laws concerning it which affect human happiness, and provides the only right approach to the further acquisition of knowledge on the subject which God has left it for men themselves to obtain.

Dr. Kinsey and his associates appear to be in total ignorance of the Creator's true PURPOSES in sex. They are devoid of the knowledge God has revealed. Not understanding the spiritual laws God has set in motion in direct connection with the uses of sex, utterly lacking this sound spiritual viewpoint, his whole conception of sex is that of carnality. And this viewpoint is his approach by which he arrives at totally erroneous and dangerous conclusions.

The carnal viewpoint is always that of selfish interest, greed, or vanity. This is the spiritual principle that travels directly opposite and away from God's LAW. God's law is the principle of LOVE, and obedience to GOD who Himself *is* Love. This Law is a way of life which leads to happiness, peace; interesting, abundant, productive and joyful living and life eternal. The carnal viewpoint seeks to *take* these desired results, and then the carnal mind wonders why it is discontented and unhappy, filled with fears, sufferings and frustrations.

Dr. Kinsey's viewpoint of sex is SELF GRATIFICATION for each individual. Here are a few examples, quoted from one of the magazine articles on his book:

"Many wives, of course, do not achieve sexual satisfaction on all occasions." Again, "Within the recollection of women now living there has been a notable increase in the proportion of married women achieving sexual satisfaction."

"To have frigidity so reduced in the course of four decades," says Dr. Kinsey, "is a considerable achievement which may be credited, in part, to the franker

attitudes and freer discussion of sex which we have had in the United States during the past twenty years, and to the increasing scientific and clinical understanding of the basic biology and physiology of sex." In other words, seeking self-gratification, by considerations *only* of physical sciences and attitudes, constitutes the entire scope of his thinking.

Now do not misunderstand. I do not discount biological, psychological, or other purely physical considerations. They form a vital and most necessary part in arriving at UNDERSTANDING in this subject. But SEX involves a *spiritual principle* which is actually an INVISIBLE LAW which is inexorably in force and motion, and which regulates a great deal of human happiness. It is a spiritual principle, or law, associated with physical factors and actions. And the physical considerations in the matter of sex cannot be understood so as to bring the true happiness which God intended and made possible, unless considered in association with and viewed from the approach of the SPIRITUAL LAW which governs it. Complete biological and psychological knowledge, which is physical, is NECESSARY knowledge, —but along with, and understood by, the spiritual law.

God's Sex Law

This matter of SEX is so important in the SPIRITUAL LIFE of the humans God created, that ONE OF THE TEN PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL LAW is devoted to it.

The WHOLE Law of God is the principle of LOVE—and love is toward God and fellow-human, while its opposite, lust or greed, is toward self. This great Law, the spiritual principle of life, is sub-divided into TEN BROAD PRINCIPLES. Each of the Ten Commandments is really a broad spiritual principle.

One of these ten BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HAPPY LIFE is: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Jesus magnified this law, showing that even an evil thought in a man's mind toward a woman violates the principle. Then so do all such acts as fornication, which is sex intercourse *prior* to marriage, homosexuality, masturbation, or even such part-way acts as extreme "petting" or even excessive "necking" which deliberately arouses sex organs.

Dr. Kinsey and his associates apparently see no harm whatsoever in any of these violations. Nor have I even read any condemnation in published reports of his book of outright adultery.

Their outlook appears to be confined to the physical satisfaction received by the individual, regardless of how. If any act, no matter how contrary to God's Law, provides momentary SELF gratifi-

cation and pleasing sensation, it appears to be entirely justified. They see no harm in it.

Now if God puts a "Thou shalt not" prohibition on every violation of the marriage relationship you may be sure GOD HAS A REASON!

WHY did God make us male and female? Simply because, as God Himself plainly reveals: "*It is not good that the man should be alone,*" and so God formed WOMAN to be a *help* to man. God intended the wife to be a companion, a help in every way—as a co-counsellor and adviser sharing life and all its problems. Consequently God created SEX as His instrument for attracting the male and female together, as the stimulus of physical LOVE, for the purpose of endearing them to each other, for the purpose of solidifying and HOLDING TOGETHER the union, so that the home would be held together in LOVE for the protection of the children and entire family. And *this* wonderful purpose is just as great in God's order as the purpose of reproduction.

God intended sex to be the source of LOVE between husband and wife. This relationship, while physical in nature, is SPIRITUAL in principle, and is SO SACRED that its violation thru LUST becomes one of the TEN great SINS.

WHY is adultery such a colossal, filthy, abominable SIN? Yes, WHY?

Listen! Read this carefully. Never forget it! Adultery, or any of the associated sins which violate its principle, are such filthy abominations ONLY BECAUSE THEY VIOLATE A RELATIONSHIP GOD HIMSELF MADE SO HOLY AND PURE AND CLEAN AND GOOD AND RIGHTEOUS!

Let me put it another way. The use of sex, as an expression of LOVE in marriage, is SO CLEAN AND PURE AND SACRED in God's sight that its abuse in any form is one of the most heinous possible sins!

And let me add here with the greatest possible emphasis: The use of sex, as God intended, as an active expression of LOVE in marriage, *does not rob either party of any enjoyable physical "satisfaction,"* but on the contrary VASTLY INCREASES THAT SATISFACTION, because the *spiritual* ecstasy of LOVE is then added to the voluptuous physical sensations so as to produce inexpressible delights, *in the sure knowledge of God's full approval and richest blessing.*

Jesus truly said "It is *more* blessed to GIVE than to receive." He did not say there is any curse in receiving. Indeed He implied there is BLESSING in receiving—but there is GREATER blessing in giving, because then it comes back with huge interest.

God has set LAWS inexorably in motion regulating this principle in the

matter of sex. Sex expressed AS GOD INTENDED in marriage increases love, endears the husband and wife more and more to each other as the years go by, contributes toward filling their lives with rich happiness and joy. But any violation of this God-ordained love for a mate is always LUST, and it tends to destroy the marriage tie and the home, brings the sense of guilt, robs those involved of the happiness God made possible, and leads often to terrible suffering. GOD'S LAWS WERE SET IN MOTION TO PRODUCE AND PRESERVE HAPPINESS!

Here's What's WRONG!

Finally, the point which stirred my mind with the righteous indignation which prompted this article, is simply this:

Dr. Kinsey's FACTS seem to indicate that a considerably larger percent of women who entered marriage between 1900 and 1914 were virgins than those who have been married during the past ten years. Today, he finds, more than half of all brides have experienced premarital sex relationships. He adds to this another fact discovered, that a much smaller percent of the brides of 40 or 50 years ago received sex satisfaction from their husbands than modern girls who had sex experience *before* marriage.

THEREFORE, he concludes, according to his erroneous carnal reasoning, girls ought to throw away all religious scruples and indulge freely in sexual intercourse before marriage, *as a means of attaining greater personal satisfaction after marriage.*

This reasoning is FALSE, and it is DIABOLICAL!

First, this so-called "scientist" apparently sees the only goal of sex as SELF-SATISFACTION, physically received from the mate. He appears to know nothing of the joys and ecstasies of LOVE given to a mate, which, combined with the physical satisfactions God has made possible, multiply the delights and blessings of the experience.

Second, the *reason* so large a percentage of women of the old prudish days of hush and ignorance received only pain and frustration and sense of "guilt" in their marriages was not even remotely connected with the fact of their premarital chastity—but entirely the result of IGNORANCE and WRONG MENTAL ATTITUDE. As his own facts themselves show, those women who found themselves frigid, —who found marriage an unhappy experience, —who bitterly decided all men were "brutes," and wives were victims of their lust, —were women who had been falsely taught that sex, itself, is a nasty, filthy, evil thing. Their parents had reared them under

the supposed protective teaching that sex itself is evil in the belief that this teaching would keep them "pure" until marriage.

WHY were they not taught that SEX IS SO BEAUTIFUL, AND CLEAN, AND SACRED, AND WONDERFUL, that its *violation* is one of the ten great sins!

WHY are not girls taught that truth today?

Instead, as Dr. Kinsey found, the wives who get personal gratification out of sex today are more often than not those who, because of premarital experience, may have learned that woman could receive exactly the *same* physical sensations and satisfactions out of sex that men can, and who have no mental prejudicial barriers against sex or else they probably would not have entered upon their premarital experiences.

The ANSWER lies entirely in right or wrong TEACHING—in right or wrong MENTAL ATTITUDE toward sex—and in technical and biological knowledge of the subject itself.

There is still so much ignorance of the subject that many wives even today do not realize that God INTENDED wives to receive the same physical as well as spiritual rewards from sex in marriage that their husbands do. And very few among the "wise of this world," smug in their supposed biological knowledge of the subject, realize that the real supreme blessing intended by GOD comes from the right and intelligent blending of the spiritual principle of LOVE with the physical union!

The invisible SPIRIT OF EVIL which sways this world with deception certainly welcomes this advice being published abroad now, purported to emanate from a noted "scientist" and authority such as Dr. Kinsey.

Now the influence of the devil can say to the young women of America: "Put away all outgrown moral and religious ideas. Science now approves sexual intercourse before marriage. You will be happier after your marriage if you gain experience beforehand."

Sounds like the same old voice that spoke so coyly and deceivingly to mother Eve in the Garden of Eden! Yes, the argument has the same satanic ring! And millions of American girls will listen to that siren song, and plunge heedlessly down the path to their own degradation and loss of the full happiness a loving GOD made possible!

I can only say, in conclusion, this avalanche of FALSE teaching being disseminated on the subject of sex—THE SUBJECT OF ONE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS—stirs me to the sober realization of the dire NEED of the book on the subject I am trying to get written. I cannot promise you when this book will be ready for publication. It

will take considerable time, and my time is so occupied with the responsibilities of God's regular work there seems little left for such special tasks.

But this book, when it appears, will cover the subject FULLY—not only from the biblical side of God's purpose and laws concerning it, but also complete detailed technical and biological physical knowledge which is necessary as well. It will explain plainly WHY so many wives have failed to find the joys in marriage God intended—WHY so many marriages are unhappy—and point the way to happiness and overwhelming joy in thousands of homes where there is misunderstanding and frustration and bitterness and quarrelling now.

Go to Heaven?

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God will purify the earth and make it new. Isaiah 66:22 says that the new earth will remain. The new earth which the saints will inherit shall not pass away.

In Rev. 2, John describes the Holy City, the New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven. This is the final dwelling place of the saints. Here we shall find the "place," or as it should be, "position," which Christ is preparing for us (John 14:1-3). Notice that the Holy City comes down out of heaven. It will be on *this earth*.

Those who are willing to learn and obey God's truth will live and work joyfully in this city. Nothing which defiles—no unrighteous person—will enter that city (Rev. 21:27). It will be inhabited only by those who have the courage to forsake the vain teachings perpetuated by Satan "which deceiveth the whole world."

The Devil's way—as always—is to delude people into trying to seek a kind of happiness where they just please themselves and have nothing to do. Satan is the one who deludes people into the vain hope of ascending to an imaginative heaven where they can bask in idleness and ease—accomplishing nothing, serving nobody but themselves. God's way is the way of giving and serving—it is the way of finding true happiness in DOING good.

God is Creator. His character is one of creating and working (John 5:17). When we are born as God's sons, we will stay busy and eternally happy doing the work of God, and having the wisdom and ability to perform as we should.

May God grant you the wisdom and courage to accept and practice His truth that you may inherit the kingdom of God and rejoice in all the blessings of Abraham's promise—the new earth.

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

Please Explain I John 5:7,
Regarding the Trinity

This verse reads: "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one."

This verse, which we find in the King James version of the Bible, but which does not appear in most other translations, is often used to support the doctrine of the trinity in the Godhead.

The major question is not the meaning of the verse but whether the verse should be in the Bible at all.

Let's consider some of the well-known Bible scholars on this text. According to the *Critical and Experimental Commentary* this verse is not found in any of the old manuscripts of the Bible and was not found in the manuscripts of the Vulgate until the eighth century. Again, in Adam Clarke's *Commentary* on the Bible, we find this statement: "It is likely this verse is not genuine. It is wanting in every manuscript of this epistle written before the invention of printing, one excepted, the *Codex Montfortii*, in Trinity College, Dublin: the others which omit this verse amount to one hundred and twelve." Adam Clarke also stated that in the most ancient and cor-

rect manuscripts of the Vulgate the verse is not found.

The words inspired in I John 5:6-8 and now found in all the ancient Greek manuscripts are, "And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one."

According to scholars, even those who believe in the doctrine of the Trinity, this verse doesn't belong in the Bible. It was added by trinitarians because they found no other text in all the Bible that would substantiate their doctrine of "three in one."

No, God is not a Trinity, but a family (Eph. 3:15) composed of the Father and Jesus Christ, the first born among many brethren (Rom. 8:29). We can become the sons of God—the very members of the God family, if we receive of the *divine* nature through the Holy Spirit and are born again at the resurrection. Then the saying that God shall be all and in all will be fulfilled. We all, if converted now and finally born into His kingdom, will become God. We will then be composed of Spirit and, since God is Spirit, God will be dwelling in us.

HALLOWEEN

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on doors and shouting "trick or treat" originated?

Linton says: ". . . certainly it comes from pagan times." In Ireland up to the turn of the century, it was customary to have a procession "led by a man in a white robe wearing a horse-head mask. (The horse was sacred to the Sun God," says Linton, "which indicates that this custom was a survival of a Druid rite.") The procession levied a contribution from the farmers in the perverted name of what probably was an old Druid god. Unless the procession was "treated" liberally with gifts, the farmers were "tricked" with the threat of a curse that would ruin next year's crops!

This traditional custom of having processions at Halloween is further derived from another unusual practice. Wealthy churches during the Middle Ages, copying the ancient Greek and

Roman religious processions, paraded the relics of patron saints. The poorer parishes could not afford to buy relics, so they used caricatures of their patron saints. "Those who were not playing the parts of the holy ones also wanted to get into the procession, and so they dressed up as angels or devils. The All-hallows procession around the churchyard eventually became a gay and motely parade." (From page 103 of *Halloween Through Twenty Centuries*.)

The present day "trick or treat" is but a continuation of these degenerate and absurd customs which came out of paganism and have been labeled with Christian names.

Is it any wonder that children take part in tying cans to cats' tails, soaping windows, soaking front porch furniture with water hoses, or wantonly damaging private property, especially mail boxes—which is a government offense—on a day originally dedicated to Satan, the Destroyer?

ON THE CAMPUS

FOLLOWING are articles written by students on student activities to give you the story of our jam-packed lives on the campus. We hope you won't mind if we occasionally poke a little fun at ourselves—striving human beings are always funny—and no matter how serious minded, our frailties wink. *The Campus Editor*

College Has Begun

by **George A. Meeker, Jr.**

The Ambassador College campus again hums with the activity of new students. The 1953-54 year has brought the largest enrollment of new students we have ever had. There are as many new students this year as comprised the whole student body in the 1950-'51 year.

From four students in 1947 the college has grown to an undergraduate enrollment of 56 not including the nine in the Ambassador School of Theology.

The Texans, of course, outnumber those from other states, but where they come from isn't what counts. It is God who called us all here. Many of the students come here against the wishes of at least one parent and others against the wishes of both parents. These are a determined group of young people most of whom traveled more than a thousand miles to attend God's college. Some of them have even had offers and scholarships to enable them to attend other schools of greater repute and popularity in the world.

Most of the new students are classified as freshmen, but some have transferred from other colleges. Some Ambassador students even have degrees from other universities but have come to learn that they didn't have the real basis of education—a knowledge of those laws which regulate human relationships and contact with the Creator.

Why I Came to Ambassador College

by **Frank Longuskie**

As a graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in zoology from a large university with ten thousand students or more, I want to explain to you why I came to Ambassador. I shall begin my story on a December day, 1950, in the state of Washington, while attending classes at the university.

Dawn was coming into view very quickly. I dreaded its approach, for I was not yet finished with my notebook. I was compiling a notebook of data from experiments I had done with the fruitfly for a biology class. All year, everything had gone wrong in the laboratory. The assistant had not noticed

that the flies disliked the food, and were, therefore, not breeding well. Consequently, everyone's experiments failed until the last three weeks of the course when the flies were given a new diet. Then we had to rush to finish the experiments.

This was not the first time that I had spent studying all night for some insignificant course at this state university. This biology class was another example of how little attention students receive from their professors in a large university. In this course, we only saw the professor at lecture hours and during a few scheduled hours in the week. Only in these hours could we ask a question that had us stumped. The rest of the time we had to solve the problems ourselves or risk "flunking" the test, for the professor was usually in his laboratory running experiments.

At large universities, only a few professors have sufficient time for a student's personal problems. Most professors are expected to do research work between classes. If not, they prefer research to teaching in the first place. Many of them teach only because they have to. Thus one receives no encouragement and little help. At such a school, one either survives on his own ability or flunks out. On that winter morning in 1950, I did not realize there were such differences between most colleges and Ambassador.

Although I had no sleep that night, I started to travel to Pasadena to see Mr. Armstrong. I had finally made up my mind that I must be baptized after studying the Bible for three years.

The first person I met the night I arrived at Ambassador College was Beverly Gott, whom many of you have heard on the broadcast. She soon found Mr. Armstrong for me. He and I decided to meet the next day, because we both were too tired to discuss questions that night. But he kindly took me to a hotel.

Upon seeing him the next day, he found that I had written down all my questions to aid my memory. He said most people failed to do that and could not remember the questions when they came to Ambassador.

I visited the college classes the rest of that week, and the following Sabbath I was baptized. Now, after these intervening months I have come to Ambassador College!

During these first weeks of school, I can really understand the advantages that God offers to students here. I have found a most beautiful campus to inspire me to study; not just a row of cold buildings. My first purpose in coming, since I've already graduated from a university, is to increase in knowledge of the Bible and to have the kind of student fellowship I previously missed. I came to develop the abilities and talents that God has given me because Ambassador has some of the best instructors to be found. I hope soon to enter the graduate school after having completed my instruction under Mr. Armstrong and the other ministers.

Finally, I chose Ambassador College because here we have teachers interested in their students and a teaching system to give each student personal attention. No large *production-line* university can offer such advantages.

Return of the Olsons

by **Jo Ann Felt**

About three months ago in this magazine, there appeared an article entitled "Farewell to the Olsons." As they started on their way to Eugene, Oregon, to be with their family, it was indeed a sad thing to have to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Olson.

For six years they had been at Ambassador College working for God and you co-workers. Mr. Olson's position had been in the Printing Office, and Mrs. Olson had been head of the Mail Department. But much to the disappointment of all their friends, circumstances had caused them to have to leave Pasadena, California, and Ambassador College.

In the very last sentence of the preceding article, the feeling was expressed, "In the near future, we here at Ambassador are all looking forward to the return of the Olsons!" Happily enough, that return has happened even sooner than we expected!

Mr. Olson is now back in the Printing Office, and things seem normal again. Because of complications in Oregon, Mrs. Olson was not able to return just yet, but in the very near future she will join her husband. The couple now plan to stay here indefinitely.

When asked why he came back, Mr. Olson simply replied that he felt he
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"World Tomorrow" Broadcast Grows in Power!

by Herman L. Hoeh

THIS AUTUMN and winter "The WORLD TOMORROW" program reaches out once again over North America with increased vigor every night of the week. On the superpower stations nightly, and on numerous others each Sunday at the most listened-to time of day, the broadcast is being heard by hundreds of thousands of new listeners. And here is good news! The addition of *new stations* will soon be announced by Mr. Armstrong.

This fall the program reaches the English-speaking audience in Europe with much greater power and soon will be broadcast in the French language. Yes, with increased momentum the gospel of the government and rule of God is encircling the globe until all nations, including communist Russia, will KNOW that God is the CREATOR and the RULER of the universe. Mr. Armstrong's voice is being carried by Radio Luxembourg to Europe's tradition-shackled millions, bringing them for the first time in their lives a message of peace, of hope, and of security amid this tottering civilization.

Have You Thought of This?

Many are again asking this question: "How is the gospel of the kingdom—the good news of the government of God—able to spread continually to new parts of the world?"

And: "How is it that I continue to receive the magazines each month, and the booklets, entirely free?"

The answer is simply this: *God is in this work.* He is guiding its expansion until the truth finally blankets the whole world. God is directing and financing this work according to *His* plan and purpose. Jesus commissioned His representatives: "Freely you have received, *freely give.*" This is why we can put no charge on any of the literature that is sent to you. But God *is* financing His work. He is directing *how* the tremendous expenses of radio, the printing press, and of Ambassador College are being met month by month. He is using the *same plan today* as He did for the inspired New Testament Church.

Have you ever noticed the examples of Paul's ministry in the New Testament which explain how the work of God should be financed *today*?

Almost everyone knows that Paul preached in city after city over the main

traveled Imperial Highway which extended for more than a thousand miles over plains, mountains and seas. But what they do not realize is that Paul and his co-workers often had to shoulder great financial burdens in journeying by ship (Acts 20:15; 16:11 and 21:2). It cost money in those days to rent passage on board boat. In one instance Paul had to rent a private school house from Tyrannus (Acts 19:9). While in the capital city of Rome, he hired his own hall (Acts 28:30). He wrote to Timothy, in one of his letters, to bring the books and parchments that he had left behind (II Tim. 4:13). Books for personal study cost a great deal in those days, the same as do many research books today.

By what means did Paul have enough to pay the expense of carrying the gospel? How were his trips financed, and those of his numerous staff who were sent by him to spread the gospel and to care for the many local churches?

The Problem Paul Faced

When arriving at the city of Corinth, in Greece, Paul found he had to work week days and preach on the sabbath (Acts 18:3, 4). The Corinthians—indeed, the inhabitants of the entire surrounding province—were money conscious as theirs was a great trading and shipping center. The people didn't see much need in laboring for their necessities when sufficient money could be easily gained through lucrative trading. Paul knew that to carry the gospel to them, he could not mention his own personal expenses nor the expense of the work.

Paul later told the Ephesians about his trials: "Yes, you yourselves know, that these hands have ministered to *my necessities*, and to them that were with me" (Acts 20:34).

Notice that Paul had to labor for *his own necessities* and those of others among the Corinthians. He was often hungry and destitute (II Cor. 11:27), despite taking hours out of his sleep in order that *his own personal needs* would not be chargeable to the Corinthians. Paul actually *had to take time from preaching the gospel* to care for his personal needs in order not to give offense to those selfish Greeks. But how did the apostle supply the *expenses of preaching the gospel*, of renting halls, and of

journeying to neighboring cities?

Notice II Corinthians 11:7-9: "Have I committed an offense in abasing myself . . . because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? *I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.* And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable, to no man: for that which was lacking to me *the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied.*"

It was the *duty* of God's people to see that the monetary needs for the spreading of the gospel were supplied. Paul commended the Philippians for performing *their part in the ministry* (Phil. 4:15-16).

But how did the Philippians and others raise the funds? Did Paul order them to resort to socials, oyster suppers, bingo games?

The Principle Made Plain

Let us notice how God intends His work to be financed. Not once in all the Bible are the usual methods of socials, suppers, games, begging from door to door mentioned as God's way of financing His work. But Scripture does tell us the *right* way it ought to be done.

First, let us turn to the ninth chapter of I Corinthians. This entire chapter is devoted to one particular subject. Paul is proving to the Corinthians that **THE LAW OF GOD** gave him *authority* or power to receive material things because of his spiritual duties. Note how emphatic he is: "Or I only and Barnabas, have we not power to forbear working? Who goes to war any time at his own expense? . . . Say I these things as a man? or says not the *law* the same also? . . . If we have sown to you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this *authority* over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless, we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ" (verses 6 through 12).

Paul is here proving by the *law of God* that as God's minister he had been given the right to receive material help, not only for the gospel work, but also for his personal needs. However, he told them it would have hindered the gospel more to have asked them for personal help than to take precious time out of the gospel in which to labor for his own necessities. Paul had to ask

other brethren, those who were fully converted, to supply the expense money to cover the costs of preaching the gospel to the Corinthians.

Even though Paul said, "The Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel;" yet he repeated, "I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done to me." (I Cor. 9:14-15).

Now the *important* question is this: since Paul refers to the LAW as proof that he had *authority*, what was the system, ordained by the law, which the New Testament Church followed, and which God ordains that we are to follow today?

The Answer Revealed

Paul has already shown us the *principle* of the law in I Corinthians 9:9. Since there is no New Testament example for the customary methods of raising funds by socials, bazaars and games, we must find in the *law* the divine command which gave God's ministry the authority of which Paul wrote.

In the seventh chapter of Hebrews, Paul is explaining that Jesus Christ is now *our High Priest*, after the order of Melchisedec. Since the Levitical priesthood is no longer in force under the new covenant—the Melchisedec priesthood has been reestablished—the rights of the Melchisedec priesthood went to Christ and to the new testament ministry. One of those rights was the authority to receive *tithes*! (Heb. 7:4). Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec.

When God ordained the material priesthood of Levi in the days of Moses, the principle of *tithing* was *continued* by the law: ". . . they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a *commandment to take tithes* of the people *according to the law*" (verse 5). Now notice what occurred with the reestablishment of the spiritual priesthood under Christ. "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a *change* also of the *law*" (verse 12). So there is a change in the law, not an abolition of the law as many argue. Those rights which originally belonged to the Melchisedec priesthood—one of which was the right to take *tithes*—and which were transferred in Moses' day to the Levites, are now restored to the true priesthood of which Christ is High Priest. God intends the ministry today, just as in New Testament times, to receive the *tithes* of His people in order that the work of carrying the true gospel to all the world may be accomplished.

That is how God maintained Paul's work and He is using this same method today in spreading the good news of the

kingdom of God! This is how thousands of you receive freely the magazines and the booklets, and hear the broadcasts daily—because others who understand God's principle and His LAW are paying their tithes and giving of their offerings. This is God's work. He is in it. It is a work of FAITH, based on the absolute assurance that He will provide every needed dollar without his ministers ever having to ask the unconverted for money!

Satan's Great Deception

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Notice, Satan suggested an improper action for Christ—an act of *disobedience to God*—by *twisting God's word* to convince Christ it was the proper thing to do. Christ corrected him. Had Christ done as Satan suggested, he would have obeyed Satan—been *ruled by Satan*. So also today, Satan obtains rule over individuals by having his agents *misinterpret* the Bible and by otherwise suggesting false methods of self-justification to the individual for his own evil acts.

Man Deceived

Eve was tempted by Satan in the same manner as Christ: Satan suggested an act contrary to God's command, then twisted God's word to make it appear the right thing to do. God said in Genesis 2:17, "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." But the Devil twisted this. He said, "ye shall not surely die . . . ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:4-5).

Eve desired (*lusted after*) the fruit of this tree and obeyed Satan rather than God—he *deceived* her into doing it. Adam and Eve came under Satan's rule. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Romans 6:16.) Had they obeyed God *they* could have ruled the earth.

Adam and Eve, for their disobedience, were driven from the garden of Eden where the tree of life was located. (Genesis 2:9). They could have eaten and obtained eternal life, and were prevented by cherubims from returning (Genesis 3:24). *Their chance of obtaining eternal life at that time was gone*—they had *sinned*, disobeyed God—*they would not come under his rule*; therefore He would not give them the opportunity of obtaining it. They sinned by transgressing God's laws which were in the world from the beginning, for I John 3:4 says, "*Sin is the transgression of the law*"; and Romans 3:23 says,

"*All*"—including Adam and Eve—"have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Salvation Opportunity Revealed To Adam and Eve

A merciful God soon afterward revealed to Adam and Eve that One was to come who would again make it possible for mankind to have the opportunity of obtaining eternal life; for God said to Satan (Genesis 3:15), "I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and *her seed*; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

A male offspring of woman only (Christ)—by a supernatural conception—was going to make it possible once again for mankind to come under God's rule and obtain eternal life. Proof of this is that, in verse 20 of the same chapter, Adam named his wife "Eve" which means, according to *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, "life giver." This referred to some *special* life-giving property which would be imparted to mankind through woman alone (as represented by Eve)—*eternal life through her divinely begotten Son Christ*; for both Adam and Eve shared equally in the giving of *mortal* life to their offspring. This is the first mention given by the Bible to the coming of Christ as Savior.

It was by faithful obedience that Enoch (Hebrews 11:5), David (Ezekiel 34:23), Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Matthew 8:11), all living in Old Testament times, understood the hope of salvation, and will rise to meet Christ at his coming (I Thes. 4:16). They obeyed God—came under his government—(Enoch "*walked with God*"—Genesis 5:24), and looked *forward* by faith to the Savior who should come—just as we, today, look *backward* and believe him. God spoke to Abraham (Genesis 22:18) of the coming seed (Christ). The *few* being called then obtained "a good report through faith" by the same method as we today: they repented of disobedience and believed that the blood of the Savior would pay the debt of their past sins!

This *knowledge* by which mankind could have *faith* in a Savior AND, like Enoch, be translated or transferred from Satan's rule (or "from the power of darkness") to God's rule (Col. 1:13 and Heb. 11:5) and ultimate eternal life, must be blotted out by all means if Satan were to retain his rule of mankind on this earth!

Pagans Knew of Adam's and Eve's Disobedience

There is evidence that the Pagans not only knew of the disobedience of

Adam and Eve and that this disobedience was punishable by *death*, but also of the subsequent offering of Salvation again. Paul wrote in Romans 1:32 that the heathen sinned even though they knew "the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of *death*."

Hislop's *The Two Babylons*, pages 322-323, says that one of the names of Eve, worshipped in ancient Babylon as the primeval goddess, was "Thalath" which signifies "the rib" or a "side." It comes from the verb *Thalaa* which signifies "to turn aside." Adam *turned aside* from obeying God because he took the advice of Eve who was made of a rib. It is in memory of Adam's turning aside from the right way that the pagan priests of Baal supplicated their god to hear them (I Kings 18:26) by limping (turning aside) at the altar, for "limping" is the exact meaning of the Hebrew word rendered "leaped." This, he states, is also the origin of Vulcan's *lameness*; for their pagan god Vulcan, as "Father of the gods," needed to be identified with Adam as well as Nimrod. The Pagans knew that this limping or turning aside implied death—eternal death.

But just as the Pagans originally knew of the penalty of death for sin, so they

also knew of the promise of life eternal. While at the spring festival of Cybele and Attes (other pagan gods the types of Adam and Eve in mythology) there was great lamentation for the *death* of Attes, so on the Hilaria or rejoicing festival of the 25th of March, in honor of Cybele the *mother* of the Babylonian Messiah, mourning was turned to joy, on occasion of the dead god being *restored to life again*.

Summary

We have seen how *Lucifer*, placed on earth to carry out God's rule, *wanted*, instead, *to take God's place*, but was cast down to the earth and became Satan—the adversary. Also we have seen how Satan *twisted* the word of God by presenting to our first parents a *counterfeit* way which appeared as the TRUTH.

From this point on to the flood the records prove that the Devil was very active in deceiving mankind. The earth became full of sin: "All flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." (Genesis 6:12.) This brought on the flood to show us the terrible results of disobedience.

Did Satan cease to deceive after the flood? The next article will reveal how Nimrod founded the apostasy after the

flood and how his wife Semiramis introduced the mystery of Iniquity (II Thes. 2:7) which deceives the world today!

On the Campus

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could do more good—better serve God—here. Even though printing is his life's work, Mr. Olson explained that he would have no interest in printing just any sort of material; but here at the college, he is helping to publish God's word, which must go to all the world as a witness before the second coming of Christ.

"Besides," said Mr. Olson, "I don't think it was God's will that we stay away. Everything we did seemed to turn to nothing. Nothing worked out right for us." God knows best.

Yes, God is all-wise, all-powerful. He guides His children to take right paths. He chastens them, but He also blesses greatly when they follow Him.

Mr. Olson exclaimed that it was so good to see all the old familiar faces and the many new ones, too. Truly, the feeling is mutual. We here at Ambassador all joyously welcome the *return of the Olsons!*

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