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## Where Are We Headed?

**What's prophesied from here? Will we have HYDROGEN war? Will peace, happiness and prosperity ever come to this entire earth — and if so, how will it be brought about?**

by **Herbert W. Armstrong**

**T**HIS world is *helpless* today! It's in a **HOPELESS** predicament! "Oh, I wouldn't say that!" many will exclaim. People don't want to believe it! They prefer to deceive themselves with wishful thinking.

And therein lies our **DANGER!**

Most men are afraid to face the facts! But the development of science in engines of mass destruction has far outsped development of man's power to control them! And man at last has built the awesome frankenstein monster that threatens to destroy him from off the earth! Man has reached that stage of development and "progress" at last where he is utterly unable to save himself!

These relentless forces now set in motion would continue until the fear so frankly expressed by top scientists of the blasting of human life completely out of existence would become a reality—**IF** Almighty God Himself did not intervene to save us from ourselves!

But thank God! —that's prophesied!

**What's PROPHESED?**

It's time we were becoming concerned!

It's time millions were becoming **ALARMED!**—yes, **FRIGHTENED!**—aroused, and a little more than curious to learn what's prophesied, from here!

For the immediate future—the next five, ten, or twenty-five years—the stern revelation of prophecy shows this world

will go from bad to worse! World-confusion, strife, destruction, will increase with rapid acceleration! It's the natural course to expect! The United Nations won't bring peace. The aggressor nations—and we are so gullible we never recognize them until **AFTER** they plunge the world into another war!—will go right on with their scheming and diabolical planning for world-rule! The dreaded atomic-war will come!

In a later number will appear an article outlining the exact prophesied sequence of events, from here! But for the present, let's skip on *past* the nightmare of the immediate future, and take a long-range view on beyond!

The greatest prophet who ever lived looked down into our time, and of the now-imminent future, said, "And there shall be . . . distress of nations, with perplexity . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things coming upon the earth! . . . And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with **POWER** and **GREAT GLORY!** And when these things *begin* to come to pass . . . *know ye* that **THE KINGDOM OF GOD is nigh** at hand. Verily I say unto you, *this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled!*" (Luke 21:25-32).

**WORLD GOVERNMENT  
To Come**

Today the world's **ONLY HOPE** is the

direct supernatural intervention of Almighty God in the affairs of men! We're so hopelessly involved and entangled in the type of paganized, competitive-government civilization built up on earth, we cannot extricate ourselves! We're in the death-grip of an evil system, and only God can save us from extinction!

But God *will* intervene! He will send Jesus Christ once again to earth—and this time, not as the lamb-like gentle Teacher, but in all the supreme supernatural **POWER** and **GLORY** of God!

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heavens must receive *until* the **TIMES OF RESTITUTION** of all things." (Acts 3:20-21). Jesus Himself said, "*If I go, I will come again!*" (John 14:3). **HIS COMING IS THE WORLD'S ONLY HOPE!**

And with Him shall come, at last, **WORLD GOVERNMENT!**

Yes, the idea of world government is sound! It *is*, truly, the world's only hope! *World government will come!*

But not by the hand of man! Not by well-meaning politicians with competitive national interests to protect! Nor by conquest—not by any Hitler, Stalin, or mysterious "Beast." No world power will ever accomplish total world rule! But when Christ returns, He shall come as **KING of kings—a WORLD RULER** with **SUPREME** wisdom and power.

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## The Real WHY of Christ's Coming To Earth

Few seem to have understood the purpose of either Christ's coming to earth 1900-odd years ago, or His prophesied second coming, now imminent!

He came the first time as a divine Messenger, bearing a MESSAGE from God. That Message was the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of the KINGDOM OF GOD—a future WORLD GOVERNMENT!

That Message was Christ's Gospel. In other words, the true Gospel of Jesus Christ—the very Gospel He commissioned all New Testament ministers to preach to all the world thru all this age. Yet almost universally that True Gospel Message is rejected today, and the organized and powerful denominations of this world have, as prophesied, turned to another gospel—a gospel ABOUT a different Jesus! They don't even preach the same Jesus described so vividly in the New Testament!

Yes, it was Jesus Christ who first proclaimed to the world the idea of world peace thru a future WORLD GOVERNMENT!

Jesus even proclaimed Himself the future KING of that world government—and for this cause He was crucified! (John 18:37). Will His true ministers, who dare proclaim today His coming WORLD GOVERNMENT, be martyred also for this same teaching?

But what they did not understand about His Message was that His Kingdom was for the FUTURE. He said plainly, "My kingdom is not of this world." (John 18:36).

### No Human Can Wisely Rule World

But world government brought about by the leaders of the present world governments is absurd and impossible! What man lives today who could safely be entrusted with that much POWER?

What man would not abuse such vast world-power, exalt himself, wield it to his own ambitious and selfish purposes? What man has the wisdom to execute such power, save this world from itself, and administer his great office for the good of the governed?

Again I repeat: Human civilization has "progressed" adversely to the point where now it is utterly HELPLESS to save the world from itself! The world's sole hope now lies in the supernatural intervention of GOD!

Now notice the descriptions of Christ's imminent return to this earth!

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war" (against evil). "And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations . . ." ("For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword"—Heb. 4:12. This is not a sword of steel to do physical harm, but the Word of God to correct and do spiritual GOOD!) ". . . and He shall rule them (ALL NATIONS) with a rod of iron: . . . and He hath . . . a NAME written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." (Rev. 19:11-16).

A supernatural, divine world-ruler! A KING over all kings of the earth! One whose weapon is the WORD OF GOD—THE TRUTH! And Jesus said it is the TRUTH that shall make men free! A world-King who shall judge in RIGHTEOUSNESS! Surely that's the world's greatest need!

### Is a REAL UTOPIA Impossible?

Men ridicule the idea of a utopia today, as though it were impossible. But WHY should it be impossible? WHY shouldn't men have it?

The answer comes thru another question: why is there so much unhappiness, strife, injustice, fear, and suffering now? Simply because men are thinking, acting, and living contrary to all the laws by which such happiness, universal prosperity, and joy could come! That's the plain and simple answer! Because of selfishness, greed, vanity!

Suppose everyone on earth loved all his neighbors equally with himself! Suppose everyone was honest, kind, just, considerate, gentle, pleasant and cheerful—industrious, in perfect health and of keen alert mind—humble, trusting fully in God, working happily with zeal and enthusiasm to accomplish all the Good he could! Can you visualize what a world would result? Well, it would be a real and practical utopia!

But, you say, that's contrary to human nature! Yes, true! But Jesus Christ is coming to change human nature! The POWER OF GOD in one, thru His Holy

Spirit, changes, —converts, that soul. It gives him power, if he wills, to master —to overcome the human nature within! Thru FAITH he can be changed into the kind of person described above! And the mission of Jesus, at His second coming, is to work exactly that change in humanity!

IMPOSSIBLE? Oh, no! Nothing is impossible with God! And Jesus is coming in all the supernatural power and glory of GOD!

### A Preview of Coming UTOPIA

It's possible, now, for us to peer into the future—on over past and beyond the hellishness this world will put itself thru during the immediate future—and catch a preview of the world tomorrow!

First, the nature of Christ's world-rule:

"With righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth . . . They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the KNOWLEDGE OF THE ETERNAL, as the waters cover the sea." . . . None deceived, as most are today—true knowledge universally—true education shall be a basic part of the program . . . "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse (CHRIST), which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it (CHRIST) shall the Gentiles seek." (Isa. 11:4-10).

Now for the effect—a preview of HAPPINESS and WORLD PEACE:

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain (kingdom) of the house of the Eternal"—that is, the KINGDOM OF GOD—"shall be established in the top of the mountains"—that is, reigning over the great nations of earth—"and it shall be exalted above the hills"—the smaller nations. "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the house of the Eternal, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He (Christ) shall teach us of HIS ways, and we will walk in HIS path: for THE LAW shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Eternal from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE!" (Micah 4:1-3).

It is when people are undecieved—when GOD'S LAW goes forth—when people begin to seek God's laws, and live by HIS ways—and when, thru Christ and the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit, by the decision of each person and by the power of God, even HUMAN NATURE IS CHANGED, that we shall have PEACE —PROSPERITY—HAPPINESS, and JOY!

# WHAT is GOD?

**Here is an astonishing revelation about the true nature and attributes of the true God. This will open your eyes to the real PURPOSE of life.**

**by Roderick C. Meredith**

**D**OESN'T every little child ask, "What is God like?" This is a fundamental question of even greater significance than man's development of the *hydrogen bomb*! The true answer carries more real *meaning* than you may realize. It will directly affect *your life*!

Do you know the answer?

## Mistaken Conceptions

There are literally scores of different man-made theories regarding the nature of God. Most of you have been exposed to one or more of these existing theories. Your parents may have taught you *their* idea of what God is like when you were very young.

Naturally, no little child will argue with his parents about a thing like that. It is beyond his grasp at first, and yet he instinctively feels that his parents must really *know* what they are telling him. So the child accepts what his parents tell him almost without question.

Isn't that about the way *you* got your first idea of what God is like?

*Think it over.* Doesn't the little Hindu child in India have as much right to believe what his sincere, loving parents tell him as you had to believe what your parents said? Yet the millions of Hindu, Buddhist, and Mohammedan children are all taught to believe in *very different* kinds of gods from the God we worship.

You may not have thought about it, but even here in America there are many *different* conceptions of what God is like. Some think that God is just one person—and can never be any more. Others believe in a trinity. They think that God is three persons—God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They believe that all three persons compose one God, and that there can never be any more persons in this union.

Millions of modernists in this land think of God as some sort of *essence* which permeates the universe. To them, God is sometimes the "embodiment of all good." Others think of God as a name for the inherent powers within man—they think we are already "gods."

Then there are the atheists, who believe there is no God, and the agnostics, who say they "just don't know." They

must go blindly on in this life and make the best of the present—for they cannot admit a future life without acknowledging the existence of God. But, after all, are they any more mixed up than all the millions of others with their *differing, often contradictory, ideas* about God?

What is the TRUTH?

Are you willing to re-examine with honesty and candour your ideas of what God is like? Will you *permit* your mind to grasp and accept new truth on this subject—even if it is contrary to what you were taught as a child?

God says, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thes. 5:21).

## The Truth Revealed

We can easily see proofs of the existence and power of God in the world around us. The perfect symmetry of millions of heavenly bodies, the unerring instinct which guides the animal creation in their course generation after generation, the scientific *law* that only life can produce life—all those and countless other examples clearly point to an all-wise, all-powerful Creator.

As the apostle Paul expressed it: "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being *understood by the things that are made*, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they (unbelievers) are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). The world around us demonstrates the power of God as Creator, and His character as the giver and sustainer of the laws that control the universe.

Apart from these general truths about God which we can discern from observation, there is *no means* by which we can know the *nature and attributes* of God unless He reveals this knowledge to us. There may be many ideas of *men*—of church organizations, of philosophers, of laymen—but these *cannot* be relied upon unless the basis of their belief be revealed by God.

In this matter, we must look to *God's revelation*—not human reason. If we want the TRUTH, we must find what God says—not what man thinks.

By fulfilled prophecy, by answered prayer, by scores of *proofs*, we can know

if we want to that the Holy Bible is the *inspired Word* of the Creator of Heaven and Earth. It is His revelation to man of His *nature and character*, and of His *purpose* in giving us life. It is in His Word, then, that God *reveals* to us the truth about what God is.

## Bible Consistent

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is consistent on the nature and purpose of God. But it is a growing revelation and the truth is made increasingly clear in the New Testament.

When God first made man, we find a very important reference to His nature. In Gen. 1:26 God said, "Let *us* make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness . . ." The Hebrew word for God in this passage is "Elohim." It is a uniplural noun meaning "more than one." It is a word like "church" or "family." It shows that there are *more than one* who are God, but that they are bound together in one union—as a *family*. Notice that God (Elohim) said, "Let US make man in *our* image . . ." There was ONE God, but more than one person in God.

God made man in His image, after His likeness—so God is not just a thought or essence. God has definite form and shape—though not composed of matter.

Genesis 1:2 reveals that, "the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Here we find the Holy Spirit mentioned as an active force, but not as a personality. It is more fully described in the New Testament.

So at the very beginning, we find that God is described as being composed of being *more than one personality*. "Let *us* make man in *our* image."

The New Testament confirms this truth. In John 1:1-3 we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was *with* God, and the *Word was God*." The Word is revealed in this passage to be the person of Jesus Christ. He is the Logos, Word, or Spokesman. He was *with* God in the very beginning. He *is* God. Here we have the clear revelation that there were at least two personalities who were God—God the Father, and the Word who became Jesus Christ (verse 14).

Verse 3 reveals that, "all things were made by him (the Word or Christ); and without him was not anything made that was made." So Christ, the Word, was the active personality of God in executing the creation. In Colossians 1:16, Paul writes, "For by him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth."

You have probably never been taught that Christ was the active personality of God who did the creating of heaven and earth. Yet both the Old and New Testament show clearly that God the Father and Christ are two separate personalities. They are both guided by the same Spirit and they are both God. They work together in love—"Let us make man in our image."

The Bible revelation is consistent on these things. But men are confused and divided in their ideas. Because they do not understand the nature of God, they are ignorant of the great PURPOSE of their lives.

#### Jesus' Message

Jesus Christ, who had been God from eternity and who created all things, "was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

God the Father sent Jesus Christ into this world with a message. Jesus said, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). So Christ had been in heaven—as God—and was sent to this earth by another, God the Father, for a definite purpose.

Jesus is the "messenger of the covenant" referred to in Malachi 3:1. He was sent to bring the message of the gospel or good news about the *new covenant* that God would make with man. He came into Galilee, "preaching the *gospel of the kingdom of God*." That is the message He continually preached. It is the message Philip preached to the Samaritans (Acts 8:12). Paul preached this gospel to the Gentiles at Ephesus and in Rome (Acts 20:25; 28:31). It is the *only True Gospel*.

This message—the *true gospel* which Jesus preached—gives us the startling answer to the question, "What is God?"

#### Kingdom of God

Jesus continually preached that we must repent and obey God if we wish to enter the kingdom of God. He taught that we must overcome our human natures and strive to be *like God*. He said, "Be ye perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

But *how* can human beings become perfect like God? Jesus revealed this process and *how* we can enter God's kingdom to Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. Read this passage carefully (John

3:1-10). Jesus told him, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." He showed that we have all been born physically, but that we must *literally* be *born again*—this time of the Spirit.

Jesus wasn't talking about a sentimental, emotional experience. He was talking about being *changed* into—actually *born* of the Spirit. He said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (verse 6). Then Jesus described those born of the Spirit as being like the wind, which you can hear going to and fro, but which is *invisible* (verse 8). "So," he said, "is every one born of the Spirit."

Jesus was showing that you must be *changed into* Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God.

The apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Now this I say brethren, that flesh and blood *cannot* inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be *changed*. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last

trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised *incorruptible*, and we shall be *changed*" (I Cor. 15:50-52).

Here is another clear demonstration that we will be *changed* into Spirit—*born* of the Spirit—before inheriting God's kingdom.

#### Jesus Our Example

Jesus became flesh and blood during His earthly ministry. He is the perfect example of how we should live and *what we shall be*.

At His resurrection, Jesus was born of the Spirit just as all faithful Christians will be when He returns (I Cor. 15:50-54). In Romans 8:29, Paul says that Christ was the *FIRST-born* of *many brethren*. He was the first to be born of the Spirit as every one of us can be. He is now a member of the kingdom of God—as every Christian shall be.

In Ephesians 2:18-22, we find that Christians are to become members of the household or *family* of God.

*Think about it.* There is God the Father, and Jesus the Son—who is the *firstborn* of many brethren. Christians are made joint-heirs with Christ (Rom. 8:17), and are members of God's *household*, His *family*.

We see, then, that the kingdom of God is the *family* of God. As we mentioned, God is called "Elohim," meaning *more than one* in the Old Testament. It is a word like "church" or "family." *One* family, but more than one member in it. *One God*, but more than one person composing God.

#### A Father

One of the persons composing God is the Father. He is reproducing children after *His kind*—just like all the material creatures which He created are to do (Genesis 1:24).

Through God's promises, we are to be partakers of the *divine nature* (II Peter 1:4). We will inherit God's nature and characteristics just as a human child inherits the nature of his father.

At the resurrection, Christians will be *born* of God as His *real* children. It is not a matter of adoption as some modern translations have falsely rendered it. We shall become *like God*, receive His divine nature, and finally achieve the goal of being perfect as God is perfect.

This will fulfill the new covenant described in Hebrews 8:6-13 where God said, "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts." We will have placed within us the very *character* of God.

We will then *BE* God! We will be in His family, and thus have His prerogatives. The apostle Paul reveals this to be so. In I Cor. 6:1-4, he shows that  
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# Why YOU Are Alive

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**W**HY ARE *you* alive? For *what purpose* did God put you here on this earth? Do you know?

This is the greatest, most important question your mind can contemplate just now—the most vital question of life, yet the one most people think about the least.

If, as some believe, God's purpose in our being alive is to get us "saved"—and if, as so many believe, all there is to getting "saved" is accepting Christ as Saviour, then WHY is it that God does not instantly take each one to his reward as soon as he accepts Christ—*away* from all the continuous trials, heart-aches, and sufferings of this life?

The answer, briefly stated, is that God created the human family for a very great PURPOSE—a purpose I'm afraid most professing Christians, and even most ministers, have missed entirely.

Almighty God is the Supreme Artist—you see His artistry in magnificent sunsets, beautiful landscapes, awe-inspiring mountains, in the star-studded sky. God's work of artistry is CREATION. He is the supreme, Almighty, Creator of all.

But now in MAN, God has set His hand to produce the crowning pinnacle of His own works of creation, yes, even higher than the angels. In man He is creating perfect, righteous, holy CHARACTER! And that is the highest, most lofty achievement that even the Supreme Almighty Creator can accomplish!

God's PURPOSE in having brought *you* into this world—in permitting you to live and breathe—is to create in and thru you His own supreme MASTERPIECE of creation!

Is *that* important?

Oh, but you say—"Why, I'm not important—I'm not of much consequence—how could the Great Omnipotent God be specially concerned about me?"

It's true, *you*, as you are now, certainly are not very important—certainly of very little consequence—so far as your own inherent ability and capacity is concerned. God made you a little lower than the angels. He made man a little higher than dumb animals, but on his own power and initiative, man has sunken down to depths lower than any animal would be capable of reaching.

Man has *sinned*—yes, YOU have sinned!

You are full of faults, weaknesses, short-comings. You have bad habits.

You probably have some "secret sin" you have not yet mastered and overcome, which *no one* knows anything about except just *you*—and GOD!

Then can you realize the sobering TRUTH that it is the purpose of the Everliving God to make out of *you*—sinful and unworthy and incapable tho you have been—an immortal, spiritual and holy CHARACTER so pure, and noble, and righteous that ultimately the Eternal God Himself can look upon you with loving pride as the SUPREME product of all His creative power thruout eternity?

Can your mind grasp the awful greatness—the solemn IMMENSITY of that truth? And it *is* a truth. Of course, there will be many others on the same lofty high plane—just as holy and righteous characters as you. But you are a human being, and that is God's PURPOSE in human existence!

It ought to fill you with awe—with WONDER! Impossible? Not at all! It would, of course, be ridiculously, utterly impossible for *you*, of yourself, to transform yourself into such a creation. But with God ALL THINGS are possible, and this is the zenith of all things. Remember God, is ALL-powerful—He is the ALL-mighty. His power is not limited.

And that's exactly why you were born—why you are alive, and reading these very lines this minute! GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU! A great, mighty, SUPREME purpose! Does it make you feel rather humble—lowly, insignificant, unworthy? It should!

But you see, you, yourself, do not have to do this. It is GOD who is the Creator. And His purpose—His supreme purpose of all eternity—is to create in YOU, as one precious member of the human family, this very pinnacle of CHARACTER. God Himself will do this creating. HE will do the work. HE is the Divine Sculptor. You are only a piece of human clay in His Hands.

But this character will not be created in *you* unless and until you, yourself, make the DECISION—unless and until you simply *hunger* and *thirst* for the pure, holy character of God to be built within you—unless and until you crucify this mortal flesh and its cravings and desires and tempers—unless you REPENT bitterly and deeply of SIN, and will exert your utmost effort to put it down and hold it under, crying out earnestly to God with broken, contrite heart continuously, *believingly*, TRUST-

ING Him to forgive you and to fill you with His LOVE, His understanding and wisdom, His faith, His power, to simply take you into HIS capable Hands and to make of you what He purposes, and what you are utterly unable to make of yourself. Yes, you have your part in it—but it is GOD who will impart to you HIS righteousness—His *very own* Holy and righteous CHARACTER!

If you'll REPENT, and come to God thru Jesus Christ as Saviour, trusting in His precious shed blood for the remission of every sin you ever committed, trusting the risen, Ever-Living Christ as High Priest to come literally inside you, thru His Holy Spirit, and to mould, fashion, shape your character—then you'll see that the Creator is STILL CREATING, in you, the very highest work of all His entire works of creation!

Yes, Christians are being "CREATED in Christ Jesus *unto good works*" (Eph. 2:10),—"CREATED in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:24).

For this tremendous purpose, you were made of mortal clay—made a little lower than the angels. Yes, made subject to pride, vanity, passions and tempers, the lusts and desires of the flesh. Character is something which cannot be instantaneously created. It grows, and is developed thru EXPERIENCES—and experiences require TIME.

It requires the human life-time, during which one must suffer temptations, encounter obstacles, endure tribulations, overcome self. But you have GOD'S POWER to draw on. It isn't really you doing it—it's God. Your part is to repent, surrender fully, wholly, unreservedly into His Hands—seek Him, cry out to Him, TRUST Him. You have your part in it, of course—else there would *be* no character!

And all this is WHY "it is thru much TRIBULATION we must enter the Kingdom of God,"—and "MANY are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Eternal delivers him out of them all,"—and "all who will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall* suffer persecution."

Are *you* persecuted, opposed, for your belief and Christian life? If not, you'd better fall to your knees quickly, and REPENT, and ask God to show you WHY you are not living godly in Christ Jesus! If you are, REJOICE!—and read Matthew 5:10. But don't deliberately bring on persecution thru lack of wisdom  
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# Russia Plots World Rule in 20 Years

**Escaped official from behind the Iron Curtain reveals  
Master Plan of Russia — conquest of the world within  
20 years!**

**by Herman L. Hoeh**

**O**NE EARLY morning during the third week in September, a man with suitcase in hand quietly walked down the fire stairs of a New York hotel. Leaving the hotel he made a phone call, then hired a taxi to escape from his communist masters.

That man is Marek Korowicz, a member of Communist Poland's delegation to the United Nations. The day after his escape to freedom from communist overlords, he revealed the Master Plan of the Soviet Union. Russia's dictators are at this moment planning for world mastery within a quarter of a century—*but without an immediate war.*

Mr. Korowicz declared that as a representative of the communist regime—though he himself was not a communist—he was instructed in Russia's plan to conquer the world between 1970 and 1980. However, "the Kremlin," said the Polish escapee, "feels that under present circumstances, war is not the best way to achieve their aims."

## Twenty Years of Cold War Plotted

This revelation from behind the Iron Curtain corroborates what we have been publishing in the columns of "The PLAIN TRUTH" long before the second World War ended. Russia is plotting to seize the world, but she is *not* going to provoke a third World War now. Communist officials *know* that they could not win a World War today.

But what most Americans do not realize is that Russia already is engaged in *her kind* of third World War. Americans are in the habit of thinking that the only kind of warfare is a hot war embracing military might. What we in the West do not understand is that *there is another kind of World War III going on today!* The principal communist method of warfare is not physical, but a battle of the mind through propaganda and deceit. This was again demonstrated in the recent attempted revolution in British Guiana, dangerously near the Panama Canal defenses.

Communists secretly war internally, through various "patriotic" labor, social, business and even religious organizations. Their plan is to take time to

gain popular support through an active minority in Asia, Europe, Africa and South America. Then, when enough countries have been overthrown through internal revolution, and when we have weakened ourselves by wasting billions of dollars—as we did in China and are now doing in Japan and Europe—Russia plans to launch her final long-awaited blow for world control.

## Who Will Rule the World?

For thousands of years certain men have sought to control the world. Today the open struggle for world mastery centers about the Western powers under American leadership against communist tyranny and slavery.

What makes today's struggle so serious is that *human existence is at stake!* On September 24, President Eisenhower met with his National Security Council, the commanders and civilian chiefs of the armed forces, and with a committee of advisers on defense of the North American continent. In this meeting it was revealed that it is now possible "*for any nation with a moderate military budget to manufacture hydrogen weapons within the next decade.*"

Think of it! At a time when all the world is caught in the struggle for world control, it is possible for MANY NATIONS—not just the United States or Russia—to manufacture hydrogen weapons and to enforce their will on the world! Think what it means for the future of human life on this planet with the power of the hydrogen bomb in the hands of the irresponsible leaders! At the very time when the world is conscious as never before of the need for world government, it is now possible for Russia and MANY other nations to produce the hydrogen bomb within a decade, and to threaten the peace and safety of ALL HUMAN LIFE.

## Undercover Struggle for World Control

While the *open* struggle between East and West steadily increases, it is vital that the West understand *there are more contenders for world rulership than just America and Russia.* SECRET-

LY operating with the most clever ruse, there are nations within the Western camp who only await the time when they can come into the open to launch a stunning attack that WILL shake this world to its foundations! and crush American might *before* the Communists will be able to launch their planned final attack!

Strange as this may sound IT IS TRUE!

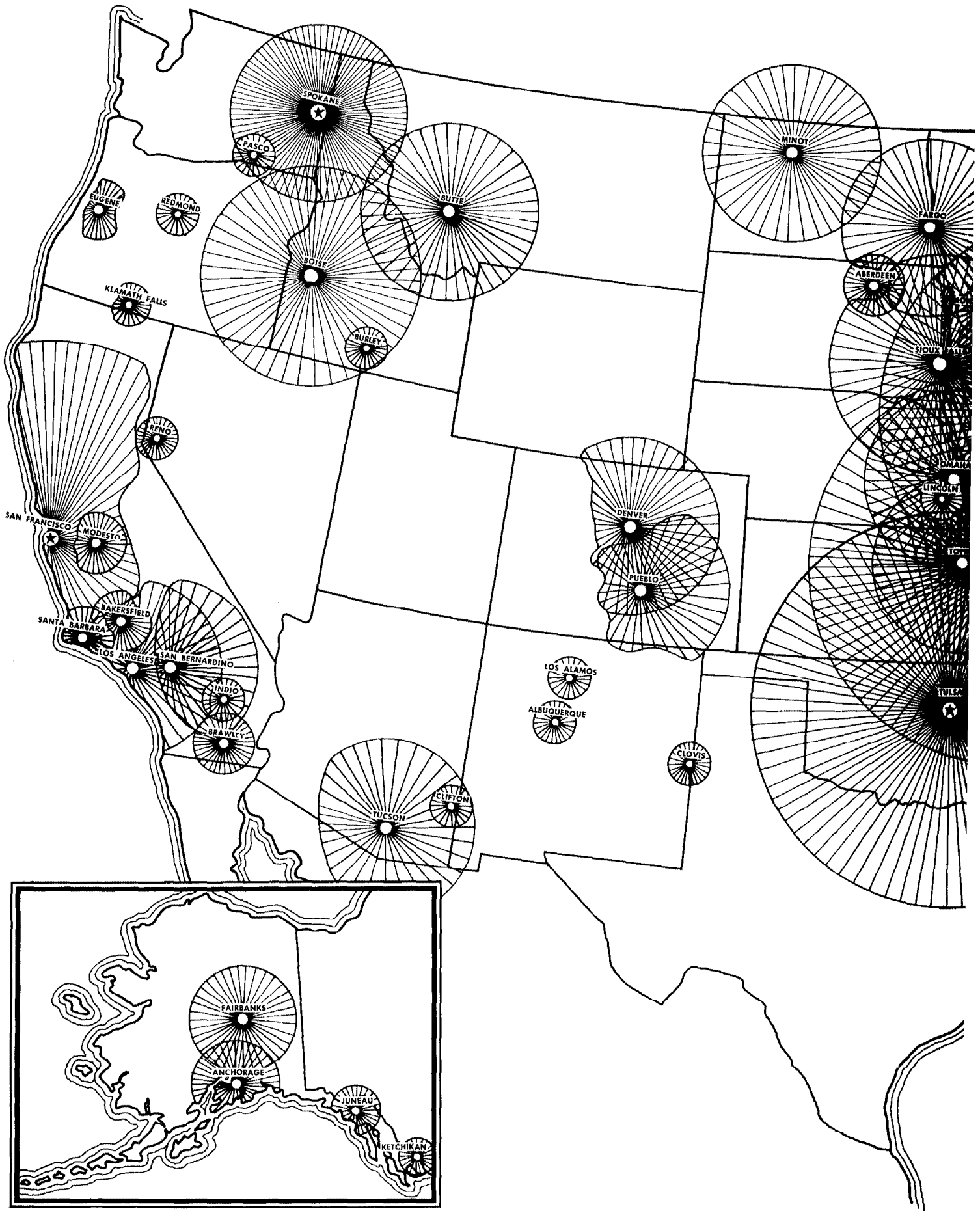
We have already witnessed an inkling of it at the city of Trieste. American money and weapons have been used to bolster Yugoslavia and to convert Tito into an ally of the West. Yet, despite our money and material help, the moment American and British officials announced that they would remove troops and warships from Trieste and leave the port city for the Italians, mobs in many cities in Yugoslavia attacked and burned American and British property and beat Western officials. Notice how quickly American friendship is forgotten in the heat of national aspirations. It is only human nature to turn against a friend who steps on your toes!

This violent Yugoslavian reaction is *not* too important in itself. BUT IT OUGHT TO TEACH US THAT NATIONS WHOM WE THINK ARE OUR ALLIES CAN STILL TURN AGAINST US AS QUICKLY AS RUSSIA DID AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR. Our Western Alliance is far weaker than we realize, especially when we remember that within our ranks are nations which are traditionally anti-democratic, and which are at this very moment plotting to unite as a third force in the world and to negotiate a pact with Russia!

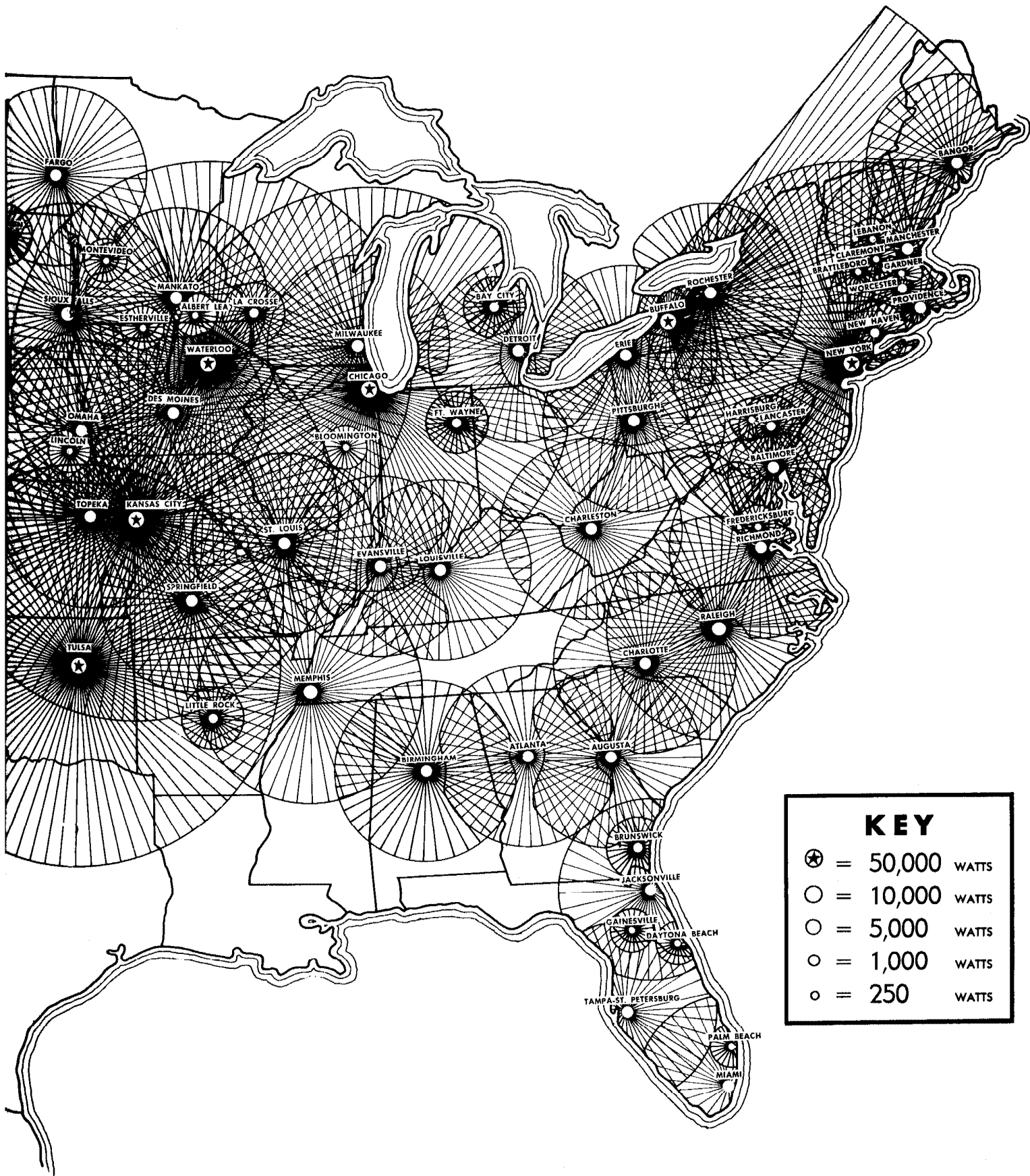
## Germany Rebuilds for a PURPOSE!

It has been the concerted policy of British and American governments to prevent the revival of German military might which could become a threat to world peace. The Germans, of course, know that *alone* they could never expect to gain mastery of the world. Western leaders know this fact also. And that is why they are willing to risk the rearmament of Germany within a United Europe. But what American leaders do not  
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# How Did CIVILIZATION Begin?

**The gospel was diabolically counterfeited centuries before Jesus was born. A civilization began which was founded on a FALSE way of life.**

**by Dr. C. Paul Meredith**

## Part TWO

**I**N THE first article of this series, we learned that the teachings of the apostles were cleverly changed by the secret introduction of *pagan customs* which appeared *similar* to the Truth. These counterfeit practices have continued in the churches to this very day!

Now let us understand the origin and rise of this apostasy which has counterfeited the Truth and engulfed the entire world for 4000 years.

### Nimrod Starts Apostasy after Flood

Noah and the seven people with him had survived the flood—the great punishment on the inhabitants of the earth for their disobedience to God's commands. Was there anyone who would keep the survivors in remembrance of obedience to God? Yes, for II Peter 2:4-5 says, "God . . . saved Noah the eighth person, a *preacher of righteousness*." Psa. 119:172 says, "All thy *commandments* are righteousness." Righteousness is obedience. *Noah preached obedience to God*. Noah was a *preacher of obedience* and through him the other seven were kept in remembrance of obedience to God.

*Everyone on earth after the flood knew of God and why* he had drowned the wicked. They feared to do evil—at first. That they lived under God's rule for some time is admitted by the ancients. "For many ages men lived under the government of Jove (God) without cities and without laws, and all speaking one language . . . Then discord began." (*Hyginus*, p. 114.)

This group, composed of the *only people on the earth* (for the others had all been destroyed by the great flood) began migrating from the mountains of Ararat (Gen. 8:4) where the ark had landed: "And the whole earth was of *one language*, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there." (Gen. 11:1-2.) These people now known as Sumerians (*Miller's Ancient*

*History in Bible Light*, p. 51), pushing through the mountains of the east, came upon a prodigiously fertile plain built up by deposits of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers. This land of Shinar is now known as ancient Babylonia (*Brested's Ancient Times*, p. 107). Here was a land that would produce all they desired in abundance.

Did these people continue to live happily and peacefully under God's rule, or did they, like Adam and Eve, disobey God and bring trouble upon themselves? The land was productive, but the wild animals were multiplying faster than the people due to the destruction of the former civilization by the great flood. Because of their primitive weapons, there was a great danger to life and possessions (Ex. 23:28-29). What could be done about it?

Nimrod, the son of Cush, was a large, powerfully built black who developed into a great hunter. It was he who *gathered* the people together and *organized* them to fight the wild and ferocious beasts: "He began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty *hunter before the Eternal*." (Genesis 10:8-9) In other words, the name of Nimrod was *known everywhere* for his might. He *emancipated* the people of the earth after the flood from their fear of the wild animals. His prestige grew. He became the leader in worldly affairs. He was ambitious.

### Cush and Nimrod Build First City—Babylon

There was a better way to protect the people from the wild animals that roamed the earth than by constantly fighting them. Nimrod built a city of houses and surrounded this city with a high wall and gathered the people therein. Thus the people were protected and Nimrod was able to *rule* over them. This arrangement was agreeable to the people for "They said . . . let us build us a city and make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad." (Gen. 11:4)

The people not only protected themselves from the wild animals by building a walled city but also established *authority of their own*—"let us make us a

name." This was to be a central place of *mankind's authority—the necessity of their obedience to God was not going to be recognized!* Nimrod was their leader. Also they built a tower whose top was to "reach *unto heaven*." With a tower this high they could do as they wished—disobey God and still be safe from his *punishment* which had drowned the inhabitants of the earth before. This was mankind's first act of open rebellion against God after the flood—they thought they had placed themselves out of God's reach if they wished to *disobey him*. They, like Satan, thought that if they could "ascend above the heights of the clouds," they "could be like the most High." (Isa. 14:14.) Cush, Nimrod's father, also had much to do with the building of this tower and city (*Hislop*, p. 26).

Then it was that Nimrod "began to be a *mighty one*" and a "*mighty hunter before the Eternal*" in a *ruling* sense (the Hebrew word for "mighty" is "gibbor" which means "tyrant," *Strong's Concordance of the Bible*.) Nimrod became a tyrant over the people. *He made the laws*. Not only that but he was "mighty . . . before the Eternal." (The Hebrew word "paniyim" translated "before" here, should be translated "against"—*Strong's Concordance of the Bible*.) The Bible says Nimrod was *against* God! Conspiracy and sedition were carried on by him (Epephanus, lib. i., vol. i. p. 7).

Nimrod kept growing in power but the inborn desire of the people to worship must be satisfied. Nimrod and his followers had turned against the *True* God. They wanted to glorify God *in their own way!* They "*changed* the glory of the *incorruptible* God into an *image* made like . . . *creeping things*" (Rom. 1:23)—the snake, and other things God had created. (They should have worshipped God in spirit and in truth and not through idols. John 4:24 and Ex. 20:4-5). With the civil power which he wielded, Nimrod set himself up as the priest of the things worshipped by the people, to obtain a still stronger hold on them and gradually put himself in place of the true God.

### Nimrod Becomes Priest of Serpent-Sun Worshippers

Mankind immediately after the flood knew God, but they did not like his laws—they did not like to be *obedient* to him. Their carnal minds rebelled.

To whom did they turn to worship in his place? They remembered the Serpent of the Garden of Eden (God's and man's adversary)—they would worship it, for had it not been through it that they had obtained the knowledge of good and evil? The serpent had *not commanded* them to do anything. So it came about that the Serpent (Satan) was worshipped as the *Enlightener* of mankind. (They were *deceived!*)

The sun, too, became a favorite object of worship because of the *light* and heat it gives.

This being the case, the two *enlighteners* became associated together, for just as the Serpent was considered to be the *Enlightener* of the spiritual world, so also was the Sun the *Enlightener* of the physical world. Thus it came about that one of the commonest symbols of the sun or sun-god is a *disc with a serpent around it* (Bunsen's *Hieroglyphics*, vol. i, p. 497). Moreover the serpent is universally the symbol of the sun (Davie's *Druids*, p. 437). Now we are beginning to understand why it is that *sun-worship is Devil-worship!* Satan, by deceptively inspiring mankind, was associating himself with objects mankind tended to worship in such a way as to *receive the worship himself!* Mankind, at this earliest date, knowing God, did not like God's *laws*; so they created gods of their own and ascribed to them laws which better suited *their own* desires.

This is the time referred to by Paul when, speaking to the Romans he said, "When they knew God, they . . . changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts and *creeping* things . . . and worshipped the creature (thing created) more than the Creator." (Rom. 1:22-25.)

The people then were worshipping the *creeping* thing—the *snake*, and the *created* thing—the *sun!* To *prevent* the worship of the sun, the *Eternal's* original name for it was "shemesh" which means *servant*, but mankind later changed this name of the sun to Baal which means "the Lord." (*Johann Clericus*, tom. ii, p. 199 and *Vaux*, p. 8.) *Fire*, giving off light, was regarded by those after the flood as the *earthly* representative of the sun. It is said that Nimrod himself commenced the worshipping of fire or *fire-worship*. (*Johann Clericus*, tom. ii, p. 199.)

Do you remember the great red (fiery) "dragon" of Revelation 12:3?

The dragon is identified as a serpent in verse 14 and is further identified as the Devil and Satan in verse 9. Here, symbolically, we see the *Sun, the great Fire God*, identified with the Serpent or Satan!) The sun, then, becomes the symbol of the Devil himself! The *Bible* says so!

These, then, were the false beliefs into which the people in Nimrod's time, who did not wish to worship the True God, were being led. They were Sun-Fire-Serpent worshippers. These were the beliefs Nimrod championed and which *made him more powerful than ever. He became the priest* of the Sun-god or *Bol-Kahn*, which means Priest of Baal. He did not claim to be the Sun-god himself but did spread the worship of this Pagan deity. He, being thus the priest of the devouring fire to which human victims were offered, and especially children, was regarded as a great child devourer. He became therefore the priest of *Devil worship!*

(Only after his violent *death* was he set up as though he had been a deity.)

### World Cheated Out of Real Happiness

Just as Nimrod had emancipated the people from the fear of the wild beasts, so also, he *emancipated them from the fear of the Eternal* which is the beginning of wisdom (Psa. 111:10) and in whose laws alone can *true* happiness be found.

He was the "mighty one," the acknowledged leader of the great ones or giants who, in their great apostacy, rebelled against heaven. He led those on the earth to believe a real spiritual change of heart was unnecessary. Drunken and sexual orgies went hand in hand with his expansion of power. It is evident that he led mankind to seek their chief good in sensual enjoyment and showed them how they might enjoy the pleasures of sin without any fear of wrath of a Holy God. In his various expeditions he was always accompanied by troops of women, and by music and song, games and revelries, and everything that could please the natural heart and endear himself to the good graces of mankind (*The Two Babylons*, p. 55).

"There is ample reason to believe that in his own day he was the object of high popularity. Though by setting up as king . . . he invaded the liberties of mankind, yet he was held to have conferred benefits . . . that amply indemnified them for the loss of their liberties, and covered him with glory and renown." (Hislop's *The Two Babylons*, p. 50)

In the carnal mind of man (Rom. 7:14) the Babylonian system was not so bad—it brought a measure of happiness,

they thought; but what did God do—God who knew the *full measure of happiness* mankind could have by obeying *his* laws? Was He going to allow man to destroy himself with his own sins *before he had enough time to learn his lesson* that sin does not bring happiness? (Rom. 6:23)

### Confusion of Tongues

"The Eternal came down to see the city and tower which the children of men had builded. And the Eternal said, Behold, the *people is one*, and they have all *one* language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined to do . . . let us go down and confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the *Eternal scattered* them . . . upon the face of all the earth: and they *left off to build the city*. Therefore the name of it is called Babel because the Eternal did confound the language . . . and . . . did scatter them abroad." (Gen. 11:5-9)

The word "Babel" means "confusion." God confused the language of this place and the city was named for that event. He did not destroy it but he did slow down its growth so that man would have *time* to learn the error of trying to rule himself. Thus by giving various groups of people various languages, He caused these groups to separate. This was the beginnings of the nations as we know them today: the confusion of tongues divided them "after their families, *after their tongues*, in their lands, after their nations." (Gen. 10:5, 20, 31) The people of Babylon started to migrate outward from that point from that time. Each group took its idolatrous Sun-Fire-Serpent worship with him and its memory of Babylon and Nimrod and his wife; but the groups were not under as powerful a Pagan economic, social, political, and religious government as they had been when under Nimrod's *direct* control.

People who spoke the same language grouped off and built their houses in the same locality. Sometimes only a few houses would be grouped together and at other times, many more. The largest land owner wielded the most authority. Some of these groups were large.

### Apostacy Spreads

Did this blow to Nimrod's plans stop him in his conquest for power? No, it made conditions more difficult and his rule less close-knit, but with increased zeal he extended his power: he did more construction work on the city of Babel. For the protection of three of the larger groups of people who had

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## Russia Plots War

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grasp is that Germany has *other* and more far-reaching plans!

Alfred Krupp, who once provided Germany with most of her munitions that plunged the world into the holocaust of the last war, can no longer manufacture crude steel or own coal mines in Germany. But Alfred Krupp is not giving up his plans! No indeed. Latest reports reveal that Krupp has made contracts with foreign governments to build up his vast empire abroad. He now has contracts which include steel mills in India and Pakistan. He is providing machinery, trucks and locomotives for Egypt. His firm has established a nickel-processing plant in Greece. He sells freight cars to Brazil and Argentina. Concessions for exploration and exploitation of iron ore in Yemen in Arabia have been secured. Alfred Krupp is even planning the construction of a bridge across the Bosphorus for Turkey near the Black Sea.

Alfred Krupp, prohibited from rebuilding his empire in Germany, is well on his way toward rebuilding it outside Germany.

Why?

Before we answer this question, we need to call to mind a report published for official distribution by the Bonn Government in Germany. While in Europe in the summer of 1952 we obtained a copy of this report, which I will now explain.

### Who Killed 2,167,000 Germans?

The title of this official report is "Proposals and Figures on the Economic Rehabilitation of Expellees in Western Germany." It was published by the Advisory Roman Catholic Refugee Council with the Refugee Bishop and with the High Papal Protector of Refugees. In this report it is proved that nearly 12,000,000 Germans were forced to flee into Western Germany from Eastern Europe as a result of the policy of one-time allies America, Britain and Russia. A map on page four of this publication compares the German problem with what would have happened in the United States if such a policy had been forced upon our land. Most Americans fail to realize the magnitude of the sufferings imposed on post war Germany by these expellees who needed new homes. It can be compared to the forced removal of every man, woman and child from Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, South and North Dakota into the states east of the Mississippi River but south of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

If this would seem a terrible calamity

to us, think how Germany feels. They experienced it!

But what is worse, in the winters before and after the close of the second World War, 2,167,000 Germans perished while attempting to flee. Of these 850,000 were killed or deported by the Russians. But another 1,317,000 perished of cold and hunger because—as many Germans word it—of America's determination to *punish* Germany.

Yes, Germany does not hold us guiltless for what happened! Now, perhaps, we can understand why Alfred Krupp is rebuilding his vast empire outside of Germany—to cover over Germany's past errors and to gain the economic friendship of non-democratic nations for Germany. Germany is at this moment planning to head a union of nations in Europe in order to gain mastery of America and the world—shocking as this may seem!

Here are the surprising facts about the coming United Europe, embodying a union of church and state to bring about "peace" in German style!

### Dr. Adenauer's Position Revealed

Germany, despite the indications of the recent election, is secretly playing the same tricks on us today as she did after the first World War. Dr. Adenauer talks openly of cooperation with the West and of a United Europe. But what is not commonly known are his undercover opinions and statements.

In 1949 Dr. Adenauer declared in Berne, Switzerland, that the Allies had "no mandate from the German people to submit to the terms of unconditional surrender." In 1950, he led a mass meeting of Berliners in singing "Deutschland Über Alles" in the presence of Allied representatives.

Before he became Chancellor he admonished his fellow countrymen: "We must move very cautiously. We ought not to give the impression either in Germany or in the United States that **WE SHALL COLLABORATE IN ANY WAY WITH THE RUSSIANS.**"

Notice, these are the statements and acts of a man who professes to be with the West, yet who has the age-old German concept that Germany must unite Europe to complete her mission of world leadership.

The German newspaper "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung," often considered one of the most influential mouthpieces of Germans and the German government, said in an editorial of June 5, 1952: "The fact that we are tied up with the NATO pact does not make it impossible for Europe, as soon as it is strong enough and the international situation has changed, to become one day independent from every side."

America's defensive wall against Com-

munist in Europe is built on quicksand. We are unaware of the determination of Germany, and of all continental Europe, to be free and independent from the dollar diplomacy of America.

### Ex-Nazis Advise German Government

In his book, *Germany Plots with the Kremlin*, published this spring, T. H. Tetens reveals the startling facts that in Madrid, Spain—the country with which America has just concluded a treaty—a German Geo-Political Center is established which covertly attempts to mould the foreign and domestic policy of the German government. This group, comprised of "ex-Nazi" business men, military advisers and analysts, publishes a Circular Letter which is a "general staff plan for a new German approach to divide and conquer the world."

The following shocking extracts reveal *how* the Germans are planning to fulfill their "mission of world leadership."

In answer to the question "Has Germany any obligation towards the United States?" the Madrid Circular Letter says: "It must not be our worry but theirs (America's) if in the last resort their calculations prove to be abysmally stupid. For us the war has never stopped

. . . In order to protect Germany against total destruction of its military and economic potentials, as planned at Yalta, we blueprinted a bold plan and created a flexible and smoothly working organization which, at the end of the war, provided the pre-condition for all the gains that by necessity emerged for Germany out of the chaos of the postwar period."

The letter continues to explain that "Economic difficulties will one day plunge the United States down from its present dizzy heights. Such a catastrophe can be brought about through crafty manipulations and through artificially engineered crises . . . Such a prospect would open tremendous possibilities for the future power position of a bloc introducing a new order in the world"—Germany heading a United Europe!

Now listen to what a German religious publication has to say about Germany's future role in world leadership. In an editorial from the front page of "Christ und Welt," of December 27, 1951, we read: "Continental Europe WOULD BREAK AWAY FROM THE ATLANTIC PACT if the Soviets agree to . . . release not only the Eastern zone of Germany, but the whole of Eastern Europe into a European Union. A United Europe, standing on its own feet and possessing its own powerful army, could begin with the *development of its colonial empire in Africa*. Such a Europe, whatever the ties might be with America, could

afford to carry out such an independent policy because it will have the strength of a THIRD POWER."

Notice, even religious publications in Germany envision a United Europe, under German leadership, becoming a third power in the world, and also envision the seizure of the British Empire in Africa in order to provide release for Europe's overpopulation. Italy and Germany both need colonies in Africa, and the Germans have never forgotten that the British "stole" her colonies after the first World War. Such are the views of a religious publication about a proposed New Order—a FASCIST New Order!

### Conspiracy with the Vatican!

Last summer we reported in the columns of this magazine the stupendous revelation of the Pope's *secret* plans for "Peace." In that issue we reported to you about the secret collaboration between the Nazi Underground and Vatican representatives. The following is a vitally important statement made in this same Madrid Circular Letter: "It must therefore be our (Germany's) supreme duty to place ourselves in the vanguard of the struggle to keep Europe out of any future war. If we succeed in this, we will surely gain the trust of the people and undisputed leadership in Europe . . . The world is longing today for the millennium. In the role of champion for peace, we would gain stature in world public opinion . . . Europe would then be willing to follow German leadership. Such a policy can be pursued successfully, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT ATTITUDE OF THE VATICAN. THE POPE IS A REALIST IN POLITICS AND KNOWS WELL ENOUGH, IN THE AGE OF THE ATOM BOMB, THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR EUROPE AS A WHOLE."

Think of it! German leaders professing peace and collaboration with the West in order to build themselves a firm foundation for world conquest—and uniting with the Church in order to cement Europe's quarreling nations into a united front against East and West. Strange as this plot for world control may appear, it is being planned today—and among nations allied with the West!

### What America Doesn't Know

The West is asleep even though it thinks it is awake. We realized too late that Russia was stealing our most vital military and atomic secrets even while she was allied with us. Americans were blinded to the facts because they wanted to believe that Joseph Stalin and communism weren't so bad after all. Throughout the war the columns of "The PLAIN TRUTH" were filled with warnings of Russia's plan for world con-

trol but very few people believed it.

Today, America has agreements with such nations as Spain, Italy, Germany and Yugoslavia—all of which are basically non-democratic. We are pouring billions in financial and military aid to them *at the very time they are secretly plotting to stab us in the back*, or, as in Yugoslavia recently, where American and British officials are openly and publicly beaten and humiliated! When will we *wake up* to understand that this world is *filled* with enemies—MANY enemies—who are plotting to seize world domination which *God placed in our hands* at the close of the last war.

Americans do not understand the psychology of other nations who lust for world control and who are conscious of a mission of world leadership—"Fuehrermission"—as the Germans say. Other nations will stop at nothing to fulfill their aspirations. It is little wonder that Americans and British can't fathom this way of thinking. We have never fought a war to make ourselves the masters of the world. In World War II Britain and America fight for self-protection and found themselves involuntarily raised to the dizzy heights of world leadership. Russia wants to take that leadership from us today and so does Europe!

### Prophecy Makes Future Plain

Another reason that most people do not understand what is going to happen is that they have never understood the Revelation of God to man. The Creator reveals to us exactly what will transpire in the world from here on because He is permitting events to happen according to plan.

It is the Creator who gave America its great might and influence in the world. He warns us that other nations will finally DESTROY OUR POWER because we haven't learned to use it properly. Prophecy reveals to us the development of world history in advance; it reveals that Russia will not be able to launch a World War *now*—though she would if she could. It tells us clearly that the FASCIST system that has fastened itself on Europe for centuries will once again rise to CONQUER AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN. But a world that does not accept the Scripture as a Revelation from the Creator—thinks it only a man-made book—cannot *know* what is destined to take place.

In future articles of "The PLAIN TRUTH" we will reveal many of the *prophesied* details that are soon to happen—how Europe will unite under the influence of the Vatican and a revived Germany, how the United Europe will use the French and Portuguese Empires in Africa to destroy the British Empire, how America will be conquered, and finally how there will be another re-

*ligious persecution* in order to establish a Fascist New World Order guaranteed by the Church to bring "peace." Then you will read how Russia, instead of conquering America as she now plans, will conquer a revived Fascist German Europe dominated by the Vatican—and how in the closing battles of earth's history human life would be totally annihilated in atom- and hydrogen bomb warfare UNLESS THE CREATOR SHOULD INTERVENE BY SENDING JESUS CHRIST TO ESTABLISH THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD ON EARTH AND ENFORCE PEACE AT LONG LAST.

These days are more terrible than most realize. The time is ominous, storm clouds are brewing above and below the horizon. Within less than a quarter of a century this world will be plunging to destruction in order that men might know once and for all time that the Creator RULES and that His laws alone bring peace and happiness.

## WHAT is GOD?

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Christians will finally *judge the world*, and that we will even *judge angels*.

God is a *ruling family*—a kingdom. The *good news* that Jesus proclaimed is that by surrendering our lives to God, obeying His will, and receiving His character through the Holy Spirit, we may finally be *born of . . . changed into*—spirit as His sons. We will then be capable of ruling this earth in peace—under Him as our Father, and under Christ as our elder brother and King.

This should make everyone realize the tremendous *meaning* of life. We must strive daily in *study, prayer, and action* to become like God that we may fulfill our *purpose* and be born as His sons at the resurrection when Christ returns.

God—or the family of God—will then be composed of *many members*. Yet they will all be *one God*—guided and motivated by, and composed of, the Holy Spirit, whose chief attribute is *love*.

Watch the coming issues of the *Plain Truth* for further articles explaining this vital subject more fully.

## Why YOU Are Alive

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dom or thru misdirected zeal!

Jesus Himself is our example. If they persecuted Him, so shall we be persecuted if we truly are His followers! Jesus SUFFERED! But it is recorded, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being MADE perfect, He be-

came the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." (Heb. 5:8-9).

Again, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; . . . for it became Him . . . to make the captain of their salvation PERFECT thru sufferings." (Heb. 2:9-10).

Jesus *became* perfect! He was born human, and was not perfect. He was *made* perfect, THRU SUFFERING—He *learned* by the things which HE *suffered*!

So we suffer. We LEARN thru suffering. It develops character. If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him!

Do circumstances come up in your life—adverse circumstances which may first bring fright, consternation, worry, but which drive you to your knees seeking deliverance from God—circumstances which you later see were actually sent from God to *punish you*—to teach you a lesson—to bring you closer to Him? God says He chastens every son whom He loves! So don't grumble, gripe and growl, REJOICE!

Do you have enemies? Can you see that the Devil is literally after you, perhaps using deceived people under his sway, even tho they pose as Christians? Well, REJOICE! If Satan is angry with you, then you must be one of God's elect! Read Revelation 12:12-17. But you don't need to fight back against your enemies. God will fight your battles for you, if you'll just TRUST Him! Pray for your enemies—and be sure it's not a prayer *against* them. If their works are evil, do not fellowship them—avoid them, but never be unkind to them. Everyone whom God is using, and who is accomplishing anything for Christ will have enemies. But keep your heart filled with the LOVE of God, your mind filled with His FAITH, and TRUST HIM!

Of course, you do have *one* enemy whom you, yourself must fight—continuously, relentlessly. That enemy is your own SELF! You are your own worst enemy. If you, with God's help, overcome *him*, you shall sit with Christ on His throne, ruling over the nations!

God is the great Master Sculptor. We are His clay. If we submit into His hands, He will shape, fashion, and mould out of our lives a beautiful, holy and perfect character that shall one day, when finished, become His crowning MASTERPIECE!

It is for *that* purpose that you were born, and are alive. Don't let another day—not another hour, or minute, pass by while you neglect or overlook that great PURPOSE! Yield yourself fully to God—re-dedicate your life—re-consecrate yourself, utterly and wholly, and do it NOW!

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

# Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

**H**ERE are the Bible answers to questions which can be answered briefly in short space. *Send in your questions.* While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

### Are the Last Twelve Verses of Mark's Gospel Inspired?

One of the most controversial points of Scripture is whether Mark 16:9-20 is actually a part of Scripture. Although it appears in the King James Version, many other translations either label this section as an appendix or leave it in the footnotes as in the controversial *Revised Standard Version* of the Bible. The Moffatt translation, together with the Goodspeed and others, not only has the long ending found in the King James Version, but it also has *another* shorter ending.

Since the Bible is a revelation from God about those essential facts which we need to know, but which we have no other way of obtaining, it is very important that we know *what constitutes the Bible*. If this last portion of Mark's Gospel is spurious, it is time we learned of the fact. If it is genuine, it is vital that we believe what it contains.

Let us briefly understand the facts behind the controversy. The eighth verse of Mark, chapter 16, ends abruptly—seemingly at a place where it would be natural to have the thought continue. Why? There have been two reasons generally postulated. (1) That Mark originally wrote an ending that has been totally lost, the present endings being merely additions by later copyists. (2) That for some yet unknown reason Mark was not permitted to finish his gospel, and that probably *another person* wrote an ending. The scholars are, of course, in confusion as to whether this ending was inspired, or whether it was merely the addition of another copyist. It might be important to bring in at this point the fact that almost all scholars dismiss the secondary short ending found in the translations of Moffatt, Goodspeed and others. In Hasting's *Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels* it is plainly stated that this short addition is not found in any of the early Church writers. We can therefore consider it as

merely the addition of a copyist.

The longer ending to Mark's gospel is, however, quoted extremely early. Mark 16:19 is quoted *as a part of Mark's account* by Irenaeus in *Against Heresies* (Bk. iii, 10, 6) between 182 and 188 A.D. There are allusions to it in even earlier writings, although not as a true quotation. Not only did Irenaeus accept it as a part of Mark's gospel when arguing with "heretics," but, says Hastings: "No writer before Eusebius is known to have rejected them, and their presence in all later MSS (manuscripts) shows that the successors of Eusebius, in spite of his great authority, did not follow his judgment in the matter." (Eusebius was the court favorite and the church historian in the days of Emperor Constantine.)

These facts point plainly to the great antiquity of the longer ending as preserved in the common English versions. But were they inspired?

Let us consider now the common idea that the real ending of Mark was lost. Since the Bible explains that the Word of the Lord endures forever, are we to assume that so important a matter as the resurrection was allowed to perish? Notice chapter 36 of Jeremiah, verse 23. Here one of the scrolls containing the inspired words of the Lord was cut with a penknife and cast into a fire and totally destroyed. Did God leave it to some copyist to guess what it might have contained? No! Baruch, the scribe of Jeremiah, was ordered to write in a new scroll "all the former words that were in the first roll" (verse 28). So one of the basic principles is that God's inspired word *can not perish*.

Now let us turn again to the last of Mark's gospel. All commentators will agree that the last twelve verses are actually an *addition* and not the normal ending. The Greek clause ending verse 8 of Mark 16 is abrupt—as though it were anticipating another thought. Since no actual ending has ever been known to these verses, and since God does not

allow His word to perish, it is logical that there never were added verses now lost. God, for a certain particular reason, did not allow the completion of the gospel record by Mark at its original writing. The question then is this: Is the present long addition an inspired ending or a man made conclusion?

The answer is definitely that it is an INSPIRED ending. This is proved by a unique system of Bible Numerics, discovered by Dr. Panin, to be explained in the Plain Truth in a later issue. Dr. Panin discovered that within the text of the Bible, Old and New Testaments, is an amazing numerical pattern based on the fact that the letters of the alphabet were used as numbers also. This pattern, which is not found in other Greek or Hebrew works, is *broken* if these verses of Mark's gospel are left out.

Bible Numerics has demonstrated that the Bible as a whole—not only the books and their words, but also syllables and even letters—give an amazing pattern of sevens, elevens and other numbers, which not only indicate the inspiration of each writer by a Supreme Mind, but also the inspiration of the whole Bible by One Supreme Mind. Since these last twelve verses not only fit into the whole pattern of the Bible, but also have a pattern within themselves, we KNOW that these twelve verses were inspired by God to give added special information not found in the other gospels. God does *not* reveal who wrote these verses, nor why Mark apparently did not write them, because it is not necessary for us to know.

If these last verses of Mark's gospel are left out the book does not come to an orderly conclusion as does *every other book in the Bible*. Human writings are filled with error, but the Bible is *fool-proof, complete, inspired, and wholly preserved* through the power of God. These verses are an *inspired part* of the Word of God.

## How Civilization Began

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been dispersed, he built the cities of Erech, Accad, and Calneh and these thereby came under his rule. These cities (Gen. 10:10) comprised the *beginning* of his empire which was later to expand and cover the known world of that time. From thence he extended his control over much of the land that God had designed for Shem (Ex. 23:31) (Miller's *Ancient History In Bible Light*, p. 54).

What made it possible that Nimrod could conquer such vast areas? "There is evidence that down to a late period the priests of the Chaldean (Babylonian)

Mysteries knew the composition of the formidable Greek fire, which burned under water, and the secret of which has been lost; and there can be little doubt that Nimrod, in erecting his power, availed himself of such similar scientific secrets, which he and his associates *alone* possessed" (Salverte, *Des Sciences Occultes*, p. 415).

It is possible that this "Greek fire" which "burned under water" was a sodium product. Roach and Robertson's *New Practical Reference Library*, under "Sodium," states that sodium is perhaps more abundant than any other metal on our globe and in its metallic form oxidizes rapidly in the air and takes fire in water. It was by such means as this that Nimrod became, "a mighty one in the earth" (Gen. 10:8). He "set the world on fire," it was said.

Bryant, vol. ii. p. 377, says that Nimrod conquered all nations as far as Lybia. This indicates that all the area from Babylon to Lybia was under his

sway; thereby including Egypt also. This was a large part of the populated world at that time. Upon these his religion and government were imposed. Nimrod, then, was the *first* to form an army, civil, economic, political and social systems. He set the pattern of laws to govern these, but in all this he did not include God, for he turned the people to worship Satan.

### Characteristics of the Babylonian System

Why has God objected all through the Bible to mankind following the Babylonish system? Let us examine closely Nimrod's way of rule and find why God would object. The characteristics of the Babylonish system of rule as represented by Nimrod's world-empire are: "rejection of God, denial of his right to rule, refusal to acknowledge man's dependence upon God for power or happiness, determination to deprive . . . God of  
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the gratitude and allegiance of men, thirst for domination apart from God over this world, the exaltation of man to the place of deity."

"These are characteristics which belonged in supreme degree to Satan, the arch enemy and rebel against God. They are characteristics of the innate heart of . . . humanity; since all unregenerate men are children of disobedience, and their minds are 'not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.'" (Rom. 8:7.) (Miller's *Ancient History In Bible Light*, p. 55.)

Now notice carefully, for this is very important!

"To the later Jews Babylon was the complete embodiment of the enmity of the heathen world against the kingdom of God, and the idea they formed of Nimrod was influenced by this view. The arrogance of his character which seemed to be implied in his very name was conceived of as defiance of God, and *he became a heaven-storming Titan. As such he built the tower of Babel* . . . Jewish legend made choice of Abraham to be his antithesis, the representative of God's kingdom over against the heathen autocrat." (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 9th ed., Vol. 17, p. 511.) These are all serious indictments against this system.

To summarize why God is against the Babylonish system: God is the Supreme Ruler. This rebellion of human beings against him would, if universal, defeat his very purpose—His purpose of giving to obedient mortals eternal life

and thus bring them into His spiritual kingdom of God where He is acknowledged as the Creator and Ruler of all!

Revelation 14:8 speaks of a Babylon which will be destroyed *in our day*, and Revelation 18:4 tells us to *come out of her lest we receive of her plagues!* This is really serious! *No one will receive eternal life while they are in this system!* "Babylon" is not as far away from us as we have always imagined. We shall presently see as we continue our study.

But what of Noah, the preacher of righteousness? Did *everyone* join Cush and Nimrod in their apostasy against God, or did Noah stand firm and gather some followers on his side?

#### Shem Slays Nimrod

Yes, Noah, the preacher of righteousness (II Pet. 2:5) did stand fast and gained a staunch supporter in his son Shem. While Nimrod was expanding his kingdom so rapidly there was opposition from a smaller group which still followed God. "Light was produced by the fire-worshippers when Nimrod was set up in opposition to Shem, the representative of Noah, *the great enlightener of the world.*" (*Hislop*, p. 316-317.) Nimrod became the representative for the forces of evil in opposing Shem who took over the position of Noah, the preacher of righteousness.

With the aggressive Nimrod expanding his government and religion to include all people in the small world of that time, the two groups were bound

to come into conflict. How did the conflict resolve itself?

"Ancient traditions relate that the apostates who joined in the rebellion of Nimrod made war upon the faithful among the sons of Noah (Shem and his followers). Power and numbers were on the side of the fire-worshippers. But on the side of the faithful was the power of God's spirit. Therefore many were convicted in their sin, and arrested in their evil career; and victory declared for the saints. The power of Nimrod came to an end, and with it, *for a time*, the worship of the sun, and the fiery serpent associated with it." (*Hislop*, p. 232.)

Shem, a very eloquent person, is said to have obtained the aid of a group of Egyptians who overcame Nimrod. Then Nimrod's dead body was cut into pieces, these pieces being sent as a warning to various areas against apostacizing (*Hislop*, p. 63).

Was this terrible apostasy against God stopped for all time with Nimrod's death? Who was there as capable as he to carry it on? The carnal nature of mankind was willing to continue the apostasy but they needed a leader! Certainly if a world-wide flood that drowned all but eight people would *not* stop them, Shem and a few other men could not!

Would Satan allow this world-wide system, which he had built up so that he could secretly receive the worship of the earth, to crumble? We shall find the answer in the next article.

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