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Our Fight for Survival

*U.S. faces greatest challenge in its history.
Here are the facts gathered from around the world.*

EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue, we bring you a complete SPECIAL BULLETIN from the Ambassador College News Gathering Department. As we have announced over the air, and in the pages of this magazine, we have a highly efficient, top-notch news gathering department right on our own campus! They receive vital publications from all over the world, special inside economic and political reports, top news magazines and bulletins. We have our own wire service, clicking out the news as it happens, 24 hours a day. We send our own correspondents to far away Europe, South America, Africa, Australia—the far-flung areas and trouble spots of the world.

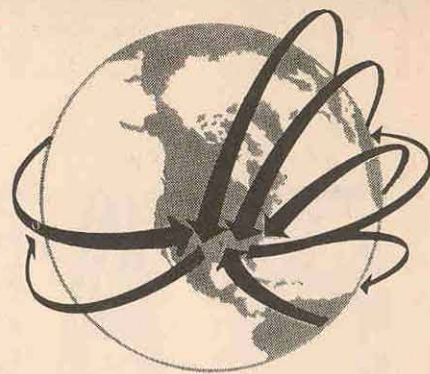
The broadcasts you hear, and the articles you read in the *Plain Truth* are greatly benefited by this highly skilled group of men.

However, such a tremendous

amount of material is sorted, catalogued, filed by our news department that we are able to use only a very small *fragment* of it in the broadcasts and articles.

These men spend hours wading through the really BIG news of the world—and they are *alarmed* by what they see! They are kept in a constant state of alertness, of SHOCK over the terrifying world happenings that are signaling the rapidly approaching END OF THE AGE! Theirs is a HAIR-RAISING job—a grave and serious job—to which they have truly dedicated themselves.

Therefore, we present to you—just as they presented it to us—this complete SPECIAL BULLETIN, as only a small sample of the alarming news they are receiving daily! Illustrated by the Ambassador College Art Department.



Reprinted from STEEL, Sept. 5, 1960

mean to U.S. firms: It would generate sales of more than \$3 billion because *our prices average 20% higher than those of our foreign competitors*. That \$3 billion, plus \$1 billion loss in exports, adds up to a \$4 billion loss in sales to U.S. industry *since 1956*. The 2 million Americans whose livelihoods have been dislocated include 700,000 who have lost their jobs, plus 1.3 million of their dependents. . . .

What Has Caused the Profound Change in Our Trade Status?

"Higher wage and fringe payments to U.S. workers are important reasons. *We pay up to five times more per hour for our labor than our foreign competitors do*. Our productivity is rarely five times better. Sometimes it's lower. . . .

"Another cause is the industrial expansion in Europe and Japan. . . . They have goods to sell and must export to survive.

"*Dozens of other factors* contribute to the trade revolution—our own inertia or indifference, inadequate help from our own government in depreciation reform and other areas, insufficient gains in production efficiency, inability to adapt our mass production and distribution structures to the smaller or special markets abroad, weak credit terms, poor market research, faulty design, sloppy service. The Europeans and Japanese have contributed to it too, with trade barriers or currency restrictions that discriminate against our goods, with lower prices.

"It all adds up to a new world market, to which metalworking firms abroad have been better in tune than we. EXAMPLE: In 1946, *all* the 13,000 refrigerators and 1000 washing machines sold

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"THE CHALLENGE we as a nation face today," said Leland A. Watson, president of the Maico Electronics Co. . . . *'is the greatest in our history.'* . . . 'If we fail, it will cost us not just our jobs, but probably our freedom, our lives and the future of our children.' . . .

"Said Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers and chairman of AFL-CIO's Committee on Economic Policy: 'Today we are no longer engaged, as a nation, in a competition for advantage over other countries. OUR STRUGGLE IS FOR SURVIVAL.'" (NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, March 29, 1960).

NEWS DEPARTMENT NOTE: One of the most outstanding news trend items we receive here at the Ambassador College News Department are the articles about the TRADE WAR. We, who know the meaning of such a war, aren't the only ones aware of this trend. Businessmen and economists are frankly scared and are planning how to combat this threat.

This report will be based on what we

consider to be the latest and most complete picture of the trade war. Our basic source is STEEL, The Metalworking Weekly, September 5, 1960. This is a *Special Issue*, giving the best rundown on this "fight for survival."

The Stakes Are High

"*Never before has a single nation bet as much on foreign markets as we have*. U.S. exports, plus goods produced abroad through licensing arrangements, plus the production of U.S. branch plants total well over \$50 billion—a formidable figure compared with a gross national product of \$500 billion. The Labor Department estimates that *the jobs of 4.5 million workers depend on foreign trade.*"

Already . . .

"TWO MILLION Americans have lost their livelihood since 1956 because of foreign trade changes. We're losing the fight for survival in the new world market. . . . You get the full impact of the \$2.6 billion rise in imports by computing what that amount of business would

THE SHOCKING TRUTH About Schools and Colleges

The most diabolical conspiracy of all time against YOU, your child, and humanity is here, for the first time, exposed. You need to know the eye-opening facts! Every prospective college student needs to know these facts!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT SEEMS no one ever stopped to search out the astonishing *facts* about the origin of the system of schools and colleges. WHEN, and HOW did the educational system start?

Do you realize that this world's whole civilization is precisely what its schools have made it? Children are not taught merely how to read, write, and figure. They are taught, right or wrong, what to believe, and trained to accept certain customs.

The Conspiracy

Today an evil conspiracy is infusing diabolical leaven into the processes of disseminating knowledge. It is injecting mental and spiritual poison into the plastic, unsuspecting minds of children and youths. This conspiracy is cleverly designed to *destroy mankind!*

Most people take the established system of schools, colleges and universities for granted. They give no thought to how, and under what circumstances and influences this pattern of education was introduced, or what has happened to it along the way. The PLAIN TRUTH about this plot, and the secretly operating forces behind it, is something you need to know!

Today's New Trend

In just the past two generations a *new trend* has marked a turning point in modern education. This new trend has been so subtly introduced and manipulated that the real plot and its authors have been unrecognized. Of course many educators do recognize that there is a dangerous drift into materialism and collectivism. They realize that overcrowded schools and colleges are resorting to assembly-line methods, crowding out individual instruction.

But they are unaware of the underly-

ing Master Plan and its real satanic authorship. They are, without realizing it, merely the dupes and pawns being used.

The Chancellor of higher education in the state of Oregon voiced the feeling of many educational executives. It was in 1947, when plans were being rushed to completion for the opening of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California.

"Mr. Armstrong," Dr. Packer said seriously, "I really envy you the wonderful opportunity you have. I know only too well that our educational system has descended into materialism. We must teach young people the sciences, the professions, the art of earning a living, but we are failing to teach them *how to live!* Yet we educators are powerless to change it. Here I am, the head *over* the presidents of our state university, our state college, and our three teachers' colleges—five rather large institutions of higher learning. Yet in correcting this evil I am completely helpless. I have not the power or authority to change this dangerous direction into which we, with other institutions, are drifting. The course is set for me. I merely administer what is already set. I must go along.

"But you, Mr. Armstrong," he continued with a smile, "are happily in a different position. You are FREE! You have the rare privilege—the great opportunity—to *recapture the TRUE values* in the new college you are founding. I wish you every success!"

Today we live in the age of the machine, of science, of technology, of nuclear weapons, of space flight. Educators find themselves, like Dr. Packer, helplessly swept with the onrushing current that soon will engulf the whole world in cataclysm. The activities of human governments, science and technology,

with their awesome new powers and rapidly accelerating momentum toward the *very zero-hour* of world eruption that can blast all human life from the earth.

World-famous scientists say publicly that they are frankly frightened by this imminent possibility. They say nothing but a new super WORLD-GOVERNMENT can now prevent it. One of the latest warnings from such a scientist is the newly published book, *On Thermonuclear War* by nuclear physicist Herman Kahn, senior staff physicist for the United States Air Force "think factory" and consultant for the Atomic Energy Commission. United States defense policies are based largely on the underlying assumption that U.S. nuclear power for retaliation is the deterrent that holds Russia in check. The assumption has been that nuclear war is unthinkable, preposterous—Russia won't dare. Mr. Kahn now blasts that assumption as false. He sees nuclear war as a possibility even for this year, 1961! His new book is already the talk of military thinkers and experts across the United States.

"If we are to reach the year 2,000," he says, "*or even 1975* without a cataclysm, the nations with nuclear capabilities must work out enforceable international arms-control agreements." Yet this is utterly impossible!

But scientists, as well as educators, are themselves the product of this modern materialistic education. They are merely its victims. They did not institute it. They, like all humans, were born knowing *nothing!* What they now have in their minds has been injected there by this system of education. The same is true of heads of government. They are all being swept with the tide. The heads of state, in a competitive world,

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must make continued more urgent demands on educators to turn out more scientists, and on the scientists to work more feverishly in crash programs to turn out more powerful weapons of mass destruction.

THAT is the world *you live in today!*

Under this system the world is heading relentlessly toward utter extinction!

Is that a diabolical trend? Yet that is only the milder *part* of it! To blast to bits all human bodies, is, after all, not as evil a fate as the poisoning of all *human minds* and the *destruction* of all *human souls!* THAT is the basic objective of the plot.

Just what *is* taking place in education? How did it come to us, of the present generation? Who are its real unrecognized authors? HOW has this colossal destructive lever been injected?

Three Preceding Changes

Actually, education has undergone *three* former major changes *before* this modern trend began.

One, of which most people know nothing, was the change from pagan to "Christian" education.

Did you ever wonder when, and how the system of modern colleges and universities originated? You'll find the facts enlightening, and a little shocking!

Prior to the 6th century little is known of the system of higher education in the western world, except that it disseminated *pagan education*. The system of organized schools was derived from Greece through Rome. Indeed, every facet of today's civilization came to us through the same channels—even if not generally realized. Plato was the first to give a regular educational course extending over three or four years, in a fixed place called the Academy. There was teaching and dissemination of knowledge in earlier Greece, though not on the organized curricular system.

How Universities Developed

But what of the early years of professed Christianity?

There was, patterned after that of Greece, a system of pagan schools in the Roman Empire. It was a decaying pagan civilization into which the Roman Catholic "Christianity" was born and had its spread through the Empire.

What was the attitude of the Church leaders toward the prevalent education?

The literature of the western world was saturated with paganism. There were no printing presses. It was virtually impossible to produce a new and different "Christian" literature. *The pagan festivals continued to form a regular part of school life* (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 13th ed. art. *Education*). Pagan education offered the *only* means of higher culture. As men of culture (pagan) and position came into leading positions in the Church, their attitudes toward education were, says the Britannica article, various, and largely the outcome of temperament and previous training. Their *previous training* was, of course, pagan. Without a liberal education, which of necessity was exclusively pagan, the Christian could not attain an intellectual understanding "of the mysteries of the Faith."

They were in somewhat the same position as two of our ministers found native Africans recently in Rhodesia,

south central Africa. They found there many natives of so little education that they were incapable of understanding, in their minds, even the basic facts of God's purposes, and His plan of Salvation. They can be reached primarily only through their feelings and emotions. The question is whether they can come into "saving *knowledge*," until they have had at least a bit of elementary teaching. If the only education available is pagan, they will be influenced more by paganism than God's truth.

So it was in the early centuries of Roman Catholic "Christianity." From the Britannica article, further: "Tertullian (160-240)" . . . one of the "Christian fathers" . . . "was very suspicious of pagan culture, though he granted the necessity of employing it as a means of education. . . . The general practise of Christians, however, did not conform to Tertullian's" (suspicions in regard to pagan teachings). "Indeed, many of the cultivated Christians of the 3rd and 4th centuries were little more than nominal adherents to the Faith,"—in other words, these LEADERS in church life *professed* to be Christians, but were actually much more pagan than Christian. "And," continues the Britannica account, "the intercourse between Christian and Pagan was often close and friendly. . . . The ultimate outcome seems to be fairly expressed in the writings of St. Augustine (354-430) and St. Jerome (346-420), who held that literary and rhetorical culture (pagan) is good so long as it is kept subservient to the Christian life. . . . Greek philosophy exercised an abiding influence over the culture of future ages."

So, prior to the 6th century, these schools kept alive, in a professing "Christian" world, *the tradition of pagan education*. By the 6th century the barbaric invasions almost entirely swept away these schools.

Now Came Church Schools

These pagan schools had taught exclusively a *secular education*. They taught reading, writing, arithmetic. They taught the literature of the pagan world. And although they were not religious schools, as such, they disseminated the philosophies of pagan Greece and Rome. And, as stated above, observance of the pagan

festivals formed a regular part of school life.

But with the cessation of these secular schools came a new *change* in the educational pattern.

Now the schools became primarily *religious*. The pagan secular schools were supplanted by the cathedral schools and the monastic schools.

The cathedral schools taught only what was supposed necessary for the priest—strongly influenced, however, by pagan traditions. The monastic schools disseminated only what was required for the training of the monk. Still there remained that which came from both pagan and the "Christian" systems.

These schools, of course, were open to men only.

But in these religious schools paganism continued to penetrate. They could not dispense with the pagan textbooks—for no others were in existence—printing had not yet been invented! The philosophies of Aristotle, Socrates, Plato, Seneca, continued in acceptance.

In the 8th and 9th centuries Emperor Charlemagne affected a reformation of a sort in the cathedral and monastic schools, but this virtually died out in the 10th century. The core of pagan tradition, even influencing theological thought, continued to survive. It became the nucleus of the teaching in which the modern university took its rise in the 12th and 13th centuries.

The first European university was the University of Salerno. It was known as a school of medicine as early as the 9th century. Medicine came out of Egypt. The University of Bologna (Italy) appeared in the year 1000. Colleges as places of residence for students existed there at an early date. Other universities rose in Italy at Reggio, Modena, Padua, Vercelli; originating out of civil and papal authority.

In the 12th century came the University of Paris. It became the model for universities of northern France, central Europe, and of Oxford and Cambridge in England. The Master of Arts degree conferred permission to become a duly licensed teacher. The previous stage of academic study, the bachelordom, was an apprenticeship for the mastership. The Master's degree was conferred by placing the "biretta"—the magisterial cap—upon

the head, in imitation of an old Roman pagan ceremony of mammission.

It is rather astonishing to learn the pagan origin of many modern academic teachings and customs.

The British Universities

The University of Paris is important, for it was the forerunner of Oxford and Cambridge, and they in turn of Harvard, Yale, and other later American colleges and universities.

The University of Paris came formally into being between 1150 and 1170. Its first legal recognition as a legal corporation came in 1211, by papal recognition.

Oxford was the earliest of the British universities modelled on the University of Paris. Its actual beginning appears uncertain. One claim is that it was started by a migration of English students from Paris about 1167 or 1168. Paris at this time was the great place of higher education for British students. Halls of licensed residence for students began to be established in the 13th century.

An interesting highlight for Ambassador students in England is that in 1257 the deputies from Oxford made an appeal to the King at St. Albans. They spoke of the university as second only to Paris. Enrollment at this time prob-

EDITOR'S NOTE: All our readers were offered, by special letter, the forthcoming free booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*. Thousands of requests flooded the office. Because of delays and the time involved in having this printed in special booklet form, the editors decided to publish it, beginning in the January issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, as a series of articles. We regret that the second installment was not complete at the time this issue had to go to press. It will appear in a succeeding issue. As soon as the booklet is printed, all who requested it, or shall request it, will receive a free copy.

Also we regret that the AUTOBIOGRAPHY has had to be delayed in order that this special article on education might appear.

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ably was around 3,000, but it fluctuated greatly larger and smaller thru the years and centuries.

Cambridge came somewhat later than Oxford, but probably in the same century. A body of students migrated there from Oxford in 1209. The Franciscan body of students established themselves in Cambridge in 1224. They were followed a half century later by the Dominicans—both of these being Roman Catholic orders. Royal and papal letters in 1231 and 1233 prove Cambridge was already an organized body with a Chancellor at its head, appointed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ely, for the granting of degrees. Chancellors, both at Oxford and Cambridge, were appointed by Catholic Bishops.

During the Reformation both universities suffered severe confiscation of their lands and revenues. Afterward, however, both remained centers chiefly of theological teaching, but with intimate connection with the state and the Church of England.

American Colleges

The first colleges in America were organized in colonial days on the patterns of Oxford and Cambridge. Those were days of colonial poverty. The first North American settlers were among the most progressive in civilization from England and Europe.

About 1620 an attempt was made to

start a school for the Virginia colony, frustrated by the Indian War. In New York elementary schools were maintained at public expense. The town of Boston established an elementary school in 1635.

Harvard College had its beginning in 1636—the first college in America. It was named after John Harvard, a minister, who left it his library and property worth 400 pounds!

The earliest colleges in America were established through religious zeal. They were mainly theological institutions for the training of ministers. Harvard was Congregational. Next came William and Mary, 1693, and then Yale, 1701, all Congregational. Princeton, Presbyterian, started in 1746.

A new *major change* in higher education—the start of the present modern trend, was ushered in by Thomas Jefferson. He was a philosophical statesman who had just returned from Paris. There he had been “emancipated” from “narrow” religious views into agnosticism. He set himself to begin a movement to liberate education from religion. He led the Virginians to establish the first secular STATE UNIVERSITY, the University of Virginia. It appeared shockingly foreign and irreligious at the time. But later other states followed. Today America is dotted with immense state universities and agricultural and mechanical colleges coast to coast, with

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Jesus said, “This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations” (Mar. 24:14) at this time, just before the end of this age. A PRICE must be paid for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to sell it to those who receive it: “Freely ye have received,” said Jesus to His disciples who He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, “freely GIVE!” “It is more blessed,” He said, “to GIVE than to receive.”

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving. God expects every child of His to give free-will offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of others. Yet it must go only to those who ask for it for themselves! Each must, for himself, subscribe—and his subscription has thus already been paid.

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enrollments up to nearly 50,000—many running 15,000 to 20,000.

But what of the diabolical plot to destroy all humanity through education? How could any such objective be accomplished? WHO are the secret, satanic forces working under cover to perpetrate it?

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

In February my children in school will be confronted with St. Valentine's Day. What should I tell them to do?

Few know where the custom of celebrating St. Valentine's Day originated. We do not find any such practice in the Bible. How did we come to inherit these customs?

It is time we examined why children are encouraged to celebrate St. Valentine's Day when it is never so much as mentioned in the Bible or as a practice of the New Testament Church.

Did you know that centuries before Christ, the pagan Romans celebrated February 15 and the evening of February 14 as an idolatrous festival in honor of Lupercus, the “hunter of wolves”? The Romans called the festival the “Lupercalia.” The custom of exchanging valentines and all the other traditions in honor of Lupercus—the deified hero-hunter of Rome—“have been handed down from the Roman festival of the Lupercalia, celebrated in the month of February, when names of young women were put into a box and drawn out by men as chance directed,” admits the *Encyclopedia Americana*, art., “St. Valentine's Day.”

When Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire there was some talk in church circles of discarding this pagan free-for-all. But the Roman citizens wouldn't hear of it! So it was agreed that the holiday would continue as it was.

But how did this pagan festival acquire the name of “St. Valentine's Day”? And why do little children and young people still cut out hearts and send them

In the concluding installment, next month, the whole truth will be made plain. You will learn of the colleges in the world prior to the days of ancient Israel, and of the school system introduced by God's prophets into that nation. You will learn the shocking truth of today's latest trend.

on a day in honor of Lupercus the hunter of wolves?

Valentine was a common Roman name. Roman parents often gave the name to their children in honor of the famous man who was first called Valentine in antiquity. That famous man was Lupercus, the hunter. But who was Lupercus?

The Greeks called Lupercus by the name of “Pan”—the Semites called Pan “Baal,” according to the *Classical Dictionaries*. Baal—mentioned so often in the Bible—was merely another name for Nimrod, the mighty hunter” (Genesis 10:9). So the hunter Nimrod was the Lupercus—or wolf hunter—of the Romans. And St. Valentine's Day was a day set aside by the pagans in his honor!

But why should Nimrod have been called “Valentine” by the Romans?

Valentine comes from the Latin word *Valentinus*, a proper name derived from the word *valens*, meaning “to be strong,” declares *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*. It means literally “strong, powerful, mighty.” We read in the Bible that Nimrod was the “MIGHTY hunter” (Gen. 10:9). *Nimrod was their hero—their strong man—their VALENTINE!*

It is time we teach our children to quit this Roman and Babylonian foolishness—this idolatry—and get back to the faith of Christ delivered once for all time. Let's quit teaching our children these pagan customs in memory of Baal the sun-god—the original St. Valentine—and teach them instead what the Bible really says! And be sure to write for a complete article on the origin of St. Valentine's Day.

What U.S. GOLD CRISIS Means to You

Here is the inside story of the sudden crisis in gold—and what it means to you in 1961!

by David Jon Hill

IF THE present financial condition is not drastically reversed immediately, the United States will soon "GO BROKE"! Uncle Sam is no longer the world's rich Uncle.

One of the greatest problems facing incoming President Kennedy is a financial and economic crisis of historically unprecedented proportion. The United States dollar, deep in trouble, is headed for disaster if present trends continue!

What Has Happened

Until this year the proudest and firmest currency in the world has been the American dollar. Suddenly—or it *appears* to be suddenly—the dollar seems *problem-ridden*. The daily papers, news broadcasts, and magazines are full of frightening reports of the loss of United States' gold and of the world-wide lack of confidence in the American dollar.

William J. Baxter, head of the International Economic Research Bureau, says of the U.S. economy, "All experience and history indicates that we are *very sick indeed!*" Government officials in every office face the sobering fact that the U.S. Treasury stands today on the brink of insolvency—that Uncle Sam is nearly bankrupt!

How can a nation of staggering wealth, a nation which has a gross national income larger than any other nation on the face of the earth, a nation where telephones, automobiles and inside bathrooms are taken for granted, be on the brink of bankruptcy? What happens to a *nation* when it goes bankrupt? *Who* is going to *pay* for the careless and criminal actions which have brought this crisis about?

You need to know the *answers* to these questions. You need to know what inroads this problem *has already made* into your pocketbook! You need to know what you can do to avoid the impending economic crisis. You need

to know what is the *safest investment* for *your* dollar! And—most important of all—you need to know what *your Bible* says about our serious financial crisis!

Money War

The Committee For Economic Developments says, in discussing problems of economy: "The *first line of defence* is the domestic anti-inflationary policy. Clearly we cannot go on for very long exporting as we did in 1958, over 2 billion dollars' worth of gold a year." (*Reader's Digest*, September 1960.)

In speaking of the economic problem, modern economists realize *it is a WAR—a trade war* and a MONEY WAR!

We have not realized that the great national wealth we have does *not* come because of OUR industry, or because of OUR know-how, or OUR effort; but has come to us as a direct fulfillment of the promise given to Abraham by God Almighty, and finally fulfilled to us—Abraham's descendants—since the year of 1803! "For she *did not know* that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and *gold*, which they prepared for Baal. Therefore will I return, and *take away* my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will *recover* my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness. And now will I *discover* her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and NONE SHALL DELIVER HER out of mine hand" (Hos. 2:8-10).

Yes, the same God who *gave* us the riches we have warns us through his prophecies that He will *take those same blessings away from us*—regardless of what we feebly try to do—because of our sins! Because we have not recognized that our wealth comes from Him!

Billions You Can Understand

Without using a slide rule or a certified public accountant's language, let's

see just what is the financial situation of today. All the gold discovered in the world since the time of Columbus would form a cube forty-two feet in each direction. This cube would be worth forty-two billion dollars.

Out of those forty-two billions of gold the United States Treasury has deposited to its credit less than eighteen! HOWEVER EVERY LAST OUNCE OF THAT GOLD HAS A CLAIM AGAINST IT IN THE HANDS OF FOREIGN INVESTORS! *You* cannot claim the gold that backs your dollars, but *foreigners* can.

In order to illustrate the painful situation the United States' economy is in, let us remove about eight zeros from the figures we would use and compare the national economy as if it were the economy of one wage-earning individual. Under this comparison, Mr. U.S. Economy would own a total of goods—his car, his house, his furniture, the clothing on his back, everything—of fifteen thousand dollars. However, he would have this total worth *mortgaged* to the tune of *thirteen* thousand dollars. To pay off this indebtedness and to support himself, keep up his current obligations, and keep up with the Joneses, he would earn five thousand dollars a year, while five hundred dollars of this would go out every year *in interest alone!* Mr. U.S. Economy is in a very embarrassing position financially! Add *eight* zeros to these figures and you have the present embarrassing economic condition of the United States Government!

The average American citizen has followed in the footsteps of his governmental big brother. Individually as well as nationally the chief concern is monetary!

In a very recent survey Americans were asked what they *worry* about most. The answer was *money* and MATERIAL THINGS. Another question was asked:

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 DXAW, Davao City—1180 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sunday.

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 2AY—Albury, NSW—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 4:15 p.m. Sun.
 2GF—Grafton, NSW—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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 2KA—Katoomba, NSW—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
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TO AUSTRALIA

- 3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—10:30 p.m.
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- 3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—10:15 p.m.
Fri.
- 4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—10:30 p.m.
Mon. thru Fri.; 9:30 p.m. Sun.
- 4CA—Cairns, Qld.—10:00 p.m. Sun.
thru Fri.
- 4TO—Townsville, Qld.—10:15 p.m.
Mon. thru Sat.
- 4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—10:30 p.m.
Sun.
- 4WK—Warwick, Qld.—10:00 p.m.
Mon. thru Sat.
- 6GE—Geraldton, WA—10:00 p.m.
Mon. thru Fri.; 9:30 p.m. Sun.
- 6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—10:00 p.m.
Mon. thru Sat.
- 6PM—Perth, WA—10:15 p.m. Mon.
thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sun.
- 6AM—Northam, WA—10:15 p.m.
Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sun.

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- RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—
1010 kc.—6:00 p.m. Saturdays.
- HOC21, Panama City—1115 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.
- HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.
- HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.
- HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—
7:00 p.m., Sundays.

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- RADIO SWAN—Swan Island—1160
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- RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru
—1010 kc.—7:00-7:15 p.m.,
Sundays.
- RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion,
Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30-8:45
p.m. Thursdays.
- RADIO SPORT — CXA19 — Monte-
video, Uruguay—11835 kc.—
4:00-4:15 p.m., Sundays.
- RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc.,
and CXA13, 6156 kc. —
Montevideo, Uruguay — 3:30
p.m., Saturdays.

What Gold Crisis Means

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What makes Americans happiest? Money again was the common answer. Money also makes Americans the UNHAPPIEST! These startling answers bring home the Biblical truth, "the love of money is a root of all evil!" (1 Tim. 6:10).

Internationally famous financier Ber-

nard Baruch says, "We are enjoying the good life on the *installment* plan. Public participation in the stock market exceeds anything we have known. Taxes are huge, yet it is a rare occurrence when government at any level can balance its budget." William J. Baxter goes on to echo his sentiment by saying, "It is the very height of stupidity to say there cannot be another 1929!" Yet *nobody seems to CARE* about this situation. The average American *borrowed 61% MORE* money than he *saved* last year!

Why Is the Dollar in Trouble?

Today, thanks to altruistic and naive "give-away" programs, the most stable economies of the world are the former bitter enemies of two decades ago. Germany, Japan, and Italy have the largest *surplus* of GOLD and DOLLARS of *any countries of the world* INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES! The devastated axis powers of fifteen years ago have embarrassing *surpluses* in their treasuries—while the Rich Uncle who GAVE THEM their strong economy has the greatest deficit in governmental history and a GREATER DEBT *than all the REST OF THE WORLD COMBINED!*

According to the Congressional Record, September 1, 1960, our national debt—federal, state, local, corporation, and private, total a staggering ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS!

Wages are not proportionate to production. American goods are fast pricing themselves out of foreign markets, while American business men continue to *increase* their imports of foreign-made products. Vast foreign aid programs drain the U.S. Treasury of over 3 billion dollars a year. Investments by firms and individuals send an average 4.1 billion dollars abroad. Even the giving of gifts by individuals and private agencies runs into an 800-million-dollar-a-year bill. American travelers and tourists spend 2.8 billion abroad in countries where they freely spend their dollars of waning power. G.I.'s and their families spend another 900 million dollars a year, while American spending to supply services and to support our troops in foreign countries and military installations around the world amounts to another 2.2 billion dollars flowing out of the

frightened U.S. Treasury.

All of these factors, combined with *heavy taxes*, gigantic *public* and *private debt*, and no gold backing for our own currency if foreign investors demanded gold for their dollars, adds up to the staggering revelation that the U.S., richest nation in the world, is bordering on bankruptcy!

Very briefly the sum of the trouble is this: the United States *pays out* to other countries many *more* BILLIONS than it *receives*. This multi-billion hemorrhage of dollar-green blood CANNOT GO ON OR *UNCLE SAM WILL DIE!*

God's Dollar Too!

But where does God come into this picture? Is there anything in the pages of your Bible that give the answers to the puzzling questions of today's economy?

On the dollar bill in your wallet, there is printed, "In God we trust." Is this "God" the real God of creation?

Or is the "ALMIGHTY DOLLAR" the *god* of the American people! Everywhere in the pages of your Bible where God begins to work with people, He first brings them into subjection to Him by *taking their gods away from them!*

Because of our sins, God has promised to *take away* the pride of *our power!* (Lev. 26:19). And the greatest source of our pride has been the might of the American dollar!

Could there be anything more debasing to the pride of a powerful nation than the recent visit of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to West Germany? Visiting our now-prosperous "ally"—a modern term for what the Bible calls "lover"—Secretary Anderson went with hat in hand to West German officials to ask *them* to help in bolstering the hard-pressed dollar! This ally who was not long ago a bitter enemy, and who fourteen short years ago was pounded into dust and rubble, added insult to injury in its pride-wounding turndown of our plea.

At the same time Senator John Williams of Delaware has revealed official information that a long list of foreign governments, many of which have received large amounts of economic aid and low interest loans from the U.S., have bought \$11,399,966,000 of U.S.

Government securities with an average interest yield of 4¼%! Let's understand this: relatively poor and underdeveloped countries receiving monetary aid from the United States have turned that aid into investments in the American economy, and while they pay back the loan that we made to them at an interest rate of less than 3%, they earn interest from us on the money *we loan them* at a rate of 4¼%! Argentina, Italy, West Germany, and Japan are the chief nations holding the above-mentioned 11 billion! And to top this off, we have FORGIVEN most of the debts that other countries owe us!

Can You Buy Friends?

Without a question, the *only* nation on the surface of this earth who is *internationally known* for trying to buy allies—whom God calls "lovers"—is the United States of America! In fact the buying of friends has become such an obsession of the policy makers that they have gone *beyond* the payment of *mere dollars* in financial aid, and have **POURED OUT THE BLOOD OF OUR CHILDREN** on foreign soil in a vain effort to **PURCHASE THE LOVE** of foreign nations! "... and by the *blood of thy children*, which thou didst give unto them" (Ezek. 16:36). The Korean debacle is an excellent example of this!

God goes on to show that all this will be **IN VAIN**. God's word tells our foreign policy planners that this kind of *international bribery* **WILL NOT WORK!** "Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of *gold*, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; **THY LOVERS [OUR ALLIES] WILL DESPISE THEE**, they will *seek thy life!*" (Jer. 4:30).

The loss of 316 million dollars in the Asiatic country of Laos need never have happened if we had heeded Lamentations 1:2, which says: "She wept sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath *none* to comfort her: *all her friends have dealt treacherously with her*, **THEY ARE BECOME HER ENEMIES.**"

While American economists are presently concerned about this situation, they continue to tell us that everything will be all right—they preach economic peace,

when there is no peace! Some of the *soothsayers* prophesy that the dollar trouble will be all over when our population explosion begins to take hold and there becomes the necessity to house and feed and clothe, support, and give jobs to the increasing number of babies being born in the United States! If they only knew the truth of the prophecies of your Bible, they would see that this is only going to *aggravate* the situation and *not solve it!*

God's judgment against this modern day and age is voiced in Zephaniah 1:13, 17-18: "Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, *because they have sinned* against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. *Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath*; but the **WHOLE LAND** shall be *devoured* by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land." God says we will *not* prosper!

Safety for You

The only sensible solution is for **THIS NATION** to *humble* itself, recognize its error and sin against God, and *turn in repentance* to its Maker and ask Him for salvation! But sad to say the prophecies of your Bible do not show that this will happen! The blind will go on leading the blind. The whole situation will continue to worsen despite governmental checks and balances and frantic maneuvering. Eventually—when the work of spreading the gospel of the Kingdom of God is complete—the economy will **BURST** in a greatly multiplied chaos of 1929!

We have turned our backs on God, ignored His laws, spent much of our wealth in indoctrinating the world in *evolution* and *materialism* and completely ignored God's protection and His laws of *financial success*. It is startling to consider that the cost of United States' defence is 9.7% of the total of public and private spending in the United States—almost a *tenth*, or **TITHE**, of

our income! Is it any wonder then, that God tells us through Malachi, "You are cursed with a curse: for you have robbed me, even **THIS WHOLE NATION!**" (Malachi 3:9). We have spent our money on allies who cannot be trusted.

Where can **YOU** find safety to keep from going into captivity *yourself*? Where can *you* find the soundest investment for *your* dollar today?

God has the answer for you! "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON!**" (Matt. 6:24). The *food* we eat, the *drink* that we put into our body, and the *clothes* that we wear on our back, the *shelter* over our head—all of the "THINGS," the *materialism*, the *mad scramble for possession* of **PHYSICAL OBJECTS** that this nation is in a *drunken stupor* over—these secondary items are not worth the snap of the finger if we have missed the primary goal of life. "But seek **YE FIRST** the *kingdom of God* and **HIS righteousness**; and all these **THINGS** shall be *added* unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

All these physical things are going to come to an **END**. God is going to *intervene* in the affairs of mankind with a terrible *destruction* of the **PHYSICAL GOODS COVETED** by the peoples of this earth, and set up His kingdom of peace and prosperity. Our possessions and our dollars need to be invested in real security which will return to us the greatest amount of interest in *eternal values* possible!

God shows us in Matthew 25:14-30, that He gives to each man a "talent" and he expects that man to use that "talent" to best advantage, so that when He returns He will find profit from His investment. He also tells us in Matthew 6:21 that "where your *treasure* is, there will your *heart* be also." Every knee shall bow to God at His return. And **ALL** of the amassed wealth which this nation has allowed to be stolen from the American people and given into the hands of allies to buy protection will soon be given into the hands of those in the Kingdom of God who have *overcome* and *qualified to rule* this earth with Jesus Christ!

To qualify to rule with Him, *you* now

must serve God and not mammon—
MONEY!

Steward's Lesson

In the first part of Luke 16, Jesus shows to us the parable of the unjust steward. He points out that the only *real* goal, the only thing we can hold onto of *solid value*, is the promise of God to make us His sons, reigning and ruling with Him forever in His Kingdom! That we ought to use *every means at our hands* to attain that goal.

"But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Lk. 12:31). "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12). "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

INVEST IN GOD!

Because there will come a time, and soon, when the treasures of gold and silver will be cast to the *bats* and *moles*, and people will seek TRUE VALUES! (Isa. 2:20). "They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO DELIVER THEM in the day of the *wrath of the Lord*: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: (you can't eat gold!) because it (the gold and lust for material things) is the stumblingblock of their iniquity" (Ezek. 7:19). Then is the time YOU will want to be able to say, "God is my *Friend*, and He will receive me, because I served Him with my mammon (money) instead of making mammon my god!"

Yes, YOU as an individual can repent of *your* wrong doing against God, and turn *your* total resources to serving Him in getting out this message—the gospel of the Kingdom of God—the good news of the return of Christ to set up His Kingdom! Then your dollars will be wisely invested, and God will grant you FREEDOM IN GOD'S COMING KINGDOM!

Our Fight for Survival

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in Brazil were imported from the U.S. By 1956, the Brazilian market had increased to 150,000 refrigerators and 40,000 washing machines. How did U.S. makers fare in the bigger potential? *They didn't export a single refrigerator or washing machine to Brazil in 1956!* South America still absorbs about 25% of our exports. But local manufacturers are making headway in consumer goods. West European and Japanese firms are taking over in capital equipment today. Maybe the Soviet bloc will be in command tomorrow. . . .

We Can't Afford Isolationism

"Many U.S. manufacturers suffer from economic isolationism. The rationale: Forget those foreign markets and build tariffs to keep the foreigners out of our domestic preserves, the biggest, richest market in the world, with plenty for us. *The fallacy is that we already have a tremendous stake in world trade.* Measured by any yardstick, *the U.S. is the biggest international trader and investor of all times. Our share in world commerce is ONE-SIXTH of all international traffic.* Furthermore, we couldn't get along without imports—iron ore, bauxite, nickel, and many others. The telephone, for example, contains 48 imported materials.

"We have *only one way* to maintain or expand our ability to import: Maintain or expand our ability to export. The wage differential between foreign and U.S. workers won't disappear for years to come, if ever. Our currently important industrial competitors will keep the pressure on us for *decades*. And new industrial rivals, the Communist nations, will make the fight even tougher. . . .

Exports Are Vital

"*We cannot afford the luxury of economic isolationism.* While exports make up only about 4% of our gross national product, they are vital to many industries. They account for *one-fifth* our output of trucks and machine tools, nearly *one-third* our output of civilian

aircraft and construction and mining equipment, *half* our cotton. 'This nation cannot maintain its unique standard of living without foreign trade. As long as our budget is unbalanced, our external payments in the red, our trade under pressure of keen rivalry, our gold sharply diminishing, and our dollar in need of defense, *we must sell abroad to live—or at least to live in the style to which we have become accustomed.*' So notes S. J. Rundt, international consultant.

"He points out that in some respects, *we too are a have-not nation.* We urgently need such imports as iron ore, pulp, and scores of other materials. He says: 'Without imports, our newspapers would have but four pages—or would cost \$1. Automobiles, TV sets, refrigerators, which contain dozens of items which we don't have—or of which we have not enough—would become luxuries obtainable only by a few. And few of us could afford a telephone—composed of 48 different materials from 18 countries.' To import, we must export. And as long as our government continues its vast foreign aid program, we must export more than we import—or face the dismal prospect of currency devaluation.

Why We're Losing the Lead

"Ask ten businessmen why the U.S. is failing to maintain its position in the world market. Chances are, at least nine will tell you it's because our wage rates are so much higher than those abroad. They've put their finger on a paramount factor, but they've given only a partial answer. . . . The more than \$74 billion poured out in *U.S. government aid and loans*, plus another \$33 billion in *private aid and investments*, helped give Europe and Japan the weapons with which to wage an economic war—with the U.S., their old ordnance officer, as the principal foe.

"For example, after the war, an Italian businessman, armed with a \$1 million donation from Uncle Sugar, was advised to establish a fastener manufacturing company. He called the president of a

EMPLOYMENT COSTS BREAK DOWN LIKE THIS

● U. S.	\$2.75	● BELGIUM	\$0.73
Average hourly wages were \$2.23. Average fringe expenses reached 52 cents per hour, 19 per cent of total costs.		Fringes amount to 31 per cent, on the average, of gross hourly wage costs.	
● SWEDEN	\$1.08	● FRANCE	\$0.71
Fringe benefits amount to about 15 per cent of gross hourly employment expense, with some two-thirds of that resulting from the cost of paid vacations and holidays.		Fringe charges, mostly for social security, amount to 50 per cent of gross hourly wage costs.	
● W. GERMANY	\$0.80	● ITALY	\$0.61
Fringe costs amount to 34.3 per cent of gross hourly wage costs. Employers' social security payments are the largest element in fringes.		Fringes, among the highest in the world, amount to 74 per cent of gross hourly wage costs.	
● GREAT BRITAIN	\$0.77	● NETHERLANDS	\$0.57
Fringe benefits in manufacturing average about 12 per cent of gross employment cost.		Employers pay 30 per cent of gross hourly wage costs in fringe benefits.	
● SWITZERLAND	\$0.76	● JAPAN	\$0.55
Employers pay about 25 to 30 per cent of gross hourly wage costs in fringes.		Fringes are complex, including two bonuses a year, insurance, and payments in kind (such as company housing, free noon meals, medical care) amounting to 15 per cent of cash wages. Total fringes amount to about 55 per cent of gross wages.	

Dollar figures based on bank exchange rates.
Sources: U. S.—Census Bureau; Europe—Institut National de

la Statistique, Paris, and Royal Swedish Embassy; Japan—U. S. Department of Commerce; Embassy of Japan.

New York fastener firm for advice and got help in developing his plant layout, buying equipment, setting up systems and procedures. The Italian sent five top engineers to study the U.S. plant's methods; they went back to Italy and copied them—even to the tote pans. Says the president: "Today, that man is underselling me by 30% in my own backyard—but he sends me two neckties every Christmas."

"A U.S. textile executive had the seriousness of foreign competition brought home to him when he addressed a women's club. He told of the danger to local industry posed by foreign competition. To bolster his point, he described a make of foreign sweater in detail, including the selling price. Before he could continue, a woman in the audience jumped up and asked: 'Please, sir, do you happen to know where I can buy one?' . . .

"And that's only half the story. U.S. manufacturers are failing to hold their traditional share of foreign markets. . . . U.S. makers can claim only 7% of the world market for typewriters vs. 63% in 1948. Exports of U.S. passenger cars are one-half the 1955 volume. For many years, a lathemaker could count on foreign sales for nearly 25% of his business. Last year: 8%. . . . Exports by members of Resistance Welder Manu-

facturers' Association, who sell about 65% of the industry volume, dropped from \$1,662,052 in 1957 to \$790,297 in 1959. . . .

"We Must Blame Ourselves"— 21 Economic "Sins" Finally Catching Up on U.S.

"Management ineptness, union gluttony, government foot-dragging are the real thieves in our loss of world markets. Examine these 21 sins that have contributed to the shakiness of our crown as the supreme industrial nation." (The following are written in some cases from the effect on the steel industry, but are typical of most industries—Ed.):

"1. *Labor's Shortsightedness*—While their members' jobs are being captured by patriotic laborers abroad, U.S. unions seek concessions that are sure to force the loss of even more jobs. . . .

"2. *Production Inefficiency* — U.S. metalworking's failure to meet the \$20 billion challenge is another reason for loss of markets. A STEEL survey finds that the industry would invest \$20.7 billion in new production equipment to bring facilities up to date, if it had unlimited funds. But it will spend only \$4.7 billion this year, another STEEL survey shows. The \$16 billion deficit is rendering us noncompetitive with the rest of the world. . . .

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"3. *Rugged Tax Structure*—One reason why metalworking doesn't buy the equipment needed for production efficiency is the federal government's outmoded depreciation policy. Our prime competitors—Japan, West Germany, Great Britain, Italy, France, Sweden, and the Benelux nations—all get better breaks on depreciation than we do.

"4. *No Government Aid*—U.S. producers have no major export incentives and special tax supports as do many other nations.

"5. *Weak Competitive Spirit*—'What has happened to the urge to compete and to get down to work? They seem to have given way to the age of the goof-off,' Harvey Whidden of Bulova Watch Co. bemoans. . . .

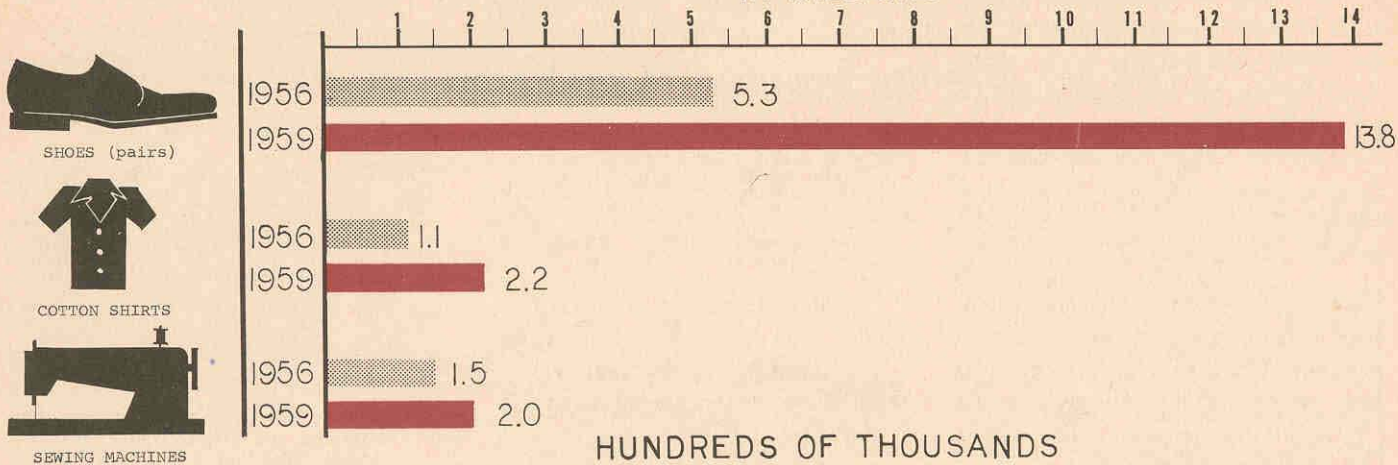
"6. *Inflexibility* — Mass production and distribution structures for our huge domestic market make us inflexible when it comes to special efforts, like a special model for one foreign market.

"7. *Export Laxity*—Too many U.S. companies look upon their foreign operations as an 'appendage,' a place where they can 'put old executives out to pasture,' charges James A. Newman, partner, Booz, Allen & Hamilton. . . .

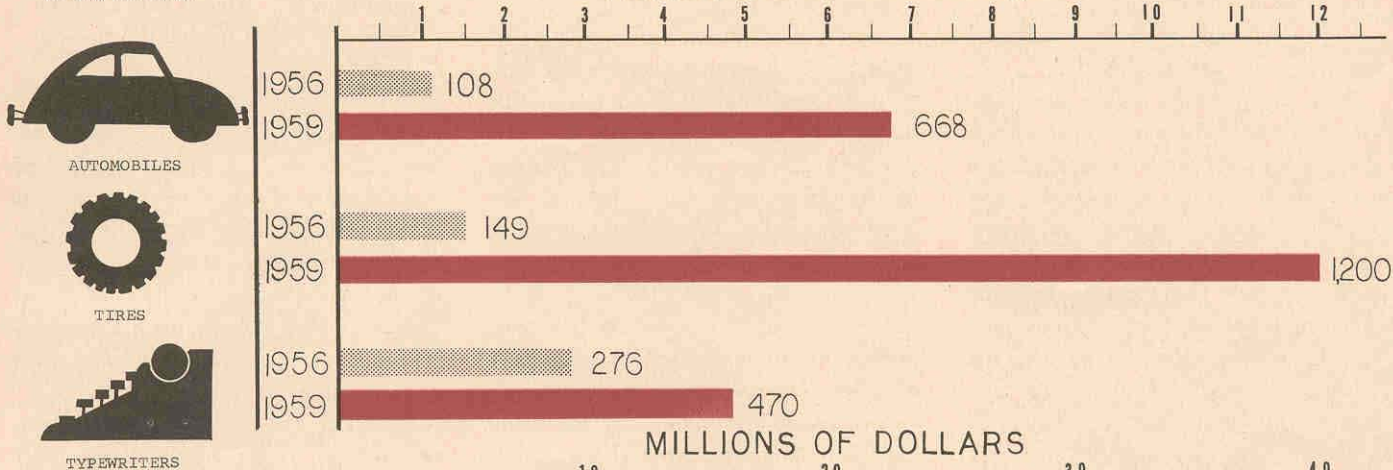
"8. *Indifference*—The 'Ugly American' is a real—and detested—person in many areas abroad. *We've failed to take* (Please continue on page 31)

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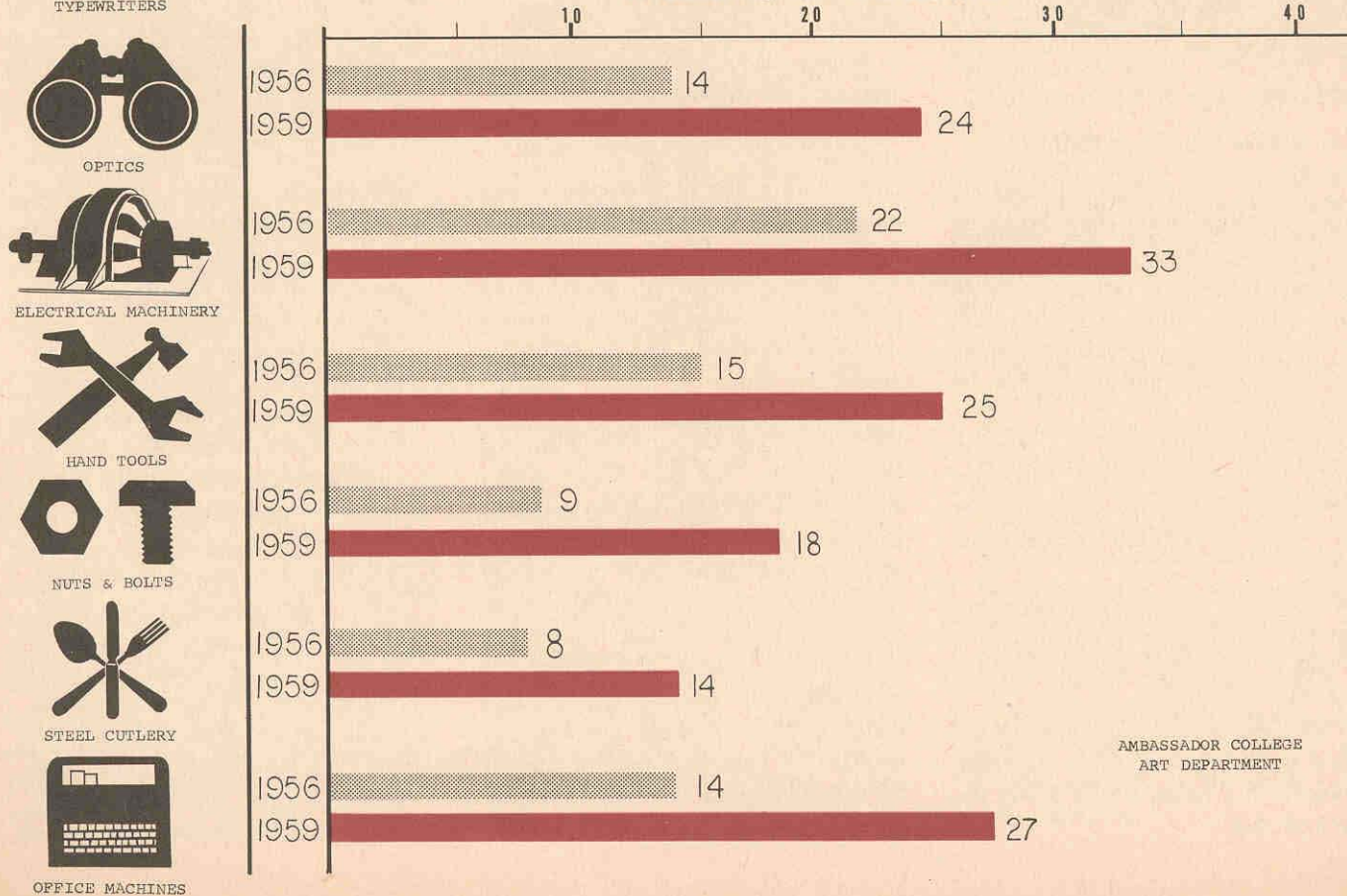
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PREPARE for Children

Proper child training doesn't just "happen!" It must be LEARNED, studied, prepared for! In this vital installment, you will see important principles of preparation for children.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Part 4

WHAT HAS GONE WRONG? Law enforcement officials are *alarmed*—frightened! Never before in history has youthful violence, crime, dope addiction and lawlessness been so in evidence! Our youth today seem to be bent on destruction, on rebellion, on "living for the moment," filled with a "what's the use" attitude!

And—thousands of these youths are *marrying*—and having children!

There are shocking trends underway destined to alter the very course of our nations—it's time we were startled into an awareness of where we're headed, and time *you* begin to protect *your* home from these alarming trends. In the last number, we saw God's perfect laws for regulating a mature, happy, joyous marriage—providing a sound foundation for healthful, obedient children. In this issue, we shall point out the dangerous pitfalls of youthful marriage, harmful attitudes toward parenthood, and what the sound and constructive approach should be.

Preparing for a Child

With the tremendous upswing in young marriages, illegitimate births on the increase, unwed motherhood rampant, and the *average* young couple of today not even faintly concerned with the *responsibilities* of parenthood, there are seemingly insurmountable obstacles to overcome.

It is not the purpose of this work to correct those obstacles, but to merely state them, and *warn of them*, in order that YOU, if it is not too late, can avoid them!

The average young person who contemplates marriage has given almost no thought to what steps are necessary for *preparing* for children.

Today, the normal teen-ager in high school is *looking forward* to marriage. However, in a recent survey it was determined that

"Eight out of 10 adolescent American girls want to grow up like their mothers—but without doing any housework.

"While 94 percent of American girls from 11 to 18 fully expect to get married some day, only 3 percent have any thoughts of becoming full time housewives" (p. 22, *Science Digest*, Sept., 1959).

Think of it! Fully eighty percent of the girls reaching marriageable age look toward homemaking, housework—fulfilling wifely responsibilities—as mere drudgery. Only a pitiful three percent of American girls have devoted any time whatsoever to even thinking of how to become good housewives.

What is the matter? What is *HAPPENING* to our standards? As has been revealed in previous statistics, our youth of today seek only *THRILLS, PLEASURE, entertainment, pastimes!* Is it any wonder they do not suddenly *change* these desires when they become married?

What a shame it is—that mere youths, who are fully capable of becoming married and *having children*, should bring children into a frightening world of chaos, with a pair of irresponsible parents, incapable and undesirous of really *rearing children*.

These statistics are only an indication of *part* of the prevailing attitude toward marriage, childbirth, and housekeeping among our youth.

The real shocking *results* of these attitudes among *parents* were illustrated recently when the San Diego *Union* stated nearly 400,000 children under 12 have to care for *themselves* while their *mothers work!* In a report of a lecture by Mrs. Kathryn Oettinger, Chief of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, it was disclosed that, among children under 12 with working mothers, one child in 13 must look out for himself for varying periods. In the age group of 10 and 11 alone, *one in five* is without

care—while the mother works! The San Diego *Union* reported:

"During the 1958 period studied by the Census Bureau, a total of 2,873,000 mothers were working full time. Of their 6,665,000 children, 5,073,000 were under 12 years of age.

"Most of the children for whom arrangements were made were cared for either by fathers or relatives."

Where there has been no education, no forethought, no financial preparation, and childbirth is a totally unexpected and *unprepared for occurrence*, there is hardly a basis for the successful rearing and training of children! What *chance* do these children have to become decent citizens? With young, thoughtless, *unprepared* parents, they have very *slim* chances, indeed!

Speaking out against the shocking numbers of *young teen-age marriages* today, Judge Willard Gatling said:

"Teen-age marriage has almost no possibility of succeeding. Ninety percent are total failures. Two people, who are often immature and emotionally unstable, one often pregnant, are thrust into a society where pressures on them are as great as on their parents. They go into debt, they argue, the girl goes home to her mama and the boy to his. Why young marriage? There is a new got-rich-quick class in our society since World War II, and pushing themselves to higher social status has pushed their youngsters into adulthood unprepared.

"Hollywood romanticizes marriage—it's a girl getting a new party dress and going on a lark. And it's so easy to get a divorce.

"I wish every student could spend one day in my court. We see nothing here but broken hearts" (p. 130, *Life*, April 13, 1959).

What a disheartening, sad picture!

The pressures of society, and especially the *entertainment media* (as previously discussed) have formed a *highly successful barrier* to happy marriage!

Youngsters, envisioning marriage, giving birth to children and future parenthood through the hazy, nebulous pink clouds of American advertising, movies, TV, and novels can hardly be expected to have a down-to-earth, sincere and adult appraisal of the serious responsibilities marriage and parenthood entails!

Here is a blight and a scab, a sickness and a disease, an abominable atrocity running rampant among our young people which further serves to point up the fact that our society is *going the way of Rome!*

However, for the purpose of this work, we shall concern ourselves principally with the *average* case, and those *general* steps which should be taken by the young married couple expecting their first child.

All too often, pregnancy and resultant childbirth is an unexpected burden, an "accident" which occurred at the *wrong time*, or an "accepted risk" of marriage which is irksome and bothersome to the youthful parents.

Rare is the couple today who seriously *plan* for a child, solving their financial problems, in order that the mother can devote her *full time* to child care and training, and all the many tasks of being a loving wife and help to her husband, a thorough and efficient housekeeper, and a gentle mother to her children. Rare indeed is the couple today, who have *planned* a child, waited expectantly through the months of pregnancy by *learning together* the basic fundamentals they should know, and who have shared, as a result, one of the truly deepest, fullest emotional experiences of this human lifetime.

Mental Attitudes

For the sake of brevity, it will be impossible to go into great detail in many of the physiological points regarding actual childbirth—nor is it the intention of this work. However, there are certain *basic principles*, which are vitally important to understand, which, *if they are followed*, will form a priceless fund of knowledge of the *foundation* for child training.

Oftentimes, either through ignorance, or perhaps the deliberate teaching of parents, or from other sources, expectant young parents are *unprepared mentally* for the arrival of children, and so develop many harmful attitudes.

Again, there are monumental evidences today that our present society is *exactly* as the apostle Paul said it would be when he prophesied, "Men shall be lovers of their own selves . . . lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" (II Tim. 3:2-4).

To many "modern" parents today, children become *not* "an heritage from the Lord," but a burden and a millstone, a bother and a trouble, a ball and a chain that *keeps them home* when they would *rather* be out SEEKING THEIR OWN PLEASURE!

If young parents deem themselves too *busy* to accept the responsibility of parenthood, too *occupied* to give birth to their children, too *involved* to properly *care for their children*, they are not fit parents, nor should even *consider* planning a family!

However, assuming we are dealing with parents who have thoroughly *planned* children spiritually, mentally and financially, let us analyze what the correct mental approach should be.

Too often, mere *ignorance* results in undue suffering.

"Ignorance of what is reputed in books, pictures, public press, radio, conversations, etc., to be a painful ordeal produces the fear which contributes so largely to the pain. Knowledge of the physical and mental processes of labour removes dread of the unknown and replaces it by confidence" (p. 18, *Physiotherapy in Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, Herdman).

Young women who entertain vague "fears" about pregnancy and pain in childbirth, who are so concerned about their figures that they look with disgust upon the normal swelling of the abdomen in pregnancy, and who approach motherhood with the feeling of distaste and revulsion are not fit by training or *mental attitude* to give birth to children!

It is vitally important, then, that the woman, especially, have an intelligent grasp of exactly what pregnancy *is*, and what her attitude toward it should be.

A *pregnant* woman IS NOT A SICK woman!

The expectant mother who is constantly complaining of discomfort, of the heat, of nausea, of cramps, or of other slight discomforts, which are usually nothing but the *normal symptoms* of pregnancy, is merely showing that she does not really *want* the child, and has an unhealthy mental attitude toward it. Possessing this attitude, it is unlikely she will be willing to take the steps necessary for the preparation for the child, or to eat and drink the proper foods in the proper *amounts*, getting the proper exercise, all of which will help insure the birth of a normal, healthy child. On the other hand, the expectant mother who adopts a good, healthy mental attitude of joy and satisfaction at the prospect of giving birth to a child will not only begin to prepare herself for a much easier childbirth, but will experience a real depth of joy she was meant to receive through the months of pregnancy, and, the chances are, will give birth to a *healthier child!*

The expectant mother who zealously takes her walks, eats proper foods and drinks plenty of milk, spending her spare hours in other preparation for the child, is going to have a much easier time during her pregnancy, and many of the "discomforts" will be dissolved.

The Source of Unhealthy Attitudes

Each human being is the product of the environment and the society around him. Young girls entering puberty have naturally inquisitive minds regarding childbirth. They ask their mothers, or, *what is more likely*, ask friends of approximately *their own age*.

"Few hear much that is encouraging from girls of their own age. The temptation to seek information is not curbed but again and again, drawn as if by sirens, they satiate their greed for knowledge by listening to voices that entrance but utterly distort or destroy" (p. 58, *Childbirth Without Fear*, Read).

Shameful though it seems, in this modern age of technological development and scientific enlightenment, there remains a *cloak of ignorance* over the very root and core of all human existence—*childbirth!*

This ignorance can be the very *cause* of undue suffering at parturition.

"All too often, growing girls develop misconceptions regarding childbirth which later blossom into full-fledged fears which cause them unnecessary suffering. Oftentimes, young parents find they have a lot of 'growing up' to do themselves as they approach parenthood" (p. 59, *Childbirth Without Fear*, Read).

This foremost authority, and promulgator of natural birth methods, reveals what we have already discovered—that fun, pastimes, entertainment, and a merry-go-round of thrills are poor training for prospective parents! The saddening thing is that so few really seem to *accomplish* the "growing up" they need to do as they approach parenthood.

Also, many youthful mothers possess deep-seated *fears, doubts*, and mental anxieties when they learn they are expecting a child. Oftentimes, they may even bring on serious psychosomatic illness through *wrong thinking*.

To what extent can apprehension, fears and doubts affect actual childbirth? To a very great extent!

"... Soon, the conflict between the demands of nature and the fear-conditioned mind sets up physical complaint, backache or headache, dyspepsia or constipation, listlessness and muscular apathy, depression or weariness of mind and body" (p. 59, *Childbirth Without Fear*, Read).

Dr. Arnold A. Hutschnecker, in his book *The Will to Live*, said:

"Each one of us has the power to affect the state of his health—for good or ill. The influence of the mind and the emotions on our physical lives is so profound that doctors frequently recognize it as their greatest ally. . . . We are learning that mind and body are one, that in physical illness—from the common cold to cancer—emotional activity plays a crucial role" (p. 259, *Reader's Digest*, Apr., 1959).

An important factor is the incidence of psychosomatic illness even in children. Dr. M. Murray Peshkin, speaking before a group in Denver, said more than 300,000 U.S. children are suffering from

"intractable asthma," which "is a disease of the body generated by the mind of an emotionally disturbed youngster" (p. 16, *Rocky Mountain News*, July 20, 1959).

It is a *medically proven fact* that up to 50% of the illnesses brought before the doctors can be diagnosed as directly attributable to *maladjusted minds*.

"Over 50 percent of all the illness that doctors see is emotionally induced illness! . . . Emotional stress eventually produces serious, disabling illness, and . . . *emotional stress is, today, our Number One cause of ill health*" (pp. 19, 20, *How to Live 365 Days a Year*, Schindler).

Few realize to what extent worry, fear, apprehension and anxiety affect normal body functions.

It is *normal* for the expectant mother to wonder, "Will I be a good mother? Will my baby be normal? Will I be able to endure the pains of childbirth? Will having a baby ruin my figure? Will I look as awful as some other women I've seen?"

It is a *normal thing* for certain small doubts and fears to exist in the minds of expectant mothers—especially those expecting their first child. However, with proper education of *what childbirth is*, of exactly what is going on within her body, and a constant joyful *preparation* for childbirth, even these minor, normal doubts and worries can be dispelled.

The right state of mind is vitally important. It depends, primarily, upon whether or not the wife *really wants the child*.

We have seen, then, that ill health, discomfort, undue pain in labor and other far more serious complications *can*, and sometimes *do*, result from an *unhealthy attitude* toward childbirth.

What Is the Right Attitude?

There is no room for selfishness in expectant parents! The young mother is about to *GIVE* birth. And it does entail *giving*. The right attitude is one of a wholesome, eager anticipation toward the greatest event of life, and a deep feeling of gratitude and thankfulness for the privilege of possessing limited recreative powers, and bringing another

human being into this world.

"Young people who want a baby and wholeheartedly accept the pregnancy have a helpful head start. Healthy living, happy planning, and an attitude of anticipation contribute immensely to welcoming a new baby" (p. 765, *The Encyclopedia of Child Care and Guidance*, Gruenberg).

Those who do not understand the deep *spiritual* significance in childbirth are truly missing countless riches of right human experience and emotions which the Creator God intended we experience fully.

The apostle Paul wrote:

"For the invisible things of Him [the unseen things about God, His nature, His plan] 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 are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20).

God reveals the invisible things of Him are made known and readily evident to humankind by looking at those things which have been *created!* In looking at the creation around us, there is no more easily discernible and evident truth than the fact of the *cyclical life character of all living creatures*. Each living creature *reproduces!* Further, it reproduces *after its own kind!*

Life exists! Life reproduces life. And life reproduces life of the same kind! So God reveals the secret that seemingly is hidden from the minds of so many today that He is *reproducing Himself!* Constantly, in the Bible, there is a *family relationship* illustrated.

God is spoken of as the "Father" while Christ is the "Son!" The Church is illustrated as the "Mother" of us all. God "begets" *children* by the power of His Divine Holy Spirit implanted within human beings.

God *is* a Family. Human beings, given the opportunity of being *born* of God by means of a resurrection through the sacrifice and intercession of Jesus Christ will be in the very *family* of God!

There is no more wonderful way to learn of the *plan of God* and of the fact that He is *reproducing Himself*, than by experiencing the bringing forth
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The Religious LIE that is fooling millions!

A monstrous LIE is being palmed off on a professing Christianity. It has been done quietly, cleverly. You may unknowingly be believing it. You need to learn what it is!

by Roderick C. Meredith

THIS is the age of *mass propaganda*—the age of the BIG LIE! Atheistic communists have deceived millions.

People everywhere are being pressured to believe whatever is popular. Even in *religion* there is increasing pressure to take for granted and to believe what is popular—even though it is NOT TRUE.

This is also an age when *truth* is said to be "relative"—when there is supposedly *no ABSOLUTE truth*. It is the age of man's REASON.

This is an age of LAWLESSNESS. It is an age of rebellion against the laws of God and of man.

The Creator God—the God of the Bible—speaks of this era as "*this present EVIL world*" (Gal. 1:4). He also speaks of a personal Devil, Satan, *which DECEIVETH the whole world*" (Rev. 12:9).

In His Word, God reveals that He has given this world *six thousand years* to go its own way—try out its own ideas of religion, education, government, society—all under the DECEIVING *influence* of Satan the Devil.

How Satan Has Deceived the World

Besides personally influencing and tempting the minds of men, Satan has deceived the world through *false ministers!*

God speaks of them through the apostle Paul: "*For such are FALSE APOSTLES, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS (Satan's!) MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works*" (II Cor. 11:13-15).

These false ministers—like the Devil himself—*APPEAR to be* the ministers of Christ. As this scripture clearly shows, they *call themselves* "Christian" ministers. They use the NAME of Christ.

But they *don't preach His message!*

And they will be judged according to the very thing so many of them DENY! For this scripture says they will be judged "*according to their WORKS*" (verse 15).

Satan has tried to strike where it hurts. He has tried to cause the greatest possible CONFUSION in men's minds about the one thing that counts the most—*acquiring the very CHARACTER of God*.

For, whether you have realized it or not, the two greatest religious deceptions today involve the REALITY of God and the need for absolute OBEDIENCE to Almighty God—the Creator and Ruler of heaven and earth!

The first deception involves the teaching of evolution—and makes God seem UNREAL and POWERLESS to a deceived "Christendom." Future articles in the PLAIN TRUTH will expose this Satan-inspired theory for the baseless LIE that it really is.

The second major deception of our professing Christianity is more directly religious and doctrinal in nature. But is a TREMENDOUS deception!

Literally *hundreds* of books, articles and tracts have been published to propagate its false teachings. Many *thousands* of sermons have been preached to justify its false conclusions.

In all of these, literally DOZENS of plain, clear statements of Scripture have been set aside or "spiritualized away" and not taken literally. Parts of verses are *twisted* and *distorted* out of context in a vain effort to support this deceptive argument. Wrong *definitions* are put on

terms in the Bible having to do with this subject.

Ministers' faces grow red, the veins swell out in their necks, their eyes bulge, and they become viciously ANGRY when they try in vain to defend this gross deception against one who understands!

WHY? Why all this rebellion and hostility against the plain statements of scripture?

A Vicious Deception

It is because Satan the Devil—the great Deceiver—will permit men to worship a "god" in many ways AS LONG AS THEY DON'T OBEY THE TRUE GOD!

"Attend the church of your choice," the highway signs say.

"We are all going to the same heaven, we just have many different ways of getting there," many reason.

"Just believe and you'll be saved," is the modern siren song.

But is all this TRUE?

Notice what the great GOD of your Bible says: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: *the DEVILS also believe, and tremble*. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *faith without works is dead?*" (James 2:19-20).

Yes, a man can "believe" all he wants to, but if he doesn't OBEY the true God *that man's religion is a vain thing*.

BUT—whether you have realized it or not—the modern religious teaching is that you do NOT have to obey the laws of God, the Ten Commandments, in order to enter the Kingdom of God. This doctrine of *lawlessness* is promulgated by literally thousands of professing Christian ministers. YOU have probably been influenced by it, yet without fully realizing what was going on.

Some may say, "But I was taught to memorize the Ten Commandments in

Sunday School. Surely my church believes in their importance in the Christian life."

The answer?

The truth is that many sweet little old lady (or men) Sunday School teachers *do* talk about the Ten Commandments and often have their classes commit them to memory. BUT the real question is: Does the minister teach the binding AUTHORITY of the Ten Commandments over the lives of all true Christians? Does he exhort the congregation to practice them as a WAY OF LIFE?

Or, faced with the literal commandments of the Eternal God, does he try to imply that they were "done away" or "nailed to the cross" and therefore not binding on Christians?

The truth is that VERY FEW professing ministers of Christ teach the *authority* of God's law. Rather, there are now "a thousand and one" arguments and reasonings abroad in "Christendom" attempting to justify the breaking of *every single one of the commandments of Almighty God!*

And thus Satan has succeeded in DECEIVING literally *millions* of people into DISOBEYING their Maker and their true God!

You Need to Be Sure

The only way to be completely CERTAIN of the answer to a problem like this is to be willing to take the time and effort to *search the Scriptures*. If you know that there is a personal God in heaven and that the Holy Bible is His inspired *revelation to man*, then you can STUDY that Word for the real answer to any religious question.

But you must study *honestly*—being willing to consider ALL the scriptures on any one subject. For Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY word of God" (Luke 4:4).

Don't just take *parts* of scriptures here and there, but read the entire *chapter* when in doubt about what a particular verse means. "PROVE all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thes. 5:21).

Our question is this: Regardless of the contradictory theories of men, does the Holy Bible teach that Christians should literally OBEY *all ten* of the Ten Commandments?

The real answer is found by consid-

ering ALL the scriptures on this subject. In this present article, we will consider primarily the *positive* side of the picture. In an article to follow next month, we will consider and thoroughly ANSWER the arguments of men against the plain, clear teaching of the Bible on this subject.

But first, realize the IMPORTANCE of this subject. If it is true that Almighty God intends man to *live by* the Ten Commandments as a definite, positive WAY OF LIFE showing *how* to love God and neighbor, then *we had better be doing it!* And if we allow ourselves to be deceived about this very WAY OF LIFE our Maker intended, then we are rebelliously going contrary to the Manufacturer's directions—so to speak—and we are surely headed for *suffering, heartache* and ultimate DISASTER.

This is indeed a VITAL question. For it has *everything* to do with the very PURPOSE for which you were created and placed on this earth!

Jesus Christ Should Know

In a prophecy foretelling what Jesus would do in His earthly ministry, Isaiah states: "*He will magnify the law, and make it honourable*" (Isa. 42:21).

Jesus Christ came to "magnify" the law of God—the Ten Commandments. He showed their full spiritual meaning and purpose.

In what is called the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said: "Think NOT that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (Mat. 5:17).

It is interesting that men seem to *want to think* the very thing Jesus said NOT to think—that He had come to destroy God's law. For "fulfill" does *not* mean to do away with—it means simply to do or perform. If you "fulfill" the traffic laws of your city all of your life, that does not DO AWAY with them for someone else, does it?

Would, then, the fact that Christ OBEYED the Ten Commandments of God mean that His followers have freedom to *murder, steal, lie, commit adultery* and break the other points of God's law? The truth is that Jesus *obeyed* the Ten Commandments to set us AN EXAMPLE that we should follow in His steps in all things (I Pet. 2:21).

Jesus said: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall DO and TEACH them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Mat. 5:19). Certainly this verse should be plain and clear. Jesus taught that we should not only obey but *teach* the Ten Commandments and laws of God to others—even whatever commandment might be considered "least" by men!

Then He went on to "magnify" the commandments—to make them ALL THE MORE BINDING. He said: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her *hath committed adultery with her already in his heart*" (Mat. 5:27-28).

This principle of Jesus Christ certainly shows that to harbor hate, lust or deceit in our hearts is violating the spirit of God's law as surely as literally breaking it. But, again, this certainly DOES NOT do away with the law, but rather makes it MORE BINDING *than ever!*

The Christ of your Bible taught: "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; *but he that doeth the WILL of my Father which is in heaven*" (Mat 7:21).

Is this talking about *obedience*—or isn't it? Can you reason around these plain, clear statements of the living Christ! If anyone should really know how to be a true Christian, wouldn't Jesus Christ be that One?

Jesus Taught the WAY to Salvation

One great stumbling block which prevents many theologians from understanding the real truth about God's law is that they think that forgiveness of past sins and salvation are *one and the same thing*. They fail to realize that forgiveness of sin is only a PART of the *process* of true salvation.

Jesus Christ taught that ultimate salvation consists in being "born again" as a *spirit being* in the very family and Kingdom of God (Jn. 3:1-8). It is an undeniable fact that Jesus Christ—the Christ of your Bible—always emphasized the *development of character* as

one of the prerequisites of eternal life.

When a young man came to Jesus and asked, "Good master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" (Mat. 19:16), Jesus gave this man a definite ANSWER.

And that answer was quite DIFFERENT from the answer that would be given by many professing ministers of this same Jesus today! So many of them would say: "Why, young man, there is NOTHING you need to do! Don't you know that Jesus did it all for you? Don't you know it was 'settled long ago'? All you have to do is *believe* on Christ—*profess* Christ—'give your heart to the Lord,' and you'll surely be saved."

But notice the *answer* of the REAL Jesus of your Bible! He said: "Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is, God: *but if thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS*" (verse 17).

"What commandments?" many would ask at this point. But God has so inspired this scripture so as to leave us *in no doubt whatsoever!*

Notice what the young man said. "He saith unto him, which?"

"Jesus said, thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness . . ." (verse 18). And then Jesus proceeded to name some more of the Ten Commandments.

Could anything be more CLEAR?

Jesus Christ taught *literal* OBEDIENCE to the Ten Commandments of God as a *way of life* which would prepare one to receive eternal life in the Kingdom of God!

Commandment-keeping is NOT salvation in itself! For ultimate salvation consists of being born of God as a spirit being in His kingdom and family—finally "saved" from the penalties of past sins, from the weaknesses of the flesh, from even the possibility of death. This IS what complete salvation ultimately involves!

But God requires that we learn to practice the *way of life* based on literally keeping the Ten Commandments so that we will have the holy, righteous CHARACTER needed to enable us to have JOY and PEACE through *all eternity* in His kingdom! Keeping the commandments does not "earn" this eternal life—

we cannot earn eternity in a thousand years! And we do NOT keep the commandments perfectly. Rather, we "grow in grace and in knowledge" toward that goal—toward the very CHARACTER of God revealed in His holy, righteous law.

The point is that Jesus Christ should KNOW what salvation really is, and He said that keeping the commandments was a vital part of this process. This was His message—His Gospel. Was a *different* message to be preached after His death?

The Gospel Was Never Changed

After Jesus' death on the cross, and His resurrection—*after* EVERYTHING was nailed to the cross that was to be nailed there—Jesus commanded His disciples to go out now to *all the world* and preach. He commanded: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: *teaching them to observe* ALL THINGS whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Mat. 28:19-20).

A *different* message?

No! The living Christ—now sitting as our High Priest at the right hand of God in heaven—commanded that the very SAME message which He preached be sent to *all the nations of the world!* He had "magnified" God's law and made it all the more binding. He had obeyed it Himself as an example to us (Jn. 15:10). He had taught obedience to the Ten Commandments as a vital part of the WAY to eternal life (Mat. 19:16-19).

Now He sent this *same message* to all the world by His apostles—His called and chosen representatives. Any other message is a *satanic counterfeit* and is NOT Christian—for *it is not of Christ!*

Did the Apostle Paul Contradict Christ?

One of the most twisted and perverted sections of the entire Bible is the writings of the Apostle Paul. Many theologians try to wrest Paul's words into saying God's commandments were nailed to the cross or in some way not binding upon Christians. God foresaw this, and inspired the Apostle Peter to warn: "Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him has written unto you; as also

in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned, and unstable wrest (or *twist*, or *pervert*), as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (II Pet. 3:15-16).

We are going to consider the wrestings and twistings and silly arguments of men about Paul's writings in an article to follow in next month's PLAIN TRUTH. But in this article, let us consider the *positive teaching* of the Apostle Paul regarding obedience to God and His law.

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write in Romans 2:13: "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the DOERS of the law *shall be justified.*" Of course, keeping God's commandments doesn't "justify" or forgive our past mistakes. But if we have the character and willingness to OBEY God's laws day by day, we will just naturally love God and His way enough to repent of our mistakes along the way as we "GROW in grace and knowledge" toward perfection.

Notice how Paul described God's law: "Wherefore the law is *holy*, and the commandment *holy*, and *just*, and *good*" (Rom. 7:12).

Perhaps you remember that David—a man after God's own heart—had this *same attitude*. He said: "Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Ps. 119:97). David LOVED God's law. For God's law reveals the very *nature* and *character* of God Himself—and we cannot love Him unless we love His *way* and His *law*.

Contrast this attitude with the natural, fleshly or "carnal" mind of a rebellious, unconverted man as described by Paul. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF GOD, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

Yes, the natural mind of man is *antagonistic* to God—for it HATES any real *authority* from above, and therefore it *hates God's law!* It wants to create a "god" in its own image—out of its own ideas and imaginations. It does not want the true CREATOR GOD telling it what to do!

The truly converted mind is just the opposite. It is a humble, submissive

mind. Its attitude is always to say: "Yes, Lord," and *obey God* even though it sometimes goes against the normal impulses.

God's SPIRIT Is Needed

Many today reason and argue against keeping the commandments by saying that we are not able to keep them because of human weakness and carnality. This is absolutely true!

The answer to this dilemma is given by the very apostle so many claim did away with God's commandments, the Apostle Paul. He stated: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Do you see?

The Apostle Paul did not claim that *he*, personally, could keep the commandments in his own strength. But he showed that CHRIST WAS LIVING IN HIM. He stated that he was living by the faith not merely *in*, but the very faith OF the Son of God! And we know that Christ *obeyed* all of the commandments of God!

We also know that Jesus *has not changed*. For God states: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

So Christ *in us* CAN keep the commandments! We need *His* faith and *His* love to keep the holy, spiritual law of Almighty God our Father.

Paul shows that we receive the very love of God Himself through the Holy Spirit. "And hope maketh not ashamed; because *the* LOVE OF GOD is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:5).

And what *is* this love? How does it express itself?

The Apostle John gives the inspired answer: "For this IS the love of God, that we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: and his commandments are not grievous" (I Jn. 5:3).

Yes, through the *Spirit of God* imparting to us the very divine LOVE of God, we are able to keep God's commandments and become more like Him in character every month and year of our Christian lives.

Notice that if we love God and *obey* Him we will also have our prayers answered: "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him *because we* KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I Jn. 3:22).

Note also that the Apostle John makes very plain the fact that God's law reveals His *nature*, His *character* and *what God is really like*. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth NOT his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I Jn. 2:4). In other words, you must actually OBEY God's commandments in order to really know and understand WHO GOD IS—what He is like, how He thinks, acts and speaks. To understand the *nature* and *character* of the true God, you must not only know about the laws of God, *you must keep them!* You must experience what it is like to exercise the kind of CHARACTER required to obey the commandments of God.

Then you will really KNOW the true God! And He will know YOU!—and bless *you!*—and guide you into all truth and righteousness!

If you reason and argue against obedience to God, you are simply CUTTING YOURSELF OFF from real contact with Him and from His blessings.

The Truth Is in Plain Scriptures

As we will see next month, the false arguments of men against the commandments of God usually rest in employing wrong definitions for such terms as "saved," "justify," and even the word "law" itself. Also, their arguments lie in taking little parts of verses here and there—particularly out of Paul's writings—and trying to read something *into* these incomplete phrases and parts of verses which was not intended at all.

But notice as we go along that the real TRUTH about this subject lies in literally *scores* of plain, clear scriptures which state exactly what they mean and are actually *very hard to be misunderstood* by an honest mind!

The Apostle James wrote: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou

kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak you, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty" (James 2:10-12).

Here we see that God's law has points. If we break even *one* of the commandments—we still break God's law! But we are to *speak* and to *do*—that is, to LIVE—as though we are going to be judged by this law! This certainly shows we had better OBEY God! And James goes on in following verses to say that "faith without works is dead."

In Revelation, chapter 12, the Apostle John is inspired to describe the true Church during the middle ages as a "woman" who had to flee into a wilderness. Then he continues to describe how this woman will again flee before the great tribulation at the end of this age (verses 13-14). Then John states: "And the dragon (*Satan the Devil*) was wroth with the woman [the true Church,] and went to make war with the remnant of her seed which KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17). Here we find that the true Church of God OBEYS His commandments. That is one of its *identifying signs!*

Later, John *identifies* the character of the true saints who are accounted worthy to escape the great tribulation coming upon this age: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12).

And then, right at the very end of the Bible, God inspired John to write this message for us: "Blessed are they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

Thus, we see over and over again in plain, clear scriptures that literal OBEDIENCE *all ten* of the Ten Commandments of God is the *way of life* the Creator requires of all mankind.

The example of Jesus proves it. The *teaching* of Jesus proves it. The New Testament letters or epistles prove it and, bringing the entire Bible to a close, the Book of Revelation makes it *very plain*. For it is the PLAIN TRUTH!

So be sure to read next month's article completing this vital subject, and *prove these things in your Bible!*

The Bible Story

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CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT

THE GOLDEN CALF

THE ELDERS of Israel, who had been waiting about halfway down Mount Sinai, had long since returned to the valley. They had waited for hours for Moses and Joshua to return from the rocky heights of Mt. Sinai. But, not wishing to spend the night on the mountain side, they had hurried back before darkness could overtake them.

In the camps of the Israelites they excitedly told of the marvelous experience of being so close to the Eternal that they could almost see Him. The people were thrilled by the reports, but they were also interested in learning what had become of Moses and Joshua.

Moses and Joshua Disappear

"We saw them go up into the cloud that came down over the mountain," they were told. "We don't know what happened to them, but probably they'll show up soon."

The Israelites had watched Mt. Sinai from the time the elders and Moses had started to climb it. They had seen the cloud come down and envelop the summit. They had stared in awe at the long, multi-colored flames shooting up from the mountain and through the cloud as though from a belching volcano. They were still watching when a week passed and the giant tongues of fire shot up even higher on the sabbath.

By that time many of them were becoming more and more concerned about Moses and Joshua. Were the two men really safe up there on that blazing summit? Or had they wandered off on a side trail and become lost? Or could it be that they had fallen to their death in some deep ravine?

"God will protect them and provide for them," Aaron told the people. "We

shouldn't be worried as long as they are in God's hands."

The days passed into weeks. Still the cloud and the fire continued to crown the mountain. Even Aaron, who at first was certain that nothing was wrong, began to worry. Several times he and Hur considered leading a group to go up and search for Moses and Joshua, but each time they decided against it. They knew that it would be almost impossible to move around safely inside the heavy cloud. Furthermore, they feared that if they went up too high they might be struck dead for trespassing on holy ground.

Probably the one most concerned about Moses was Joshua. He didn't dare go up in search of Moses. Neither did he feel that he should desert the man who had chosen him to share that week-long wait before God called Moses farther up the mountain. There was nothing to do but patiently wait as the hours and the days dragged slowly by.

Constantly shrouded in the brilliant vapor, Joshua felt at times almost like a prisoner. But there was something about being so close to God that imparted to him a feeling of warm satisfaction. As for his physical needs, he and Moses had already discovered a small brook, and there was a fresh supply of manna six days a week.

Rebellion Against God's Law

Regardless of the signs, wonders and miracles God had displayed to Israel in the months just past, there were some of the people who secretly wanted to cling to the habits of idol worship they had picked up in Egypt. In spite of the awesome blaze atop Mt. Sinai, these people began to complain that Moses' absence showed that his God had forgotten them.

"We need a leader we can trust to take us out of these mountains and deserts!" these rebellious people declared.

This outbreak of ill feeling was quickly seized upon by others—the foolish, violent type of people who all down through time have sought their pleasure in forming loud mobs and creating disorder and destruction.

Within only a few days there was growing confusion and uproar in the camps of the Israelites. Made bolder by the increasing numbers of those who wanted to cause trouble, the complainers changed their demands a little.

"We need gods who can lead us to freedom!" they chanted over and over.

When Aaron and Hur first heard about these things taking place in various camps, they became very concerned. They sent officers to seek out the offenders and have them punished. But it was too late for that kind of action. The offenders far outnumbered the officers, who suddenly found themselves faced by a howling frenzied mob in front of the tents of Aaron and Hur.

"Why are these people here?" Aaron asked an officer. "I can't tell what they mean by all this yelling."

"They're like people possessed of demons!" was the answer. "They've come to demand that you create a god or gods that they can actually see and to which they can pray to guide them quickly and safely to a land of plenty!" (Exodus 32:1.)

Aaron and Hur could scarcely believe these shocking words. But a careful study of the faces of the men before them made it plain that the mob was seriously intent upon what it had come for. It was evident that these men were the scum of the Israelites. Many of them weren't even Israelites, and they didn't truly represent all Israel. But their cause, however foolish, was gaining swiftly in favor with the Israelites. Furthermore, they were well armed. Something had to be done at once to keep them from violence.

"We must think of a plan to hold them off till Moses returns," Aaron said to Hur.

"Then perhaps it would be best to appear to agree with them for now," Hur suggested.

Silently praying that he could find a way to calm the mob down, Aaron strode out and raised his arms for silence.

The yelling gradually died down. The crowd surged in, anxious to surround Aaron, Hur and other officers and elders who were present.

"I have just learned what you want!" Aaron exclaimed. "You desire a new god or gods you can see! But how do you expect us to give you a new god?"

A confusing chorus of voices came from the crowd. One of the mob's leaders stepped up close to Aaron, and the people became silent again.

"When we were back in Egypt," the leader shouted, "the Egyptians and all of us had all we wanted to eat and drink. Yet the Egyptians didn't worship this invisible God you keep talking about. We want a god like one of theirs—one made of stone or wood or metal. We want a god that won't bother us with a lot of useless laws; a god that we can understand and see; a god that looks like something we know about—perhaps like a snake or an ox!"

Aaron did not reply at once. An idea was occurring to him. It was a risky plan to try to delay matters until Moses would return—if ever.

"Would you like a huge calf made of gold?" Aaron called out to the crowd.

A discouraging silence followed. Aaron was about to suggest something else when the thousands before him broke out in thunderous applause and shouts of agreement. This wild consent to his suggestion was small relief to Aaron, however. It was a frightening thought when he realized that the people would probably consider this a promise of his to actually build an idol for them!

"Make the idol now!" someone shouted, and thousands of voices rang out in agreement. Aaron realized that there was no backing out now. He would have to act on his words, meanwhile trusting that Moses and Joshua would return to rescue him from this horrid deed.

Aaron Makes a Golden Statue

"I am not doing this thing willingly!" he cried out. "If we create and worship any gods but the One who gave us the commandments, then we would be breaking the first two commandments. Only a few days ago we promised to abide by those laws. If we fail, God will be angry with us because He does not want to see us make ourselves miserable!"

A volley of angry shouts swelled up from the crowd. The people moved in even closer, glowering menacingly at Aaron and the officers who stood with him. Aaron held up his hands and nodded his head in consent.

"I shall arrange for your idol to be made," he told them in a faltering voice. "But you will have to help. Every man, woman and child wearing golden earrings must take them off and bring them here. We will fashion them into one piece, and from that gold will come the metal calf you desire for your god."

Aaron hoped that the Israelites would refuse to give up their ear jewelry, thereby sparing him from his promise to create a golden calf. But his hope faded when he later witnessed the long lines of people filing up to give their earrings.

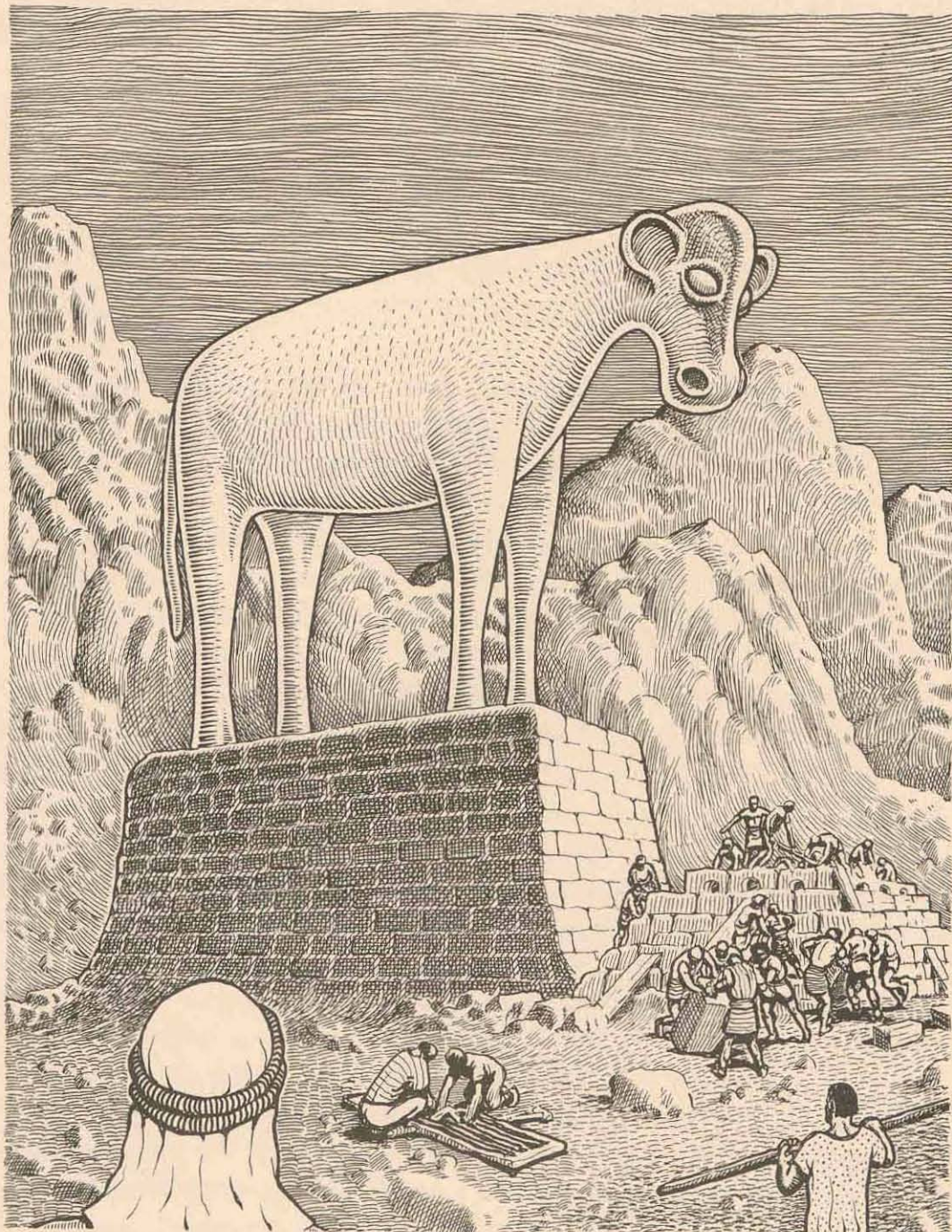
By the end of the next day there was an astonishingly large heap of ear jewelry not far from Aaron's tent. Hundreds of pounds of gold were in that gleaming pile. It was up to Aaron to carry on from there.

He sent for carpenters, metal workers, designers and sculptors to come from the multitude. Hoping to stall for time, he instructed these men to do their work well even if it required weeks. However, it took the workers only a few days, laboring in the privacy of a large enclosure, to completely build the large mold in which to pour the hot, melted gold to make a molten gold calf. (Exodus 32:1-4.)

Aaron then ordered a large altar built in front of the tent in which the calf image stood. When it was finished, he sent out messengers to all the people to proclaim that the next day would be a feast day to God.

He hoped that the people would change their minds and make their offerings to God instead of the golden calf. But it was a rather futile wish, what with an altar built so close to the idol.

That evening, when the tent was stripped away, the people gazed at the shiny, gold thing resembling a calf. From some there were grins and cheers of approval. Oth-



Hoping that Moses would return before it could be finished, Aaron ordered an altar built before the calf idol.

ers merely stared and shook their heads.

Early next morning people started thronging toward the calf idol, bringing ani-

mals for burnt offerings and peace offerings. The creatures were slaughtered not far from the altar that had just been built, and before long the idol was loaded with their carcasses.

Ever since dawn Aaron and Hur and some of the elders had kept anxious eyes on the slopes of Mt. Sinai, hoping that Moses and Joshua would return in time to pit their authority and influence against the rebellious Israelites.

But there was no sign of Moses and Joshua, and with almost seven weeks having passed since they left for the mountain, there seemed to be very little chance that they would ever return.

When Aaron saw men about to set fire to the altar wood under the intended offerings, he hurried out before the altar and raised his hands in protest.

"This is a feast to the God of Israel!" he shouted to the crowd. "These carcasses belong on the other altar—the one over there by the twelve stone pillars!"

"If you don't want us to sacrifice here, then why did you make this golden idol and the altar before it?" some of the rebellious leaders demanded in loud voices.

"Because I knew that so many of you wanted it so badly that you would get it one way or another," Aaron replied. "I had hoped that Moses would return before the idol could be finished, or that you would realize how wrong it was and would give up the mad idea of serving and worshipping an idol!"

"We know what we want!" the men shouted back, pointing to the idol. "*This* represents the god who brought us out of Egypt!" (Exodus 32:4.)

Striding past Aaron and up to the altar, they motioned for the people to move closer and watch the ceremony that followed. Aaron walked slowly back to his tent, where he turned to watch a plume of smoke billow upward from the crackling fire. Looking out over the crowd, he shuddered to witness thousands bowing before the calf image, which now appeared to him as something very ugly and evil.

The People Declare a Holiday

After the first offerings had been consumed in the leaping blazes, other offerings were tossed on the altar. Intense heat from the glowing coals quickly roasted the meat, which was passed out in smoking chunks to be eaten by the closest ones in the crowd. When others more at a distance complained of having no meat, more carcasses were flung on the altar. By then, although it was only mid-morning, a holiday spirit of revelry was swiftly developing. It was obvious that the altar would be in use all day and perhaps far into the night to supply broiled meat for the people.

The careless mood caught on with the people who had been standing far from the idol. Musicians banded together to play. Huge groups of Israelites began to dance and

sing to idolatrous tunes they had learned in Egypt. Many of them imbibed too freely of their wines and liquors.

Little by little the festive spirit developed into careless abandon. Riotous laughter and profane shouts gradually built up in the noise from the crowd. Encouraged by the basest beings in the mob, many of the Israelites allowed themselves to carry out some of their most shameful desires. Their disgraceful and ribald acts shocked the thousands of Israelites who stayed back and had no part in the sordid affair. (Exodus 32:6.)

Meanwhile, in the sight of all, the glory of God's presence glowed brightly from within the cloud resting over Mt. Sinai. Perhaps we would consider it very strange that the revellers would so quickly forget God when He was so near.

Yet if we stop to think about it, probably most of us completely forget about our Creator for hours or even days at a time, even though He is watching everything we do. When this happens, we're much more likely to forget what He wants us to do, and we incline to do the wrong things.

Moses Talks with God

Let us go back a few weeks to the time when Moses was called up toward the top of Mt. Sinai. You will remember that he left Joshua at a point high on the mountain, and that the thick cloud miraculously parted so that he could see to proceed without risking a fall from the dangerous trail. (Exodus 24:12-17.)

The moving lights from above became brighter as Moses came closer to the mountain's summit. By the time he had climbed almost to the top, the lights were so intense that the cloud vapor was burned away.

The higher he climbed, the less tired and more exhilarated Moses became. He realized that it was because he was approaching so close to the terribly powerful presence of the Almighty Creator of the whole universe.

"Stay where you are!" a strong voice suddenly called out.

Moses stopped and quickly looked around. He was on a flat, rocky ledge dotted by boulders that had fallen from the heights above. Although the shining aura that came from overhead nearly wiped out every shadow, he could see only a few yards in every direction.

"You will remain in this spot for many days," the voice continued. "During that time I shall tell you what you must speak to the Israelites when you return, and what things you must perform."

Moses fell to his knees and fearfully bowed his head to the ground.

During the next forty days he spent many hours listening closely to God's instructions uttered at various intervals. Every word and vision was burned into his mind,

made unusually alert and keen by God's inspiring presence. (Verse 18.)

Meanwhile, although trembling with awe, Moses was otherwise comfortable in that presence. Without it, he could have been miserably cold or could have perished from thirst or hunger, since he did not eat nor drink during those forty days. But he needed no physical protection from the elements, and no food nor water. The spiritual energizing power surrounding him gave him all the shielding and strength he needed. (Deuteronomy 9:9.)

All that God told Moses was to be carefully repeated to the people. He was to ask them to contribute materials with which they were to build and decorate a temporary tabernacle. It was to be a huge portable tent which God could grace with His presence while being worshipped or contacted during the Israelites' journey to Canaan.

Moses received every detail on how this tabernacle and its surroundings were to be built and furnished. So that he would know how everything should look, Moses experienced many interesting visions. These stayed in his memory so clearly that he later remembered exactly what God required.

"When this tabernacle is finished, Aaron and his sons are to be the chief priests in charge of all things having to do with it," God told Moses.

He even showed Moses how the priests' clothing was to be made and what ceremonies were to be performed. So many measurements, descriptions and directions were given that they require seven chapters in the book of Exodus. (Chapters 25-31.)

Sabbath Command Repeated

Toward the end of the meeting on Mt. Sinai, God again commanded Moses to remind the Israelites to carefully observe His Sabbaths. He spoke of more than one Sabbath, and by that God meant the several annual Sabbaths as well as the weekly Sabbath. These annual Sabbaths are mentioned in Exodus 23:14 to 16.

"My Sabbaths are holy," God told Moses. "They are a sign forever between me and everyone of you who continue to observe all of them that I am your God and you are my church, a people chosen for a very special task. It shall remain a sign throughout every generation forever. It is an everlasting agreement that your people will be blessed as long as they obey me in respect to my holy days. Those who refuse to obey will die!" (Exodus 31:12-17.)

Many years later we find not only Jesus, but the apostle Paul keeping these same days, according to John 7:14 and 37 and Acts 18:21.

On the fortieth day of Moses' stay near the top of Mt. Sinai, God ended the meeting by giving Moses two slabs of elegant stone. The Ten Commandments were on these

stone tablets, perfectly and beautifully written on both sides by God. (Exodus 31:18 and 32:15-16.)

"Leave here at once!" God commanded Moses. "Don't waste a minute getting back to your camps in the valley!"

Moses was a little puzzled that God would keep him on the mountain for so long and then almost angrily demand that he leave at once. Firmly grasping the two heavy stone tablets, he turned and strode swiftly toward the trail leading down from the ledge.

"You should know now, Moses," God called to him, "that many of your people have been acting wickedly while you have been up here. They have built a huge, metal calf, and right at this moment they are already breaking our covenant by worshipping this cursed idol!"

Moses froze in his tracks. If any man had uttered the words he had just heard, he would have doubted them. But he knew that God never lies nor wastes words.

He was too shocked to say anything at the moment. His hands shook as he carefully lowered the stone tablets to the ground. He sank to his knees and bowed his head to the ground.

"Do not crouch there and try to delay me in what I should do," God thundered. "I know how unruly and stubborn your people are. You have been a faithful servant, and from you I can still produce a great nation. As for the Israelites below in the valley, I should utterly wipe them out with a shower of fire from the sky!" (Exodus 32:7-10.)

"Have mercy on them!" Moses pleaded. "You have brought them this far. I beg of you not to let it be said by the Egyptians that you used your great powers to take the Israelites out of Egypt, only to slay them as soon as they reached the mountains. Remember the promises you made to Abraham, Isaac and Israel. You told them that you would multiply their children till they were as many as the stars. You promised to give the land of Canaan to those children. How can they receive it if you destroy them in your anger?" (Verses 11-13.)

There was only awful silence following Moses' sincere appeal. But after a short while, to Moses' great relief, God answered him in a tone that showed that His anger was somewhat lessened.

"Because you do not wish me to deal harshly with these sinful people of yours," God said, "I shall leave the matter up to you for the time being. Go down and seek out those who are guilty of starting this idol worship. Punish them. If you fail, I'll blast them out of my sight!"

Moses delayed only long enough to thank God for sparing millions of people in

the valley. Then he picked up the two tablets and hurried down the mountain side.

In a short while he approached the spot where he and Joshua had spent seven days while they waited for God to call Moses higher up on the mountain. Having been gone so long, Moses didn't expect Joshua to still be there, but to his pleasant surprise he found Joshua still faithfully waiting.

"I was certain that God would send you safely back," Joshua said elatedly. "What happened to you during these past weeks? What are those stone slabs you are carrying?"

"I must tell you all that later," Moses replied. "Right now we must hurry back to the valley. A terrible thing is taking place there!"

The Return to Camp

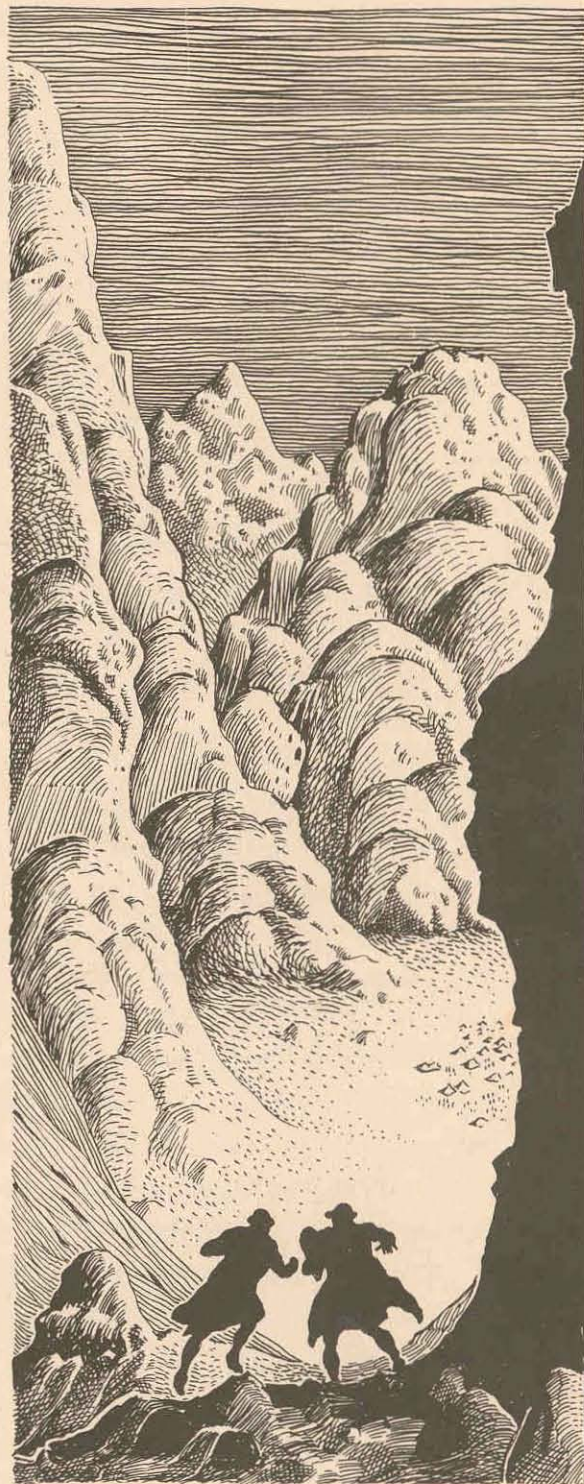
At that very moment the loud voices of the revelling people reached the ears of the two men on the mountain.

"War!" exclaimed Joshua. "The Amalekites must be attacking again! Otherwise what reason would there be for so much shouting?"

"Those are not the shouts of victors in battle," Moses murmured, shaking his head gravely. "Neither are they the shouts of battle victims. Don't you hear singing, too?" (Exodus 32:17-18.)

Joshua was momentarily puzzled.

Without further talk, Moses set off down the trail. A few hundred feet below,



Moses and Joshua emerged from the cloud and hurried down toward the noisy Israelite camp.

the two men emerged from the cloud over the mountain. From there they could look down to see a large throng of people grouped together, but they were too distant to make out what the crowd was doing.

Meanwhile, within their tent, Aaron and his family sat in glum silence as they listened to the howls, shrieks, chants and laughter of the people who were celebrating with such evil abandon.

Suddenly an excited officer appeared at the door of the tent and called loudly for Aaron.

"There is a report that Moses and Joshua have been seen coming down Mt. Sinai!" he shouted.

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PREPARE for CHILDREN

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of children in marriage.

God fully *intended* that human beings should *see* in the reproduction of human life a beautiful counterpart and type of the *reproduction of God-life!*

If the two parents have been really *converted*, and UNDERSTAND this great and beautiful truth of God, then truly childbirth becomes one of the deepest, most satisfying *experiences* of all human life! It becomes a thing of intense beauty, of awesome wonder, and a breathtaking miracle! Perhaps you have heard, many times, the expression "the miracle of birth!" Truly, the fact of the development of a mere egg cell into an embryo and finally a mature fetus which is born as another separate *human being* is one of the greatest *miracles* man is ever permitted to witness!

A priceless treasure indeed if the expectant parents understand this marvelous plan of God, *see* a type of spiritual birth in the physical one, *understand fully* what pregnancy and childbirth *is*, and meet it hopefully, anxiously and expectantly—*together!*

How Much Do You Need to Know?

The expectant mother is usually beset with conflicting opinions on anything from the possibility of inflicting ter-

rible birthmarks on the baby from having seen a snake to an urgent caution against breastfeeding—which will supposedly "ruin her figure."

Whom should she believe? She will undoubtedly find herself beset with advice from her mother and mother-in-law, from neighbors and friends, from all and sundry who have had children or have heard others talk about having them. She should take it all with a "grain of salt" and merely believe in down-to-earth common sense!

The expectant mother can obtain any one of a variety of small, easy-to-read, reliable handbooks containing the physiological facts concerning childbirth.

It is not the purpose of this work to endorse every word committed to writing concerning childbirth and child-rearing in any work which might be quoted, but to offer easy-to-read sources of information which may prove to be valuable helps to the expectant mother.

The works from which certain quotations have already been taken, for example, *Childbirth Without Fear* by Dr. Grantly Dick Read, and others are very helpful and valuable books in many ways.

A small handbook such as, *Expectant Motherhood* by Dr. Nicholson J. Eastman, Professor of Obstetrics in Johns Hopkins University, Obstetrician-in-Chief to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, might be recommended as a *guide*. Dr.

Eastman, however, seems unduly opposed to "natural" childbirth in his section on anesthetics.

Such works, set down in simple, easy-to-read form, could be studied by both the expectant father and mother so that they are *learning together*.

Now we are ready to begin with some very important principles of actual childbirth! You will be SHOCKED to find how much undue, unnecessary, out-and-out SUFFERING is needlessly being endured by an *uninformed* group of young mothers!

Be sure to read the next number—ESPECIALLY if you are planning any children in the future!

Fight for Survival

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a sincere interest in the people we are coaxing to be our customers. We don't even learn their language, in many cases. A survey shows that half of our foreign service officers, including 70% of the new men, have no speaking knowledge of any language other than English.

'9. *Aloofness*—Here's another way that we earn the 'Ugly American' tag. U.S. personnel abroad frequently *set up their own 'little America.'* The Europeans are careful not to do that. They mingle with the nationals, maintain a common ground, Mr. Maggin reports.

'10. *Weak Credit Terms*—U.S. firms

have lost many sales to foreign companies on the basis of credit extension. We are failing to use one of our most important advantages—great financial power and commercial credit knowhow.

"11. *Poor Market Research*—U.S. firms have waded into foreign markets without even an estimate of market size or the kind of competition they could expect to face.

"12. *Faulty Design*—This has been *one of our biggest downfalls*. . . . U.S. designed products have lost out . . . to foreign competitors who have changed designs to suit local needs. . . . Foreign nations have gone out of their way to study the special needs of each country before putting their products on sale. They know what will sell, where, and for how much.

"13. *Sloppy Service*—L. F. McCollum, chairman, National Export Expansion Committee, and president of Continental Oil Co., Houston, back from a European tour, says foreign firms complain that U.S. exporters are *slow to answer correspondence*, fail to give needed technical data, and that, in many firms, there seems to be no liaison between the export manager and the departments supplying advertising, service, and technical aid.

"14. *Messy Marketing*—Our selling methods are often much too vigorous for non-Americans. *Exaggerated enthusiasm* or excessive superlatives are sure to earn you a bad reputation in most foreign lands. 'Second to none, we believe,' is usually a far safer appraisal of your goods than 'the biggest and best.'

"15. *Import Restrictions* — Artificial—and often discriminatory—restrictions against U.S. goods by many foreign countries have contributed somewhat to metalworking's loss of foreign markets.

"16. *Gentle Blackmail*—'If you want to sell here, you'll have to manufacture here.' That's what more and more countries are telling U.S. firms, as nationalistic feelings grow around the world. . . .

"17. *Blindness*—Foreign markets have frequently been lost to U.S. firms because they failed to recognize the potential. . . .

"18. *Foreign Research & Development*—Foreign countries have stepped up their research and development in the last few years; their shift from copiers to innovators has already af-

fectured some metalworking markets. . . .

"19. *Foreign Promotion*—'Europeans have learned our advertising techniques and have combined them with stylish and imaginative material,' Ford Motor Co. points out. Volkswagen and Renault offer proof.

"20. *The Red March*—Communist advances have also contributed to our world trade shakiness. Exports by all nations in 1959 totaled \$114 billion. Sales by Communist nations made up \$14 billion (including trade among the Reds themselves). . . . Red China sold \$145 million worth of goods in Western Europe, bought \$325 million worth there. . . .

"21. *Lack of Knowledge*—The 'Ugly American' is also, in many cases, an ineffectual American. Mr. Rundt reports that an increasingly higher type of man is being sent overseas, but that 'some pretty odd numbers continue to do harm to their employers and their country.' Among them, he says, are 'various sorts of *beachcombers, dipsomaniacs* of most shades, *expatriates* who have lost all contact with home base, *colonial masters, supermen* with un-American ideologies, and little *commercial bureaucrats* who vegetate in a vacuum because they detest or fear their surroundings.' Some businessmen still follow such thoughtless practices as sending Christmas greetings to their Moslem customers. . . .

"In many fields, we are pricing ourselves out of the world market. *We also are committing international sins that cost us sales we could otherwise obtain.*"

We've Only Seen the Beginning

"THE IMPACT of foreign competition on the economy of the U.S. is *still small in relation to what is in prospect in the coming years.*' So declares Stanley V. Malcuit, industrial economist for Aluminum Co. of America" (STEEL, September 5, 1960).

ALL BECAUSE . . . note it! ". . . you hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded you."—(Verse 45, DEUT. 28)

Therefore ". . . HE SHALL BESIEGE THEE IN ALL THY GATES."

WE ARE BEING BESIEGED! *TRADE WAR* is here! *PROPHECY marches on!*

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