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Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

THIS is written in Copenhagen, Denmark. On the ferry, enroute here from Hamburg, Germany, my attention was arrested by two bewhiskered intellectuals about thirty-five years of age.

I do not know what nationality they were. Perhaps French. One of them was reading a newspaper which appeared to be French. But no matter. These young men, just approaching the very prime of life, appeared to be possessed of high-grade natural intelligence and above-average ability.

Yet their faces registered discontent, boredom. They looked tired, cynical. Their expressions seemed to say: "Everything is all wrong. The world's gone to the dogs. There is no chance—no hope. So why try? What's the use?"

They appeared to be college educated, and of good family, yet their heavily bewhiskered state, and the lines in their unhappy faces, seemed to register disgust and protest against society.

They certainly were not happy. They were not enjoying life. They were not living the abundant life. Yet, apparently, they possessed every advantage of birth, cultural rearing, education, and hereditary upper-bracket intelligence and ability.

What was wrong?

I could not help thinking. I felt sorry for them. A sense of compassion gripped me. *I knew* what was wrong! It was a combination of ignorance of the real PURPOSE of life—of the human potential in The Eternal Creator's Plan—the lack of any PURPOSE in life that should arouse ambition, create interest in life, stimulate incentive to enthusiastic endeavor, replacing their bored, frustrated lethargy; a combination of this ignorance and too much *false* education in this world's philosophies and vain concepts.

Yes, I felt sorry for them. I could not help experiencing pangs of sadness of heart.

Well, then! Why didn't I go to them, introduce myself, and enlighten them? I do know God's tremendous PURPOSE! I do have the knowledge of the true values they lack. Couldn't I save them from their negative cynicism, and bring joy to their hearts by disclosing to them the wonderful TRUTH? They appeared to possess ample natural intelligence to grasp things quickly. Wouldn't they welcome the glorious TRUTH that would open up vistas of a happy, joyous, enthusiastic ETERNITY before them?

Ah, no! Only too well have I learned the impossibility of such impetuous, well-meaning, but misguided and unwise zeal.

If I should have attempted to enlighten them, they would surely have looked at me with a sneering, indulgent sense of pity and scorn. They would have thought me a crack-pot. They would have felt sorry for *me*, even as I had been feeling sorry for them! Their minds have been poisoned with this world's false education. They have become wise in their own conceits. The false knowledge they have imbibed sets up an automatic prejudice against TRUTH. And this prejudice is a positive barrier to the entrance of any truth into their minds.

WHY, if God has opened my eyes to His positive, hope-inspiring, potential FUTURE for humanity, do I not make every effort to enlighten these "ignorant intellectuals"? The answer is, *I do*—in the only way God has directed—the only way that can save even an infinitesimal minority—and the way that God has decreed to be a witness against a stubborn and vain humanity. God is surely making His glorious Truth accessible to those who want and welcome it—through The WORLD TOMORROW program—world-wide, on the world's most powerful radio stations—and on every inhabited continent on earth. And also, through the power of the printing press—*The Plain Truth*, numerous free book-

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lets, the Bible Correspondence Course—all freely offered, without money and without price to those who will receive them!

Yet, to most of the world, this Truth, being THUNDERED around the world to-

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Could You Be "BRAINWASHED"?

Could you be hypnotized? Should you keep your mind open, or closed? No question is more important. Be sure you understand.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

YOU NEED to think about this. There are things you need to know *about your mind*.

Various reports came out of Russia about what happened to the captured American U-2 pilot, Francis G. Powers, in 1960. One feature story in a London newspaper reported that Mr. Powers had been brainwashed.

The report described the process. He had been kept in solitary confinement for weeks, allowed to see no human being except one "examiner." The lights in his small cell were kept extraordinarily bright day and night. At first he was denied food. He was sharply questioned. When his answers were not what the examiner wanted, he was beaten severely. Then he was left absolutely alone for days. Then, gradually, as he began to be willing to give the answers the examiner wanted, he was given a little food.

Finally he was brought around to actually *believe* he had committed a terrible wrong against Russia—that Russia was in the right. By the time of his show-case "trial," which was a farce for purposes of world-wide propaganda, Powers had become docile, completely co-operative. He said before the world precisely what the Russians *wanted* said.

Everything Else Worthless— Without It!

Could the Russians brainwash *you*? Don't be too sure! You need to know the TRUTH about your mind!

We are told that we should keep an open mind. Yet it was the very fact that Mr. Powers *opened* his mind, that allowed the Russians to inject psychological poison into it. Not only that. They probably warped and ruined his mind for life!

Should we, then, keep our minds

closed? This is a question you need to understand. Very few do!

What would *anything* be worth to you, without your mind? *Your mind is your most precious possession!* Suppose that on the outside of your head you had beautiful hair, ears, nose, mouth, eyes—but no mind on the inside! Suppose you had a neck, shoulders, arms, torso, legs and feet—but no head—no brains—no *mind!* Suppose you owned vast possessions, and had a hundred million in the bank—but no mind! WOULD ANYTHING BE WORTH ANYTHING TO YOU?

Our Minds Are FED

Yet most people have little or no conception of the IMPORTANCE of the mind. And most people—psychologists and psychiatrists included—*do not understand the mind!* They are in ignorance of the reason God created it. They do not understand the true PURPOSE of the mind, or how properly to possess and use it!

Being in total ignorance of God's purposes, right uses, and the potential destiny of humans, a new "profession" has sprung up in the world—based on human reasoning in ignorance—called psychiatry. These people pose as mind doctors. They pretend to cure neuroses, and bring patients "peace of mind." This misguided profession was started, in its modern form, by Sigmund Freud and the school of contemporary psychoanalysts led by Horney, Alexander, Rado and their ilk. The world accepts them and dignifies them with the title "doctor." Yet none needs his mind examined so much as these supposed mind doctors!

Colleges and universities teach courses in Psychology. Yet the authors of their textbooks, and the professors who teach

it, are in ignorance of the real TRUTH about the human mind—its PURPOSE, and proper use.

Few realize that our minds, like our stomachs, *need to be fed!* And, in school, they *get fed!* But they get fed a diet of error mixed with truth. They still are eating away at that same tree of KNOWLEDGE of "good and *evil*" our first human mother partook of and fed to our first human father, Adam. They are fed a diet of mental poison mixed with material, factual truth, but devoid of spiritual knowledge.

If you put in your stomach a mixture of health-giving wheat and vegetables, mixed with an equal portion of potassium cyanide, it will kill you in a few moments. If you eat a mixture of good food and excessive starch, sugar, fat, and unclean meats—as nearly everyone does—you are committing suicide on the installment plan. This diet will slowly poison your system, produce numerous diseases, and kill you in ten to sixty years.

And if you allow your mind to be fed on the usual diet of truth mixed with error, your mind is being slowly drugged, and it will perish, along *with* your body—in a final lake of fire!

Our bodies require food composed of a proper balance between the alkaline and the carbohydrate elements. But we leave out, take out, or cook out, most of the alkaline elements and consume an overdose of the carbohydrates, which produce most of our diseases, including colds and fevers, rheumatism, hay fever, diabetes, cancer and heart troubles.

And in our mental diet we imbibe an overdose of materialistic knowledge almost to the exclusion of the spiritual; and even in materialistic teaching our schools mix exact and factual knowledge with erroneous hypotheses, specu-

lations and errors based on human conjecture, reasonings, and ignorance.

"Not All There!"

We ridicule supposed morons or the mentally deficient, saying they are "not all there." The fact is, nearly all of those who teach us what we take into our minds in school and college, are most assuredly "not all there."

The fact is, we were all born only "half there!"

I have said so many times that we were all born *incomplete!* We were born *of the flesh*—and we *are* flesh. God formed man, not out of spirit, but "of the dust of the ground"—of the earth—earthy (I Cor. 15:48-49).

We were made to need FOOD to live. But, as Jesus Christ said, man was made to live, not by bread alone, but by every Word of God—that is, not merely by material food, but by the spiritual food we receive from the Holy Bible!

But man has cut himself off from God! There is an absolute, impenetrable BARRIER between natural, carnal minded man and God. Man can receive *spiritual* food only from GOD!

And remember—you do not receive spiritual food into the stomach, but *into the mind!*

And so it is not the body, but the MIND that "is not all there"—that is born incomplete! And when I say that God did not create Adam *complete*—that the creation of Genesis chapter one describes only the *material* creation, I am referring to the deficiency of MIND, primarily. True, our bodies, being material, now last only an average of some 70 years for adults. True, if we are converted, and to be given ETERNAL LIFE, even our vile, corruptible *bodies* are to be *changed* from matter to spirit instantaneously, at the time of the resurrection.

But it is the MIND, not the body, which can receive the *spiritual* food during this life—and *must* be fed God's true spiritual diet IF the body is to be changed.

What Adam and Eve rejected, in the Garden in Eden, was the fruit of the tree symbolizing God's HOLY SPIRIT!

It is man's MIND that is incomplete—not "all there"—for this life. His MIND was made to *need* God's HOLY

SPIRIT. God's Spirit being received into our minds is the impregnation of the very GOD-LIFE, begetting us as God's children. It adds the SPIRITUAL or DIVINE content to the material content of our minds. It introduces into our minds a totally new attitude, means of mental approach, viewpoint, concept, capacity of comprehension.

The natural carnal MIND has no capacity whatsoever for comprehension of SPIRITUAL TRUTHS. The unconverted, naturally born carnal mind therefore, *cannot understand the BIBLE!* A natural mind may grasp a few of the materialistic portions of the Bible—and it contains material as well as spiritual knowledge, in properly balanced proportion—but no carnal mind can comprehend and truly UNDERSTAND the spiritual revelations of God's Word!

Yes, Actually CRAZY!

Without this BASIC revelation of spiritual TRUTH, no system of knowledge can be complete. The SPIRITUAL revelation is the foundational knowledge. It is what we need *first*, not last! The knowledge of *what* we are, *why* we are—that is, the PURPOSE of life—our potential DESTINY, the spiritual LAWS OF LIFE—the WAY to peace, happiness, prosperity and everything good—this is the FOUNDATIONAL knowledge. None of this world's leaders possess it. The knowledge man is equipped to discover and acquire by his own processes—the knowledge receivable through the eyes, ears, sense of feel, smell and taste—may be *added* to this foundation. Then, human REASONING, coming from a Spirit-led mind, BASED ON THIS TRUE FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE, leads to correct and truthful conclusions.

But man, CUT OFF from this foundation on which to build—in ignorance of the very factual BASIS for his reasoning and speculating, has arrived at erroneous conclusions. And these false conclusions formulate a very large portion of the organized knowledge—the store of knowledge in this world's libraries, and in the text books used in this world's education.

The true FACT is, this world's psychiatrists are themselves actually and literally CRAZY—if you understand the true meaning of the word!

Two of these quack psychiatrists, to my personal knowledge, testified in court that a woman was insane, and needed to be committed, *for no reason other than* that she studied the Holy Bible *to learn how to live and how to rear her children!* Had this woman not been represented at the trial by an alert attorney, she would have been committed to an institution, deprived of her freedom—her children torn from their loving Christian mother and made wards of a cold, loveless court!

But actually, and literally, it was these self-professed mind doctors who were insane. Their minds simply were not "all there." They were in ignorance of foundational, basic TRUTH. Their reasoning was based on false hypotheses, assumed and carelessly taken for granted. They based *reasoning* on *error*. Yet they merely had swallowed, unquestioned, what certain text books fed them, authored by other misguided and ignorant men!

Actually, the carnal, unconverted mind—containing its physical content only, devoid of the spiritual—knowing only what PHYSICAL knowledge can be received thru the five senses—is a mind bound to go off into false and erroneous ramifications of ideas, suppositions, hypotheses, speculations, and believe a ridiculous and weird system of myths!

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HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? HOW can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be *paid for!* This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

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" (Mat. 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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Tragic U.S. WATER CRISIS Here Now!

Pure water now carries a premium price in America. A public and private thirst for this most vital of all resources is being felt in sections all across the country. Here, direct from news releases from our News Bureau at Ambassador College, are the facts! The WATER crisis has ALREADY BEGUN.

by Gene H. Hogberg

“IN FIFTEEN years we will need TWICE as much water as we do now . . . Today 40 million Americans are on the edge of a serious water shortage and water tables are falling almost everywhere. Today nearly every major waterway in the United States is polluted.” (This Week Magazine, January 15, 1961.)

The President's Own Words

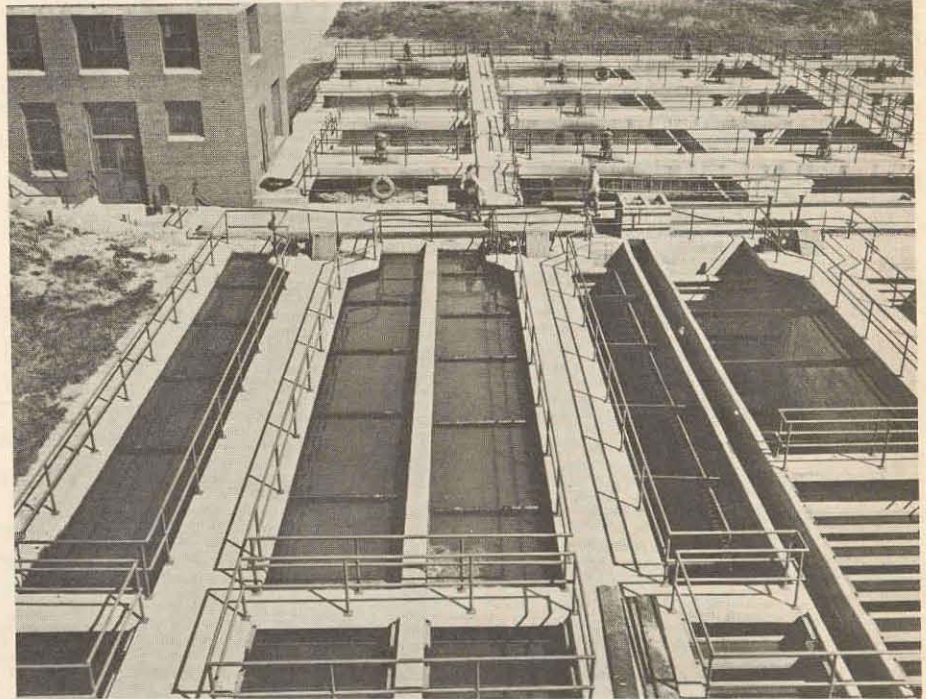
These shocking words, spoken by President Kennedy just prior to his inauguration this January, graphically describe America's newest and gravest domestic danger—the shortage and pollution of its water supply.

Ever since the founding of this country, Americans have taken the abundance and purity of their water for granted. “If there is one thing which the ordinary American city dweller never thinks about from one end of the year to the other, it is water. He turns on the tap, and water pours; he turns off the tap incompletely, and it drips; he flushes the toilet, and it roars. To most Americans today, pure, palatable water in unlimited quantities is a kind of birthright, like citizenship, and not even the Supreme Court can ever take it away. . . .

“No following generation of Americans is ever likely to share this luxurious attitude. WE ARE RAPIDLY RUNNING OUT OF GOOD WATER. . . . Without a well-financed, well-conceived national water program, we will inevitably drink our way into a famine. And it will be TOO LATE to plan America's future on THE DAY THE TAPS RUN DRY” (Harper's Magazine, October, 1958, emphasis ours).

Leaders Alarmed

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Wide World Photo

All too often the water you drink has to be “purified” by germ cultures, as above photo shows. Even this modern plant in Willow Run, Michigan, only renders the water 93 per cent pure.

this problem—that of water shortage—is becoming so acute that top meteorologists and government experts have been forced to scale down their predictions as to when the full impact of the shortage will be felt. Previously, their estimates ranged from 1975 to 1980, but this is no longer the case. A very recent government study revealed that the United States “will be in serious difficulty in about ten years unless it can turn salt water into fresh water economically, a congressional study warned. A report prepared by the House Science Committee said the nation already is using every available drop of its fresh water supply. . . . The study found ‘a likelihood that the United States will be the first of the high civilized, tech-

nologically advanced nations to find itself in real difficulty due to fresh water shortages.’ It predicted the difficulty will materialize by 1970 or before, as much as 10 YEARS EARLIER than previous studies have indicated” (The Oregonian, Portland, January 30, 1961).

The Senate, as well as House, has been investigating the worsening water situation, and has prepared a report “which sounds an urgent note of alarm over the nation's rapidly dwindling water supplies. The report, issued by the Senate's Select Committee on National Water Resources, includes a warning by the chairman, Senator Robert S. Kerr (D) of Oklahoma, that the national security will be threatened un-
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West Indies—840 kc.—9:45
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none for growth" (*The Sacramento Bee*,
January 30, 1961).

Senators serving on the Interior
Committee heard yet another solemn
warning, this time from a top business
executive: "In 10 years Jerseyans may
have dry mouths unless sea water is
converted for drinking, Carrol M.
Shanks, President of Prudential Insur-
ance Company, told a Senate Interior
Committee hearing yesterday. Shanks
said converted water from the sea is the
ONLY CHOICE OPEN for the state's bur-
geoning population and water demands"
(*Newark Star-Ledger*, June 9, 1960).

The Senate was shocked again when
an independent research body, Resources
for the Future, Inc., outlined in a re-
port the staggering cost necessary in
trying to fend off the impending ca-
lamity. The conclusion of the report
"is AWESOME," said a national magazine.
"Unless many areas begin water devel-
opment programs forthwith, they face
economic deterioration. The study calls
for gigantic measures costing \$228 bil-
lion over 20 years to forestall a critical
shortage estimated for 1980. A
DROUGHT COULD PUSH THE DATE UP
SEVERAL YEARS" (*Look*, July 19, 1960,
emphasis ours).

Weather Experts Fearful

Top meteorologists and water con-
servationists are highly disturbed by
worsening trends in America's weather
patterns. As the *Austin American* re-
ported, on June 16, 1960:

"Judge J. E. Sturrock, general manag-
er of the Texas Water Conservation As-
sociation . . . referred to recent pre-
dictions by leading meteorologists.
Among these predictions was that made
by Dr. Vance E. Moyer, formerly me-
teorologist at the University of Texas,
who said that *within the next few years*
'drouth will return to Texas . . . and our
state will suffer the pangs of public and
private thirst for rain.'

"While they varied on the date at
which the drought would begin . . . (the
meteorologists) agreed that it would
come BY THE END OF THE 1960s and
that it would possibly be *more crucial*
than the great droughts of the 1930s
and the 1950s. . . Said Sturrock, *'These*
men know what they are talking about.

Tragic U. S. WATER CRISIS

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*less an immediate, all-out effort is
launched to conserve water. . .*

"Four senators appended an even
more pessimistic statement to the basic

committee report. 'WE LIVE ON THE
EDGE OF WATER BANKRUPTCY,' they
said. 'The United States has *barely*
enough usable water for present needs,

They predicted the last drought."

The Future Is Here!

Dire warnings for the future—the very near future—but we must realize even as these same reports tell us, that the problem is *already* with us in a great degree! Notice this startling article from the *Arizona Farmer-Ranchman*, December 3, 1960:

"One of every seven U.S. communities suffered last year from water shortage rated as moderate to severe. No less than 79% of Illinois communities were short of water for at least a part of 1959. But the American people have refused to pay any attention to a problem that is **ALREADY WITH THEM**, is growing more acute and one of these days will have practically the whole nation in desperate straits. Awakening the people to their danger is an imperative necessity, according to William E. Richards of Holdrege, Nebraska, president

of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts" (emphasis ours).

To that, add this almost unbelievable quote:

"To many in the United States, the problem is *already here*. More than 1,000 communities were forced to curtail the use of water in one recent year, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. **FORTY-FIVE STATES FELT SHORTAGES.** Today, the Geological Survey notes, **NO AREA OF THE COUNTRY IS WITHOUT SOME FORM OF WATER PROBLEM!**" (*Look*, July 19, 1960, emphasis ours).

And this: "Nearly half the cities of the U.S., faced with population rises as the urban shift gains momentum (Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, for example), face *serious* water problems" (*The Detroit News*, November 29, 1960).

And these area reports of falling water tables all across the country:

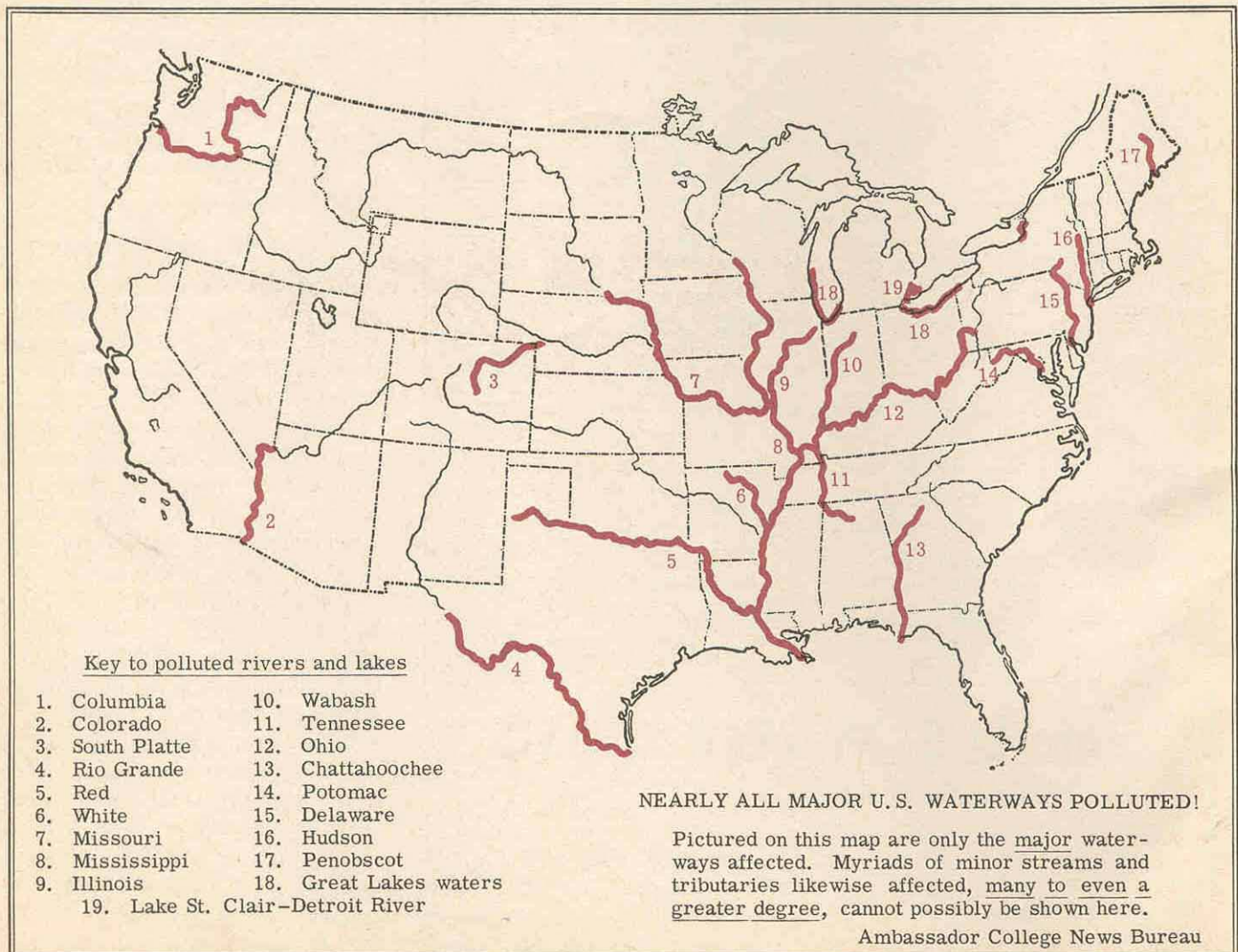
Texas: "On the high plains of Texas,

men are pumping up the underground water **TWENTY TIMES** faster than nature is replacing it."

Arizona: "For every seven gallons withdrawn from the Arizona 'water bank' (underground basins) only two gallons are put into it" (*Arizona Farmer-Ranchman*, May 24, 1958).

California: "The drop in water levels in Pomona Valley is so severe as to prompt immediate action in conservation work. For instance, in the Claremont basin the drop is from 20 feet to 490 feet. In Chino, where the drop is the least, the level a little more than a year ago was 8.6 feet and it's down to 135.6 feet. In Pomona a level of 18.9 feet has dropped to 398.4 feet. Glendora has had a similar drop" (*Pomona Progress Bulletin*, February 26, 1961).

One harried Central California farmer reported that his well which started out at 116 feet, with the pump set at 45 feet, is now down 820 feet. Pumping



now from 120 feet, he is getting only *half* the water the well should produce.

Illinois: "Near Chicago, where artesian wells flowed under their own pressure a hundred years ago, new wells must go down 2,000 feet to reach the water table" (*Harpers' Magazine*, October, 1958).

Minnesota: "The land of 10,000 lakes isn't producing enough water for its citizens. . . . A report of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Planning Commission . . . warned that water from individual wells can't be counted on for long term use in the suburbs, that deep reservoir supplies won't be adequate, and that increasing stress will be put on river water" (*Fargo [North Dakota] Forum*, August 5, 1960).

In the normally wet South: "In Mississippi, wells are now 400 feet deeper, on the average, than they were *only ten years ago*. . . ." (*Harper's Magazine*, October, 1958, emphasis ours).

Remember, these are only a *few sample* cases from a *few* areas.

The Tremendous Thirst of Industry

Still another facet of this worsening problem must be faced—the ever-increasing strain of American industry upon the shrinking water supply. Industry's gulping of water has skyrocketed an amazing 1000% since 1900.

For example, it takes . . .

70,000 gallons of water to make one ton of steel.

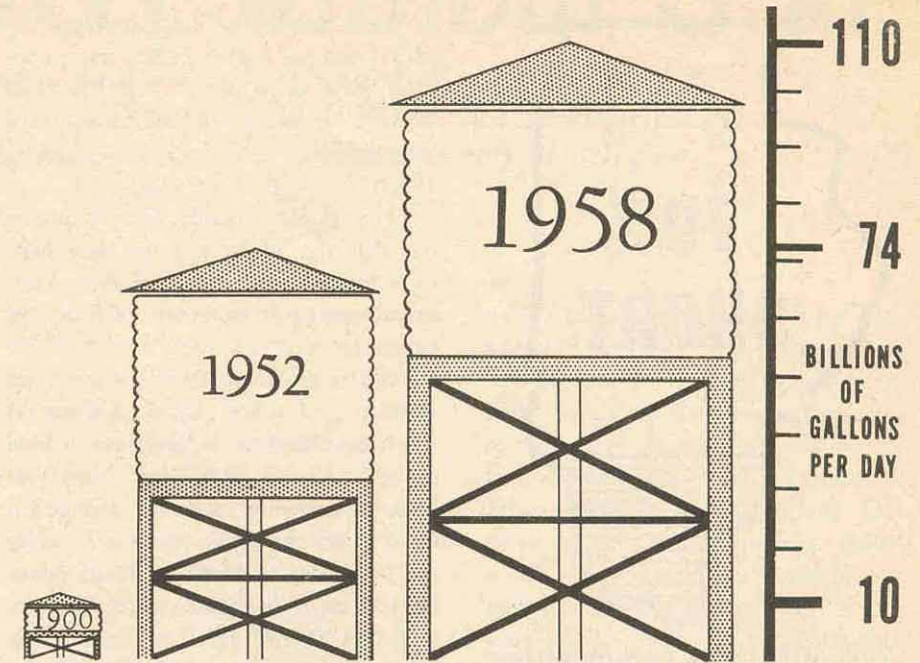
90,000 gallons to make one ton of paperboard.

200,000 gallons for a ton of rayon.

600,000 gallons for a ton of synthetic rubber.

Industry accounts for 45% of America's water consumption, and its thirsty partner, agriculture, gulps an equal amount. It takes 110,000,000,000 gallons a day to irrigate America's farms. As rainfall becomes more and more unreliable, additional farm acreage is put under irrigation—adding to the problem by lowering ground water tables. Even Indiana, once abundant in rainfall, has seen a *five-fold increase* in irrigated land.

Other facets of the water crisis, for lack of space, can only be alluded to, such as salt water intrusion—a serious situation along parts of America's coast-



AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL THIRST ... UP 11 TIMES SINCE 1900.

Ambassador College Art Department

line where water levels have plummeted, permitting life-killing ocean water to enter the depleted basins.

Another phase is the suicidal destruction of our watershed—the forest lands and swamp areas, which are natural reservoirs.

The Most Tragic Part of It All— Water Pollution

As if all this were not enough, we now come to the most *immediately serious* and *obnoxious* phase of the whole problem—the wanton *pollution* of our water supply. President Kennedy again keynoted the dilemma in his recent report on U.S. natural resources. He said that water pollution had reached "*alarming proportions*" and that "current corrective efforts are not adequate" (UPI Release, February 23, 1961).

The pollution problem has reached such magnitude that many governmental leaders are appalled and fearful of our national health. Senator Robert F. Kerr recently warned:

"*Pollution of our water systems may cause the death of our civilization.* This FOUNTAIN OF DEATH has become a serious threat to our way of life and is

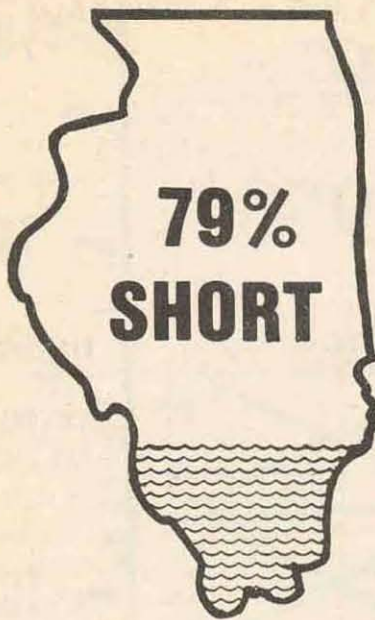
a major hazard to the national health as well as a major cause of the destruction of our fish and wildlife" (*Science News Letter*, December 24, 1960, emphasis ours).

Surgeon General Burney, chief of the U.S. Public Health Service, calling for urgent action to clean up our adulterated waters said, "It is tragic for the world's richest, most powerful and most technologically advanced nation to foul its own nest, limit its own growth and *threaten the health of its own people*" (*Los Angeles Times*, December 13, 1960).

These high-ranking government officials are not alone in their somber warnings. Water department heads across the country are alarmed. Wrote one Chicago water department official:

"Pollution of our rivers and streams is increasing at a rate that constitutes a '*national disgrace*.' Our waters are now receiving *TWICE* as much pollution from municipal systems alone as was considered allowable in 1955" (*Chicago Daily News*, September 10, 1960).

"The Public Health Service is collecting water pollution reports that read like *horror stories*," wrote nationally



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known columnist Drew Pearson. "Government doctors have traced *paralytic polio* in Camden, N.J., *typhoid fever* in Milwaukee, *dysentery* in Cincinnati, and *yellow jaundice* in Utah, ALL TO POLLUTED WATER!

"The Columbia River," he continued, "is so contaminated in some areas that mere motorboat spray can cause disease. In Washington, D.C., residents have been warned against eating fish caught in the Potomac, and swimming in the Potomac is now almost nonexistent" (*Grand Forks Herald*, February 13, 1960).

Millions Drinking Sewage Water!

The shocking condition of the nation's water supply is revealed by the following almost unbelievable statistics:

"TWO-THIRDS of the nation's people get their drinking water from sources into which are discharged disease-carrying bacteria, viruses and toxic material" (*Los Angeles Times*, February 24, 1960).

"Where 2 million people got their drinking water from streams in 1900 and 24 million dumped sewage into them, today 100 million depend on the same streams for their water and 120 million are dumping sewage into them" (*Los Angeles Mirror News*, March 25, 1960).

"More than 70 million Americans, out of 117 million having public water supplies, now drink water that has been through a sewage or industrial plant 'at least once'" (*New Republic*, June 6, 1960).

"The Public Health Service points out that the 'water you use may have been flushed down someone else's bathroom'—perhaps yesterday or the day before. . . ."

"When the Ohio River is low, one quart out of every gallon of water in the stream has been belched into it by a sewer." "Already, Wheeling, West Virginia is throwing in its dry sponge on Ohio River water, it just can't purify it. . . . Go out to the South Platte River below Denver in the dry season and you will find four-fifths of its contents is effluent from the sewage treatment plant" (*American Legion Magazine*, October, 1958, emphasis ours).

Recently released figures (UPI, December 11, 1960) reveal that pollution has increased 600% in the last 60 years. Public Health officials deplore the widespread practice of using our rivers and streams as open sewers, but the pollution continues. Here are some striking examples:

The Missouri River an Open Sewer?

The Missouri River below Kansas City is "the worst polluted source of water supply in the United States," reported the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*

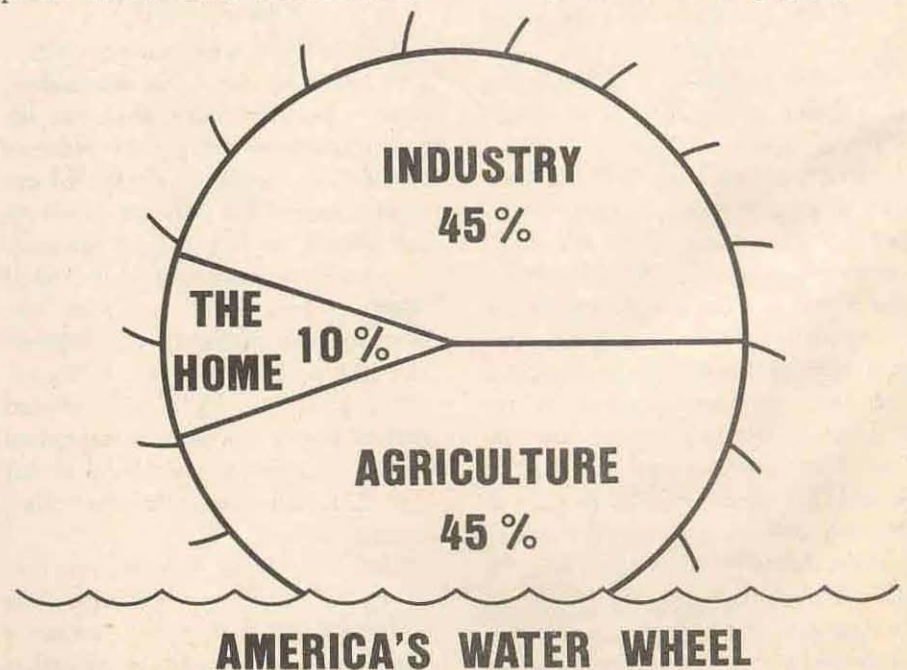
on November 29, 1960. Bacteriological counts of its water average 25 TIMES the allowable level for human consumption. Its fish "taste like coal oil." The Public Health Service reported finding floating debris, garbage, blood and manure from packing plants, feathers, oil, chemicals and domestic sewage in the river. All this, the paper said, "threatens to turn the Missouri into an open sewer."

The Missouri is only one example. Nearly every major U.S. waterway is affected. The *Chicago Daily News*, September 10, 1960 reported: "Pollution has totally or partially ruined the quality of water in such rivers as the Ohio, Potomac, Red, White, Blue, Colorado, Tennessee, Columbia, Hudson, Mississippi, Missouri, Wabash and Illinois."

All parts of the country are affected. Up in Maine, "the Bangor pool of the Penobscot . . . once held more salmon than any other pool on the Atlantic seaboard, and its first fish of the spring was traditionally sent to the White House. Today the pulp mills (with their waste) have deadened it as thoroughly as if they had used hand grenades. . . ." (*Atlantic Monthly*, October, 1960, emphasis ours).

The Great Lakes "Dying"

Not even the Great Lakes have been able to escape this man-made plague. (Please continue on page 35)



THEOLOGY *without* God!

Is modern "theology" really God's religion? What is the source of your minister's belief? Who CONTROLS the seminaries? Read this shocking inside report of a top meeting of religious scholars and leaders!

by Charles V. Dorothy

"THE QUESTION is no longer 'Is the Bible true?'—but, 'How much of the Bible is MYTH?'" How much of the Bible is sheer *fairy tale*?

Millions of unsuspecting Christians would be SHOCKED to learn their own ministers and pastors talk like this behind closed doors! Unbelievable as it seems, this is a direct quote from a leading minister of religion—a top-flight theologian!

A recent survey by a large Protestant denomination revealed fully 28% of its own ministers could not 'completely' accept the very foundation of Christian belief: Jesus' resurrection! A national magazine recently said in studying the question of doubts in the ministry: "Clergymen themselves are subject to deeper and more anguished ATTACKS of DOUBT than most laymen will ever experience" (*Cosmopolitan*, December 1959 [emphasis ours]).

A North Carolina hospital reveals that 60% more ministers than members have MENTAL DISORDERS and peptic ulcers!

What About Your Minister?

What about *your* pastor? The percentage of those who have *serious doubt* is on the increase. It may already affect one out of two—*every other one!* Is it *your minister* then, or the one just next door?

Something is *drastically*, CRIMINALLY WRONG in today's clergy! Would you believe that the *ministers of "Christianity"* are UNDER DIVINE CURSE? God is displeased—ANGRY, with the ministers of this world!

Listen to this stern rebuke from the Bible! Here is God's indictment of the ministers of *modern* Israel—Britain and America—written long *after* Israel's previous captivity and prophesying a *future* national punishment in *our time*,

NOW! "Woe be unto the pastors that DESTROY and SCATTER THE SHEEP of my pasture! For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house [church] have I found their WICKEDNESS, saith the Lord" (Jer. 23:1, 11).

Speaking directly to ministers, God says: "The priests never asked 'Where is the Eternal?' Those who handled the law [religious scholars] CARED NOTHING FOR ME . . ."! (Jer. 2:8, Moffatt translation.)

It is time you were told the truth of what goes on behind closed doors—what ministers talk about freely among themselves!

Mr. Herman L. Hoeh, Dean of Ambassador College, and I recently attended the annual convention of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis held in New York. The Society, boasting the cream of American scholarship, with members and guests from leading British, European and Near East schools, met in famous Union Theological Seminary.

Here we found top-notch doctors and educators from all fields of Bible research. These men *teach* the *teachers*, and *lead* the *leaders* of our churches! This association is the ultimate—there is no higher in Protestant theology! Several all-day meetings were held for the reading of prepared papers and discussion of difficult and technical Bible questions.

We were not disappointed with the roster of famous theological personalities. Here were over 300 of the most *renowned*, most *intellectual*, most *scholarly*, most "Christian" personages! Surely, one would think, these men should be the most humble, the most spiritual, the most *Godly* of all on the face of this earth.

Opening SHOCK!

Expecting the opening session to start

with a fervent, sincere prayer for God's guidance, we were utterly disappointed. The moderator's opening words—a carnally pompous, flattering introduction to the first speaker—*jolted* us! No mention of God's name, no prayer for His guidance! How applicable Jesus' own words: "*How can you believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor which comes from God only?*" (John 5:44). Throughout the meetings, this spirit of hollow formality, vain conceit, and respect of persons prevailed.

Following the introduction, the opening address (which set the tone for the rest of the convention) was "Wisdom, Prophecy, and the Knowledge of God."

While the cigar and cigarette smoke cleared from the halls, Dr. Scott of Princeton read his extensive paper. The essence of his highly technical discussion was *somehow* (he didn't know how) we must come to *know* God. However, we must not be presumptuous and try to *understand how* we know Him, hence we certainly *CANNOT UNDERSTAND GOD* Himself!

"Truth is, after all," he concluded, "*only* the accumulated wisdom of the race, the social order, and the *ASPIRATIONS* [vanity] of the *PEOPLE!*"

This was HIS human theory of religious "truth." But Almighty God says just the *opposite!* "The *CUSTOMS* of the people are *VAIN*" (Jer. 10:3). "Verily every man at his *best state* is altogether *VANITY*" (Ps. 39:5). According to the Bible, *TRUTH* comes only from God: ". . . and grace and truth came through Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). *Someone* is wrong—either God, or this head of Princeton's department of Theology!

After the learned doctor addressed the general assembly, the meetings split into two sections—one for specialists of Old Testament study, one for Greek and New Testament research. A sample

from each section will give you a clear idea of what went on behind these closed doors.

In the Old Testament section, a learned scholar from Claremont Graduate School showed us how to scramble the order of Habakkuk 2:4-5—then splice the fragments together, with an added word or two from his imagination. All this made the passage "plausible" and more "understandable," he said.

But this shameless disregard is only an admission that he *doesn't understand Habakkuk* in the first place! Note Isaiah 29:10-11: "For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed."

In the New Testament section, a University of Virginia scholar condemned Matthew for *deliberately falsifying and twisting* his information! So—according to these men—Habakkuk is UNRELIABLE, and Matthew is a *vicious FRAUD!* (Jesus said, "And the scripture cannot be broken," John 10:35.)

This gives you an idea of what we heard for *three full days!*

In these exclusive conferences, as well as in their private studies and seminary Bible classes, the critics are busily "demythologizing" the Bible. This means they are culling the fairy tales and fables out of Bible history! Supposedly then, God was not able to prevent error from sneaking into His Holy Word. It became garbled with vain imagination and lies of ignorant peasants (so says theology). Tear out a little here, add a few words there to complete the sense, juggle a few more verses, and there you have it—a "new" Bible!

Are you *ashamed* of the foundation of your faith—the Bible? Dr. Herbert Sullivan from Duke University carefully explained that we should *not be ashamed* that the Bible is shot full of myth! Here is a description of his "tranquilizer pill."

The new concept is that "MYTH [not truth] is an important part of all science

and intellectual investigation! Myth is an attempt to concretely express man's personal experience," he assured us. He means that even though myth is *not truth*, at least it is a *good attempt* to express whatever religious experience we *think* we have had. (This brilliant piece of phony maneuvering is supposed to make up for God's being a LIAR!) The thinking is: *this is the best man can do*—he can't find truth, but he can *make believe*—so we ought to be *proud* of it!

The doctor continued. Once we accept the Bible as largely bed-time tales of fancy, once we realize that this theory is nothing to be ashamed of, we can "*understand*" *theology!* According to the dictionary, the word "theology" means "knowledge of God." "Theology," the doctor said, "is intellectual *reflection* on myth!" In other words, theology is mere human guesswork based on make-believe legends!

Thus Dr. Herbert Sullivan admits that THEOLOGY AS TAUGHT TO MINISTERS "IN SEMINARY" IS NOTHING MORE

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Theology CONDEMNED!

Does your mind grasp the awesome significance of those high-sounding statements? If the Bible needs to be "demythologized," it means: 1) GOD IS A LIAR ("All Scripture is given by inspiration of God . . ." II Timothy 3:16); 2) the Bible is a deceitful conglomeration of history and myth ("primitive attempt to express religion")! It takes a little thought to understand the full *vicious* IMPACT of such LIES!

If you have not *absolutely* PROVED the existence of God, and the INFALLIBILITY of God's Word, write immediately for the free (prepaid) booklets, "Does God Exist?" and "The Proof of the Bible." There is *no reason* to remain in doubt! "*Prove* all things," says God in I Thessalonians 5:21. God offers EVIDENCE so that you may *erase all doubt!* Remember, all this is from the mouths of great "men of God"! Can you have faith in such doctrines? If such blasphemy were true, you could *never* TRUST God!

No wonder a guest speaker from Europe, Dr. Willem F. Zuurdeeg concluded, "OUR FAITH IS A STUMBLING ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD"! There it is!—the frank admission of the *real* spiritual state of these exalted hypocrites. Obviously they are *not living* as their champion, the Apostle Paul, lived. Paul said, ". . . and the life which I now live in the flesh I live *by* THE FAITH of THE SON OF GOD" (Gal. 2:20).

Theology God's Religion?

What about men who think God is a LIAR? Could such men have the guidance of God when they don't even pray for His help? Will God help those who refuse to seek His will? "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isa. 66:2). Would God inspire men who were more interested in which humans agreed with them—more interested in how the audience applauded? (The Society did reek with this type of vanity.)

Can real spiritual understanding be found with men who neither *believe*

nor *do* what God says? "He that believeth [obeyeth] not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

These men admit they have lost the *government* of God—that the church lacks power. Speaking of one of the papers "Curse and Blessing in the New Testament," one doctor said, "My, he doesn't mean to *apply* that in church, does he? Why, imagine a minister today expelling an offender like Paul did in I Corinthians 5! The very term 'curse' shows its *utter uselessness* today!"

The TRUTH is that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, so it goes without saying Jesus is *not in* churches which have *lost* the New Testament-type of church government. "A good understanding have all they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS" (Ps. 111:10). NO WONDER GOD CONDEMNNS MODERN MINISTERS! How applicable Jesus' words to today's theology: "Howbeit IN VAIN do THEY WORSHIP ME [they are religious] *teaching* [they are ministers and teachers] for doctrines the precepts [theories] of MEN" (Mark 7:7)!

WHY So Much RESEARCH

Few people realize the tremendous mountain of hours and costly mental effort spent every year on Biblical research. Volumes and volumes of literature are published, millions and millions of words are read and spoken. What is the real motive behind all this? Is it to SERVE, to REVEAL God's laws and ways to the people?

Mr. Hoeh and I found the bitter truth. The real "why" was obvious in these exclusive meetings. God says His divine Word is "profitable for doctrine, for REPROOF, for CORRECTION, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). These men *will not accept* CORRECTION—not even from God!

Research is ESCAPE!

The many long hours wasted in inconsequential details leaves these men *without time* to OBEY GOD. Submerged in a mass of study, they are safe from God's Word. They *forget* the really important matters of the *law*, by burying themselves in an avalanche of religious red tape! (Matt. 23:23). Worst of all, these involved, technical, unending, pointless questions throw doubt on

the veracity, the trustworthiness of God's Word. This makes it seem unnecessary to faithfully DO what the Word demands!

Just imagine what would happen to the exalted social position of these learned doctors, if they began to *live and teach* the real WAY of Christ. Most church leaders are agreed that Christ's teaching about loving your enemies and turning the other cheek is IMPRACTICAL. Why? Simply because it is *not popular*, because people don't want to *change*, therefore, a minister *can't make a living* teaching that way!

The way to popularity, to fame and success as a minister is to teach the SMOOTH, "SOFT" way. This leads to prestige and greater financial success. Ezekiel, speaking of today's Western democracies, says: ". . . Thus says the Lord GOD: Ho, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! [They teach the doctrine most profitable to themselves.] Should not shepherds *feed* the sheep [with God's *truth*—His Word]? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but YOU DO NOT FEED THE SHEEP!" (Ezek. 34:2-3, RSV.).

The popular, lucrative doctrine preached today is *not* God's theology!

God also indicts the sheep (the congregation) for their part. "This is a rebellious people, lying children, children that WILL NOT HEAR THE LAW of the Lord: which say to the seers, 'See not'; and to the prophets, 'Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy DECEITS'" (Isa. 30:9-10).

Religious leaders refuse to teach the truth; church-goers do not want the truth taught to them.

No wonder Almighty God is ANGRY!

Disbelief MUSHROOMS

"James A. Pike, Episcopal Bishop of California said: 'There have been times, in the middle of a service, when I have been assailed by the most appalling thoughts. I find myself saying: What am I doing here? Does this make any sense?' . . ." (*Cosmopolitan*, December 1959). Again, doubt in high level church circles!

Even ministers DISBELIEVE the very things they teach! They doubt the very

Bible which is the *basis* of their faith.

There is a reason! You should *be told!*

We saw this reason plainly in the New York meetings. A vicious NEW ADVANCE to undermine the Bible's authority has begun.

A carefully planned, well-executed scheme is underway. The first stage is already accomplished. The second stage is now beginning to develop! Before we can grasp the full impact of the new second stage, we must understand the background—the first stage—of this *vicious plot*.

Jesus' PROMISE BROKEN?

Christ said emphatically, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word *shall not pass away*." Jesus' own words—the very ones recorded by the apostles in the New Testament—SHALL NEVER PASS AWAY! (Read Mat. 24:35, Mk. 13:31 and Luke 21:33.) But according to modern scholarship, they HAVE PASSED AWAY ALREADY! Who shall we believe—God, or man?

Scholars have been working almost 300 years to *contradict* Christ! They REJECT Christ's promise to PRESERVE His Word! Let's see how self-important critics try to get around Jesus' guaranteed basis of revelation—the Greek manuscripts!

God's Word PRESERVED

God's first written revelation to man—the Old Testament—was faithfully copied and guarded by the Jews. "What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God" (Rom. 3:1-2). The second great message to man, the New Testament, went to the Greeks for safekeeping. ". . . to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

Just as the Jews did with the Old Testament, so were the Greeks responsible for preserving and copying the New Testament. How logical! The people who best knew the language of the Old Testament were Jews; the Greeks likewise knew their language best. Modern critics boldly and disgustingly *reject* the Greek-preserved manuscripts. This amounts to over 95%

of all New Testament manuscripts known. "Scholarship" now turns with greedy, bloodshot eyes to the scrap piles, garbage dumps, and slag heaps of Egypt and Italy! This remaining 5% of Greek manuscripts found in the Egyptian and Latin world are *corrupt!* It is freely admitted these scraps and "rejects" contradict one another, and reflect various forms of perversion. But the great critics tell us not to despair.

They reason: since each manuscript contains some errors, we lump them all together (all 5%) and come up with a pure text! The errors will supposedly cancel out one another. Amazing!

Two broad, false assumptions are hidden under this crooked reasoning. First, error plus error supposedly equals truth! Second, we must assume we have found enough of these buried manuscripts in order to reconstruct the truth.

If the manuscripts have really become lost and scattered as they say, we would have *no idea* as to how long or short the New Testament should be. Tomorrow, somebody could find a lost verse, an extra chapter—even a whole new book—that had been totally *unknown*. *We could NEVER BE SURE when we had all of God's words!* That is why Jesus promised in John 14:26, "The Holy Spirit . . . shall teach you all things and recall to your minds *everything* I said to you." This assures us nothing was lost *while* the New Testament was being written. Furthermore, Jesus promises, these words once written "*shall not pass away!*" (Mark 13:31). God has preserved His Word for us all down through history!

Worse yet, this means you and I **CANNOT TRUST ANYTHING** in the Bible today! If the original manuscripts disagreed, how could we ever know what is *true* from what is *false*? We would then be forced to rely on the judgment of these vain scholars. But even if we *completely trust them*, and even if their theory were true, **WE STILL CAN'T KNOW THE TRUTH!** By their own admission, they haven't "arrived" yet!

GOD repeats: "My words *shall not pass away.*"

Scholars in Trouble!

As these learned men themselves admit, this poses a very *serious ques-*

tion. Is God still ALL-Powerful? Christ said His words would not disappear, would never be lost. The Holy Spirit was supposed to *preserve* them.

If we follow the ramblings of self-appointed critics, we must believe those words were lost! We must then conclude that the Holy Spirit is *not powerful enough* to do its work. What is more, this makes Jesus Christ a *liar!*

How can this problem be reconciled? The recent meeting of the Society of Bible Literature and Exegesis admitted this is a "puzzler." They *don't know how to solve it!*

Young, impressionable students are now taught this doctrine of doubt in

seminary training. Their preparation for the ministry is to *undermine* and *strip away* whatever faith they may have had in the purity and reliability of the Bible! Plagued with serious questions and doubts about the Bible, "seminarians" step into the most responsibility-laden office God has granted to man—the ministry.

This is a sad picture. Modern religious education is *destroying the faith of its own ministers!*

ANGRY GOD

Now can you see why God is full of Almighty WRATH against false ministers? (Please continue on page 18)

Could You Be BRAINWASHED?

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God's Holy Spirit is the Spirit of a SOUND MIND—and no mind, without the Holy Spirit, can be SOUND in its thinking and reasoning. Perhaps the old Quaker, after all, was right. He said to his wife: "Martha, does thee know, the longer I live the more it seems to me that just about everybody, except me and thee, is a little queer; and does thee know, Martha, sometimes it even seems to me that even THEE is just a little bit queer!"

Guard the Door of Your Mind

You need, above all things, to *guard the door of your mind!*

HAVE A CARE what enters there!

You, and you *alone*, have the stern responsibility for guarding that precious door!

Should you, then, have an OPEN mind? Or, to prevent being brainwashed or hypnotized, should you keep your mind CLOSED?

The answer is this:

GUARD THE DOOR OF YOUR MIND!

Keep, without prejudice, a *questioning* mind. I do not mean a negative mind, hostile and against everything. God's Word commands us to "PROVE ALL THINGS." You can question, before accepting and believing, without negative prejudice.

OPEN your mind to what is proved TRUTH; RID your mind of bias. Do as the

Bereans were commended for doing. When the Apostle Paul came to Berea, they did not know whether he was an apostle of God or a false prophet.

So they opened the door of their minds, without hostile prejudice which would be only a barrier to the entrance of TRUTH into the mind—but yet with QUESTIONING minds—they opened the door *just far enough* to listen, to examine, and to prove, before accepting. They searched the SCRIPTURES daily, *whether* these things were so. Finding them proved, they ACCEPTED the TRUTH!

The answer is, that your mind should never be prejudiced. Neither should it be gullible. NEVER TAKE FOR GRANTED what you read, or what you hear. Never accept anything just because others do.

Could you be HYPNOTIZED? Many people can. I have seen it done. Yet no one can hypnotize me! WHY? Because *I won't let him!* Unless I YIELD my mind to him, SUBMIT it into his power, ALLOW him to gain control over it, he has no power over my mind whatsoever!

God made your mind so that NO ONE can "cram his religion down your throat"—or rather, into your mind. God *won't, by force*, put TRUTH into your mind. Unless you are willing, and voluntarily accept it, you can never receive God's TRUTH. Conversely, even Satan the Devil has no power to force error into your mind.

YOU ARE A FREE MORAL AGENT! God granted you this freedom! And, with it, the stern responsibility for what you accept, believe, and DO!

As you sow, so shall you reap!

The "STRANGE GOSPEL"

We Preach—and WHY

Yes, many are astonished—just as people were who heard the same gospel from the lips of CHRIST! Here is the astounding reason.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

"YOU SPOKE differently from everything I was taught," writes a radio listener, "but thank God, I opened my Bible and was *astonished* to see with my own eyes that you were right."

A "Strange Gospel"?

A critic labeled Christ's own Gospel, proclaimed in *The Plain Truth* and on The WORLD TOMORROW, "a strange Gospel." Indeed it *was* strange to *him*—and this man professed to be a religious person!

Do you know WHY it sounds strange to some?

The answer is an almost incredible, shocking surprise! It is recorded that when Christ Himself proclaimed this same Gospel, the people "were astonished at His doctrine." When the Apostle Paul came to Athens with this same Gospel, the founders of much that is called "Christianity" today called him a "setter forth of strange gods"—"for" they said, "thou bringest certain *strange things* to our ears" (Acts 17:18, 20).

Well, *here is an astonishing surprise!* It may be hard to believe, but it's true! I was shocked to learn it, thirty-four years ago.

You probably have had the same experience I had—up to a point. From infancy my parents, upright, sincere Christian-professing people, took me to church and Sunday school. Our family belonged to a respected Protestant denomination. Actually, however, I did not know specifically what definite doctrines our denomination believed. There are, of course, differences in the various denominational doctrines. Yet most churchgoers do not know much about what these differences are.

Yet I did always hear—as you prob-

ably have—certain basic religious foundations: going to heaven; the immortality of the soul; our dead loved ones being now "in heaven with the Lord"; the wicked dead living forever in a burning hell; church members being already "born again" and "saved"; the Christian obligation to celebrate Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Valentine's day, Hallowe'en, and attendance at church on Sunday.

Regardless of other doctrinal differences, it seems virtually all fundamentalist evangelical and professing Bible-believing denominations teach these things.

Of course I had always heard these things preached from earliest memory—even as you probably have. It never occurred to me that every one of these teachings were always *assumed*, but *never read, expounded, or proved out of the BIBLE!* Naturally I assumed that these teachings were foundational, *basic* teachings and commands of the Bible. You probably have supposed the same thing.

Of course, I had never really *studied* the Bible—just as you very possibly never have. And it never occurred to me that the pastors of our church never preached their sermons out of the Bible—that they merely read one verse, or even part of one verse, containing a word which was the subject of the sermon, and then closed the Bible and preached on the subject of that one word. It never occurred to me that Christ Himself set the example for ministers of literally *preaching God's Word*, preaching directly out of the Bible, and expounding it with other Scriptures on the same subject—and all in their proper context.

Up to this point, you may have had a similar experience.

The CHALLENGE!

Then came the disturbing *challenge!* My wife had visited a neighbor lady, who had asked her to read certain passages in her own Bible. My wife, exuberant, overjoyed at finding what she called new truth, ran to tell me. She claimed she had seen, in her own Bible, that one of these universal teachings, mentioned above, was contrary to the Bible. She had found in her Bible a diametric *opposite* teaching, which she had accepted.

I was not overjoyed. I was dismayed, shocked, angry! All these teachings I have listed were so *universally* accepted, that anything different appeared to be fanaticism.

I thought my wife had suddenly gone crazy!

"What would my friends think?" was the thought that filled my mind. I was sure they would think my wife a *religious fanatic!* My pride simply could not take that sitting down!

But I could not talk her out of it. She insisted that she had actually *seen*, in her own Bible, what she now called TRUTH—and which I called outlandish FANATICISM!

"Look," I said, "you can't tell me all these churches are wrong. They get their beliefs and practices out of the BIBLE. This neighbor lady simply gave you a wrong interpretation. What do *you* know about interpreting the Bible?"

"No," she insisted positively, "I did not 'interpret' the Bible. The Bible ought not to *BE* interpreted at all. Like any book, it says what it means, and it means what it says. But why don't *YOU* look into the Bible and see if you can find in it, anywhere, what nearly all professing Christians *think* the Bible says on this question. *IF* they get it out of

the Bible, WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO FIND IT IN THE BIBLE? You say that all the churches get their beliefs and practices out of the Bible. Go ahead! I challenge you to try to find their teaching on this question anywhere in the Bible! If you can find it IN THE BIBLE—then I will go back to it, and give up what I say I have now seen commanded in the Bible."

I was angered into my first study of the Bible.

For six months I searched night and day. Often I was up searching and studying until after 1 a.m. I procured literature, pamphlets, books from many religious denominations on the subject attempting to support the generally accepted doctrine and practice on this point. Yet *not one of them* showed any Biblical authority for its teaching and practice on this point! They devoted their arguments to trying to tear down and refute and discredit the BIBLE TEACHING, which I now, myself, saw was clearly and plainly taught IN THE BIBLE from Genesis to Revelation. It was taught and practiced by Christ, the Apostles, the Gentile churches! It was not an interpretation—it was there in plain language.

The Astounding Surprise!

Then I began to search IN THE BIBLE for many of these other popular teachings.

I COULDN'T FIND THEM!

Instead, I found diametric *opposite* teaching! I was shaken, bewildered. My head was swimming. Everything in my mind was shaken up! It was like a woman giving her house a general annual spring housecleaning. Suddenly dirt and clutter appear from behind things, in drawers and closets. For a while all is misplaced, untidy, in confusion. But after the dirt and rubbish are cleaned away, all is more orderly and clean than before.

The shocking realization began to dawn on me that in what is called the Christian religion today, its exponents and leaders—in fundamental orthodoxy—TAKE FOR GRANTED—CARELESSLY ASSUME—MANY, IF NOT MOST, OF THE BASIC BELIEFS AND PRACTICES—TALK ABOUT THEM CONTINUALLY AS IF THEY WERE TRUE—NEVER READ-

ING THESE THINGS OUT OF THE BIBLE, NEVER PROVING THEM BY THE BIBLE—always simply reading a verse or a sentence or part of one here and there *about other things* out of the Bible!

Yes, it was hard to believe—but IT WAS TRUE!

You Haven't Realized

Now take your own case. YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED THIS, probably. Yet all your life you have heard religious leaders, preachers, professing Christians, TALK about "going to HEAVEN"—assuming it to be the place where the "SAVED" go. But stop and think! Have you, actually, EVER heard this READ OUT OF THE BIBLE?

Have you ever heard, in a church service—or read in a book or magazine or religious tract or piece of literature—a statement quoted OUT OF THE BIBLE stating directly, plainly, clearly, that any "saved" person actually did go to heaven—that is, the heaven of God's throne—or that IF one is "saved" a plain, clear PROMISE that he *shall* go to heaven?

YOU HAVE NOT!

You may *think* you have. You have heard people TALK about "going to heaven" ever since you can remember. You have heard it ASSUMED, *as if* the Bible taught it! So, naturally, since the Christian religion is SUPPOSED to come out of the Bible, you have TAKEN FOR GRANTED without question that the teaching of going to heaven came out of the Bible.

BUT YOU NEVER READ IT IN THE BIBLE!

You never heard a sermon PROVING, by plain literal Bible statements and promises, that any dead human (*except Christ*) or saint *ever did* go to heaven. Jesus Christ said PLAINLY that NO MAN had ever ascended up to heaven (John 3:13). Read it in YOUR Bible! The inspired Peter said David *had not* gone to heaven, but was *buried* in his grave (Acts 2:29, 34) and yet the Bible clearly says David shall be in God's Kingdom.

The Bible says plainly the "saved" shall INHERIT THE EARTH in clear language, Psalm 37—that they shall not be removed from it (Proverbs 10:30). If we are Christ's we are HEIRS to the PROMISES God made to Abraham. What

God PROMISED Abraham and his children through Christ is THIS EARTH for an EVERLASTING POSSESSION—Genesis 12 through 22. Also see Romans 4:13. This promise is in PLAIN LANGUAGE. It is stated again and again and again. It is not nullified, refuted, contradicted, by INTERPRETATIONS of John's visions.

For years I offered, first \$5, then \$1,000, to anyone who could show me any Scripture in the Bible promising that we may "go to heaven," or that anyone except Christ ever DID go to the heaven of God's throne, or giving any plain, clear, real HOPE that he might. THERE WERE NO TAKERS!

No, surprising though it may be, YOU have never read any such teaching IN THE BIBLE. YOU have never heard it expounded and PROVED BY THE BIBLE in any sermon, or read it in any book, booklet, article or tract!

YOU HAVE HEARD IT ASSUMED, TALKED ABOUT! You have taken it for granted. You have supposed they MUST have gotten it out of the Bible!

Advertising Psychology

There is a bit of advertising psychology that has worked on us all.

It is a trick, but it works!

When I was just starting out, still unconverted, at age 18, in the advertising profession, I read in a book on advertising psychology that if we ASSUME a thing to be so, and we state it over and over, often enough, people come to take it for granted and actually believe it.

I was assigned to sell a few columns of space in the want-ad section of the daily newspaper, in display ads, to second-hand furniture dealers. These dealers did not believe in advertising. They never did advertise. Actually I don't think my department manager expected me to be able to sell a single ad. He was just breaking me in as a new, green boy. He assigned me to what he thought an impossible job, partly as a joke.

I picked the store supposed to be the hardest to sell, first. I got acquainted with the owner, but at first made no attempt to tell him what I was there for, or get him suspicious I was trying to sell him an ad. That would only have gotten his resistance up—closed his mind. I began to tell him, however,

that I was a young advertising student, starting to learn how to WRITE advertising copy. Then I mentioned that, IF I were to get a job as advertising manager in a store like his, I would describe this dining set in such and such a way—that parlor set in such and such a way. Then I began to PRACTICE, which he let me do.

As I was writing, I began to just TAKE FOR GRANTED that the ad I was writing was going to be a modest small ad—say, only in the want-ad section, where it didn't cost much, but where thousands would read it. More and more I began to *take for granted* that we were really going to run this ad in the paper. NOT ONCE did I ask him if he wanted to—I simply ASSUMED he was going to. I kept this up about an hour, then began to ask whether he would rather have it at the TOP of the page, or at the bottom. When he said at the TOP, he had committed himself. I thanked him, and ran out quickly. I did not ask him WHETHER he wanted to buy the ad—that I took for granted—and by this time he had taken it for granted, too, so that when I asked him WHERE he wanted it placed on the page, he automatically answered. That broke the ice, and I sold my assigned number of columns, to the surprise of my "boss." I HASTEN TO ADD AGAIN THAT I WAS THEN ONLY 18, AND NOT YET CONVERTED!

But the psychological trick WORKS!

When a cigarette manufacturer keeps telling the public in ads in magazines and newspapers, on TV and radio, and on billboards, over and over, that his brand makes the smoke "TASTE BETTER," nearly everybody gets to *accepting* the idea that people TASTE smoke. Actually, smoke is *tasteless*. People SMELL the tobacco smoke! But people BELIEVE what advertising men keep telling them over and over and over. You probably have believed this yourself.

And so, also, have just about all of us believed that THE BIBLE teaches that the "saved" are to GO TO HEAVEN. We have *supposed* it came out of the BIBLE.

HOW We Have Been Deceived

Jesus Christ said there would be MANY false prophets, not a few. The

Bible says ALL NATIONS have been deceived. Jude says people have gotten away from the TRUTH originally delivered through Christ and the true apostles.

Most people have no idea whatever of HOW, generation after generation, when people reared as pagans began to profess Christ, they held on to some of their PAGAN teachings and customs. One generation brought a few of them into accepted Christianity. Another generation added a few more. Gradually, down through the centuries, "Christianity" became more and more paganized. PEOPLE ACCEPT AND BELIEVE WHAT THEY FIND EVERYBODY ELSE AROUND THEM BELIEVING!

And so people have come to accept, and to practice, teachings and customs diametrically CONTRARY to those taught IN THE BIBLE—all the while *supposing* they came out of the Bible!

WHY Truth Sounds STRANGE!

So it is, that when someone comes along with something *different* than that which is popular and almost universally accepted BY PEOPLE, even though it be TRUTH, even though it come out of THE BIBLE—it sounds strange—it appears fanatical!

It is in our human nature to be CONFORMISTS. We seem to want to GO ALONG. We want to BELONG—that is, to HUMAN groups.

It does not seem to occur to us to ask ourselves: "What will GOD think?" but always, "What will PEOPLE think?" if we accept a different belief, or a different custom. VANITY makes us want to be *well thought of* by the PEOPLE—that is, the PARTICULAR GROUP, SOCIETY, CHURCH, CLUB, or those we look up to and want to get in with.

So, immediately, if Christ's own TRUTH runs counter to *their* ideas, practices, or beliefs, we find automatically a great wall of prejudice looming up as a barrier against the truth. We resist it. We resent it. We become angry at it or those who bring it to us.

In a debate the general idea is to REFUTE everything the "worthy opponents" say. Scarcely ever does a debater or a debating team honestly consider and weigh *whether* his "honorable

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opponent" is right. The opponent must be proved WRONG, by hook or crook, no matter whether he is right! The idea is to defeat him and win the debate! It is not a search for TRUTH. I have, in past years, been challenged to debate Bible truths—but I have refused, first, because the Bible itself forbids debate and commands me not to get into such disputes that engender strife; and second, because the challenger, I know, would never have an open mind but would be bent only on resisting, denying, disproving every truth I might advance, and discrediting me as a person, imputing evil motives, in addition.

When Jesus came teaching GOD'S TRUTH—with the Great Message from God to mankind—He came to a people steeped in beliefs and customs diametrically CONTRARY to His truth. They had been brought up in their teachings and customs from babyhood. HIS MESSAGE WAS STRANGE TO THEM. Actually, it was *their* beliefs and ways that were STRANGE, but of course they didn't *seem* strange to the people.

Whatever is DIFFERENT from that to which we are accustomed seems STRANGE! We tend to resent and resist it! Yes, it is recorded that the people were ASTONISHED at Christ's doctrine.

Today, in the PLAIN TRUTH and on the WORLD TOMORROW program, we teach and preach HIS SAME DOCTRINE—we literally preach the Word of GOD—and today people are ASTONISHED—shocked!

Yes, I know—I WAS MYSELF! But I

did not run away from it. I did not refuse to let myself think about it. *If we REJECT knowledge, GOD says He will reject us!* I found the truth REALLY GOOD! And it is not *strange*, after all!

THEOLOGY without God

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ters such as these? "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I AM AGAINST the PROPHETS [preachers] that STEAL MY WORDS every one from his neighbor" (Jer. 23:29, 30).

Yes, the Almighty GOD IS ANGRY with such PERVERSE teachers that STEAL His message by *tearing* words and verses out of the Bible! God is ANGRY with this FIENDISH plot, which ROBS US OF HIS OWN WORD!

Speaking of religious teachers, Jeremiah says: ". . . Ye have PERVERTED the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God. Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth IN FURY, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The *anger* of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: *in the LATTER DAYS ye shall consider it perfectly*" (Jer. 23:36, 19-20). This is for *our time*, our day, the 20th Century!

Punishment from God is coming on theologians who have forgotten their Maker! You have seen theology without God exposed. But this is only the *background*, the preparation *already* laid.

Who is *really* CONTROLLING theology? Are theologians the unwitting tools of a great mastermind? What of the new trend just now coming to light—a trend so *vicious*, so deceitful that it STAGGERS the IMAGINATION! How will all this *affect* YOU?

This plot is calculated to reach and corrupt the entire population of the nation—it has already ensnared dozens of the largest Protestant sects!

Read the next installment for the answers which may *change your life!*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sees Communism Firsthand

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Your sermons are greatly appreciated. We are just 60 miles from Cuba. Our boats ply back and forth carrying fruit to the Nassau market. I know you will understand what the fate of Cuba means to us. Now that the farmers have to sell everything to the government; then to the agent; then to us, there is very little profit in it. I never realized I would have to live so close to a communist country—to see and know about the sufferings of the people involved. They are so unhappy."

Reader from Ragged Island,
British West Indies.

Poorly Informed???

"You apparently cannot see beyond your nose. Referring to Berlin, you are either poorly informed, or choose to purposely omit the truth. For your information, the United States has pumped \$26 billion (?) into Germany just to build up West Berlin and create a 'false front.' Let's keep religion out of world politics. Your place is in the spiritual."

Man from Vancouver, Canada.

(*Editor's Comment:* West Berlin is only *part* of the West Germany that has been built up. The West German Treasury is now the richest in the world! We have published many pictures from different parts of West Germany showing her absolute resurgence—her victories in the TRADE WAR! These pictures were taken by leading reporters and correspondents. WHY HASN'T THIS MAN SEEN THESE PICTURES AND REPORTS IN OTHER NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES?)

Germany Growing

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"While I was stationed in the States I had many times read The PLAIN TRUTH or heard you speak over the radio concerning the rising of Germany as a major power in economics. Since I didn't know the news too well at the time, I have since been reading all the news magazines I can get my hands on.

I wasn't taking your word for it. The Air Force transferred me to Germany and there I saw that your preaching was true. Germany is a major power and growing each day. The unemployment in the States is extremely high, while the Germans have to import foreign help to fill the empty gaps. The military newspaper 'Stars and Stripes' stated recently that there were approximately 100,000 vacancies begging for filling."

Man, USAF, Germany.

Feeling of Friendship

"Congratulations on your new, enlarged PLAIN TRUTH. The addition of 'Heart-to-Heart Talk' plus photos of your family and staff give a feeling of closeness and friendship in reading the various topics."

Subscriber from California.

Missed an Issue

"When The PLAIN TRUTH came a few days ago, for a minute I didn't know which I was going to do, laugh or cry. I was so happy to receive it. The May issue never came and I missed it so much, but June made up for it, and it is so much larger, and the pictures of all are so nice. They are something to remember and cherish. Many thanks."

Man from Danville, Illinois.

(*Editor's Comment:* From time to time a PLAIN TRUTH reader misses his copy. If this happens, *be sure to write* us so we can send another copy.)

PLAIN TRUTH Grows

"It was a real thrill when I took my larger PLAIN TRUTH from the mail box. I received my first copy in June 1954—a thin little magazine, then 16 pages. One morning my PLAIN TRUTH came with a beautiful front cover, and eight more pages, then The Bible Story, and now, more pages of good reading—not cluttered up with commercial advertising. Your picture is a good one. It doesn't look much like some of the ones shown in the early part of your autobiography—a little older, perhaps—but you have that alive, alert, full-of-

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How Your CHILD Learns

HOW does your child learn—and WHEN should you begin to teach him? Here is the tenth installment on Child Rearing.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

HUMAN beings are creatures of *habit!* Not very many people, it seems, have ever stopped to ask themselves how it is they have come to believe the various concepts, philosophies and doctrines they assume to be true. Each one of us came into existence as a baby, knowing absolutely NOTHING at birth.

The human child is the most *helpless* of all newborn creatures. The young colt, the calf, even the baby porpoise and whale are able to stand, walk, leap or swim within hours, even *minutes* after birth!

But they are creatures of *instinct!* A human being does not have *instinct*, but a **MIND!** No one had to *teach* the young colt where to go for its "dinner." It simply went there—*automatically!* But God gave man a mind capable of accumulating knowledge. It is a mind much like the mind of God, though limited in its capacity.

Almighty God, who created all life in all its myriad forms, set and planted that *instinct* within all the varied forms and species of animals.

There are five channels by which knowledge may come into the mind. At birth—you knew absolutely NOTHING! The newborn human infant would **STARVE TO DEATH** if it were not taken by the more intelligent *parent*, and nursed! Oftentimes, though not always, the mother must even begin a type of sucking motion with the jaws of the child by manipulating its lower jaw in order to teach it the habit of nursing. This is not always true, but serves to illustrate the amazing fact that the greatest creation in the physical sphere—that of the human mind—has such a simple beginning!

Learning By Association

As a creature of habit, a baby begins to **LEARN** at the very **INSTANT** of its birth! The way in which it first learns is by mere association. But these "associations" begin to form certain **HABITS**

within the rapidly growing and developing mind of a newly born human baby. Let us understand the way in which the newborn child learns.

Very quickly, the baby becomes accustomed to the smell, the taste and sounds of its own mother. (We are here speaking of that which is the average and normal, not foster mothers, wet-nurses, etc.). If the infant of only a very few weeks is hungry, and begins to cry for his food, it may be observed that he will oftentimes quit crying the moment he is *picked up* by his mother, because the *sound* of her reassuring voice, the *feeling* of her arms lifting him from his bassinet, and the *smell* of her own body has begun to become completely *associated* with the satisfying taste of her milk!

Perhaps you have seen cases where tiny babies have been reared in very quiet homes. It takes only the slightest rattling of the bottles by the milkman, the dropping of the cover on the mailbox by the postman, or the barking of a dog to awaken the child from a mid-afternoon nap. This is true, because the baby has become *accustomed* to living in a very quiet environment. If the child has been used to a noisy environment, such trivial sounds would never disturb him during his nap.

This factor of learning by *association* is so vitally important that it must be understood thoroughly.

In training young hawks, or falcons, the following procedure is somewhat generally utilized:

The newly hatched birds are placed in total darkness. It is known that darkness, (hence, a hood, when in the field) completely subdues this very wild and ferocious bird. At feeding time, a gentle shaft of light is admitted into the pen, and the trainer begins to utter soft and reassuring sounds, talking and "cooing" to the birds as he deftly slides a plate of their food into their pen with a heavily gloved hand. This process is continued at each feeding through sev-

eral weeks. Gradually, the young birds begin to associate these things together. The light entering their pen, the reassuring smell of food and its taste, and the voice of the trainer. Hence, they begin to rely on the *voice* as being the immediate forerunner, and closely associated with, a complete and satisfying meal!

Gradually more and more light is admitted to the pen, and the hand of the trainer begins to pick up or to stroke the birds on occasion. This process is repeated, with various changes and variations, over a period of several weeks and months. Eventually, the birds are trained by mere **ASSOCIATION** to come to the whistle of the trainer, perch quietly on his padded arm, or to soar aloft, swooping high above an unsuspecting pigeon or other bird, darting down upon it in speedy flight, knocking it to the ground, and returning to the trainer at his call. The trainer never confuses the birds with unnecessary, extraneous sounds and commands.

Isn't it a pity more parents do not understand this marvelous truth of association, and thereby avoid so much that is extraneous and nonessential in attempting to get a child to obey their admonitions?

No sensible dog trainer would think of confusing a dog under training with more than the simplest, straightforward and direct commands!

In attempting to "house-break" a dog, the dog is simply taken to his sandbox, newspaper, or outdoors. He is reassured, patted and fondled. The trainer tries to carefully take the dog to such a place at prescribed intervals. If and when the dog makes a mistake (and they usually always do!) the trainer very severely rebukes him, says, "bad dog!," forces him to smell the mess he has made, and *spanks* him for it! Gradually, by constant diligence, and by means of **ASSOCIATION**, the dog becomes housebroken. He learns that it is going to net harsh words, and a spanking for relieving

himself in certain areas. He learns, on the other hand, that he will be given tidbits to eat, a reassuring hand and a soft voice when he uses his prescribed areas.

There are absolutely millions of parents today who *do not know* how to keep a child from becoming as destructive as a proverbial "bull in a china shop!"

They are completely *helpless* to keep their child from crawling about from one thing to another, turning over knick-knacks, pulling doilies from tables, pulling out electric plugs, tearing up books and magazines, or any other of the one thousand and one different things a little crawling infant seems to "get into." *Myriad, countless*, it seems, are the parents who have not the slightest glimpse of understanding as to HOW to cope with such a situation!

Isn't it a pity? If they could realize their child is a creature of HABIT—but that habits are formed by ASSOCIATION, that each habit must be TAUGHT, much of the problem would be solved.

When Should You Begin to Train Your Child?

A vitally important principle every parent needs to understand is that good habits must be constantly taught the child, beginning AT BIRTH!

"'Never too old to learn' is truer in reverse. The further it is reversed, the truer it becomes. 'Never too young to learn' is the idea parents and nurses should always bear in mind. The more a behavior pattern is affixed to the primary, simple, unconditioned responses, the easier it is to establish firmly. That is to say, the sooner habits (good or bad) are inculcated, the more force they will have, the longer they will endure, the harder they will be to change.

"Then 'just as the *twig* is bent,' Pope said, 'the tree's inclin'd.' This remark, with the one made by Robert Southwell in 'Loss in Delay,' 'tender twigs are bent with ease' and 'aged trees do break with bending,' sums up the outstanding points in the story of man's emotional background. If we allow our children to become twisted too far and wait for the prevailing winds and recurring storms of the world to force them into line after they are fully grown and stiffened in their individual patterns, they may break. A multitude of men and women do" (*As the Twig Is Bent*, p. 22, Hohman).

Yes, the time to *begin* training children is *much earlier* than most parents think!

Unfortunately, not all writers on child training give such sound advice.

Because of the CARNAL nature in human beings, which is a nature tending to *degenerate*, rather than build up, it seems to be much simpler for children to acquire *bad habits* than it is to learn good ones. Hence, it appears that thumb-sucking, throwing silver on the floor, or other habits are acquired after only two or three attempts, while it takes many months to teach a child to stay dry. The simple answer to this problem is that the carnal child learns much more quickly to do that which is *pleasurable*, that which satisfies the downward pull of his nature, that which is curious, interesting, and *easy to do*, RATHER than that which takes effort, concentration, and persistence! It is *much easier* to obtain a bad habit than it is to acquire a good one!

Obviously, since the child repeats what he enjoys, it is good for parents to make interesting and enjoyable things which the child needs to acquire. However, when all is said and done, the child *must learn* to do that which is *right*, enjoyable or not!

Most parents assume their very *tiny* children are *too young* to teach! They believe they should wait until the child is old enough to "understand." However, this excuse is often carried over into most of the pre-school years by many parents, resulting in a perfectly horrible little child who is rebellious, ill-mannered, disrespectful toward his elders, and generally destructive.

The truth is, it is impossible to begin TOO SOON! More will be said about this later—on exactly HOW to attain the desired result with very young children—but a good slogan to remember is the one already quoted: "Never too young to learn!"

Learning By Imitating

Perhaps the second most important manner in which a very young child acquires certain habits is through mimicking and imitating others.

"Even the simple reflexes . . . such as breathing, the movement of the hands, arms, legs, trunk, smiling and crying, soon show the effect of your training—soon become influenced by the kind of life you force your child to lead.

"But you may ask, aren't there more complex inherited forms of behavior which appear later as *instincts*? Aren't such activities as *climbing, imitation, emulation and rivalry, pugnacity, anger, resentment, sympathy, hunting, fear, appropriation, acquisitiveness, klepto-*

mania, constructiveness, play, curiosity, sociability, shyness, cleanliness, modesty, shame, love, jealousy, parental love, and all of these pure instincts which appear and run their course completely beyond the control of the parents? Surely, these things are not dependent upon the way I let my child grow up. Most of the older psychologists would agree with you. The behaviorist believed, too, when he began his work, that some of these acts would spring forth fully formed. But we waited for their appearance in vain. Now we are forced to believe from the study of facts that all of these forms of behavior are *built in* by the parents and by the environment which the parent allows the child to grow up in. There are no instincts. We build in at an early age everything that is later to appear" (*Psychological Care of the Infant and Child*, pp. 37-38, Watson).

As has been previously outlined, human beings know *nothing* at birth. They must acquire, through the channels of the five senses, *everything* they come to know. One of the major ways in which every human being learns is by mimicking, *imitating* others.

This method of learning is so powerful, so intense that it follows us all through our lives—often guiding and *ruling* our every action, our customs and our habits, even as mature adults.

Understanding this broad field of *imitation* as a means of child training—it should become immediately clear the parents have a frightening responsibility of *setting the right EXAMPLE before the children!*

Imitating Evil!

Parents who are raucous, disagreeing, and show they are frequently upset with one another are going to be surprised to find they will have children who will also become raucous, disagreeable and given to temper displays and angry outbursts. It also logically follows that parents with bad table manners, unclean personal habits, resentment toward authority, inherent laziness or any number of hundreds of similar frailties and faults are presenting a *constant, powerful influence* over their children to develop these same habits.

So strong is this imitative impulse in children that it becomes one of the truly *major* reasons for the development of many child criminals. As has already been outlined in a previous installment, criminal behavior is *LEARNED*. Perhaps the best illustration of this factor is in

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Broadcast makes first expansion; Jewish evangelist sent to Palestine; work grows despite persecutions and hardships.

INSTALLMENT 37

ONCE again, we come to the year 1937. In the preceding installment I backtracked for two previous incidents, which filled the space for that issue.

Our two sons, Richard D. and Garner Ted, then called "Dicky" and "Teddy," were in the second grade at school. We had started them together, in September, 1935. The 36th installment, in the June number, explained why it was a mistake to start them in the same grade.

Because I had lacked the faith to trust God *alone*, and walk through the door He opened to go on the air in Portland, in late 1934, that door was slammed shut for two solid years—*until I learned the lesson*. I had wanted pledges from *people* to rely upon—instead of trusting God fully. But the people failed God's cause. The wanted pledges did not come.

Then, about mid-November, 1936—*two whole years later*—when I tried to get on Portland's most powerful station, Christ opened, instead, the same door I had neglected entering in 1934! This time, again, I was unable to obtain the needed pledges. But this time, as at the very beginning of the broadcast in 1934, I did trust God for the means. We started then on KXL, smallest-powered 100-watt station, in Portland. With it, using Postal Telegraph wires for a hook-up, we included station KSLM, in Salem. This was our first Network!

Truth About Networks

I think it will be interesting, here, to give our readers a few facts they probably do not know about radio networks. The telephone companies have established a very efficient system of network broadcast lines feeding the various major network stations—CBS, NBC, and ABC—coast to coast.

These are very *special* lines, specially engineered, and of far greater efficiency

than ordinary telephone lines. They are specially boosted at intervals of about every fifty miles. This is necessarily a very costly service—but the quality is as near perfection as human technology can make it. Sound is carried instantaneously from originating stations in Hollywood, New York or Chicago, to all parts of the United States with no detectable loss in tonal quality. The voice is transmitted as naturally as if the speaker were in your living room or your car. Music, at both highest and lowest frequencies, is transmitted just as naturally.

The installation and maintenance of these special lines is a costly operation. In 1936 and 1937 we were not able to afford such perfection in network lines.

But at that time the Postal Telegraph company offered far less costly lines. These were just the ordinary telegraph wires—far, far from the quality of telephone special network lines. There were no boosters along the way, and even the lines themselves were inferior, for our purpose. Often they would fade down or out. Frequently they didn't work at all. The reception at the other end was far from perfect. But we were *on our first network*, nevertheless! We called it the "Oregon Network."

Everything God starts through humans must, it seems, start the very smallest—and sometimes the crudest. BUT IT WAS A START! And, once started, the WORK OF GOD *never stops!* Not only that, it never stops *growing!*

We were to use Postal wires in immediate future years to Seattle and Spokane. Later, the Postal company was absorbed by Western Union. But they helped us get a start while they lasted!

Even at that time I had my sights on extending the broadcast into Seattle and Spokane, though I was forced to learn

patience, and wait until God opened those doors. I knew we could not call it the "Oregon Network" when it extended into Washington, so, in my mind, I had it named already the "Liberty Network," ready for the future!

Gospel to Palestine

Meanwhile, I was continuing to hold regular Sunday night evangelistic services in our little church building at the end of West Eighth Street, in Eugene. Interest and attendance gradually were increasing.

It was either the last Sunday in December, 1936, or the first Sunday night in January, 1937, that a former leader of that Church of God we find described in Revelation 3:1 as the "Sardis" church—with which I was trying, in those days, to co-operate—appeared with a professed converted Jewish evangelist.

This particular church leader, whom I will not name since I can say nothing good about him as an individual, had a scheme to get the Gospel to the Jews in Palestine. They had arrived a day or two before, and explained their plan to me. It sounded real good. In fact, the *idea*, itself, was good.

The reason evangelists generally were failing to convert the Jewish people to Christ, he explained, was their wrong approach. This may not be the whole reason—but the approach of most evangelists assuredly *had been wrong!* They customarily started by trying immediately to preach the name of Christ to the Jews. But, explained this Jewish evangelist, all Jews have been taught from babyhood to virtually hate, despise, and reject the name of Christ. To mention this name was to set up immediate prejudice. It raised an immediate impenetrable barrier.

This evangelist, being Jewish, said Jewish people would not be prejudiced against him, but would listen. Instead

of preaching Christ, direct, he proposed to approach them with the Jewish Scriptures—Old Testament *only*. After arousing their interest with prophecies being actually fulfilled today, he would then turn to a few passages such as Isaiah 53, Micah 5:2, Isa. 7:14, describing how the Messiah was to be born as a baby, of a virgin, in Bethlehem, to grow up as a child, to be despised and rejected and crucified.

He said that when he approached Christ *from* the Old Testament Scriptures—from the Jewish point of view—they would listen.

Whether or not many would listen very far, this was the *only possible approach*, I knew, that had a chance.

The plan was to raise enough money to send this man to Jerusalem, from where he would work throughout Palestine in getting the Message of the Saviour to the Jewish people there.

I agreed to help.

The Deception

On that Sunday morning I interviewed both this church leader and the Jewish evangelist on my radio program, and announced public meetings where the converted Jew would speak at our little church on Sunday night, and at a church in Harrisburg on Monday night.

That night our church building was filled. I sponsored the idea of the tour of Palestine, and asked for liberal donations. Never, except for something very special like this, did we take up offerings in any service. The response was liberal.

The next night we had a packed house at Harrisburg. Again, the donations were liberal, and the evangelist was on his way.

But a year later, after other unpleasant experiences with this church leader during 1937, the Jewish evangelist again visited our home in Eugene.

He had a sad report to make. His effort had not been altogether honest and sincere. It had weighed on his conscience. He knew he ought to return the money I had helped raise, but he didn't have it to repay.

He had gone to Jerusalem, all right. But he had found that the church and church members supposed to exist there were nonexistent, he said. The man whose name was used as a representative

of the church also proved, he reported, to be a representative for other churches, drawing financial compensation from all of them.

The "converts" being made in Palestine, he reported, were not Jews at all, but Arabs—who were no more converted than a guinea pig.

The procedure used in Palestine, he reported, was this: These supposed missionaries, evangelists, or "representatives" who drew money from several Protestant denominations, and reported "large harvests" of "converts," each had a small tent, in which they served tea and cookies. Like a barker at a circus sideshow, they shouted, beat tin pans, made noises to attract a crowd, announcing free cookies and tea. When the crowd gathered, the "missionary" went through a short two- or three-minute "spiel," after which he offered the free cookies and tea to all who would raise their hands and say they accepted Christ.

The natives all raised their hands, partook of the tea and cookies, and then proceeded to the next tent where they got "converted" all over again!

Well, as the saying goes, "*Live and learn!*"

I have learned many lessons, in my thirty years in Christ's ministry—and I have been completely disillusioned in regard to the sincerity of a lot of professed religion in this world!

Radio Audience Grows

In a letter to Co-Workers who were regularly supporting God's Work with tithes and offerings, dated February 12, 1937, it was estimated that the listening audience had grown to some forty or fifty thousand, every Sunday. It was steadily growing "toward our goal of 100,000" the letter reported!

WHAT A GOAL! That looked mighty BIG, then! Yet today our listening audience is estimated at some seventy-five MILLION people per week. However, since the program is now on the air seven times a week, and a large share of our audience listens every day, our present estimate of the *daily* audience, per program, is some 15,000,000. Of course, this is 24 years later!

But the point is, as I mentioned once before, I did not, in those days, have any remote idea that this work ever

would reach even a fraction of its power of today!

I think I have stated, before, that I did have vision. I did, at that time, look forward to going on small stations in Seattle and Spokane. My horizon had expanded to include the entire Pacific Northwest—and at times I even envisioned the entire Coast. But the vision of a God-empowered work on the vast world-wide scale of today was that of our living Head and chief Director, Jesus Christ—not mine! This is His work. I, and our Co-Workers with me, have been merely instruments in His hands! But the present size and scope and power of this great work is testimony to the POWER of GOD to build, and increase HIS WORK, and keep it growing until, like the grain of mustard seed, it FILLS THE WHOLE EARTH!

Whatever plant my heavenly Father has *not* planted shall be *rooted up!* But God says He will *never* stop the work HE has begun! Whatever is of MAN is destined to come to naught! But whatever is of God *cannot be stopped!* Through the years we have met hardship, persecution, disillusionment—every obstacle! But none could stop us, or prevent this work growing and MULTIPLYING in scope and power!

Compare the mail response of the broadcast today with 1937. A general letter sent Co-Workers on March 19, 1937, reported the following "BIG" mail response: In the past 2½ weeks, 26 letters from KXL, Portland; 20 from listeners of KSLM, Salem; and 12 from KORE, Eugene. Total 58. The letter then asked: "Brethren, is *this* worth while?" That seemed BIG then. Today, we receive close to 75,000 letters *per week* during 7 autumn, winter, and spring months, and some 55,000 to 60,000 per week during the warmer season. And that is from the UNITED STATES, *only*. Besides this there is a receipt of mail at our London, Sydney, and Vancouver offices, *much larger* per day at each office than we then had in 2½ weeks.

This letter of March 19, 1937 started out: "I am more than gratified at the evidence of rapidly increasing audience, growing power, and mounting influence." This mail count inspired us to increased activity then. And, by com-

parison with what God grants us today, that same report gives all of us, whose hearts are in God's Work, great inspiration to further increased activity, today!

I wonder if the reader can realize, as I read over these letters and reports from dusty files of 24 years ago, how much deep down satisfaction and inspiring GRATITUDE to our God it gives Mrs. Armstrong and me, today! It was a real struggle, then. It always has been! But the results with which we have been blessed—the assurance of continued MULTIPLYING growth from here on—is mighty gratifying, and worth all it has cost many thousands of times over! Incidentally, this same letter had written over the top—"Three more baptized this month—Praise God!"

The general letter sent out April 8, 1937 says this: "The radio program is TAKING HOLD! Our mail indicates its vast invisible audience is growing at the rate of ten thousand additional listeners every month. More than SIXTY THOUSAND people are in our audience every week." Today that many people and more send in *letters* every week!

There is a REASON for this rapid and consistent growth to the present 1961. That reason is partly stated in a paragraph in this letter of April 8, 1937: "This is *not* just another religious broadcast. It is utterly DIFFERENT! as I'm sure you realize by this time. It DARES TO PROCLAIM THE BIBLE TRUTH straight from the shoulder! It dares to WARN people of the fast-approaching dread DAY OF THE LORD, and to preach the only *true* Gospel—the Good News of the KINGDOM OF GOD! It dares to *correct* modern fables!"

The same remains true today, 24 years later!

More Persecution

On Sunday, May 2, 1937, the program on the three network stations was dedicated to high school students. By arrangements with the Principal of Eugene High School, the combined boys' and girls' glee clubs of that school furnished the musical portion of the program. The Message was directed to high school students, in their own language, captioned: "Getting a Real Kick Out of Life." A special notice was sent

Eugene, Oregon
April 26, 1937

To the Principals of the High Schools
of Oregon and Southwestern Washington:


Will you please announce before your student body, in assembly, that on next Sunday, May 2nd, the service of THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD will be dedicated to the high school students of this district?

The entire musical portion of the program will be furnished by the combined boys' and girls' Glee Clubs of Eugene High School, under direction of Miss Caroline Woods.

There will be a special message, teeming with life and interest, dealing with the problems, interests and ambitions of the high school student---by one who understands their viewpoint and their aspirations---which I feel sure every student will want to hear, and every principal will want to encourage his student-body to hear. The subject will be "Getting a Real Kick out of Life."

The program is from TEN to ten-thirty, every Sunday morning,---broadcast over the Oregon Net-Work, including stations KXL Portland, KSLM Salem, and KORE Eugene. I trust you will co-operate, as Eugene High is doing, by urging your students to tune in for this special High School program on next Sunday.

Sincerely yours,


Herbert W. Armstrong, Pastor
The RADIO CHURCH OF GOD.

A copy of the special announcement sent to high school principals. The glee clubs combined to give the musical portion of the radio program.

on the Monday preceding to Principals of the High Schools of Oregon and southwestern Washington, asking them to announce the program to students in assembly.

About the first week in July, another six weeks' tent campaign was started in Eugene. The tent belonging to the Oregon Conference, seating about 350, was pitched on West 10th or 11th Street. The attendance was good—averaging 150 to 200 per night. As usual, there were a number of converts.

August 20th to 29th, inclusive, a camp meeting was held in "Cabin City," on the highway just north of Eugene. The evangelistic campaign ended in time to transfer the tent to the camp grounds.

This particular camp meeting was the last of our co-operation with the Salem, W. Va. branch of the "Sardis" church. The son of one of the so-called "12 apostles" of that church informed me of a plot, hatched at a meeting he attended with his father, in which the so-called "leading ministers" of that group intended to use this camp meeting, of which we at Eugene were hosts, to attempt to discredit and ruin the radio broadcast.

I had announced the camp meeting

over the air, weeks ahead, and invited all listeners to attend. Immediately, on learning of the plot, I appointed a Committee to be in charge of the camp meeting, and had them go to the "leading ministers" who already were in Oregon, demanding that all antagonisms and derogatory insinuations against me personally and the radio program be withdrawn from their plans. They refused, saying other ministers from the east coast were coming, whom they could not muzzle, and they were determined to ruin the broadcast if possible.

Thereupon, I announced there would be no camp meeting. In two days the "apostle" customarily in charge of these annual camp meetings arrived in Eugene from southern California. He came straight to our home.

What was this, he asked, about my threatening to call off the camp meeting?

"That's right," I said, explaining to him the conspiracy to defame the broadcast and ruin it.

"But you *can't* stop the meeting from being held," he exclaimed.

"But I *can*, and *will*," I replied. "You see, I have rented this camp grounds in my own name, and I alone

control it. I will not allow the grounds to be used. I have the entire member mailing list. I shall send out notices informing all of the FACTS, telling them it is cancelled, and not to come. About 85% of all expected to attend are members of the two churches at Eugene and up at Jefferson, of which I am Pastor—and they will do exactly as I say. There is no other possible place where such a meeting could be held. On next Sunday, I shall announce to the radio audience that the camp meeting, to start that night, has been cancelled. **NOBODY WILL COME!** Now tell me, please—how are *you* going to stop *me* from stopping the camp meeting, and saving the broadcast?"

His wife intervened, and advised him to realize that I "had him over a barrel."

He then begged me not to stop it, *promising* there would be no attacks against me or the broadcast from the pulpit or otherwise during the meetings. But I remained adamant.

"Do you question my word?" he asked, a little indignant.

"It isn't your veracity but your *ability* to stop this vicious and evil attack that I question," I replied.

He reminded me that he was a cousin of the leader in the church, who held all these ministers under his thumb. He said he would **GUARANTEE** that nothing hostile would occur. Finally, on this, I relented and agreed to let the meeting go on.

But there was an undercurrent of bitterness and hate. Whenever I preached, the next minister to preach devoted his sermon to an attempt to refute, disagree with, and tear down everything I had said. I tried hard to preach on subjects that could not be disputed or disagreed with—yet they found a way to twist what I had said and attempt to cast reflection against me.

Then, at a ministers' meeting, this very "apostle" who had always appeared so friendly to me, proved himself willing to give a "Judas kiss." Having the floor, he said, in pretended sympathy, that *dear* Brother Armstrong had worked *so hard*, and was *so overworked*, that they had decided to "help" me by relieving me of some of my "burdens." Therefore, they had decided to appoint another of their ministers (one totally

hostile to me), as pastor of the church up at Jefferson. He almost wept crocodile tears of pretended sympathy.

One elder and one deacon of the Jefferson church, shocked and thoroughly aroused at this **SO EVIDENT** subterfuge and bit of deceitful hypocrisy, as a plot to "take over" that church, and thus rob the broadcast of its tithes and offerings, resigned immediately.

All of us at Eugene church, and half the members at Jefferson severed all connection and effort at co-operation with those who had proved themselves willing to serve Satan and their own personal greed, and to injure the very work of **GOD!** I am going to **END** all comment about that group here, with the epitaph that — like a dead tree — they have since split and resplit and resplit into so many little tiny groups, all hating one another, that no one seems to know where all of them are.

These harrassing events were unpleasant. It really did hurt Mrs. Armstrong and me, and all loyal to God's true Work, very deeply to see some we loved very much willing to be misled by greedy and self-willed little powerless preachers. But such is life, and such is this world!

Jesus Christ said the gate is narrow, and the road hard, difficult, that leads to **LIFE**, and only the **FEW** find it. We certainly have found His words true! It has not been an easy road. I know **WHY** Jesus was a man of sorrows. It was not because of persecution against *Him*, or personal suffering, but the anguish of seeing those He loved reject the truth and be willing to turn the wrong way to their own perdition! It hurts, deeply, to see people drop by the wayside!

Moving to Larger Station

But in the Work of God, the great blessings outweigh the sorrows 100 to 1. In my general letter of August 26, announcement was made of moving to a more powerful radio station in Portland —KWJJ, then 500 watts. We started on KWJJ Sunday, September 5.

Also at this time opportunity came to purchase a tabernacle in Portland, for an extended evangelistic campaign and a home for establishing a permanent church.

What happened to that, and how the work continued to expand and grow,

will have to be continued in next month's issue.

Heart-to-Heart Talk with the Editor

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day, is like precious pearls being trampled in the muck and mire by swine feeding on filthy slop.

Early the other morning in Cologne, Germany, I saw a contrasting view of human life. Looking out our hotel window, I saw, once again, German men, and a few women, walking briskly or riding their bicycles or automobiles down the street, carrying their inevitable leather briefcases—on the way to work.

I cannot say that I saw happiness written on any faces. But I did see purpose. I did see incentive, drive, determination. These Germans seemed to believe they were really *going somewhere!*

If you ask me what is wrong with America and Britain today, I will reply "**LACK OF PURPOSE!**" We don't seem to be going anywhere, as a nation. We have no sense of national **PURPOSE** and **MISSION**, except merely to hang on to the material prosperity we have.

But the Germans today have *purpose* written all over their faces, and evident in their springy gait and bounce. They are going to **TRY IT AGAIN!** Down underneath, most Germans *still* feel the slogan, "*Deutschland über Alles!*" Down deep, most Germans *still* have the conviction that it is their fate to conquer and rule the world as the "Master Race." And the Germans are *working hard*, and *producing much!* By use of the Six-Nation Common Market, they are fast rising to dominating **WORLD POWER** once again. Today, I see a prosperous Germany, rapidly growing more prosperous!

Here are the people whom the Kaiser led into a war of aggression to try to conquer the world. Here are the people who "fell for" Hitler's wild screaming, and with fanaticism followed him into provoking World War II. Here are people who have proved war-like. Truly, they have the characteristics of a lion and a leopard combined. They are willing to spring at the throats of the victims they intend to devour.

These people have *purpose!* These

people have incentive, ambition, which arouses them to ACTION, while we Americans and British, lacking national purpose, bask lazily in the sunshine of an already acquired prosperity, on which the Germans, and the Russians—and even others—have designs. We are like a fat, well-fed or over-stuffed domestic animal, too well satisfied with the meal we have eaten to show much energy, while these other lean, hungry wild animals are springing about preparing for the leap at our throats to take the spoil.

But WHY are the Germans a war-like people? WHY, when the right LEADER comes along, are they always ready to slave energetically and fanatically for him in destructive military aggression?

Are not they, as well as we, all descended from the same original human parents, Adam and Eve? And these ambitionless, cynical intellectuals on the ferry—are they not human children of the same human forefather? And do we not all have the same *human nature* that we have inherited from Adam?

Yes, and here is where we put our finger on the answer to the whole riddle. Adam rejected God's TRUTH. The symbolic tree of LIFE was simply God's Holy Spirit made accessible, by which our first parents *might have received sound minds*, comprehension of God's TRUTH, the knowledge of God's awe-inspiring supreme PURPOSE for our potential destiny, the knowledge of God's WAY to peace, happiness, interested, enjoyable, abundant living—the right KNOWLEDGE that would fire every one of us with tremendous zeal and ambition to achieve the GOOD and the GLORY that is offered us!

Instead, Adam and Eve cut themselves off from God, and from His Spirit, and from comprehension of His TRUTH. They disobeyed Him, rejected His rule and His guidance and divine help. They reached out and *took*—by stealing—the false KNOWLEDGE "of good and evil." Their minds became blinded to truth. They fed their minds on a mixture of materialistic fact and conjectured ERROR. And we, their children, have fed our minds on the same perverted educational diet ever since. A system of schools was established, under sway of Satan, to perpetuate ignorance of God's TRUTH, and injection of false knowledge and a

false sense of values into human minds, from babyhood.

The Germans, cut off from God's Truth and HIS WAYS, have been schooled in "German rationalism." They have been inoculated with the German materialistic ideals of being the Master Race, destined to conquer and rule the world. They believe as they do, and behave as they do, because of TEACHING that has come to them and been instilled into them for generations.

The cynical intellectuals think and behave as they do because of their heredity and their teaching, and worldly influences brought to bear, beginning from babyhood. In their minds they see, like Philip Wylie, the world's evils—but the solution and the true HOPE is hidden from them.

And back of it all is the fact that we were all born HUMAN. We are born with carnal minds; minds which can know only what enters through the physical five senses. Without God's Holy Spirit, human minds are incapable of comprehending SPIRITUAL TRUTH. These TRUE values cannot be seen, heard, felt, smelt or tasted—by the physical senses. This TRUE knowledge can enter the mind only by REVELATION—by the channel of GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

None can have God's Spirit until he is first convicted by God's Spirit. NONE can come to Jesus Christ, except the Spirit of the Father *draw him*—so said Christ! And this is not the time God Almighty has chosen to *save the world*—but only those few whom He is specially calling now, to be trained for a responsibility in the KINGDOM OF GOD,

when Christ rules the whole earth. We are called, now, to proclaim the advance GOOD NEWS of that wonderful, happy WORLD TOMORROW!

This world, blinded to the true way, is described in Deuteronomy 29:19: "... and it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse"—(we must reap what we sow)—"that he bless himself in his heart saying, 'I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubborn (mg.) imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst: the Eternal will not spare him.'"

This world rejects God's TRUTH—God's WAY of life. It follows the way that leads to curses. Yet, the people say in their hearts—"we are *determined* to reject God, and *still*, SOMEHOW, we shall *yet find a way* to have PEACE for ourselves, even if we have to get it by *taking it away from others*." They are truly thirsty for peace, for happiness, for prosperity and for joy. But they are stubborn. They want to TAKE these things—the human selfish and greedy way of VANITY. Instead of the true spiritual waters of life that would satisfy, they try to quench their thirst on excessive strong drink that brings spiritual drunkenness.

And, truly, they are SPIRITUALLY DRUNK! Their spiritual eyes are so blurred and out of focus by the false spiritual wine of pagan myths, superstitious religions, atheistic concepts, and vain philosophies, that TRUTH is completely blurred to their sight—they are UNABLE to grasp it!

But, if God has opened *our eyes*—set them in sharp, clear focus—permitted us to comprehend, through His precious Spirit, what the world is not able, yet, to see, we need to remember this is DANGEROUS KNOWLEDGE—for God will hold us accountable for what we do with it!

I cannot walk up to a misguided individual and *force* enlightenment into his mind any more than I can make a stubborn mule drink water. Nor can you. But, together, we can co-labor *with Christ*, who is our High Priest and living HEAD, in carrying out HIS MISSION for this time—proclaiming, as a witness, the advance GOOD NEWS of the joyful WORLD TOMORROW—when Christ in Person will set His hand to SAVE THIS WORLD!

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CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

LIKE most people today, Moses wanted to know the PLAN of Salvation. But before the Eternal explained it to Moses, he first had to listen to special instructions that would make it clear *why* we need salvation.

Why We Need Salvation

Did you know that you would not need to be saved *from* sin, if there *were* no sin? People who say they don't need salvation don't know what sin is, or what life eternal really means. Christ will not forgive us until we repent—quit sinning.

We also need to know that we are mortal, subject to death, and that we need the Spirit of God as a gift to make it possible to live forever. So you see, we need to know what sin is and what man is. That is why God had to explain it to Moses before explaining all about salvation.

This new instruction was given by God to Israel, through Moses, about the time the tabernacle was erected. Almost all of Leviticus, the third book of the Old Testament written by Moses, has to do with rules and laws that were meant to keep Israel the most outstanding, the wisest, the cleanest nation on Earth. In this, as in other books of the Old Testament, God also made known certain temporary rituals which were required until the first coming of Christ. These were to teach the children of Israel the need of a Saviour and the habit of obedience. These temporary ceremonies are called the "works of the law" in the New Testament. They ceased when Jesus died.

But God also revealed part of His PLAN of Salvation in the book of Leviticus.

A reading of the book of Leviticus should make it obvious to anyone that the laws

of God, *which explain what sin is*, are wise, good, helpful rules that would be profitable for happy living for all people of all nations anywhere on this planet.

But many different religions, supposedly based on the Bible, have sprung up down through the centuries. Most of them have little or no place for what are wrongly termed "Jewish laws." Their followers are encouraged to ignore God's rules in the Old Testament, and to regard Leviticus, for example, as only an account of the ancient "Laws of Moses."

Today, more than ever, people regard the words *law, Jew, Moses and Israelite* with a certain indifference and often with contempt. Their religious leaders have either failed miserably in teaching them the truth or have deliberately withheld the truth from them. Those who have come with the truth—including Jesus Christ, the Creator of all men and all things—have been slain because that truth conflicted with the beliefs proclaimed by many religious sects. Human nature does not change. Men have always hated those who brought God's truth. (Matthew 23:29-35.)

Whenever you hear anyone speaking lightly of the Commandments given to Israel at Mt. Sinai, remind yourself that those were neither "Jewish laws" nor "laws of Moses." They were *God's* living laws, still alive and in full, powerful effect. Those who turn their backs on them or who sneer at them are inviting upon themselves the terrible results of sin and the wrath of God.

What's Wrong with God's Laws?

Many laws were given to the Israelites, through Moses, in the days following the dedication of the tabernacle. There is nothing wrong with them. *Because men have broken these laws Jesus had to die.* Here are some of them:

Everyone is forbidden to have anything to do with idols and foreign gods. (Leviticus 19:4.)

Making marks on the body, such as tattooing, is forbidden. (Leviticus 19:27-28.)

There are to be no evil sexual practices. (Verse 29.)

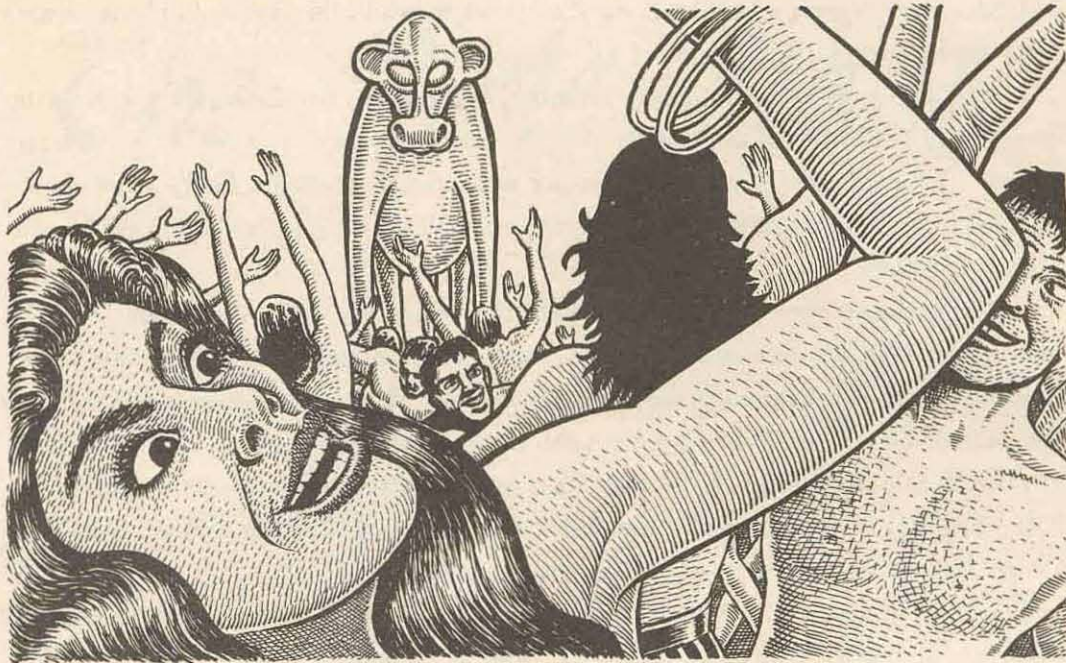
No one is to marry anyone with whom he or she is closely related. (Leviticus 18.)

Pagan holidays are not to be observed. (Leviticus 20:1-5.)

In giving financial help to a fellow Israelite or anyone journeying with the Israelites, no interest is to be charged. (Leviticus 25:35-38.)

No one is to go to a fortune teller or medium to ask advice or to look into the future. No one is to have anything to do with a person discovered to be a wizard, fortune teller or medium—those in contact with demons. (Lev. 20: 6-7.)

God again spoke to Moses, telling him to give more instructions to the people. For one thing, there were some who were still so influenced by the religious ways of



When Moses told the people the civil laws which God gave him, the Israelites recalled with shame the way so many of them had pranced before the golden calf.

the Egyptians that they secretly sought to consume blood when they ate their meat. (Leviticus 17:12-13.) He made it very plain that the life of all flesh is in the blood. "Anyone who kills or catches any beast or fowl that may be eaten must thoroughly bleed the creatures and cover up the blood. After the blood has drained out of a clean animal or fowl, its meat may be eaten. Furthermore, no one must eat any creature that dies of itself or is killed by other beasts." (Verse 15, first part.)

The only use of blood was as an atonement, by sacrifice, to remind Israel of their human sins and of the death of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

The PLAN of Salvation Revealed

To Moses alone God now gave special instructions about the Plan of Salvation. "Moses," God said, "I want you to pass on to Aaron and the other priests the knowledge of my PLAN of Salvation for all mankind. To keep you always in mind of this plan, I am going to require you and all My people to keep holy certain days each year."

Moses knew what God had in mind, because He had already commanded the children of Israel to keep the Passover each year.

"Moses," God continued, "I want to explain to you about my yearly holy day called the Day of Atonement."

The word "atonement" means to make "at one"—to bring about agreement and harmony.

The Day of Atonement, Moses was told, was ordained by the Creator to fall on the tenth day of the seventh month, Tishri. Tishri ordinarily covers the last part of September and the first part of October on the man-devised Roman calendar the world is using. When Christ comes again He will restore the use of God's sacred calendar.

Inasmuch as any day in God's reckoning starts at sundown, the Day of Atonement began at the sunset which ended the ninth day of Tishri and ended at sunset on the tenth day. It still does. During that period of twenty-four hours the people were not to work and were not to consume food in solid or liquid form. Very young children were the exceptions to this last rule. (Leviticus 23:26-32.)

It was the one day of the year on which the high priest was to enter the inner room of the tabernacle, or Holy of Holies, on ceremonial business. The Day of Atonement was the only time he was to enter on priestly business having to do with sacrifices. God warned Moses to warn Aaron that if Aaron came into the holy inner room without God's permission, he would lose his life in the manner in which his sons had been struck dead.

Ordinarily, in performing his duties as high priest, Aaron dressed in the elegant garments designed by the Creator. But for the special ceremonies on the Day of Atonement he was told to bathe and dress in spotless linen clothes that designated simplicity and humility rather than high office. Only then could he approach God in the inner room where the ark and mercy seat were placed. (Leviticus 16.)

The special ceremonies held that day each year were planned by God to make clear to the people that they must, as sinners, come to Him, through His high priest, who represented the coming Saviour, to have their sins forgiven and to be reconciled to God. Otherwise, they wouldn't be considered worthy to continue living. Today Christ is our High Priest and Saviour.

The first thing Aaron was to do was to sacrifice a bullock, or young ox, on the altar for himself and his family as a sin offering. He was to take some of the burning coals from the altar, sprinkle them with incense and bring them into the Holy of Holies so that the sweetened smoke would waft over the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant. God told Moses that if the high priest failed to carry out this ceremony just as he was expected to, he would be subject to death. (Leviticus 16:12-13.)

Aaron was also to take some of the blood of the bullock into the inner room and sprinkle it before and upon the mercy seat. This was an act of atonement for

himself, his family and the other priests. Thus, first having his sins forgiven, he would be qualified to ask God to forgive the sins of all Israel.

The high priest was then to be presented with two goats. One of the goats was to be put on his left side and the other on his right side. A bowl containing two coin-like emblems, called lots, exactly alike in size and color, was to be brought to him. On one of the emblems was to be inscribed FOR GOD. On the other was to be inscribed FOR AZAZEL. You may not know that Azazel was one of the names of Satan, the devil. In many Bibles the original inspired Hebrew word "Azazel" is mistranslated as "scapegoat." Satan is no scapegoat. He is actually guilty of his sins.

The bowl was to be vigorously shaken, so that the positions of the lots inside it wouldn't be known to anyone. Aaron then was to reach into the bowl with both hands and take a lot in each hand. The one in his left hand was to be placed on the goat at his left. The lot in his right hand was to be placed on the goat at his right.

Thus God, who controlled the manner in which the lots would be picked up, was the One who decided which goat would represent the Lord and be sacrificed. That goat on which the FOR GOD lot was placed was to be killed and presented as a sin offering for all the people. This represented Christ's sacrifice to reconcile the world to God.

Again Aaron was to enter the Holy of Holies, this time to sprinkle the goat's blood before and upon the mercy seat. Thus he was to make atonement for all the sins Israel had committed. (Leviticus 16:14-19.)

After coming out of the inner room and back into the court, Aaron was to place his hands on the head of the goat that had been marked FOR AZAZEL and confess over it before God all the sins of the Israelites. Thus all the wrongdoings of the people were to be heaped upon the head of the goat that represented Satan, since it is Satan who is the author of sin and who deceives the people. The goat was then to be given to one who would lead it far out into the desert and set it loose away from the people. This was to represent the banishment of Satan who will be taken by force from the presence of all the people when Christ returns to make atonement or make all the world at one with God. (Revelation 20:1-3.)

The person who took the goat was to wash his clothes and bathe before he returned to camp. (Leviticus 16:20-22.)

Aaron was then to take off his special linen clothes, bathe and dress in his ornate priestly garments. Thus attired, he was to give his personal burnt offering of a ram. Next he was to give a ram as a burnt offering for the people. (Leviticus 16:23-24.)

All this was carried out for the first time just as God had said it should be done. Thus the Israelites, in spite of their weaknesses and sins, became aware that they

were the only people to whom God was revealing His Plan of Salvation as pictured by these special holy days. God had chosen them for the special task of preserving His truth, and was mercifully willing to forgive them their sins.

The Day of Atonement was then and there started as an annual Sabbath of rest, with fasting to be observed by all the people on and on, forever, into the future. (Leviticus 23:31.) This is what *all* the people were to do on this special holy day.

The *priests* alone were to perform the temporary physical act of sacrificing an animal. *Their duties were only to last until Christ came.*

No More Need of Sacrifices

The sacrificing of animals on that day was no longer necessary after Jesus Christ was sacrificed, many centuries later, as the Lamb of God who died because of the sins of all the people of this world. (Hebrews 10:4, 10-12 and 18.) When Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself there ceased to be any need to sacrifice animals as a reminder of sin. (Hebrews 10:3.)

Nevertheless, the Day of Atonement still remains a holy period of twenty-four hours during which God told His people to rest and fast. Why isn't it observed today in the churches of this world? If you were to ask any number of those in authority in the churches, you would receive just about the same answer:

"That is one of those ancient Jewish days. It was only for the Jews. We aren't to observe it because we are not Jews."

If you were to ask who the Jews are, you would probably be told that they were



The goat was led to the wilderness to picture the putting away of Satan for 1000 years.

the people known as the Israelites who came out of Egypt under the leadership of Moses. Then, if you were to remark that Jews are only of the tribe of Judah—one very small part of the twelve tribes of Israel—and that most Israelites are not Jews, either the conversation would end right there or you would receive any one of a number of stock answers, most of them rather evasive.

You see, most people have never really thought who the "lost" ten tribes of Israel might be or where they are. God purposely had their identity hidden until these latter days. The Bible tells us that we would learn, in the latter days, just which nations have descended from those ten tribes. Today, the "lost" ten tribes of Israel can be identified! Now this matter is crystal clear to several millions of people who have found in their Bibles this truth. But religious groups in general refuse to recognize this discovery because it doesn't fit in with what they have taught for so long.

It is time that our people be told who we are, though it could be startling to a Frenchman, a Swede, an American or an Englishman to be suddenly accosted with the words: "You are an Israelite!" The immediate reply would ordinarily be: "You are mistaken! I am not Jewish!"

The erroneous popular opinion now, as it has been for centuries, is that the two main kinds of people on the Earth are Gentiles and Jews, and that anyone who is not a Jew must be a Gentile. But this is not true. Sooner or later all the world must learn that the nations are made up of two general groups of people—*Israelites* and Gentiles. The Jews are of Judah—only one tribe of Israel. Being Israelites *we* are to do the things God commanded Israel to do forever. And any Gentiles who become converted are also to do what God commands. That is why you read of "the fast"—the Day of Atonement—being commemorated by the true Christians in Acts 27:9.

For the genuine Christian, the Day of Atonement pictures the very near future when sin will be placed on the one who originated it. That is Satan. Not until then will man come into true accord with his Creator. That time is only a few years away.

But in the meantime many things must occur before Christ comes to rule on Earth. Today, there are hundreds of false prophets who are crying out that Christ has already arrived or that He is about to arrive at any moment. They don't know God's true timetable and His Plan of Salvation because they have forgotten to keep holy the days He made holy.

Seven Steps to Plan of Salvation

The seven steps in God's Plan are pictured by seven special holy periods of time. These special days are Passover, the Days of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Festival of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, the Festival of Tabernacles, and the Last Great

Day. People who have forgotten these days have forgotten the *true* PLAN of Salvation which these days picture. They have come to believe in a *counterfeit* plan!

We have already learned the meaning of Passover when we read about the Exodus.

The Days of Unleavened Bread picture putting sin out of our lives. (I Cor. 5:7-8.) Leaven is a type of sin. A wave sheaf offering was made during the Days of Unleavened Bread after the Israelites reached the land God had promised them. (Leviticus 23:10-11.) This sheaf of grain pictured the ascended Christ when He was accepted by God the Father as the perfect sacrifice and as the very first of the first fruits from the dead. (Compare John 20:17 with Matthew 28:9.) Very few people know that Christ ascended to Heaven and returned on the day after His resurrection.

Fifty days later, always on a Monday in May or June on the calendar we use, Pentecost was to be observed. Even the Apostles were keeping it after the Law of Moses ceased. (Acts 2:1.) This day points to the time when the Holy Spirit first came, after Christ's death, and to the time of the *first harvest* of souls—to be reaped at the return of Christ. Those who have forgotten this day have forgotten that this is only the time of the first harvest.

The Festival of Trumpets, another day of rest, was to be observed on the first day of the seventh month, Tishri, in the fall. (Leviticus 23:23-25.) It pictures the time mentioned in the book of Revelation when the last of seven trumpets will sound, and when Christ will come to meet those who will be resurrected to rule with Him on Earth. (Revelation 11:15-17; I Corinthians 15:52.) Not every nation will give in at the very hour Christ arrives, but every nation and government will soon be made aware that there is no choice but to accept Christ's perfect, loving rule. (Zechariah 14:16-19.)

Next is the Day of Atonement. It pictures Satan imprisoned 1000 years. Then comes the final time of harvest of souls pictured by the Festival of Tabernacles.

The Festival of Tabernacles, beginning on the fifteenth day of the seventh month (sometime in September or October), was ordained to last for seven days. It is a time when God told His people to get together to worship Him after the last crops were harvested. The first day was (and still is) a holy day of rest. This festival foreshadows the thousand-year period when Christ and the resurrected Christians will rule the Earth. (Revelation 5:10; 20:4, 6.) People such as Noah, Abraham, Moses and David—dead and with no knowledge of anything over many centuries—will be among those resurrected to eternal life. (Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 11.) Millions not yet born will be saved during the millennium when Satan isn't around to deceive them.

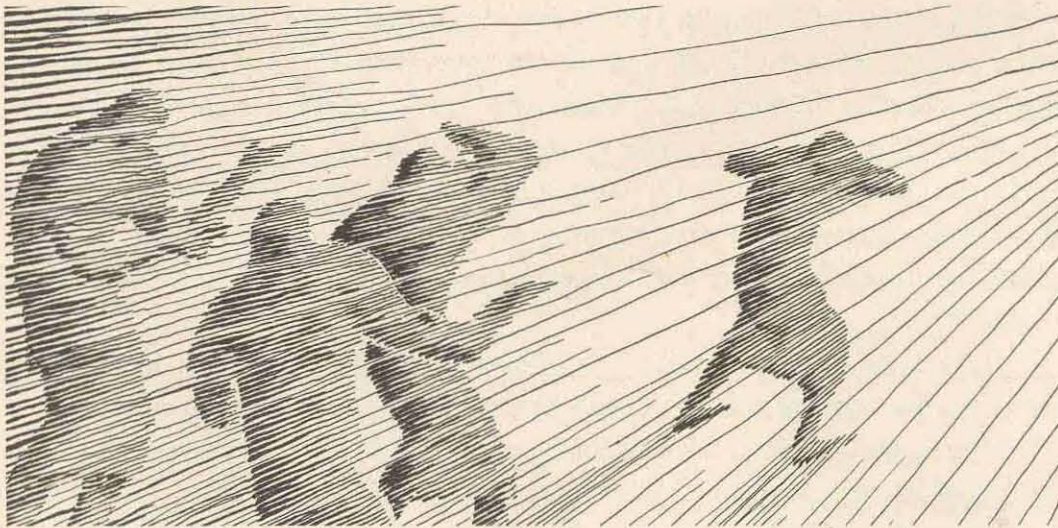
After the seven days, there followed another special holy day of rest.

Today most people never think of observing the eighth, or Last Great Day, as a

time of rest, realizing that it is to commemorate the period after the millennium when millions who have died in the past, who have not had any opportunity to understand the truth, will be brought to life and be given their first opportunity to come to the knowledge of salvation. Just think of the joy to be experienced by those who never before heard or knew the truth. Those who do overcome will eventually join the joyous ranks of the immortal saints who will have met Christ at His second coming more than a thousand years before! (Revelation 20:11-15; Matthew 12:42; Isaiah 65:19-25.)

Every human being who has ever lived or ever will live must have the opportunity of learning the truth of God's great Plan. (II Peter 3:9; I Timothy 2:4.) Everyone will be dealt with in absolute justice by God. (Romans 2:11.) Everyone will have a full understanding of the right way and must make his own decision as to whether he will obey God. (Hebrews 8:11.) Many have already had their one and only opportunity today. There is no second chance.

Finally, the Earth will be enveloped in such a consuming fire that everything on its surface will be burned up. Even the seas will be completely evaporated by the intense heat. (II Peter 3:10-12; Revelation 21:1.)



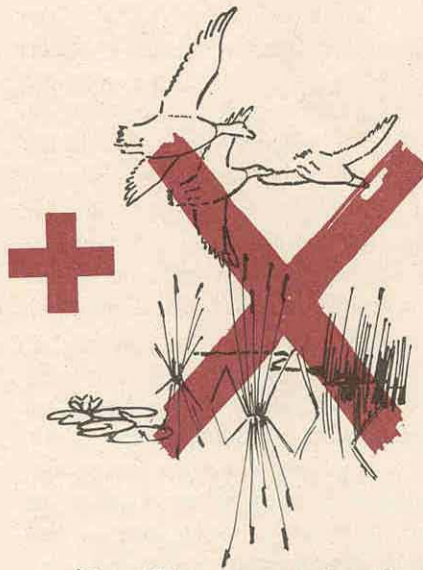
The wicked will be consumed by fire.

Then God will come down from heaven in His gigantic holy city, which will descend to Earth. Many people refuse to believe what the Bible says about this shining city, whose dimensions will be 1,500 miles. Nevertheless, all things are possible with God, and from then on that mammoth, jewel-like city will be the headquarters and dwelling place of God and His children—now spirit beings—who will help Him rule the Universe forever. (Revelation 21:2-8.)

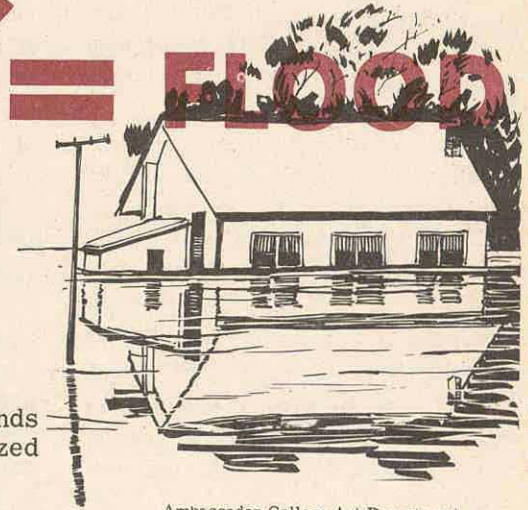
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Tragic U.S. WATER CRISIS

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The vast amounts of *sewage* and *industrial* waste being dumped into these huge bodies of water "are causing the lakes 'to age,' faster than they would naturally," said John C. Ayers, University of Michigan oceanographer. "They can eventually die, he said, if they become overrun with plants and silt to the point where they become marsh lands" (*San Diego Union*, December 11, 1960).

Much of the time, the water in Lake Michigan around Milwaukee isn't safe to swim in. At one beach, the sludge is actually *several inches thick* in places."

A newspaper reporter said, "From a distance, the lake looked pretty enough. . . . But close at hand, it appeared to be nothing more than a large septic tank" (*Milwaukee Journal*, August 12, 1959).

What's Polluting Our Water?

No, this is not an unusual question to ask, because in addition to the millions of tons of sewage being dumped pell-mell into our rivers, streams and lakes, other *even more sinister* pollut-

ants are entering upon the scene.

"At Cincinnati's Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center, scientists have identified approximately 100 petrochemical compounds—detergents, insecticides, herbicides, and solvents—as water pollutants. Says Taft's Bernard B. Berger: 'We have no idea how many petrochemicals are in our streams. But we believe that for every one we've found, we have missed hundreds of others. Our ability to protect water quality has not kept pace with the development of these compounds.' The new contaminants are difficult to spot and control; they cannot be removed from the water by current treatment methods" (*Time*, September 20, 1960, emphasis ours).

For an illustration, every single day, *one million pounds* of these new synthetic wastes float down the Ohio River alone. Top government officials admit they are at a loss in knowing how to deal with these new pollutants. Said Assistant U.S. Surgeon General Mark D. Hollis, "As much as we hate to admit it, we simply do not understand the

behavior of most of these substances in streams and on water treatment methods. And even less do we understand the health effect potentials—especially from long-term exposure to low concentrations" (*Senior Scholastic*, March 16, 1960).

One Example—Pesticides

"Americans invest more than *two billion dollars* a year in chemicals to protect their crops and timber from pests and *run the risk of poisoning their drinking water in the process*, a wildlife expert told the National Conference on Water Pollution last night. 'Some of these poisons are not very toxic to man, while others are among the most toxic materials known,' Clarence Cotlam, director of the Welder Wildlife Foundation. . . . said. 'It is too dangerous to ignore the effects of even small quantities of pesticides in the water supplies.' The best killer, DDT, has been found in concentrations in the Mississippi River at Quincy, Illinois, in the Missouri at Kansas City, in the Columbia at Bonneville Dam, in Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. Other *even more poisonous pollutants* have been found in many smaller streams in *nearly all parts of the country*, killing millions of fish,

he said" (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, December 14, 1960).

Another Contaminant—Detergents

This wildlife expert went on, in the same article, to explain another recent addition to the lengthening list of pollutants—the household detergent.

"About 17,000 wells in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, are or soon will be contaminated by common household detergents. . . .

"A survey of 54,000 private wells in the vicinity of Minneapolis and St. Paul showed about 50% pollution, he said, and studies from 967 well waters in 13 states showed about 36% contaminated."

Reports are filtering in from all over the country of accounts of detergents billowing as high as fifteen feet in municipal water supply and sewage tanks; of people drawing tap water with a sudsy "head" on it.

The Newest Pollutant—Radiation

"Many contaminants in our tap water are new and poorly understood," reported the *Reader's Digest*, March, 1960. "Among the most frightening of these are radioactive wastes." This article disclosed that the Animas River, a source of water for 30,000 southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico residents ranged 40 to 160% above maximum permissible levels of radioactive content. A uranium mill in Durango, Colorado, regularly dumped radioactive waste into the river.

Disease-Bearing Worms, Too

Another new contaminant—this time a living one—first showed up in 1955 and is now causing nationwide concern. *The U.S. News & World Report* of February 29, 1960, focused attention on this contaminant, publishing findings of a U.S. Public Health Survey report which revealed that drinking water in 13 out of 14 rivers sampled contained microscopic worms called nematodes. Their potential danger is frightful. Tests have shown that those that breed in sewage plants can ingest disease-causing bacteria and viruses. Indestructible by chlorination, the nematodes completely protect the germs they carry.

Polio, Hepatitis Traced to Polluted Water!

Doctors Shih Lu Chang and Norman A. Clarke of the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center in Cincinnati reported in the *Journal of the American Water Works Association* that "an 'explosive outbreak of poliomyelitis' in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was 'reasonably correlated' with sewage pollution, and a similar outbreak in Nebraska was probably traceable to the same sources of infection" (*Good Housekeeping*, January, 1960).

The above article also revealed the shocking situation which occurred three years ago at Rensselaer, New York, which is situated along the highly contaminated Hudson River. During the crisis, in which residents were ordered to boil their drinking water, the president of the county board of health warned that "city water in Rensselaer is so polluted it is dangerous for human consumption. . . . A disastrously widespread epidemic (of infectious hepatitis) . . . is greatly to be feared." Only temporarily averted, crisis still looms for Rensselaer and other upstate New York communities depending upon the filth-ridden Hudson.

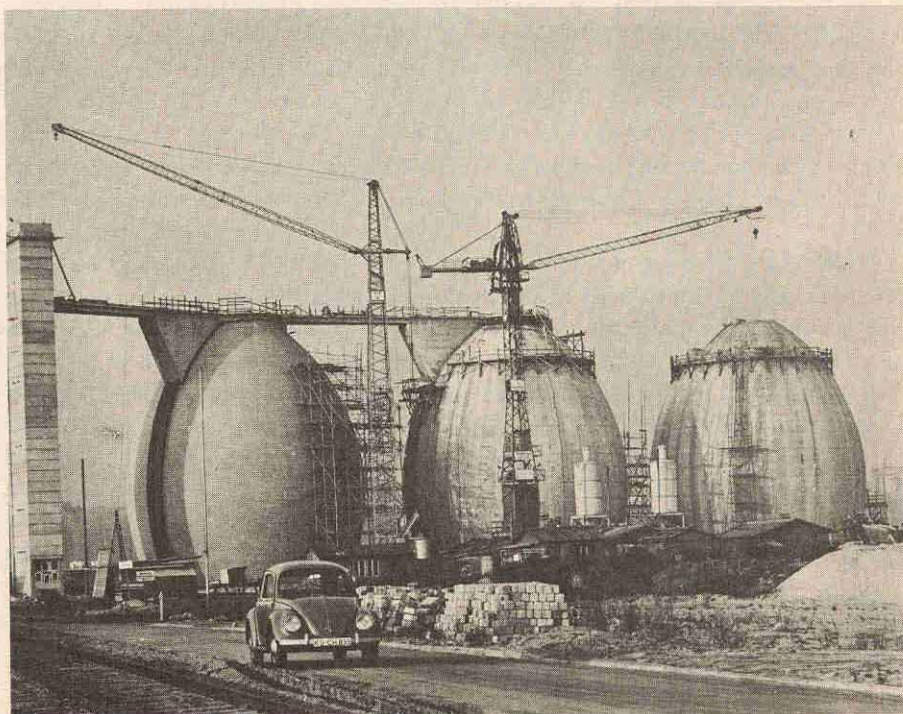
After a recent conference which was held to discuss the pollution dangers, the editor of *American Forests* voiced this grave note:

"On the basis of facts disclosed, we conclude that we do indeed have a pollution problem, and *is is a very serious one*. In effect, *we are living with a time bomb and when it will explode no one can say*. . . . What these scientists are saying—and in our judgment it offers scant comfort—is that **WHILE POLLUTION WON'T KILL US TODAY, IT WILL VERY LIKELY GET US TOMORROW!**" (*American Forests*, January, 1961.)

How Important Is Water?

How important is the existence of pure, abundant water to you as an individual, and to the country in which you live? A. L. Miller, director of the U.S. Interior Department's saline water office gave us the answer when he said, "*Water is so important and vital that IT HAS AFFECTED THE RISE AND FALL OF MORE NATIONS THAN ALL THE WARS OF RECORDED HISTORY*" (*Corpus Christi Caller*, September 9, 1960).

Fresh, abundant water is the most important resource—the very lifeblood



These three giant "eggs" housing filter systems were erected in Hamburg, Germany, to purify industrial waste waters. Nearly all Western nations face the problem of water pollution.

—of any society. When a nation's bloodstream becomes anemic and disease-ridden, history proves it is on the way out. America is paralleling the empires of the past. As *Harper's Magazine* published in its issue of October, 1958:

"Among the greatest monuments left behind by the dead nations of antiquity are the aqueducts—notably in Italy, Spain, and the Middle East—which multiplied as a failing civilization outgrew its water supplies."

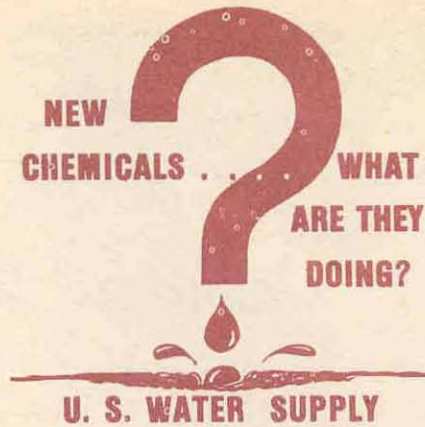
Today, hundreds of miles of aqueducts and pipelines snake across vast stretches of parched American desertland siphoning precious water to some of our most populous cities. Billions of dollars more are to be spent for such projects, as the water problem intensifies.

Water Crisis Prophesied

This whole manifold problem—falling water tables, increased demands on the diminishing supply, the horrible adulteration of what water we do have, the rapidly approaching earth-cracking drought—previews a calamitous specter *prophesied in your Bible* that is *almost beyond comprehension!*

Yes, the Bible is far from silent concerning America's new crisis. God foretold it was going to occur, and that it would happen because of the sins of His people Israel. He foretold that because of our mounting national sins, our skyrocketing crime and divorce rates, our dovetailing moral standards, and yes, our total unthankfulness to Him for the greatest of His national blessings—pure, abundant water—we were going to see the day when the TAPS RUN DRY.

The Book of Amos prophesied the very condition this country is heading into. Notice chapter 4, verse 6: "And I have given you cleanness of teeth in



all your cities, and want of bread in all your places"—tremendous nationwide famine brought upon by drought.

Verse 7, "And also I have withholden the rain from you, when yet there were three months to the harvest"—just when it is sorely needed—"and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city"—floods in some areas, droughts in others.

What occurs next? "So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water, *but they were not satisfied.*" Yes, not enough water to go around as city water supplies, shrinking all the time, are tapped beyond capacity, as thousands from drought-stricken towns add to the burden.

Then, as Leviticus 26:25 reveals, "When ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you." How? *Through water-borne diseases*—typhoid, dysentery, hepatitis, *yes even polio*. Strained beyond hope, streams, down to mere trickles, will not be able to provide the fresh water we're so accustomed to.

This is the unpleasant picture being painted right now. Make sure you have God's protection that this plague will not come near your door.

jail breaks, 7 attempted lynchings, 6 dynamitings, 11 extortions, 2 cases of arson, and 2 instances of torture, not to mention uncountable numbers of prolonged and brutal fights, threats to kill, sluggings and maulings and innumerable unspecified indignities inflicted indiscriminately on men, women, and children" (*Pasadena Star News*, March 19, 1959).

The newspapers of recent years have increasingly been carrying stories of monstrous brutalities and cleverly planned crime perpetrated by mere youths—simply because they were "doing what they saw over television."

A terribly saddening picture, accompanied by the following explanation, appeared in a Pasadena, California newspaper:

"Frank Dodd, 13, and his 11-year old brother James . . . are being questioned in Arlington, Va., about the death of their father Frank, whose body was found in a padlocked shed at their home, shot in chest and stomach. He had been missing six weeks. The boys told police they were 'mad' at him and had learned on TV 'how you kill people and dispose of the body'" (*Pasadena Independent*, Mar. 4, 1957).

A noted judge, Jacob M. Braude, who is Circuit Court Judge of Cook County Illinois, and whose 25 years of experience in municipal courts of Chicago include more than 10 years of presiding over Chicago's unique Boys Court says:

"Much of the inspiration for the juvenile crimes of today comes from motion pictures, radio, and television, where the gunman, the outlaw, the illicit lover, the gangster is often glorified and—at the very least—is made out as a perfectly normal and necessary part of our civilization.

"The hope that the men who produce this junk would be sufficiently enlightened to police themselves and accept their tremendous responsibility in building youthful morals and standards intelligently and constructively is apparently useless. They have demonstrated that the certainty of dollar profit in smut and violence is more important to them than the moral profit in constructive fare.

"So it's up to parents to know what their children are watching and hearing, and to exercise some intelligent restraint for them. Parents also have the power of life and death over what is shown on television. Get vocal. Make yourself heard. Refuse to buy products. You'll get results" (*Family Weekly*, p. 7, Mar. 15, 1959).

Too many parents today think it is "cute" to see a child actually *imitating* the carrying out of a horrifyingly brutal crime! There has been tongue-in-cheek amusement over the spectre of young children whooping around the tree where they have tied an amused and

How Your CHILD Learns

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the modern habits of television viewing. Isolated voices have been lifted up in alarm over the sadistic brutalities paraded across the dazzling one-eyed monster of television and into the minds of tiny tots. A survey taken in southern California for one week of television

shows prior to 9 p.m., principally aimed at children, revealed the following disgusting facts:

"One hundred sixty-one murders (500% more than five years ago), 60 'justifiable' homicides, 192 attempted murders, 83 robberies, 15 kidnappings, 24 conspiracies to commit murder, 21

patiently tolerant father, pretending they are burning him at the stake. There have been too many parents who have smiled with benign condolence at the antics of little tots trotting through the house shouting "Bang! Bang!" at each other—getting the vicarious thrill of killing one another when they are hardly old enough to walk!

Children would far rather imitate gangsters, crooks and hoodlums than they would the heroes. Have you ever noticed how often children, in playing games, will call themselves by the names of some of their television heroes? The chances are—the more of a merciless killer he is—the more "fans" in the youthful generation he will acquire.

Pet owners may be quite concerned about allowing a cursing man around their talking parrot—but would think nothing of letting their children witness thousands of murders!

Knowing this vital principle of the *rapidity* with which a child learns by *mimicking* and *imitating*, it is a *capital crime against your own children* to allow the totally indiscriminate use of television, the unsupervised and uncontrolled reading of comic books and novels, or to permit *yourselves* to display wrong habits and glaring errors in front of your children.

Judge Samuel Liebowitz was asked "How do you account for the rise in juvenile delinquency?" His answer was:

"There are so many impacts on youngsters today which were unknown in the years gone by. Life was much simpler in those days. Today it is so much more complex. And we haven't as yet caught up with the know-how of bringing up children in this crazy, topsy-turvy world we live in today. . . .

"Even within the home, the basic traditional values and family living are disappearing. People worship new automobiles and television sets and such, instead of God, and naturally the children follow suit" (*U.S. News & World Report*, p. 68, Jan. 14, 1955).

In summary, then, we have seen that the child first begins learning by the *association* of simple sights, sounds and smells. Later, as he is able to see and discern, he begins to learn by imitating and mimicking the *examples* of others. It is not until he reaches a few years of age that he is truly capable of learning by instruction and reason.

This is vitally essential to understand at the outset in attacking the problem

of child rearing. Most parents, when their children are newly born, assume their children know *vastly more* than is the actual case, and, when their children

are a *few* years of age, glibly assume their children know *vastly less* than is actually the case! Read next month the truth about corporal punishment.

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

Several readers have recently asked: "Would you please give us more details about the free Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course? We cannot ever hope to go to college, but we do want to understand the Bible!"

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course is for everyone! It is a totally new, *different* kind of Bible study course designed to lead you, by the study of *your own Bible*, in your own home, to UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD—the TRUTH.

Here are just a fraction of the questions covered in the course:

What *do* present terrifying world conditions mean? WHERE are we headed? HOW will mankind be saved from extinction by hydrogen and cobalt bombs and other frightful weapons? WHY did God put man here on earth? Were *you*, as an individual, put here for a PURPOSE—and *what* is that purpose? WHAT is man—WHY is man? What is THE WAY to world peace—THE WAY to *freedom* from fear and worry, poverty, sickness, unhappiness? WHAT is the reward—the FUTURE of the saved? Does GOD actually exist—can it be proved? What is God—what is God *like*? Is God a Person, a Trinity, or merely PRINCIPLE, or ESSENCE? If God is Personal and intelligent, what does He look like—how BIG is He—and how do we KNOW?

Doctrinal questions as heaven, hell, salvation, law and grace, the great tribulation, the rapture—the Virgin Birth, the resurrection, the second coming, the millennium are made thoroughly interesting.

There has never been a course like this before!

All these, and many more questions—the most VITAL, most IMPORTANT questions of YOUR LIFE—are thoroughly gone into, and you are directed to the clear, plain, simple answers, *in your*

BIBLE! You will learn HOW to study the Bible—WHY so few UNDERSTAND it. You will PROVE whether the Bible really is the INSPIRED WORD OF GOD!

This Course is NOT denominational. It is offered *free*, without tuition fee to those who earnestly desire to understand the Bible, and will devote a half hour, every day, to its study. The only equipment you will need is your own Bible, a good dictionary, paper and pen—although, if you are able and wish to provide one or more additional translations, a good concordance, or other Bible "helps," you may do so.

You do NOT send us the answers to each lesson, but every few months we will send you a questionnaire or test covering the most recent four lessons to see if you have kept up with your lessons and are still interested in continuing the Course.

The value of this Correspondence Course lies in the KNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTANDING you will receive in your mind and heart.

The BIBLE is a very big Book, when you undertake to really KNOW it, and thoroughly UNDERSTAND it. And if you pursue this study earnestly and thoroughly, you will not have completely mastered it all, or come to complete knowledge in any *short* period.

The length of this course is not as yet determined. We desire to make it comprehensive and thorough, but the ultimate length will depend on the interest and perseverance of its enrolled students. Several tens of thousands have enrolled—additional thousands are starting the course every month. The study of the

Bible is, and ought to be, a life-long study—not a six months, one year, or four-year limited course. If ENOUGH of our enrolled students show an interest and desire to continue on, *the Course probably will continue indefinitely*. As long as God's people continue HUNGRY for the spiritual food, we, God's servants, will continue to feed them. Already in print are 36 lessons and tests.

This is a stirring, vitally interesting Course. It is not dry or dull. It *sparkles* with INTEREST. But, to benefit by it, you will have to really put your HEART into it, and NOT LESS than thirty minutes a day of your time. It will have to become the principal and number one INTEREST in your mind, continuously, day by day. There has never been any Course like this, and if you will *set yourself* to be really devoted to it, you will be richly rewarded by constantly coming into surprising, thrilling, JOYFUL new truths.

If, with this information, you wish to start out on this interesting study, then write us IMMEDIATELY. There is NO tuition fee. You will not be asked for contributions. Your Course has been paid for by others who, of their own accord, desire to let you have a part with thousands of other students in studying the Bible in your own home. We are not controlled or subsidized, sponsored or endowed or financed by ANY denomination or organization of men—there are no selfish ends to gain—only a desire to serve and SHARE God's precious TRUTHS, in a self-sacrificing ministry of LOVE.

Many of our students belong to no denomination. Many belong to various denominations. But ALL, without having any voice to dictate what is preached or taught—which is dictated by CHRIST ALONE—study God's Word together. This is merely a frank and straightforward explanation of how this Course is directed—GOD'S WAY.

We sincerely hope you will want to receive the first lesson and then enroll and enter with enthusiasm and joyful ZEAL in pursuing regularly and permanently the thrilling STUDY of YOUR BIBLE.

Enclose your name and address, and state that you want to enroll NOW in the Correspondence Course.



For our readers who missed seeing Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong's picture in the June issue, we publish it now!

Letters to Editor

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vim-and-energy look of one who is constantly busy in the Lord's work."

Woman from Scott Depot,
West Virginia.

Where Was Mrs. Armstrong's Picture?

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"I was so pleased to see the pictures of you and your family in The PLAIN TRUTH, but what happened to your wife and help-mate? Is she an orphan or something, because there was no picture of her? Jesus gave the good women credit in public. . . . Please don't think I'm criticizing; just gently prodding."

Woman from Dixon, Illinois

(Editor's comment: For the hundreds of readers who have written for Mrs. Armstrong's picture—here it is. Thanks for the prodding!)

Continue "Heart-to-Heart" Talk

"The 'Heart-to-Heart Talk' with pictures of you, your son and the fine, competent men who labor in this great work brought tears to my eyes when I realized the tremendous effort that is needed to bring the PLAIN TRUTH into my home each month. I am indeed grateful to all, and I hope in the future you can continue with the 'talks' if time permits."

Woman, Derrick City, Pennsylvania

Bible Story Holds Interest

"Last summer, at the camp where I worked as a counselor, the Bible Story proved very valuable. I would read it nightly to my cabin group and it held their complete attention and interest—something rare for a group of 10- to 12-year-old youngsters. While other things would hold the interest of the

children for a short time, I found the Bible Story the only thing that they enjoyed daily."

Man from Jersey City, New Jersey.

PLAIN TRUTH Helps College Students in Africa

"We thank you very much for all the help we have been getting from your organization. Your PLAIN TRUTH is generally admired with great interest by all students of the Commercial College. We have been getting and stocking The PLAIN TRUTH in our college library since we started getting it many years ago. It is now an indispensable journal to our college library. We are greatly thankful for this."

From the Principal, Commonwealth College of Commerce, Nigeria.

No More Empty Pockets

"Since tithing, I have *NOT* received any more money in my paycheck, our bills remain the same, and we have had to take on the extra care of my aged mother. *BUT*, and this is our testimony, at the end of the pay period we have a little money left, plus the knowledge and warm feeling that we are obeying God, with His divine help, of course; whereas before we only had empty pockets. Both my wife and myself are thankful to the Eternal God that a copy of the PLAIN TRUTH was loaned to us."

Man from Milvindale, Michigan.

(Editor's Comment: Are you having financial worries?—unemployed?—heavily in debt? Then write for the booklet "Ending Your Financial Worries!" There is no reason for you to continue under a financial burden.)

Appreciates WORLD TOMORROW

"I am an airline Captain. For 15 years I have clocked many hours in 'the blue yonder.' I have heard many sermons and versions of the Word of God and I can say that I have *NEVER* heard anywhere, anyone expound the truth so beautifully and plainly as I have on The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast. Sir, please accept my humble appreciation for the tremendous good you have done for me and my family and all who can and will listen to your truth and digest it properly."

Man from Florida.

Correspondence Lessons Defy Description

"Sirs:

"Lessons 21, 22, 23, and 24—on 'Present Evil World and Repentance'—were wonderful—especially the last three. I know of one student who had written in a few months ago that lesson 20 made her cry. But that lesson was 'tame' compared to lessons 22, 23, and 24. They are all beyond description and people who don't take the Bible Correspondence Course are missing out on one of God's finest blessings."

Student from San Antonio, Texas.

I Apologize

"I believe I am the one guilty of accusing you of preaching salvation by works. I want to hereby apologize."

Man from Grand Prairie, Texas.

Great Moment

"The greatest moment of my life was the night a major league baseball game was rained out. I accidentally tuned to WABC, and heard The WORLD TOMORROW. I lost contact for some time; however, I frequently hear you on WINS and WNTA."

Man from Ringwood, New Jersey.

(Editor's Comment: If you, too, may have lost contact with The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, check the Radio Log in The PLAIN TRUTH on pages 6-7 every month.)

Minister Thankful

"I am a preacher and I hope you don't mind my preaching what I am learning from your books since that is what I am doing. I thank God for your WORLD TOMORROW program."

Man from New York City.

Present World Trends

"For some weeks now I have been listening to your broadcast and I must congratulate you on the fine points you bring forward. I have always been interested in current affairs—and I must admit I'm worried by present world trends. But before I listened to your preaching, I did not realize how helpful and up-to-date the Bible is. I now read my Bible regularly and today at last I am writing to request The PLAIN TRUTH."

Man from Greenwich, N.S.W., Australia

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