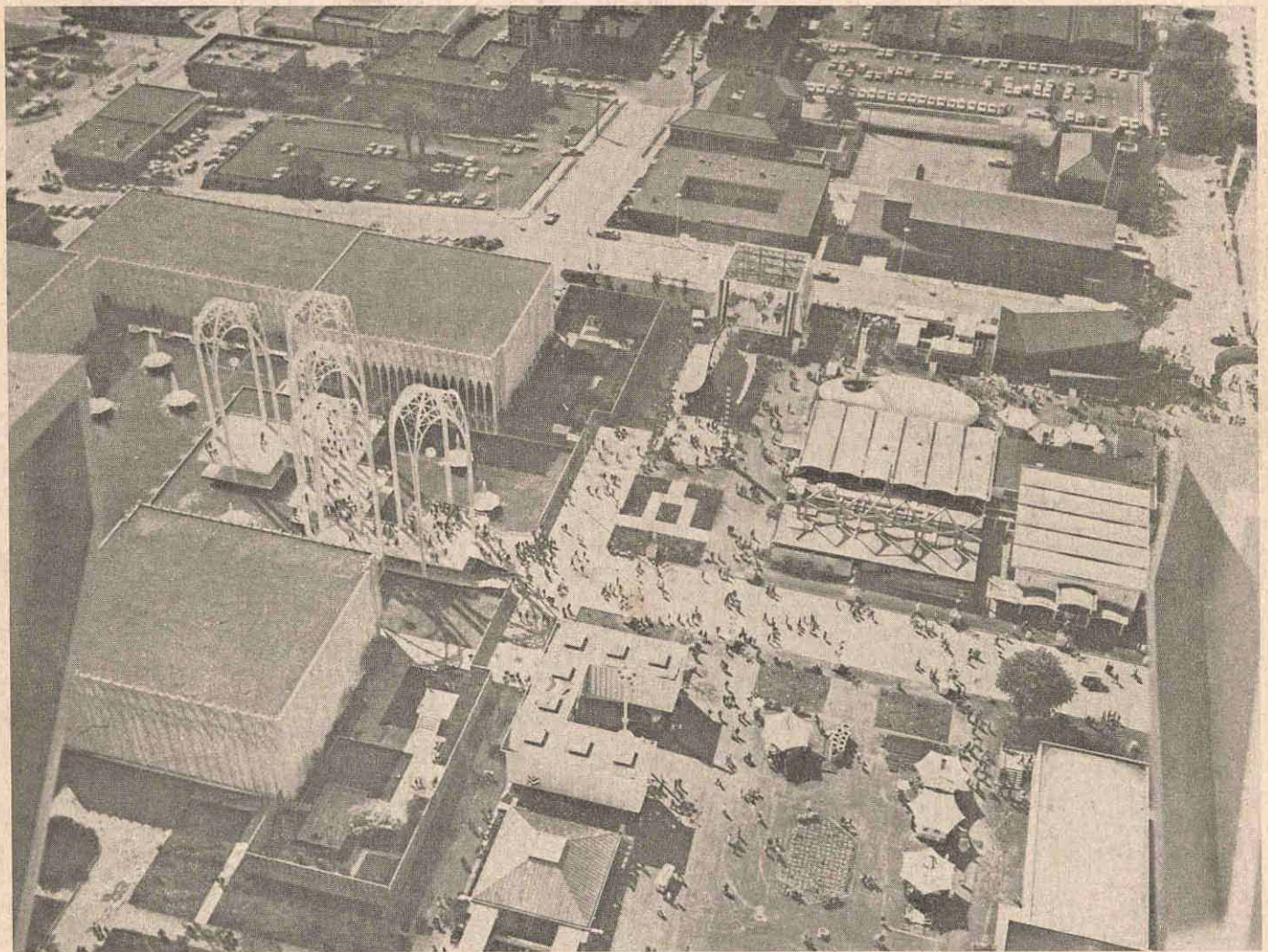


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The 21st CENTURY—What Will It Be Like?

Opening Day at Seattle World's Fair. Picture taken from Space Needle observation platform 500 feet high. At left is U.S. Science Pavilion emphasizing scientists' view of tomorrow's world. Read, in lead article, what the 21st Century really will be like.

What our READERS SAY

No Use Worrying

"There is really no use worrying any more as President Kennedy has promised us all everything from the cradle to the grave, and Khrushchev has promised to bury us! Looks like *maybe* the world tomorrow is already here."

Man from Redmond, Oregon.

• Now that's a thought!

World's Fair Skyrockets Rent

"I would like to send a gift like I used to, but on account of the fair here, they keep raising my rent. First from \$30 to \$50 again this month to \$65. 9,000 were evicted because they couldn't pay the increase to make room for the fair people. Even the blind that were in wheel chairs were evicted."

Woman from Seattle, Washington.

PLAIN TRUTH Scoops All

"I am convinced that *The PLAIN TRUTH* is a topnotch news magazine. For years its pages have glared with the warning that America's sun is going to fall with a thud while United Europe's climbs higher and higher. Yet, only a few nights ago I saw the whole story on T.V. (CBS Reports) and heard the stern announcement that the Anglo-Saxon world has begun its decline! And last night, on the same program, I saw the tragic story of our water famine, but I had already read it in *The PLAIN TRUTH* months ago! It is truly an astounding magazine."

Reader from Illinois.

Contrary to Bible

"When my husband and I married last September, we decided to read and discuss at least one chapter of the Bible every night. Believe me, in some of our conversations I was at a loss to explain why I believed something that was contrary to the teachings of our Savior. When we were transferred to Washington I first learned of your program by my in-laws. I decided to open my Bible to see if you were actually preaching the gospel of Jesus

Christ. Was I ever shocked! Each little change I've made so far has made my life a happier one."

Listener from Washington.

Never a Follow-up

"I've read *The PLAIN TRUTH* free for years. You never have asked for money for it, neither have I ever paid one cent for it—at any time! Beside the many little booklets you have sent me, free, and which I thank you for all! I never want to be without *The PLAIN TRUTH* as it agrees with the Bible. This check is a thank you."

Reader from Lamoni, Iowa.

To Be Announced

"I would, first of all, like to thank you for the help you have given me. You and your staff have been most kind and generous. I would like the booklet 'France in Prophecy.' I have been attempting to discover which of the 'tribes' settled in France today. In the July issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* I found where you said Reuben settled in France.

Man, Rockwood, Michigan.

• We have received numerous requests for 'France in Prophecy' in the English language. At the present it is available in the French language only. However, we plan to have it translated into English at a future time. When the English translation is finished, an announcement will be made.

Final Warning!

"I believe the second coming is drawing *very* close, and it may well be that *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine and your amazingly widespread wireless campaign is literally what the Bible mentions when it says that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, and then shall the end come."

A Major from Lilydale, Tasmania.

• Indeed it is! This is the final warning

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Personal from the Editor

TWO INCIDENTS—an article I read in a magazine, and a news item seen on the TV news, provoked this little personal talk with our readers.

First, was the story of Charles Van Doren and the television scandal about the rigging of the quiz show "Twenty-One." Although Charles Van Doren's mind was well filled with factual knowledge about this world—its history, geography, literature, art, governments, and events—he was, to a considerable extent, fed the answers in advance to the questions he was going to be asked.

Everything was rehearsed. He was thoroughly drilled, before appearing on the program, in how to hesitate, close his eyes as if in tense mental concentration, bite his lip, mop his brow, then snap a finger as if the answer had suddenly come to him. He was instructed to come up with a wrong answer once in a while, on an easy question the answer to which most of the listening audience would know—just for the effect of flattering the unsuspecting viewers.

When the truth became public, and the scandal broke in the newspapers, young Mr. Van Doren was quite broken up—whether from real repentance, or from the personal tragedy to him and his family of being found out, I do not know.

But the point that triggered this informal talk with you was the attitude of the producer of the show—the man who coached Van Doren in all his deceit and pretense.

He was not sorry at all—except that the show was put off the air, and he had, at least temporarily, found it advisable to go into a sort of exile in Mexico, where he was reportedly writing a book.

This man, true to human nature, *justified* the whole deception. It didn't hurt anybody, he contended. Rather, he reasoned, everybody concerned ought to be *happy* about it. The show had built

up the sponsor's business, so he and his advertising agency ought not complain. Since the network had a top-rated show while it lasted, *they* ought to be happy. The contestants who made the big money should be happy. And surely the tele-viewers of the public must have been happy—they had enjoyed many half-hours viewing an exciting show.

Then, he argued, *isn't everybody doing it?* Was it any worse than Presidents, most of whom have "ghost writers" turn out their speeches for them? Doesn't the public suppose they are speaking their own words?

Is it so shocking to learn that even many of the books supposedly authored by noted men were written by others, *for* them? What if the movie stars do not, themselves, do the acting in the most dangerous sequences, but have stunt men double for them in these shots?

Sure, there's deception, pretense, hypocrisy, in almost everything these days! Doesn't everyone *know* that the magician doesn't really saw the woman in two—*doesn't the public like to be fooled?* Suppose moviegoers do not know that scenes supposedly in Spain, or Africa, are actually shot in Hollywood—or that cowboy westerns are not filmed in "Dodge," or on Kansas or Texas plains, but in a special "wild west" lot adjacent to Hollywood on the north.

Recently the statement was widely publicized that no man can succeed in business, today, *honestly!*

Then, in the news telecast, came an item further illustrating the trend of morals in this generation. The name of the famous artist, Picasso, came up in the news. Apparently he lives in the Los Angeles area, and this fact was given as one of the evidences that this city is one of America's two foremost cities in progressive and uplifting

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OUR COVER

A number of leading magazines have made critical comments about the Seattle World's Fair. Several have implied it emphasizes too much entertainment, too much "science fiction," not enough solid exhibits to make the 21st Century real. To a certain extent this is true. A little of the surface glamour is seen in the cover picture. Perhaps the 21st Century, as scientists and politicians view it, will be filled with little more than shallow mechanical gaudiness!

culture.

Picasso is—or *was*—reputed a great artist. Whether it is present or past tense depends on your taste and conception of what constitutes great art. Picasso some years back gave up the traditional and classical style of art of the Rembrandts, Michelangelos, Gainsboroughs and Van Dycks.

Now it so happens that an artist friend of mine, one of England's outstanding portrait painters today, recently handed me a copy of "*Picasso's Confession*." He had checked on it, and assured me it is genuine.

It has, the statement explains, appeared in *The Daily Telegraph*, and other papers, and is taken from the journal *Libro Hero*, edition Vallecchi, Florence, dated November 1951, pages 265-268. Here it is:

"From the moment that art ceases to be the food that feeds the best minds, the artist can use his talents to perform all the tricks of the intellectual charlatan. Most people can today no longer expect to receive consolation and exultation from art.

"The 'refined,' the rich, the professional do-nothings, the distillers of quintessence, desire only the peculiar, the sensational, the eccentric, the scandalous, in today's art. And I myself, since the advent of cubism, have fed these fellows what they wanted and satisfied these critics with all the ridiculous ideas that have passed through my head. The less they understand them the more they admire me. Through amusing myself with all these absurd fancies I became celebrated very rapidly. For a painter, celebrity means sales and consequent affluence. Today, as you know, I am celebrated; I am rich.

"But when I am alone I do not have the effrontery to call myself an artist at all, not in the grand old meaning of the word. Giotto, Titian, Rembrandt, Goya, were great painters. I am only a clown, a mountebank.

"I have understood my time and have exploited the imbecility, the vanity, the greed of my contemporaries. It is a bitter confession, this confession of mine, more painful than it may seem. But at least it does have the merit of being honest."

The reasoning of the producer of the

defunct television show, "*Twenty-One*," and the Picasso confession, illustrate the prevailing and accepted attitude of today's world.

It seems people can see only one goal or purpose in life—to get money. It seems to be assumed that this can be done only by deception, appealing to the lusts, vanity, and lowest in human nature, and by dishonest methods.

I have encountered many men of the world who find it quite impossible to believe anyone could have any motive except monetary gain, or think of any method of achieving it except by some dishonest means calculated to deceive the unsuspecting. Such men find it quite impossible to believe *anyone* could be devoted to a life of serving and helping and doing good to others, unmindful of personal gain.

The ethics of this world seems to be that the end of selfish gain justifies the means—any deceptive and dishonest means. But of course one is expected to be careful to *pretend* he is honest, and to avoid being found out.

No wonder this world is UNHAPPY. People not only practice this way of deceit—they expect others to do likewise. And so, it seems everyone is constantly on his guard, suspicious of everybody, because he *assumes* that all others are as calculating, mercenary, tricky, deceptive and hypocritical as himself.

Every now and then some religious leader of some small group, often writing in some local denominational church paper, will "expose" me as a "false prophet," usually "proving" to his readers that what I preach from the Bible is false, by showing that it is quite different than the error his particular denomination embraces. But always, it seems, such men suppose that I must be as conniving and dishonest and greedy as themselves, for always, it seems, they impute dishonest, deceptive, and ulterior motives. Always they ACCUSE, following the sway of their father the devil, who is the accuser of the brethren. Yet he, like they are, is guilty of the very thing of which he falsely accuses the servants of God.

This is simply a pretty rotten world. Jesus Christ told us we shall know them by their fruits. It seems the world as a whole has accepted the false ethics of

delusion, deception, and dishonesty in hypocrisy and pretense, as a means of gratifying vanity and greed.

Look at the fruits! This world is reaping the harvest of fears and worries, insecurity, frustrations, heart-aches, unhappiness and discontent. It is filled with crime, graft, divorce, unhappy homes, juvenile delinquency, insanity, sickness, disease, premature deaths. It is riddled by war, with strife everywhere. It has brought only CURSES on itself!

This world thinks it needs more money, gotten by pretending and deceiving and tricking others. But what it really needs, so pitifully, is GOD, and the SPIRIT OF GOD! If only it could learn that Jesus knew what He was talking about, and meant what He said, when He stated that if we would only seek *first*, GOD, and the KINGDOM OF GOD, and God's WAY—His RIGHTEOUSNESS—that then all the material needs—and more—would be *added*.

Thirty-five years ago I surrendered the SELF, with its vanity and greed for material gain, gave my life over to the *living* Christ, and, with my wife, having *given up* the world, set out to seek *first* the Kingdom of God, and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, which He gives us as His Gift—if we are willing to yield to it.

In financial poverty we found HAPPINESS. We found that it truly *is* more blessed to give than to receive. We received thrill after thrill in discovering NEW TRUTHS in God's Word. Of course many of these truths, new to us, corrected us. We learned that we had to really *live by them*—and they *changed our way of life*. We had to give up being concerned about what former friends and *people* would say. Of course it brought persecution and opposition from *people*.

But it brought blessings from GOD. We found utter SECURITY in economic poverty. We found the TRUE VALUES—and the TRUE RICHES! We were happy. We enjoyed the fellowship of common, plain, and godly people who, with us, were seeking GOD'S WAY first, and willing to follow it.

God used us in preaching and publishing HIS MESSAGE to millions, now expanded into every inhabited continent on earth. God has built, giving us an
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The 21st CENTURY— What It Will Be Like

It cost eighty million dollars—the fabulous, glittering World's Fair at Seattle—to show gaping millions of people what Science plans for Century 21. Now see WHAT GOD SAYS the world will be like in the century just ahead!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

RIGHT now, at Seattle, millions of visitors are thrilling to the eye-popping wonderland of color and illusion portraying the imagined "Century 21."

This push-button dreamland of idleness, ease and luxury will not come.

But I want the *one* million readers of *The Plain Truth* to read what is THE GLORIOUS REALITY of the imminent World Tomorrow!

Prophecies Few Ever Read

At this glamorous World's Fair men attempt to show, in brilliant architecture, with the ingenious shapes and sounds of their imagined future, the fantastic world of *materialism* Science hopes to create.

But GOD's word-picture of *Century 21*, in the prophecies of your Bible, paint a picture of a world infinitely, incomparably more glorious. And, best of all, GOD's picture is the one of *reality*—His prophecies are *certain* of fulfillment—they are *SURE!* They reveal a truly fabulous new world—the peaceful, happy, joyful, abundant WORLD TOMORROW!

WHY have not these prophecies been preached from every pulpit?

Why have not mass-circulation magazines published repeated feature articles picturing the *assured* Century 21?

WHY do not the media of television and radio inform the world of the peace, the abundance, the salvation to come *in our time*?

The answer is, *they don't know!* They don't know such prophecies are in the Bible. Few people have ever

WHY have these exciting, anticipation-arousing, awe-inspiring prophecies been ignored? Here is GOD'S word-picture of the glorious new world now immediately ahead! It pales into drab insignificance the concepts and plans of *men!*

read them!

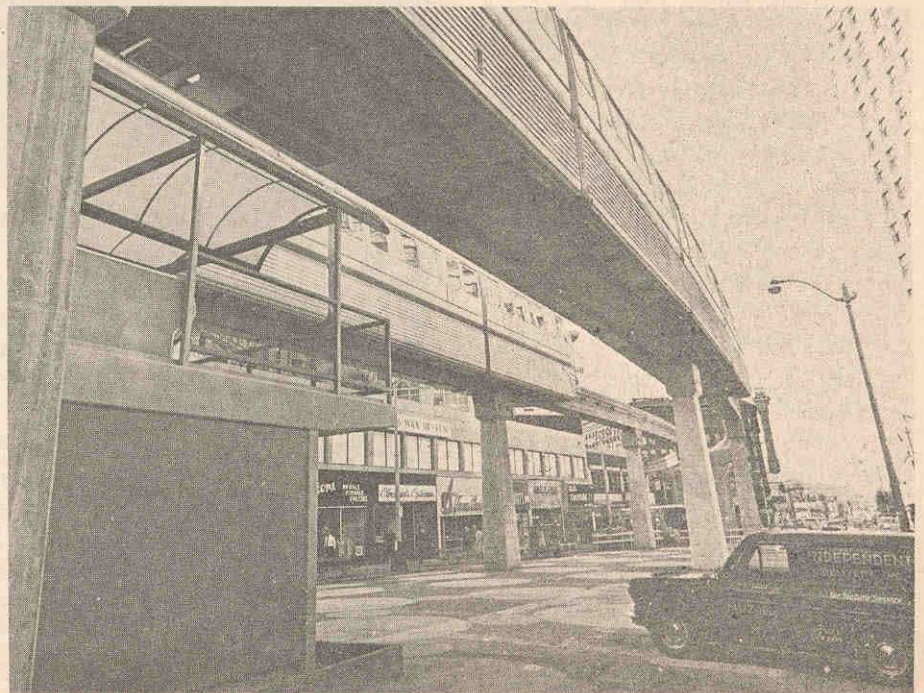
And the REASON for that was shown in my *Personal* column, beginning page 3 in the August issue. This world is AT WAR against God, and His Truth and His Ways. This world's editors, educators, telecasters, broadcasters and the ministers of this world's religions are *part of this world*. And this world is *a part of them*—of their empirical SELVES. Their minds, therefore, are *hostile* to God—to His Law—to the

deceived. Its inhabitants—including its editors, ministers, educators, and men who influence public opinion—are spiritually DRUNK on the false teachings and traditions of the present material world. Their spiritual vision is blurred. They are in utmost CONFUSION! The TRUTH of God's PROPHECIES is hidden from them. THEY SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW!

Today one hears, mostly, only BAD NEWS. Even God's prophecies have fore-

glorious new world He is soon going to establish on earth.

This world is



Wide World Photo

Scientific preview of the Twenty-first Century. Unusual angle picture shows two sleek Alweg Monorail trains brought to Seattle from Europe to transport visitors to World's Fair.



Wide World Photo

Angle view of Space Needle which has revolving restaurant and observation tower on top. Notice bug-like elevator which takes visitors to top of Needle. Throughout exposition the emphasis is on scientific achievement and temporary pleasures.

told the bad news of *today's* divided world—and of the unprecedented chaotic VIOLENCE that, in less than 20 more years, will bring this world to its END!

That bad news, too, has had to be part of Christ's Message He is proclaiming to this decadent and dying world through us. Jesus Christ foretold this time—the *beginning* of world trouble so frightful that no human would be saved alive, unless GOD ALMIGHTY intervenes. All this is part and parcel of the SINS of this present evil world.

And God commands us to lift up our voices in a LOUD cry, without sparing the people's feelings—and to *show the people their SINS!* (Isaiah 58:1.) The lead article in the July number, on BRITAIN'S DOOM, published such a warning prophecy. THE WORLD MUST BE WARNED!

A New and DIFFERENT World

But the Bible speaks of *three worlds!* It records how God spared not the "old world"—before the flood, but saved

Noah and his family (II Peter 2:5).

Again, we read of "*the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished*" (II Peter 3:6).

In Galatians 1:4, we read of "*this present evil world,*" and "*this present world*" in II Tim. 4:10, and also in Titus 2:12.

But, comparing this present world with the world to *come*, God's Word has this: ". . . whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, *neither in this world, neither in the world to come*" (Mat. 12:32). Also, ". . . *not only in this world, but also in that which is to come*" (Eph. 1:21). Hebrews 2:5 and 6:5 also mention the "world to come."

So, definitely and specifically, the Bible speaks of three successive worlds. And we are now within a very few years of the END of this present EVIL WORLD!

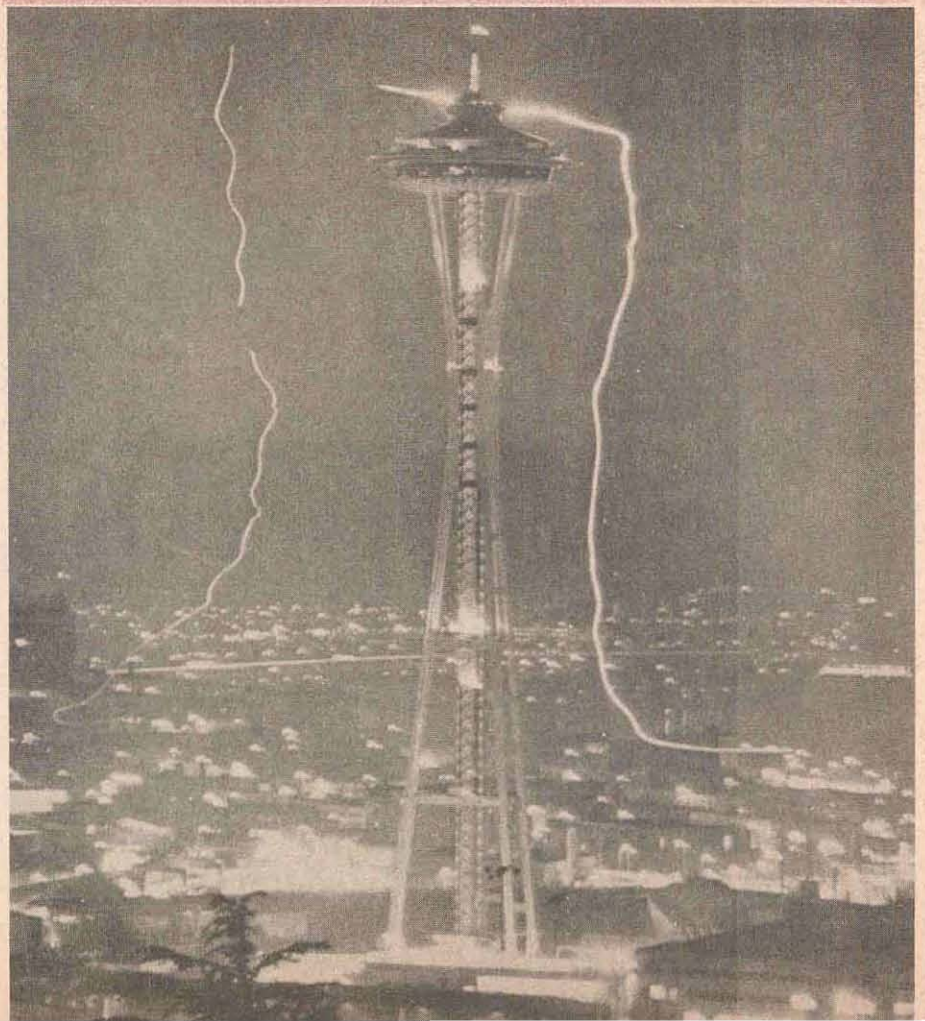
The push-button dream-world of magic gadgetry envisioned by Science will never come to reality.

Science puts *main* emphasis on creating constantly more and more powerful forces of mass destruction. Today, *two men* have it in their power to *push a button*, and blast humanity out of existence! Those men are Nikita Khrushchev and President Kennedy.

Make no mistake. The nuclear WORLD WAR III *is going to start!* God Almighty is not going to intervene in this world's affairs *until* the false god Science, and this world's God-defying human governments have brought mankind to the very *brink* of total HUMAN DESTRUCTION! As long as man, rejecting the rule and ways of GOD, has even one last ray of HOPE of his own survival, the Eternal Creator will not *forcibly* exercise His beneficent divine rule over man!

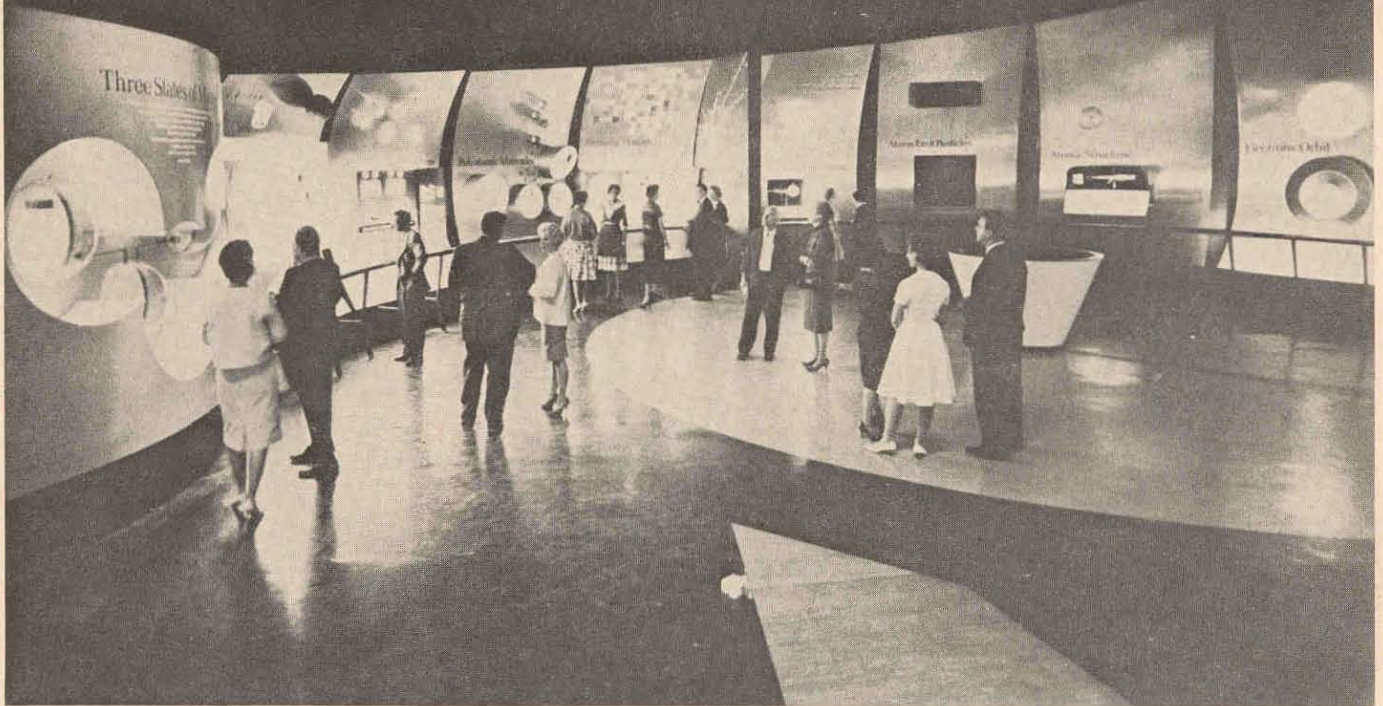
Unusual photo of Seattle World's Fair 600-foot Space Needle was made at night during lighting demonstration.

Wide World Photo



The "atomic circle"—a popular exhibit in U.S. Science Pavilion in Century 21 Exposition. Exhibit could have been better said in a book. Scientific presentations overlook political aspects of atomic power.

Wide World Photos



But in less than 20 years from now, man's false civilization is going to reach *the END of the line*. Cataclysmic VIOLENCE unleashed with the forces and powers developed by Science, and set in world-destroying motion by irresponsible HUMAN GOVERNMENT, will mount to the incredible crescendo where further delay by the Universe-Ruling GOD would mean erasure of all life from the earth. At that moment, the God of ALL POWER will intervene with the speed of light. With supernatural FORCE He will *stop* the carnage of super-mass-slaughter, in which human blood will flow like rivers to the height of horses' bridles!

Angry Nations Fight Christ!

Yes, the same Jesus Christ whom men crucified 1931 years ago—whom God raised alive from the dead—who ascended to the throne of the vast UNIVERSE to receive authority to PUT DOWN HUMAN REBELLION, AND RULE ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH—that SAME Jesus Christ is going to return to

earth. But this time He is coming in all the supernatural POWER, and the matchless GLORY of the Universe-Ruling GOD!

He is coming as the KING of kings, and the LORD of lords. Vast *armies*, composed of all the holy angels of heaven, are coming with Him! (Mat. 25:31.)

He is coming to SAVE MANKIND ALIVE. He is coming to save rebellious man from himself. He is coming as the Prince of PEACE!

But do you suppose the peoples, the nations, and the armies of this world will welcome Him with outstretched arms of ecstatic JOY? If you do, you are wrong!

You read of the time when "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and HE shall *reign* for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). But are the NATIONS of men going to welcome Him with rejoicing? Read their reaction, in verse 18: "And the nations were ANGRY."

Jesus Christ is called, in Scripture, the "Lamb" of God. In Revelation 17 you read of the vast armies of the revived Roman Empire—now rising out of the Common Market in Europe. What will *they* do when Christ returns to save them alive? Read it:

"These shall make WAR with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings" (Rev. 17:14).

NEW World—NEW Government

At this same instant—before Christ's feet even touch the earth—all the dead *in Christ* shall be resurrected from their graves—the *then living* IN CHRIST shall be changed from mortal to immortal in the twinkling of an eye! (I Cor. 15:49-54 and I Thes. 4:13-18.)

Those who are "*in Christ*" are those who have *in reality* REPENTED, not only of what they have done, but WHAT THEY ARE (see *Personal from the Editor*, page 3 of the August number), and received God's impregnating Holy Spirit—literally BEGOTTEN as His children

(Acts 2:38-39; Rom. 8:9, 11), and who have willingly *been led by* God's Holy Spirit in their everyday living, thus becoming literal *heirs* of God (Rom. 8:14-17), *joint-heirs with Christ* to inherit what He already has inherited (Gal. 3:29; 4:7; etc.).

Those thus *changed* from mortal to immortal will be *like* Christ now is—composed of SPIRIT, immortal—our vile bodies of flesh and blood changed instantaneously and made like His GLORIFIED SPIRIT BODY (Phil. 3:21). Jesus Christ, who had been mortal, and died, was BORN a very Son of GOD—IMMORTAL, *by* a resurrection from the dead (Rom. 1:4). He is now *GLORIFIED*—stamped with God's identical spiritual character—the express image of God's person (Heb. 1:1-3), actually RULING, and sustaining the entire UNIVERSE by His glorified POWER (same verses).

When Christ returns to earth IN HIS POWER AND GLORY, those *in Christ*—changed from mortals to glorified IMMORTALS—shall rise to meet Him in the clouds (I Thes. 4:17) to be, *ever*, WITH HIM. But He is not coming to *meet the saints* and take them to heaven. They are rising TO MEET HIM, as He is RETURNING TO THE EARTH (I Thes. 4:17). *That same day* His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives, from which He ascended 1931 years ago (Zech. 14:4). And all the saints will come there *with Him* (verse 5).

Then the Christ of Power and GLORY is going to sit on the very THRONE of His Glory (Mat. 25:31)—with all the NATIONS of the earth gathered before Him (verse 32).

Where—what—is this Throne? It is the throne, at Jerusalem, of DAVID, whose son Christ became by His birth of human flesh (Luke 1:30-33; Isaiah 9:6-7).

All those resurrected at His coming—and those *changed* to immortality at the same time—now no longer human, but IMMORTAL SONS OF GOD—are going to be made RULERS OVER ALL NATIONS, with and under Christ. (Rev. 3:21 and 2:26-27) and shall reign *on the earth* (NOT IN HEAVEN) (Rev. 5:10 and 2:26-27) and for 1,000 years, over the HUMANS of the earth (Rev. 20:4, 6).

This present evil world is under

the sway and invisible rule of Satan, who is the GOD of this world—the god whom the peoples of this world's religions worship, deceived into sincerely believing he is the true God! (Mat. 4:8-9; Luke 4:5-6; John 14:30; II Cor. 11:13-15; II Cor. 4:4.) But when Christ comes in POWER as King of kings, Satan shall be put into a condition of complete restraint (Rev. 20:1-3) so that he shall deceive the nations of mortal humans no more, for this 1,000-year duration!

The KINGDOM OF GOD Rules!

These former humans, now made immortal like Christ, now being GLORIFIED TOGETHER with Him (Rom. 8:17), since Jesus Christ was the *first* to be born immortal of *many brethren* (Rom. 8:29), and was the PIONEER, the forerunner, or Captain (see marginal rendering) of our salvation (Heb. 2:10)—all these, now IMMORTAL, constitute the all-powerful, *ruling* KINGDOM OF GOD!

Thus Jesus Christ sets up the WORLD GOVERNMENT. This, *alone*, can bring PEACE to this sin-cursed and war-weary earth! The SAINTS OF GOD shall have taken over all the governments of all nations of the earth (Daniel 7:18, 22, 27).

THIS WILL NOT BE HUMAN GOVERNMENT! Those who had repented of sin, and of this world's ways, accepted Christ, received God's Spirit, and now been BORN of God—divine and immortal—NO LONGER HUMAN—constitute, with Christ, the KINGDOM, or GOVERNMENT of GOD.

Almighty God is *now* PREPARING this world-ruling Kingdom. Those who are being LED by God's Spirit—who are overcoming their own natures, this world, and Satan's delusions and temptations—who are GROWING in grace and Christ's knowledge, developing godly CHARACTER, are, right now, being prepared to enter GOD'S KINGDOM—and to have part in RULING the world with supernatural divine Government. They have NO PART in the political activities of THIS WORLD'S GOVERNMENTS—because Christ's Kingdom *is not of this present evil world*—but of the WORLD TO COME! (John 18:37, 36.)

This present world is Satan's world!

The truly converted people of CHRIST are here as AMBASSADORS, representing the future KINGDOM OF GOD (II Cor. 5:20). They have "come out from the world" and are no part of it though they must live *in it* (II Cor. 6:17; John 17:14-15).

So, take a look, now, at *the kind of GOVERNMENT* we shall have on earth, *as we enter the TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY!*

The GOVERNMENT of Century 21

There will be ONE Supreme RULER—One KING over lesser kings—JESUS CHRIST—ruling with all the supernatural POWER that sustains and rules the UNIVERSE. His term of office will be *for ever!* There will be no elections—*no politics!*

This will be rule by SUPREME SUPERNATURAL POWER AND FORCE! (Rev. 19:15-16; and 2:27). Later I will explain precisely, specifically, in a case example, HOW that supernatural force shall be used to whip nations into line for happy and peaceful living. Remember—*(Please continue on page 42)*



Wide World Photo
Transit Tracker. John Walton of Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (center, pointing) explains how satellites are tracked in U.S. Science Exhibit at Seattle. Spectators are at actual transit tracking station which checks orbiting navigational satellites.

I Saw Adenauer and De Gaulle

Here is a firsthand report on the Adenauer-De Gaulle conference—the most momentous meeting held in Europe since World War II. Mr. Apartian broadcasts the World Tomorrow in the French language to all Europe.

by Dibar Apartian

SEVENTEEN years ago, when I left France, it was a time of national bankruptcy, gloom and misery. V.E. Day was just behind. The western allies, with the help of the United States, had won the bloody war against the Nazis. But none of the victors—especially France—had much cause to rejoice over the long-awaited victory. WHAT was there indeed for her to rejoice over? The ruins of Normandy? The death of millions of Frenchmen? The tragic division of the country into two political factions? The devaluation of the French franc which, at that time, had virtually no gold backing?

What the Germans Told Me

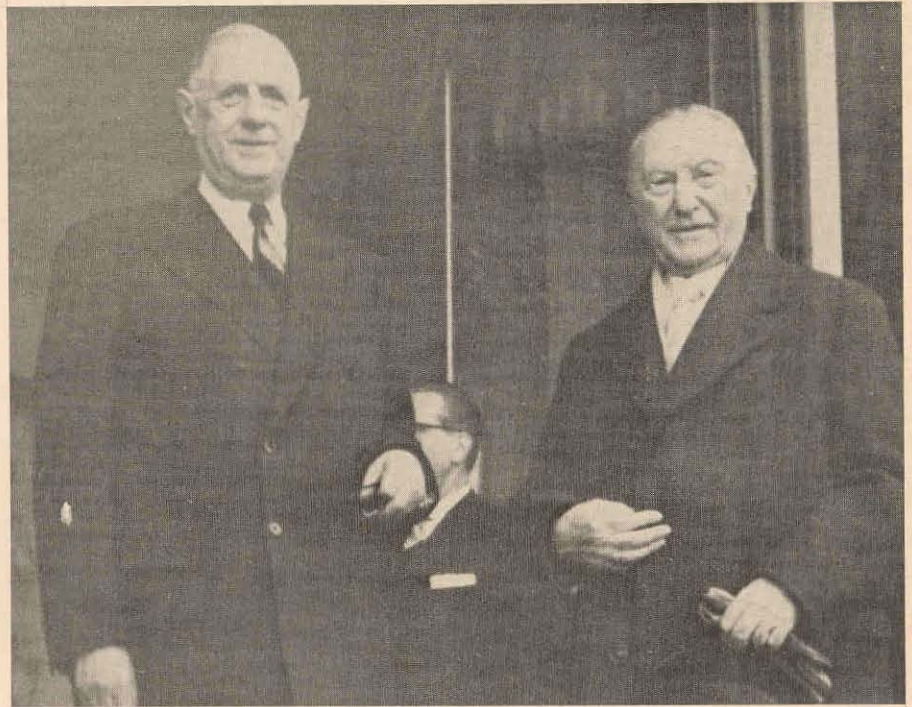
I still remember very vividly the short conversation I had with a group of German prisoners who were working on the docks at Le Havre. They were repairing some of the damage that had been done during the war, so that the big ships could again enter the port. These Germans moved about at a slow pace, obviously careless about their work.

"Why don't you exert yourselves a little more and do a better job?" I asked, amazed at their indifference. "The way you are throwing those stones together, the buildings can't last too long!"

One of the German soldiers glanced at me ironically. "Quite right," he replied, stopping his work to light a cigarette, "but why should we try to do a good job? In a few years, we will be back again to destroy what we have put together."

I laughed at his arrogant remark. How could torn and bleeding Germany ever rise again to DESTROY? At that time I was totally ignorant of Bible prophecy.

Today, though not built to last "too



World Wide Photo

French President Charles de Gaulle, left, and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer pose outside Elysee Palace in Paris. In February meeting leaders opened first talks to improve German-French relationships. Recent July sessions climaxed plans for Franco-German unity in the New Europe.

long," Le Havre welcomes 37% of the long-distance vessels arriving in France. In fact, 22% of all maritime traffic reaching French ports enters Le Havre.

Friends or Enemies?

There have been many other changes during the past seventeen years. At the time I left France, Americans were held in high esteem. They were the great liberators—the "big brothers"—who had come across the ocean to save Europe from slavery under the Nazi regime. "Down with the Germans," was a common cry among people, "Hurrah for the Yanks! Hurrah for the Americans!"

Today, the situation is reversed.

We are NOT so well liked any more. Dissension is constantly growing be-

tween the two countries. In their lust for power, their foolish dreams of grandeur, the French have turned to their former enemy, their traditional deadly rival! France has forgotten that without the military intervention of the United States, she would never have regained her place in history.

But WHY this sudden and drastic change? WHAT has taken place? WHAT are its reasons? Many—but one of them is this: America has not learned that FRIENDSHIP CANNOT BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY. Our ancestors in Old Testament times tried this system before us. It did not succeed. In fact, this is an old trait in our national character. Israel has always hired "lovers"! And God will again allow these very "lovers" to take



Wide World Photo
Chancellor Adenauer sits in open car with President de Gaulle during drive to Paris after Adenauer's arrival for official visit. Marks visible on side of car are result of eggs and tomatoes thrown at vehicle on trip from airport to the city. Note De Gaulle's imperious look, Adenauer's weary, aging expression.

His people captive (Ezekiel 16, Hos. 8, etc.).

Today, America has a stupendous national debt. As explained in the July issue of our *Plain Truth* magazine, much of this condition is a result of our foolish generosity to other nations since the end of World War II. Out of the total of \$85,000,000,000 thus given away, France received *more* than any other country. Her share was approximately NINE AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS! Has this strengthened the friendship between France and the United States? Certainly NOT. Whatever friendship is left between the two countries is fast becoming a mere "diplomatic courtesy." The American traveller in France soon realizes that he is mostly welcome because of the *dollars* he brings into the country. He has become, so to speak, the proverbial goose that lays the golden egg.

De Gaulle's Demand

A few months ago, President de Gaulle *demand*ed that the United States *withdraw* from Europe. The new Europe, De Gaulle told his countrymen,

will be built upon the ALLIANCE between France and West Germany. The more I talk to people here, the more I realize that both nations *believe* this almost without reservation.

How *solid* would such an alliance be? How long will it last? "For generations to come," the statesmen answer, while doing everything in their power to expedite its establishment. This alliance is not only going to be *economical*, but also *POLITICAL* and *RELIGIOUS*.

To cement it, Chancellor Adenauer made a special pilgrimage to France.

Adenauer's Official Visit

A few weeks ago I was in Paris when Dr. Adenauer arrived in the French capital for his first *official* visit. Paris looked like an *occupied* city. Everywhere the German flag proudly waved next to the French "tricolor." What a sight that was! I couldn't help but think how things had changed since World War II. Seventeen years ago, the German flag would have been torn down and spit upon. Today, it flew majestically on all the important buildings of the capital, even overshadowing the French flag.

As Adenauer and De Gaulle rode down the streets of Paris, sitting side by side in their open car, the sidewalks were lined with cheering people. The French were loudly cheering the head of their once *deadly enemy*! Does this make sense?

Yes, it does!

People always cheer whoever is strong and in power.

In 1939, when Mussolini was at the height of his political career, hundreds of thousands of Italians would gather all night before his palace to shout frantically, "*Viva il Duce! Viva il Duce!*" Hardly six years later, this same crowd was spitting on his corpse as it hung head down in a market place in Milan.

Crowds are like sheep. They blindly follow whoever leads them.

The Mass in Reims

On Sunday, July the eighth, President de Gaulle and Dr. Adenauer went to Reims to review a joint parade of French and German troops, and to participate together in a Catholic mass held in that city's old Cathedral. My

wife and I went to Reims, and through unusual circumstances, we were able to enter the Cathedral to be present at this *history-making* event.

For hours, the crowd had been waiting outside of the church to cheer their President and *der Alte*. As the two statesmen, escorted by an army of French and German soldiers, entered the jam-packed building, the officiating priests, headed by Francois Marty, archbishop of Reims, went to meet them at the gate.

My wife and I stood on our toes and stretched to see what was happening. We were able to get a very good look at the two leaders as they walked by only a few feet away from us. *Der Alte*, as his people call him, indeed looks old and worn-out. He seems obsessed by the fear that he may not live long enough to see the realization of his cherished dream of *uniting* Europe. President de Gaulle, as usual, was haughty and self-confident, as if he were the master of the world. "That man is more *stubborn* than a mule," a taxi driver told me later, "whether right or wrong, he will never change his mind."

Of course, it seldom enters a French-

In latest visit to France, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, left, watches as wreath is placed at the tomb of France's unknown warrior under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Adenauer journeyed to the French capital for talks with French President Charles de Gaulle.

Wide World Photo



man's mind that he can ever be wrong!

"At the altar, Adenauer and De Gaulle *knelt together* to pray for peace and for forgiveness of their past enmity. This day marked the foundation of the great POLITICAL union between the two countries! . . .

"Back in Bonn, after a week of parades and prayers that sealed a new era of French-German friendship," *Time* magazine wrote, "Chancellor Konrad Adenauer called a special press conference to deliver a rambling, emotional account of his visit to Charles de Gaulle and of the 'eternal' bonds of understanding that now link Europe's once deadly enemies."

What Kind of Union Is It?

Yes, what kind of a union is this? What are those "*eternal bonds of understanding*" that are said to now link Europe's two deadly enemies?

"The great miracle of our times is that the two nations, giving up all thoughts of dominating each other, have come to understand and discern their mutual obligations," a leading French newspaperman wrote after this history-making occasion.

While in France, I had the opportunity to talk to a number of Frenchmen and ask what they thought of their new "ally." Did they really like the Germans? How did it feel to let the Germans take the place of the Americans in their hearts? Often, I was met by a shrug of a shoulder. "The past is behind us and dead," I was told. "Don't you see how much more *powerful* we are now? We have *gained* in every way. We are growing stronger and stronger economically. We will have our own UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. We will *lead* the world. Anything wrong with it? . . ."

Is there anything wrong with it? The Bible answers: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

How can the *carnal mind* KNOW what is wrong with his reasoning? Does a blind man know when he is about to fall into the ditch? The whole world today is seeking after material *gain*, great revenues and peace in which to enjoy it.

The French *cannot* see that their



Wide World Photo
General De Gaulle, center, watches as Chancellor Adenauer, left, shakes hands with Francois Marty, right, archvicar of the Reims Cathedral, at Reims, France. Adenauer, completing a state visit, implored divine forgiveness of past hatred between two nations, hope for future cultural, political and religious cohesion.

union with Germany is like mixing *clay and iron*. It is not a union founded on Biblical teachings. This is a union of CONVENIENCE, an alliance woven for temporary gain—in God's eyes an *incompatible and adulterous* union!

The French—the modern *descendants* of Reuben—colluding with several other Israelitish tribes, are now uniting with their ancient enemy to form a European union which, according to the Bible, will have "ten horns" (ten kings or dictators), and which will soon turn against the English-speaking world.

Reuben, once again, will be instrumental in selling his brother into slavery. God says so!

Present Economic Resurgence

Obviously, the French today see nothing else but their present economic resurgence and temporary prosperity. For the first time since 1927, France is exporting again more than she buys from other countries. In 1961, she netted 714,000,000 New Francs, whereas ONLY TWO YEARS BEFORE she was *over three and a half billion* New Francs in the red.

To the French, this means great success, a sure sign of security and a permanent guarantee against poverty and national calamity. To put it in the vernacular, France never had it so good!



Wide World Photo

De Gaulle and Adenauer stand upright in their car to review a parade of French and German troops at the Mourmelon training grounds near Reims, France.

They are unable to realize that they, like cattle that are being fattened before their slaughter, are also being primed for ultimate destruction!

Even though the standard of living in France cannot be compared to ours, the average Frenchman makes more money today than ever before. He drives a car, takes his family on a two-week vacation and can boast of his "television" set.

"We owe this to the *Common Market*," a worker told me. "Together with the others in this Union, we will be the greatest power on earth."

This opinion is shared by almost everyone in France. The editorial of the July 14 issue of the *Paris-Match* read: "Without the union of the two nations [France and Germany], Europe can never know peace, nor prosperity" (translation mine).

But what will happen tomorrow? How sure and permanent is this "peace and prosperity" that the editors of the *Paris-Match* talk about?

What Is Prophesied

God's *true* ministers are thundering today the answer to these questions BEFORE the end of this age comes. For

over a quarter of a century, Mr. Armstrong has been telling the world what is *prophesied* in the Bible, and warning just what this very UNION will do.

The Bible tells us that "at the time of the end"—that is now, during our generation—a union of TEN nations (that is being formed by the Common Market right now) will rise in Europe. "The ten horns . . . are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet . . ." (Rev. 17:12). Uniting themselves politically and with a CHURCH—and under her domination (Rev. 17:13-17)—these ten nations will "receive power as kings one hour," that is, a very *short time*. They will war against Jacob (England and the U.S.A.) and will *take them into captivity*. The Bible refers to this as "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7).

But HOW LONG will the union of these ten kings last? How long will they remain strong and powerful? What will be their end? As we have seen, the Bible describes it prophetically as lasting "*one hour*" in earth's history. It will be of SHORT duration. Your Bible says that they will fight against Jesus Christ at His return, and JESUS CHRIST WILL DESTROY THEM: "These have one

mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. THESE SHALL MAKE WAR WITH THE LAMB, and the Lamb SHALL OVERCOME THEM" (Rev. 17:13-14).

Yes, this union of ten nations—including France and several other *Israelitish* tribes—will fight against Jesus Christ when He comes. Think of it!

God is thundering His last warning today: "Come out of her [this political-religious union] *my people*, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

Our Creator says that whoever associates himself with this political-religious power, "the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture" (Rev. 14:9-10).

God is a *good* and *merciful* God. He has promised that He will NEVER *for-sake* His people *who turn* to Him. He has promised to *deliver* from the terrible tribulations to come all those who are "accounted worthy to escape" (Luke 21:36).

But He is also a *just* God. He will PUNISH and DESTROY those nations who *turn against Him*.

It is high time we all wake up to what is going on!

We Answer

A Freethinkers' publication in Australia challenged the authenticity of our reference to Charles Darwin's letter of May 22, 1863, to Bentham. In the article in May PLAIN TRUTH, page 44, column 2, by a proof-reader's error, Jeremy Bentham was named as recipient. It should have read George Bentham. Darwin's letter to biologist George Bentham contained the following extracted confession, which we quote:

"My Dear Bentham.—I am much obliged for your kind and interesting letter . . . The objection which you well put, of certain forms remaining unaltered through long time and space, is no doubt formidable in appearance, and to a certain extent in reality according to my judgment. . . . [At the end of Darwin's letter the following "P.S." appeared:] "P.S.—In fact the belief in Natural Selection must at present be grounded entirely on general considerations. . . . When we descend to details, we can prove that no species has changed [*i.e.*, we cannot prove that a single species has changed]; nor can we prove that the supposed changes are beneficial, which is the groundwork of the theory. Nor can we explain why some species have changed and others have not. The latter case seems to be hardly more difficult to understand precisely and in detail than the former case of supposed change. . . ."

Quoted from the standard three-volume edition of *Charles Darwin's Letters*.

Jews Reject Jesus and Christians Reject Christ!

*"He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11).
Why did the Jews reject Jesus? Why do most Christians
refuse to accept the authority and rule of the Christ they
profess? Here are straightforward answers to these bold
questions!*

by David Jon Hill

THOSE who call themselves Christians marvel that the Jews did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah. They look with horror at the *blasphemy* of those who refused to recognize the One sent as their Savior! Yet these same Christians are making a *similar mistake!*

The Jews were not looking for a Savior-type of Christ, but a Warrior-King to establish Israel's rule over all the earth. Christians are not looking for a ruling King, but a conscience-saving scapegoat. Each, in looking for the *one*, is blind to the *other!*

Yet, in God's FULL TRUTH the office of Sacrifice that Jesus *filled* is NOT UNDERSTOOD BY CHRISTIANS, and the office of King and World-ruler that Christ *will fill* is MISUNDERSTOOD BY THE JEWS!

You cannot accept the *sacrifice* of Christ without accepting HIS RULE as King and Master, Lord and Maker, Boss and Leader in YOUR LIFE! You cannot accept the soon-coming King of kings without accepting the Man of sorrows, despised, rejected, numbered with the transgressors, beaten, bruised and crucified, until He poured out His soul unto death—the only acceptable sacrifice for YOUR SINS!!!

The Jews have not accepted *this* Sacrifice—the Christians have not accepted *this* King! *This whole world truly is deceived!* (Rev. 12:9.)

The Whole Truth

Why *did* the Jews reject Jesus? Why *do* most Christians refuse to accept the

authority and rule of the Christ they profess? Why do the Jews steadfastly avoid the New Testament—not recognizing it as Scripture? Why do the Christians just as steadfastly ignore the Old Testament when Jesus Christ Himself said we are to live by EVERY word of God? How is it that the Jewish people, noted for their intelligence, were not able to see the prophecies in their own writings pointing to Jesus of Nazareth? How is it that the Christians, who *do* see *these* prophecies, are not able to see that THESE SAME PROPHECIES point to the soon-return of Jesus, *now made "both Lord and Christ"* (Acts 2:36) *to establish the Kingdom of God on earth?*

These questions need to be squarely faced and answered! The only way to get the *whole* truth, the PLAIN TRUTH and the *real* truth is to consult God's Word! *"Thy word is truth"* (John 17:17).

The Dilemma

The Jews cannot accept the practices and teachings of modern-day Christianity because this Christianity does *not agree* with the teachings of the Old Testament! Christians cannot accept Judaism because they look with disdain upon it as "the law of Moses" which they consider done away! The TRUTH is, both Christians *and* Jews need to repent of *their* ways and come to see God's whole truth which is neither Judaism nor what today's professing Christian world practices mis-

takenly as Christianity!

Notice the erroneous viewpoints of both religions summed up in *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, article "Jesus":

"It was not the living but the departed Jesus that created the Church with Peter as the Rock (Matt. 16:18); while according to the Jewish Haggadah, Abraham was made the rock upon which God built His Kingdom."

The Jews are able to see Abraham and Moses but *they cannot see Jesus!* The Christians are able to see Peter and Paul, but *they cannot see Christ!* The Jews were consistently arguing with Jesus, trying to trip Him up asking questions about the law of Moses—what His viewpoints were. While they consistently *claimed to be* the followers of *Moses*, and the children of *Abraham*, Jesus consistently showed them that *by their actions* they proved themselves to be the *children of the Devil* (John 8:44) *and disbelievers in the doctrines of Moses!* (John 5:46.)

Nowhere in the Old Testament is there a scripture which proclaims that the God of heaven is going to build His Kingdom upon the man Abraham. The promise to Abraham IS VERY PLAIN—that it would be through his *seed* that this Kingdom would be established!

Nowhere in the New Testament is there any scripture which states that the Church of God was to be built upon any mere flesh-and-blood man, but upon the Chief Cornerstone, the immortal *Jesus Christ!* He is the *same Spiritual Rock* that followed the Israelites in

their flight from Egypt (I Cor. 10:4); the *same Rock* mentioned throughout the entire chapter of Deuteronomy 32; the *same Stone of stumbling and Rock of offense* mentioned in Isaiah (Isa. 8:14-18); the *same Rock* that will smite the image, representative of all world governments, and destroy it (Dan. 2:45)—the *same GREAT ROCK* upon which Jesus told Peter (the pebble) that He would build His Church!

Jews Misunderstand Passover Meaning

When God intended to call the Ethiopian eunuch into His Church, He saw to it that that eunuch—a convert to Judaism—would come to understand the true meaning of Passover—the *necessity of the sacrifice of the Son of God to save mankind from its sins!* This is the reason that the Holy Spirit had guided the eunuch's mind to Isaiah 53. At the *same* time that great power was being used to transport Philip bodily into the presence of the eunuch so he could describe, make plain and understandable, the *truth of the scriptures the eunuch was reading*. "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began *at the same scripture* and preached unto him *Jesus*" (Acts 8:35). From this scripture Philip preached, "Christ OUR PASSOVER is sacrificed for us!" (I Cor. 5:7).

In context with its comment on Isaiah 53, *The Jewish Encyclopedia* says: ". . . There appears to be no evidence of any *Jewish* conception of a Messiah suffering through and for His people . . ." (article *Jesus*). No, the Jews had ". . . dreamed of the coming of a second David, who would re-establish them as a glorious nation" (article "*Messiah*"). They understood *part* of the plan of God. They realized that the Messiah would restore the Kingdom to Israel, that He would set up His glorious Kingdom to rule this entire earth, that He would come as a great conquering King. This hope was especially fervent *at the time of Jesus*, because of the persecution the Jews were suffering under the domination of the Roman Empire. They looked for a Messiah-King to lead them out of this political trouble to establish a kingdom here on this earth to give them peace

and security at last!

What they utterly refused to see was that the *same* Messiah, the same God-King would *also* FIRST have to come *as a sacrifice* for the sins of the world. They could not *bear to think of* THEIR Messiah as *lowly*, as *despised*, as One Who would eventually die in an ignominious and vile death! "No Messiah that the *Jews could recognize* could suffer such a death; 'he that is hanged is accursed of God' (Deut. 21:23), 'an insult to God' (Targum, Rashi)" (*The Jewish Encyclopedia*, article "*Jesus*"). Holding steadfastly to *their* belief and hope in a King Who would restore *their* dominance over the other nations of the earth, the Jews refused to accept the plain statements of God's prophets proclaiming the *rejection and death of the true Messiah!* "Whatever had been Jesus' anticipations, He bore the terrible tortures, due to the strain and cramping of the internal organs, with equanimity till almost the last, when he uttered the despairing and pathetic cry, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' (the Aramaic form of Ps. XXII.1, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'), which showed that even his resolute spirit had been daunted by the ordeal. This last utterance was in all its implications itself a disproof of the exaggerated claims made for him after his death by his disciples. The very form of his punishment would disprove those claims *in Jewish eyes*" (*The Jewish Encyclopedia*, article "*Jesus*"). Though they *plainly admit* that the Jesus of your Bible *did* go through the torture and final death that the New Testament proclaims as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind, they insist on *shutting their Jewish eyes* to this startling truth.

Because they did not keep the Passover on its *correct day* in obedience to God so that He could reveal His will fully to them, the Jews were ignorant of the *real meaning* of the Passover sacrifice and its place in the very *beginning* of the PLAN OF SALVATION! Just as confusedly, today's Christians do not observe the true Passover on its proper day and are *also ignorant* of the true significance of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ! Most believe that all things *ended* on the cross, whereas the plan of God plainly shows that the crucifix-

ion was but the BEGINNING!

Seventy Weeks Prophecy Understood

At the time of Jesus' life on this earth, Herod—the king in Judea—the wise men from the nations to the east, and many of the priests, scribes, and elders, as well as the common people, realized that the seventy weeks prophecy of Daniel 9 was nearing its completion. The Messiah, the Prince, was eagerly looked forward to, to free them from the yoke of Roman oppression. The Messiah was expected because of an understanding of this prophecy. But He was misunderstood when He appeared in the fulfillment of this prophecy, because they refused to recognize the *first portion of the prophecy* and hung their hope only on the last portion.

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy" (Dan. 9:24). The entire seventy weeks of prophetic days—490 years—was to include "reconciliation for iniquity" and also "to bring in everlasting righteousness." The immediate misunderstanding that the Jews had about this prophecy, was that *both* of these events would take place *at one and the same time*.

"Know therefore and understand, that *from* the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem *unto* the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times" (Dan. 9:25). Here, very plainly, is listed the exact time at which the prophesied Messiah would appear to begin to do the work mentioned in verse 24. The command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem was given by Artaxerxes in 457 B.C. Much of the book of Ezra and the entire book of Nehemiah cover this particular event. Seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks equal sixty-nine weeks. So the prophecies show that from the going forth of the command to rebuild Jerusalem in 457 B. C. it would be 483 years until the appearance

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The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

And now—the historic San Francisco Conference; personal contacts with world leaders.

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THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY began with the year 1892. This chronicle of events has now covered almost fifty-three years, and we have come to the tremendous year of 1945.

What a fateful year of world history that was!

The Fateful Year

To say nothing of what developed in the very Work of GOD that year, look at these pivotal world events of 1945:

February 3-11—The YALTA Summit Conference between President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Dictator Joseph Stalin—at which the western powers were outmaneuvered into giving all, and getting nothing.

April 12—President Roosevelt died at Warm Springs, Georgia, and Vice President Harry S. Truman was sworn in as President of the United States.

Notice, now, how in quick succession, in this one fatal month, *three* of the world's top figures were erased from world power. The year 1945 was a pivotal turning-point of world history—these men went—the war went—a NEW AGE, the *nuclear* age was born.

April 28—only 16 days after Mr. Roosevelt passed from the world scene, BENITO MUSSOLINI was executed, after having been captured by partisans at Dongo, Italy, as he was trying to flee across the border into Switzerland. His body was strung up, upside down, in extreme disgrace.

April 29-30—ADOLPH HITLER was blotted out of this world's history, presumably a suicide in his bunker underground beside the Chancellory in Berlin. I have always seriously doubted the suicide story. I believe it possible that Hitler still lives, somewhere in Argentina, South America, and that he escaped by plane and submarine.

So notice—these three of the five world leaders, were all removed from world leadership during the *same month*—the fateful month of APRIL, 1945.

Man's LAST HOPE of saving this world also *began*—doomed to failure—during that crucial month of April, 1945, at San Francisco. I was there.

But before we pass on to a more specific description of these tremendous events, let me impress upon the reader a truism we too often overlook. In February that year three of the world's top leaders met at Yalta. Two months later, one of them, plus the other two world leaders, were to be removed—their voices silenced, their activities ceased. It is TRUE—you never know what an hour may bring forth!

But to finish the listing of tremendous events of that one year:

April 25—The Great San Francisco Conference opened, at which leaders of 46 nations formed and adopted a Charter for the UNITED NATIONS.

May 7, 1945—Germany signed unconditional surrender, ending World War II in Europe.

July 17- August 2—Potsdam Conference in Germany, a summit Conference with President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill, and Joseph Stalin—at which, once again, the western powers gave all and Stalin took all.

August 6—First ATOMIC BOMB dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, destroying the city, and terrifying the world with sudden knowledge of the NUCLEAR AGE.

August 9—Second atomic bomb exploded on Nagasaki, Japan, destroying that city.

August 14—Japan surrendered—Final END of World War II—with the world now looking *fearfully* toward a NUCLEAR World War III.

September 2—Formal ceremony of surrender by Japan to General Mac-

Arthur on board the U.S.S. *Missouri*.

WHAT a chronicle of world events for one single year!

Civilization's LAST HOPE

It was less than two weeks after the sudden death of President Roosevelt. The war was not yet over in Europe, but German resistance was crumbling fast. The nations outside the German-Italian-Japanese axis were planning a UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, which was expected to end all wars—make future wars impossible.

A great Conference was set to convene at San Francisco on April 25th. This conference of nations was to draw up and adopt a Charter for this world-organization of nations.

I decided it was advisable that I attend. Practically every hotel room in San Francisco was booked in advance before the world even heard the news of the Conference. But I had a few useful connections, and was able to arrange a reservation for Mrs. Armstrong and myself for the duration of the Conference.

As Editor and Publisher of *The Plain Truth* I was able to obtain full Press credentials from the State Department, as a fully accredited Press representative, and also associate Press credentials for Mrs. Armstrong.

At the opening Plenary Session, on April 25th, we were sitting in the forefront of the Press gallery of the grand and famous San Francisco Civic Opera House. The seat next to us was occupied by one of the best known Network newscasters.

We sat through a round of formal speeches. Secretary of State Stettinius for the United States, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden for Great Britain, and one or two others delivered very serious speeches.

They said that we were gathered there,

charged with the grave responsibility of producing a world Organization that was *civilization's LAST HOPE!* They assured the delegates assembled that the survival of mankind depended on what they should do there.

I wondered whether they realized how true their words really were—so far as *man's* efforts to survive are concerned. Or was it merely window-dressing, to be printed in the newspapers to impress the public?

Only STRIFE—Not Peace

Here were the *world leaders*, except for the Axis powers. They freely confessed—they put oratorical emphasis on the fact—that this world is DOOMED, *unless* the nations of the world can find a common ground for PEACE. The world had tried The Hague Conference, the Pact of Paris, the League of Nations. Now it was going to try an organization of UNITED NATIONS.

The League of Nations failed, because it had NO TEETH in it. *Only* a world organization, or world government, wielding military power stronger than any nation bent on disturbing world peace, could PREVENT ANOTHER WORLD WAR!

So here, on the floor below us, under the same roof with us, were the leaders of the world's nations, trying once again to bring about world peace by human effort and organization! Truly, it was a spectacle!

The speeches certainly painted the grim picture. These men *knew* this was the world's *last hope!*

But what happened? At every turn, Mr. Molotov and the Russians balked, opposed, blocked, fought.

A few days after the Conference opened, a Press Conference had been scheduled for Secretary of State Stettinius. It was held in a special conference room in another building. Mr. Stettinius was some 30 or 45 minutes late in arriving. When he came in, his face was white with fury. He literally blazed with indignation. He had been delayed by the Russian Molotov, in a meeting of leaders of the few major powers, which should have ended some time before this news conference was scheduled to begin. He explained to the newsmen how Molotov had blocked

every move, fought and opposed every plan or suggestion, deliberately antagonized the other leaders, and started an intentional war of nerves.

I think that up until that moment the leaders of the United States government had naively *believed* that the Soviet Union was really our ally. President Roosevelt had felt that he could "convert" Stalin, by kindness—by giving him everything he wanted—by appeasing him. During the war I was not allowed to tell the public, over the air, the truth about the Reds, or to say anything that was not complimentary about them. I was given to understand this was "policy" which had gone out from the White House.

More than once I witnessed to my shame, in newsreel theaters, a mild and restrained clapping when President Roosevelt's pictures were flashed on the screen—and then, when Stalin's picture was shown, wild applause, shouting, foot-stomping shook the theatre!

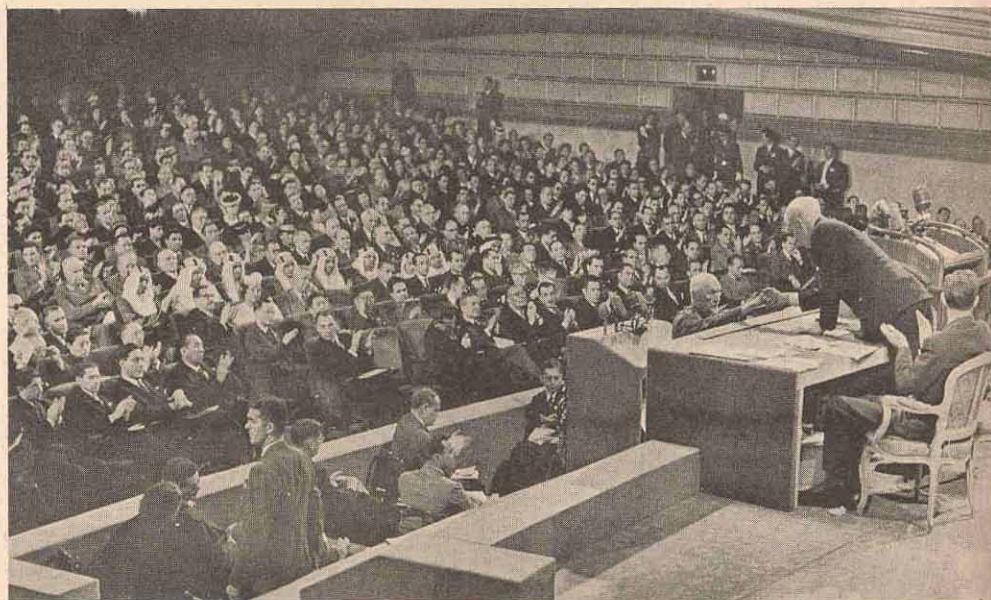
And even now, as I write, in this year of 1962, after 17 years of cold war, the report comes in, as reported in the August *Plain Truth*, that some of the psychologists and sociologists are suggesting to the President that the way to world peace is as follows: Let the United States give over to Russia all of its nuclear weapons—missiles, warheads, and bombs, also to give them all the gold stored at Fort Knox; also to

agree to teach Communism in all United States schools. This, say these theoretical do-gooders, would really convince Mr. Khrushchev that the United States is sincere! Sometimes I wonder how naive and stupid some classroom professors can get.

Even before Potsdam—when General Patton's forces were starting their drive after the channel crossing, toward Berlin, academic psychologists convinced the Administration at Washington that the allies owed it to Russia to remove Russian fears of future German aggression by giving the Communists most of Eastern Europe. That is why General Patton's forces were halted on the drive toward Berlin, and forced to draw back from territory already conquered!

The Dispatch That Never Came

It was about this time, possibly March, 1945, that I was waiting to go on the air one Sunday morning in the KXL studios in Portland. Broadcast time was 8:30 A.M. General Patton's forces were making good progress toward Germany on the west. Russian forces on the east had, the day before, come within a calculated half day of crossing the border into Germany. The first invasion into Germany itself would be big news. Customarily I covered the war news, with an analysis according to prophecy, on each program during those



Wide World Photo
One-time Secretary of State Stettinius greets Jan Smuts of South Africa at end of speech during San Francisco Conference. Notice the delegation from Saudi Arabia in the colorful robes seated in the fourth row.



On June 26, 1945 Edward R. Stettinius (seated), then U.S. Secretary of State, put his signature on the document which joined the U.S. with 49 other nations in the creation

of the United Nations. The charter signing took place in the San Francisco Opera House.

Wide World Photo.

war years. It was already between 5 and 5:30 P.M.—or even an hour later—at the eastern front.

Arriving at the radio studios, I anxiously scanned the news teletype for a dispatch stating that German soil had been occupied by the Russian forces. No such dispatch had come in. I arranged with the station announcer to check every few minutes, and if the news came in on the tape, before my program ended, to shear it off and bring it in to me so I could put it on the air.

But no such news came. Not that half hour. Not that day. Not for many weeks!

WHY? The Soviet rulers did not want to plow immediately through for a quick knock-out of Germany. Instead, they left adequate forces just outside the German border, and sent their invading divisions on south to conquer and occupy such eastern Europe countries as Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hun-

gary, Yugoslavia and Albania, setting the Russian boot on those lands, as conquered satellite countries, *before* bringing the war to an end.

At the same time, the Kremlin, with the help of the theoretical psychologists, prevailed on Washington to send orders through to General Eisenhower to pull General Patton back—to prevent ending the war *until* the Reds had occupied all the east European satellite countries!

Sometimes, I wonder how stupid statesmen and heads of government can get!!! I continually pray: "*Thy Kingdom* come—*THY* will be done on earth, as it is in heaven!" Well, we are 17 years closer to that happy *WORLD TOMORROW* than we were then!

The Strutting Molotov

But if the American Secretary of State had been altruistic about the Communists being converted—or being then, or ever becoming, our friends, Mr.

Stettinius certainly was disillusioned now! He literally blazed with anger, after that closed-door conference with Molotov! This I saw, and heard, in that press conference.

One morning—whether the first morning of the first Plenary Session or later, I do not now remember—Mrs. Armstrong and I arrived early at the Opera House to get a close-up view of the celebrity statesmen arriving.

One of the first was Mr. Anthony Eden of Great Britain. Quite a crowd was gathered in front of the Opera House. Police guards kept a passageway up the middle of the crowd cleared, from the curb where the delegates stepped out of their cars on arrival. Mrs. Armstrong and I were standing very near the curb, just one or two steps up, off the sidewalk, and directly in front. Mr. Eden stepped out of his car, smiled, took off his hat and waved warmly and

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RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

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 WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
 WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon., thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)

- CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

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 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 WGBS—Miami—710 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 KTHS—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

- XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

Mountain States

- CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

- KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 9 p.m. daily.
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily; 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

- WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 WWIN—Baltimore—1400 on dial, 12 noon, Sun., 9:30 a.m., Mon. thru Sat.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 7:00 a.m. daily.
 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 9:05 p.m. daily.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
 WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. daily.
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (105.1 FM, 9:00 p.m. Sun.), 7 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.

- WFBM—Indianapolis—1260 on dial, 7:15 p.m. daily.

- KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

- KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m., Sun.; 6:30 p.m. daily.

- KEVE—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. Sat.

- WOOD—Grand Rapids, Mich.—1300 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.

- KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

- CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

South

- KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.

- KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- *KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.

- KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 12 noon daily.

- KTLU—Rusk, Texas—1580 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Sun.

Mountain States

- KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

- KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.

- KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

- KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

West Coast

- KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.

- KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.

- KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.

- KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

- KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

- KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily except 7:30 p.m. Monday.

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KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

*KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.
KHJ—Los Angeles—930 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun.

KRKB—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.

KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 on dial, 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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*WNBS—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc. and 9500 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

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*2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:03 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:50 p.m. Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

2MW—Murwillumbah, NSW—1440 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

*3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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3HA—Hamilton, Vic.—1000 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.

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*3SH—Swanhill, Vic.—1330 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

*3SR—Shepparton, Vic.—1260 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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*4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—10 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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DYCB, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30

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HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In Spanish—

RADIO AMERICAS—Swan Island—1160 kc.—9:00 p.m., Sun., 9:30 p.m. Sat. E.S.T.

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

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In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

4VCM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

Autobiography

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in a most friendly manner to the crowd.

News cameramen rushed to him.

"Will you pose for us, Mr. Eden?" they asked. Smilingly he nodded. The cameramen decided they would like him on the very spot where Mrs. Armstrong and I were standing. Would we kindly move to the other side, just long enough for the "shot"? Sir Anthony smilingly thanked us, and stood while flashbulbs flashed, then briskly walked on up the steps and into the Opera House.

A little later, three big, shiny black Cadillacs whipped up to the curb. Out of the first and third of these cars sprang a dozen or more Russian bodyguards. They promptly and rather rudely pushed all of us back farther, to widen the path through the crowd up the steps to the Opera House entrance. Then, quickly behind them, out leaped about six more bodyguards from the middle car.

Last of all, out strutted Foreign Minister Molotov of Russia. Six or eight of the bodyguards completely surrounded him, and as he walked stiffly and haughtily up the steps, no smile or nod to anybody, more and more of his bodyguards closed in around him, marching up the steps with him.

WHAT A CONTRAST, between the British and the Russian Foreign Ministers! Mr. Molotov's haughty behaviour made Mr. Anthony Eden all the more well-liked by all of us there.

Mrs. Armstrong whispered to me, "Isn't Mr. Anthony Eden a handsome man?" I assented—and added that so was Mr. Stettinius.

During the Conference, I attended a few other Press Conferences held by outstanding delegates. Mr. Molotov gave one Press Conference, and I attended. It was stiff and formal. He spoke through an interpreter. He made himself thoroughly disliked and detested by all. We saw quite a little of him during that month-long conference—more than we enjoyed.

Meeting the Sheik

Very much in the news at the Conference were the Arab delegates, always noticeable by their flowing robes. They

were headed by Sheik Hafiz Wabba of Saudi Arabia. I arranged for a private conference with him. We spent an hour together in his suite in the Fairmont Hotel, and became good friends.

The Sheik was in charge of all Arab negotiations on the Jewish-Arab controversy over Palestine. He explained to me, thoroughly, the Arab view, and why they felt the Jews had no rights whatever in Palestine. Of course, I also interviewed Jewish delegates, who gave me their side of the story. Each side had a most logical and convincing story.

I wondered if the Arab people themselves knew and believed they are the descendants of Ishmael, son of Abraham through Sarah's handmaid Hagar. I asked him. He did not mention Ishmael's name, but he said,

"Oh yes, Abram (he pronounced it A-BRAHM, with accent on last syllable) is our ancestor. We are children of Abram."

The Sheik speaks very good English. Mrs. Armstrong and I met him again, in 1947, in London, when he invited us to a Royal Reception to be presented to the present King of Arabia, then the Crown Prince. And again, in 1956, in Cairo, he and his wife came to our hotel and spent an afternoon with us. These contacts will be described when we come to those years in the *Autobiography*.

I had another interesting full hour's private conference with Mr. Constantin Fotich, former Foreign Secretary of Yugoslavia, who gave me a first-hand description of what happened in the Communist invasion of that country—and how farm owners had their farms taken from them.

One Press Conference attended was held by the former head of Latvia, or Esthonia, or Lithuania—I forget which, but believe it was the latter of these three countries the Soviet had gobbled up. He gave us a lurid description of the Communist take-over.

On one occasion I chanced to meet the Admiral of the Chinese Navy. He represented Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist China. This was before the Communist take-over. The Admiral was a gentlemanly sort. I met him in the elevator of the Mark Hopkins Hotel. He was in a glamor uniform—not even the

Arabs in their flowing robes were more glamorous. On the uniform about every color of the rainbow was somewhere represented. There was only one unusual thing about the presence of the Admiral of the Chinese Navy—China had no Navy! Not a single warship! That may be one reason all the glamor was concentrated on the Admiral's uniform.

A High Pontifical Mass

Also, during our stay in San Francisco I myself spoke a couple of times—not before Conference delegates, but in halls before local radio listeners.

We attended a Roman Catholic High Pontifical Mass held in the general civic area of the Conference, and attended by many hundreds of delegates. It was presided over by the San Francisco Archbishop, and the address was delivered by Bishop Hunt, of Salt Lake City, one of the two outstanding Catholic radio ministers at the time. Mr. Hunt was a powerful speaker, and his speech to those delegates—important officials and heads of state of many nations—actually carried prophetic significance.

He built his address around Psalm 127:1: "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it." He stressed the seriousness of the world condition—how this effort to unite nations for peace was man's LAST CHANCE. These delegates were trying to build a "house"—a union of nations. Unless the Roman Catholic Church was put at the head of it—for of course he assumed that Church was the LORD'S sole instrument on earth—it was doomed to failure. Since they claim the Pope is IN PLACE OF Christ—that is, has *replaced* Christ—taken over Christ's place as Vicegerent or Vicar of Christ—(NOT the servant or representative of)—what he really meant was that no move to associate or combine nations together can succeed unless headed and ruled by the Pope. It was prophetic, because this is precisely what PROPHECY says *will happen* in the new United States of Europe, now emerging out of the Common Market, to resurrect the Roman Empire!

Next installment, the start of permanent *daily* broadcasting, and beginning preparations for founding Ambassador College.

Which DAY is the Christian Sabbath?

*Does it make any difference which day we observe—
or whether we keep it? Was the Sabbath abolished?
Does the Bible establish SUNDAY as the LORD'S DAY?*

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THERE are many conflicting ideas and teachings about *which day* is the right "Sabbath" or "Lord's Day." Most professing Christians believe it is Sunday. A few say it is Saturday. Moslems observe Friday. Some religions observe still other days—others observe none.

But what is their AUTHORITY?

It is obvious all do not recognize the same AUTHORITY. If they did, all would agree on the same day.

CHRIST the Chief Authority

Jesus Christ is the FOUNDER of the true Church of God. The Bible says He is today the *Living HEAD* of the Church. He is the *living Word* of God. The Bible is the *written Word* of God. ALL SCRIPTURE is inspired of GOD, thru Jesus Christ as the WORD!

Therefore the BIBLE is *our* sole authority.

Jesus Christ had considerable to say and to teach about the Sabbath, and its observance. In Mark's Gospel we read of the *beginning* of His ministry, and the GOSPEL He taught. Repeatedly He said this GOSPEL came direct from God the Father—GOD'S Message to mankind.

Mark 1:1: "The beginning of the GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST." The Gospel of Jesus Christ is *not* a gospel from MEN *about* the PERSON of Christ. The GOSPEL OF CHRIST is Christ's Gospel—the Gospel Christ preached—the Gospel GOD SENT by Jesus for mankind!

Jesus came into Galilee, after John the Baptist was thrown into prison, preaching the GOOD NEWS of THE KINGDOM (*government*) OF GOD, calling on men to *repent*, and to *believe*. Yes, but to believe *what*? Believe this very GOSPEL which Jesus brought from God, so Jesus Himself said! (Mark 1:15.)

He called His disciples, and immedi-

ately "they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the SABBATH DAY he entered into the synagogue" (verse 21). It was Jesus' CUSTOM to attend the synagogue services on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16).

That same synagogue where Jesus attended at Capernaum lies in ruins today. I have visited it—walked around among the fallen stones and columns and Jewish carvings.

Also the synagogue at Nazareth, mentioned in Luke 4:16, and which Jesus undoubtedly had attended every Sabbath as He grew up from babyhood, remains today intact—some 12 or 15 feet below the present ground level. It has been excavated, with a stairway leading down into it. I have visited this synagogue. It brought vividly to mind the close resemblance, *in size*, to some of the little churches in which I preached in the early years of my ministry. It was very small—probably seating not more than 50 people. It was built entirely of stone. I thought, as I stood and walked around in that little room, of how even Jesus, by whom God *created the earth*, started out His earthly ministry in a very small, humble place. I can't describe my feelings at that moment—but I assure you it was a tremendous experience!

Jesus preached in the synagogues in towns throughout Galilee (Mark 1:38-39). A little later Jesus and His disciples went through the cornfields on the Sabbath day. (Verse 23, Chapter 2.) The Pharisees accused Jesus' disciples of breaking the Sabbath by plucking ears of corn to eat.

Jesus, teaching as part of HIS GOSPEL *how* to observe the Sabbath said: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27-28).

It was MADE!

I want you to read that pivotal text again!

Jesus said "The Sabbath was *made*." It is one of those things that was *made*. It had to have a MAKER. *Who*, then, *made* the Sabbath?

God is the Creator. But it is written in Ephesians 3:9, "... God, who created all things *by Jesus Christ*."

John's Gospel begins: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . ALL THINGS were made by HIM; and without Him was not anything made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John bare witness of Him. . ." (John 1:1,3,14-15).

That "Word" was CHRIST. Christ was *with* God the Father from eternity. Christ *was* God! ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM—Jesus Christ! The Sabbath is one of those things that was MADE. So it was Jesus Christ who MADE the Sabbath. God made it *thru* Jesus Christ—or *by* Him!

Notice further: "For by Him (Christ) *were all things created*, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible . . . and He is THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH" (Col. 1:16, 18).

Very few realize it today—but the Sabbath was MADE BY JESUS CHRIST! No wonder, then, He said plainly that He is LORD also of the Sabbath! (Mark 2:28.)

When, and for Whom?

Notice Mark 2:27 again! It was not only one of those things that was *made*—it not only had a Maker—but it was

made for someone. Now today the prevalent idea seems to be that it was made "for the Jew." But what did Christ Himself say? He said it was made "for man!"

If it was made for mankind, we should suppose it was made *when* man was made. But we must not "suppose." We must have BIBLE AUTHORITY!

Let's turn back to the description of the time when MAN was made.

"And God said, Let us (more than one—the Father and Christ) make man in our image, after our likeness: . . . so God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them" (Gen. 1:26-27).

Now *when* was this? Verse 31 says it was the sixth day of creation week. Further, *man* was the very *last* thing or being created on that day. Man came into being, then, probably in the late afternoon of the sixth day.

Now continue: "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made" (Gen. 2:2-3).

NOTICE NOW! When "God said, Let us make man," *who did the speaking?* The original Hebrew word here translated "God" is *Elohim*. This Hebrew word for God is a uni-plural—meaning more than one Person, yet one GOD. God *is* a Kingdom—a FAMILY. There is the Father. Jesus is the SON. Christ is also the WORD—that is, the *spokesman*. He speaks only as the Father directs. God created all things *by* Jesus Christ! Therefore, it *was* Jesus who SPOKE! It was Jesus who *said*: "Let us make man." It was Jesus who did the WORK of creation, as directed by the Father!

NOTICE AGAIN! Did Jesus *complete* His CREATING on the sixth day? Does it say that on the seventh day he ceased to CREATE? Not at all! Notice more carefully. "On the seventh day God ended"—WHAT! Not creating! He ended "His WORK which He had made."

There were a full SEVEN DAYS of creation! Not six—SEVEN! On the seventh day He MADE THE SABBATH! But the Sabbath was made, not by WORK,

but by REST. What He *ended* on the seventh day was the WORK of creation—that which was created *by work!* On the seventh day He *rested!* He created the Sabbath *by resting.*

Was God Tired?

Now why did Jesus Christ, who had done the WORK of creation, *rest?* Was He "all tired out?" Was He so fatigued He was forced to stop and rest? Positively *not*, for "God fainteth not, neither is weary!" (Isa. 40:28.)

Yet, this was a *real rest*, because in Exodus 31:17 it is written: ". . . in six days the LORD (Christ) made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, *and was refreshed.*" Since He was "refreshed" by this rest, it was a real rest. Yet He was not tired or weary!

WHY did He rest? To put HIS DIVINE PRESENCE IN THAT DAY! He MADE the Sabbath on that day *by resting*, whereas He had made all other things *by working!*

NOTICE FURTHER! Also He "*blessed* the seventh day, *and sanctified it!*" What does "sanctified" mean? Look in your dictionary. It means "*set apart*, for HOLY use or purpose." He *set apart* this day from other days—set it apart for HOLY use—for a day of physical rest, in which His people may assemble and worship God!

Also He "HALLOWED" the seventh day of every week (Ex. 20:11). He made it HOLY. It is, as we shall see in the Scriptures later, HOLY TO GOD. Now the Sabbath is a day. It is the particular seventh day of the week (Mat. 28:1). Therefore what God did—and God did it by CHRIST—*was to make future TIME holy!*

Now ask yourself, and answer: Does any *man* have authority to make *future time* HOLY? No man is holy. No man has power to make anything holy. GOD ALONE IS HOLY—or whatever God has *made* holy! No group or organization of *men* has authority to make future time HOLY!

The Sabbath is a space of TIME. God set it as that space of time from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. Whenever that time comes to us, WE ARE IN HOLY TIME! It is GOD'S time, not ours! God MADE it HOLY—and in the Ten Commandments, as we shall see in detail a

little later, He commanded us to *keep it holy!* Many do not realize today that it is a SIN to profane that which is HOLY to God!

"Take Your Foot Off"

But does it *make any difference* whether we keep this very day God blessed and made holy? Must the Christian *respect* what God makes HOLY?

God gives us a very plain explanation in an experience of Moses.

Moses, raised from a baby as a prince by Pharaoh's daughter, had killed an Egyptian guard, and fled to the land of Midian, near Mt. Sinai. There he had married a daughter of Jethro the priest. Moses, leading a flock of sheep came to Mt. Horeb (Sinai). There he saw a large bush burning. But Moses noticed that the bush was not consumed. It kept on burning, yet the bush itself was not burnt.

The Eternal (Christ) called to Moses out of the midst of the burning bush.

"Moses! Moses!" called God, ". . . put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is HOLY GROUND" (Ex. 3:2-5).

Now suppose Moses had been like most people today. He probably would have argued:

"Well, Lord, I don't see where it *makes any difference* WHERE I take off my shoes. I don't want to take them off here, on this ground. I'll wait and take my shoes off a mile down the way."

Had Moses rebelled and said that, he would never have been used to lead God's people out of Egyptian slavery.

The ground a mile away was not HOLY. *Why* did it make any difference whether Moses took off his shoes—or *where?* Here is why! THE GROUND WHERE HE THEN STOOD WAS HOLY. He was required, by God, to treat HOLY ground with a respect he did not treat other ground.

And *why?* Well what made that particular bit of ground holy? GOD'S VERY PRESENCE WAS IN THAT GROUND! God is HOLY! God's *presence* in that bush made the ground around it HOLY!

In the very same manner, GOD'S PRESENCE is in His Sabbath. He *rested* on that first Sabbath to put His *presence* in that day! This made it HOLY TIME! Four thousand years later, when

this same "Logos" or "WORD" was made flesh—when He came as Jesus Christ in the human flesh—HE WAS STILL PUTTING HIS PRESENCE IN THAT SAME WEEKLY-RECURRING SABBATH — HE WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUES AS HIS CUSTOM WAS!

Jesus Christ is still the SAME, today, as He was yesterday, and shall be forever (Heb. 13:8). *Do you believe that?* Is your Bible an AUTHORITY? Do you accept it as AUTHORITY? Unless Jesus Christ, in Spirit, is today living in your flesh—actually living your life for you—you are none of His—you are not a Christian (Rom. 8:9). And if He is, HE HAS NOT CHANGED—He is still putting His Presence in His SABBATH!

Moses was commanded, *by the Eternal*, to take his shoes off that HOLY GROUND. Disobedience would have been SIN, with the penalty eternal DEATH.

Mankind is commanded, *by the same Eternal*, to take his foot off from trampling over and profaning God's HOLY DAY! God requires His children to treat that HOLY time with a respect not required in other time.

Notice a PROPHECY—for our time now:

"If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on MY HOLY DAY; and call the Sabbath a delight (not a yoke of bondage), the HOLY OF THE ETERNAL, honorable; and shalt honor HIM, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Eternal hath spoken it!" (Isa. 58:13-14.)

There is a plain "THUS SAITH THE LORD!"

We honor God by keeping holy those things that He has made holy! We dishonor Him when we speak our own words, saying "Well, I think the ideas and ways of MEN—of all of this world's CHURCHES—must be right. I'd rather do as they do, and honor them, and be well thought of by them."

God commands: "Take your foot off My HOLY TIME! Quit trampling all over that which is HOLY and SACRED TO ME! Quit profaning MY HOLY THINGS—

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The SIN is in profaning that which God made HOLY!

God has never made any other weekly day HOLY! Man has no authority to make a day HOLY. You cannot KEEP a day HOLY, unless God has first made it holy, any more than you can keep cold water hot—unless it has first been made hot! God made this space of time HOLY—He commands you to keep it that way!

Abraham Kept It

This world, and all its civilization—including its religions—consists of a system of beliefs and customs that have been derived from "the way that seems right to man." God says that way incurs the penalty of eternal DEATH. That way—the way that seems RIGHT—is the way of SIN.

If the world's religions really accepted the BIBLE as their authority, they would all believe exactly the same thing—all would follow GOD'S WAYS, and the customs HE has ordained. Many who profess Christianity also profess to follow the Bible—and the Bible only. Yet they believe the very opposite of the plain teachings of Scripture and of Christ. They follow customs of pagan origin condemned by God in the Bible! Truly this world is deceived!

Men evolve many arguments to evade the commandments of God—because the carnal mind is hostile to God, and is not subject to His LAW! (Rom. 8:7.) When men reject the commandments of God, that they may hold to their traditions (see Mark 7:6-9) they must devise arguments to justify their rebellion. One of the arguments is that God's commandments did not exist until the children of Israel reached Mt. Sinai.

But Abraham kept God's commandments 430 years before his descendants reached Sinai.

READ IT IN YOUR OWN BIBLE! "Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, MY COMMANDMENTS, MY STATUTES, AND MY LAWS" (Gen. 26:5). GOD is speaking. He is explaining why He made the great promises to Abraham.

SO ABRAHAM KEPT GOD'S SABBATH! We read in the New Testament that to break any one of the Commandments is SIN (James 2:10-11).

Some try to argue that "perhaps time became lost. Perhaps they lost count of which day was the same seventh day of every week that God rested on."

Was TIME Lost?

Adam was created and living when sunset came that sixth day of creation week—when God rested from His work. Adam knew which was the seventh day. Jesus called Abel "righteous" (Mat. 23:35), so Abel kept the Sabbath. Enoch "walked with God," so Enoch kept the Sabbath—and he was "translated" less than a hundred years before Noah. They knew which day was the same seventh day all thru this time. Adam lived 243 years with Methuselah, and until Lamech was 56 years of age. These men knew which day was the seventh. Methuselah lived 600 years with Noah, and Lamech lived with Noah 595 years.

Noah certainly learned from them, and others, which was the same seventh day. And Noah kept it, because Noah was a preacher of RIGHTEOUSNESS (II Pet. 2:5)—and "all thy commandments are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172).

Shem was also righteous, and he lived until Abraham was 150 years old. Noah died only about 2 years before Abraham was born.

No, time was not lost down to the time of Abraham. For seven complete and irrefutable proofs that it has not been lost down to our day, now, write for our booklet, "Has TIME Been Lost?"

But, after the death of Jacob, and of Joseph, the children of Israel (Jacob) became slaves in Egypt. "Therefore," it is written, "they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. . . . And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigor: and they made their lives bitter

with hard bondage" (EX. 1:11, 13-14).

The Egyptians observed no Sabbath. They lashed the Israelites in their slave-labor, on the Sabbaths the same as other days. So these Israelites, for some 150 to 175 years—several generations—were not permitted to keep the Sabbath. They had no priesthood. There were no Sabbath or religious services. Probably there was no religious teaching—certainly none was allowed on an organized scale.

And there was no BIBLE—no written record of GOD'S INSTRUCTION, or of GOD'S LAW! The Bible says "The Word of the Eternal *endureth forever*." If any inspired Word of God had been written prior to Moses, it would be in evidence today. The first Scriptures were written by MOSES, *after* the Israelites were delivered out of Egyptian slavery.

The generation of Israelites which Moses led out of Egypt had had no religious instruction or training. Probably they knew little about the Sabbath. Time *could have been lost—to them*. But, if so, GOD REVEALED IT BY AMAZING MIRACLES!

NOW NOTICE! These Israelites, some three or four million in total number (600,000 men above age 20), came to the wilderness of Sin two months after leaving Egypt, and some two weeks BEFORE arriving at Mt. Sinai. Remember this is weeks *before* God gave them the Ten Commandments. These people were griping and grumbling because of scarcity of food in the desert.

Miraculously Revealed

And here God *revealed* to them, by MIRACLES, *which day* was the Sabbath, and *whether it makes any difference* whether it is kept.

"Then the Eternal said unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day,"—WHY?—"that I may prove them, WHETHER THEY WILL WALK IN MY LAW, OR NO."

Read that again! This was more than two weeks *before* they received the Ten Commandments—*before* the Old Covenant had so much as been proposed—*before* the Law of Moses. But GOD'S LAW was in force and effect.

God is going to *prove them*, whether they will obey one of its points.

"And," continued the Eternal, "it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall *prepare* that which they bring in; and it shall be *twice as much* as they gather daily" (Ex. 16:4-5).

I will show you that God was speaking to them on a Sabbath. It is evident that the Eternal (who, in human flesh later became CHRIST) first preached to man on the first Sabbath. Adam was created on the sixth day of creation week. Evidently he was created in the late afternoon, since the creation of man was the last act of creation on that day. When the sun had set, immediately after Adam's creation, God *preached to him*, offering him the GIFT of eternal life (thru the tree of life), and warning that the wages of sin is DEATH (Gen. 2:15-17).

And here God is again preaching to Israel, thru Moses, *on the Sabbath*.

Read the next verses in Exodus 16. Verse 9, Moses and Aaron gathered the people. Verse 10, they all saw the glory of the Eternal. Verses 11-13, between the two evenings—at dusk—immediately after sunset on that Sabbath, God sent the quails for food, and next morning the manna was on the ground.

Now notice the next miracle. Verse 20: some tried to save a supply of manna over until next morning, con-

trary to God's command. "*It bred worms and stank.*"

Now verse 22: *On the sixth day* they gathered a *double-portion* of manna. Verse 23: Moses explained that "*Tomorrow is the rest of the HOLY Sabbath unto the Eternal.*" And on this *sixth day*, they were commanded to lay up the Sabbath supply of food, which they did. And, verse 24, *it did not breed worms nor decay*, as on the preceding five days! Here was another MIRACLE from God, showing them *which* was the right seventh day!

When the next morning came—the Sabbath, Moses said (verses 25-26) "Today is a Sabbath unto the Eternal (*not unto the Jew!*): today ye shall not find it in the field. Six days shall ye gather it; but on *the seventh day, which is the Sabbath*, in it there shall be none."

But, DID IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE?

Was it not alright to go ahead and work on the seventh day, and then rest on the 1st day of the week? Just like most all professing Christians today, some of these Israelites thought that would be better.

NOTICE WHAT HAPPENED! The next verse—verse 27: ". . . there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, *and they found none!*" These *people* thought it made no difference *which day*, or *whether* they kept it. BUT IT MADE A DIFFERENCE TO GOD!

In these barren wastes of the Sinai Peninsula, God in ages past led the children of Israel. Here He tested them, weeks before reaching Mt. Sinai, on the Fourth Commandment. Here He revealed to them the weekly cycle, and the weekly Sabbath. Below, Sinai today.

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On the six weekdays GOD had Himself gone to the WORK of raining down manna. But GOD HIMSELF DID NONE OF THIS WORK ON HIS SABBATH—HOLY TO HIM! On this seventh day GOD HIMSELF *rested* from sending them manna!

Does It Make Any Difference?

Notice verse 28: "And the Eternal said unto Moses, 'HOW LONG REFUSE YE TO KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS AND MY LAWS? See, for that *the Eternal hath given you the Sabbath*, therefore He giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place (to gather—to work) on the seventh day!'"

And after that blazing rebuke from God, the people rested on the seventh day! It certainly does make a difference with GOD! And God is the SAME today as He was yesterday and will be forever (Heb. 13:8).

Notice, now again, these miracles by which God revealed to them *which day* is HIS day—His Sabbath. Manna fell for six days—but none on the seventh day. God Himself *worked* by sending it the six weekdays, but He rested on the seventh day. On the first five days of the week, the manna would decay and breed worms if any was saved over, but on the eve of the Sabbath, the night after the sixth day, it did not decay but remained fresh in perfect state of preservation—and they had no refrigerators! On the sixth day God gave them twice as much. On the seventh day He gave them NONE.

After all those generations of slavery in Egypt, without a priesthood, without any written records or Scriptures, without any religious or worship services, or any preaching, forced into slave-labor seven days a week, some might argue that the Israelites lost track of TIME.

But God revealed by these many miracles WHICH day was His Sabbath. God gave them blazing rebuke for not keeping HIS SABBATH. He revealed that the keeping holy of the Sabbath was HIS LAW, many days *prior* to the proposing of the Old Covenant, or the giving of the Ten Commandments in the form God spoke them at Sinai.

Thus did God reveal *which day* is



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At an oasis in the Sinai Peninsula, with Mt. Sinai rising in the distance. Weeks before the Law was given at Sinai God revealed which day of the week is His Holy Day—the Sabbath. To His people who had been in slavery for generations in Egypt, and who had lost knowledge of the weekly cycle, God rained down manna on the first six days and commanded them to rest the seventh day.

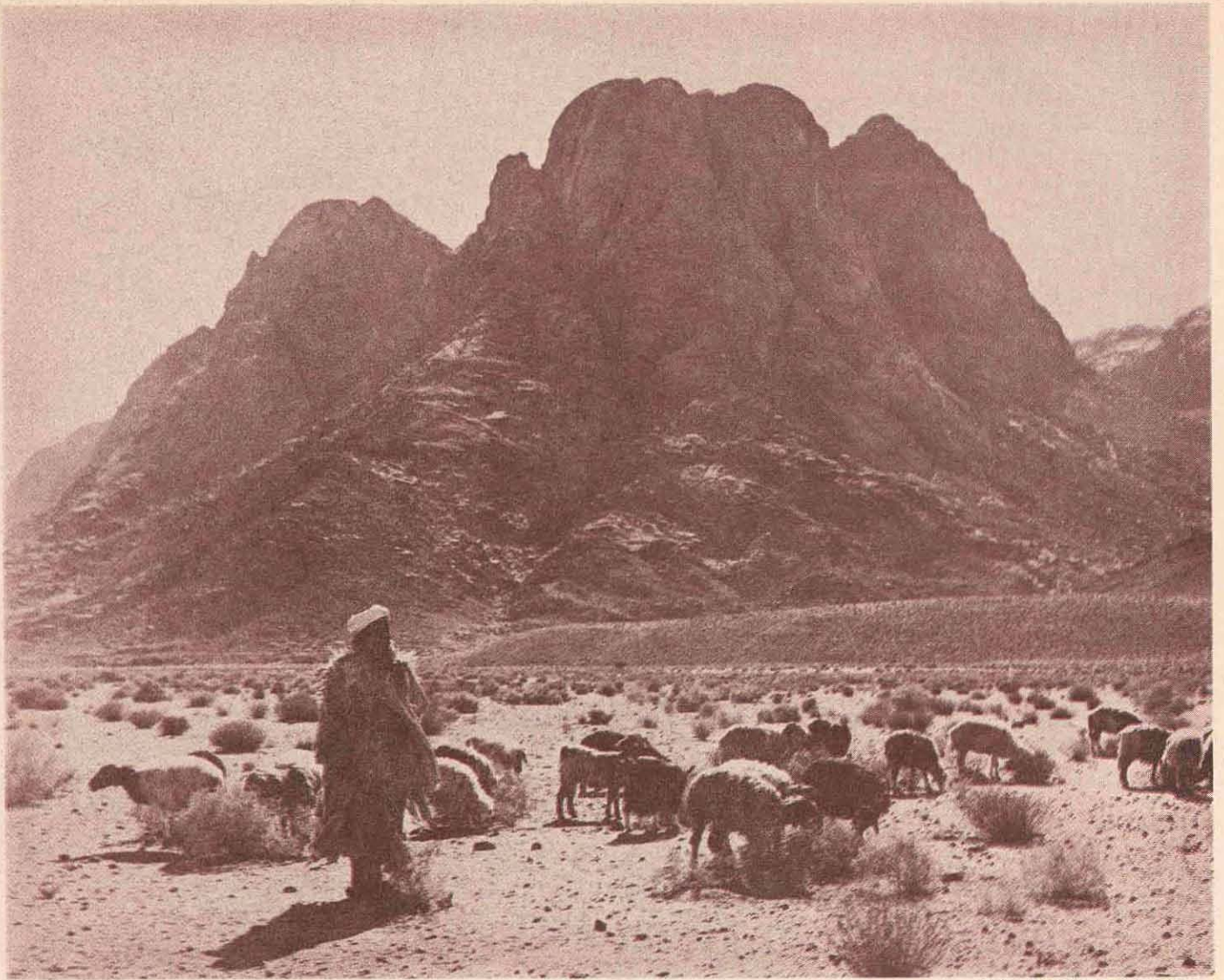
HIS SABBATH, and also that it DOES MAKE LIFE-AND-DEATH DIFFERENCE—for to break God's Holy Sabbath is SIN, and the penalty is eternal DEATH!

Notice, too—verse 29: "*The ETERNAL hath given you the Sabbath.*" Nowhere in all God's Word can you find any statement that "The ETERNAL hath given you SUNDAY." *Who, then, did give the professing Christian world its SUNDAY?* You can easily find the answer in HISTORY—carnal MAN gave professing "Christianity" its Sunday—

pagans *cut off* from God—men in rebellion against God! It came out of *paganism!* And the world follows the custom!

What is the SOURCE of *your* religion? Is it MAN—and majority public opinion and custom of MAN—or is GOD ALMIGHTY the source of what you believe and DO? *Which?* Is your AUTHORITY preponderant HUMAN acceptance, or is GOD your authority, and GOD'S WORD, the Holy BIBLE? WHICH?

Your ETERNITY hangs on your



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The Sinai range looms on the horizon, with modern Bedouin shepherding where Israel once camped. Here God spoke the Law to the assembled multitude. This was weeks

after He had already revealed to them which day of the week was holy since creation.

answer to that question!!!!

Moses NOT Giver of Ten Commandments

Millions of people have been taught that MOSES gave the children of Israel the Ten Commandments.

One Sunday morning in 1933 I walked into a Church in Southern Oregon. It was the Sunday School hour. I sat down, a stranger, in the men's Bible class. A lesson-quarterly was handed me. The lesson for the day was about Moses giving the Jews the Ten Commandments. Scanning it quickly I noticed it contained only statements of the sectarian author, or authors, of this denominational quarterly. No *Bible* proofs!

But immediately a startling and most peculiar thing happened. The teacher of the class stuttered around a minute or so, but was utterly unable to get started teaching his lesson. Then, suddenly turning to me, he blurted out: "Mister, I don't know who you are, but for some reason I just can't teach this class this morning—and I know you can. Would you take my place and teach us?"

It was like a sudden bolt out of the blue. WHY was he suddenly unable to teach a class he had been teaching regularly? WHAT made him turn to *me*? WHY did he seem sure I could teach them, when he had never seen me before, and we had not even been introduced. I did not know—unless it was

because I was the only man in the class who had brought a Bible.

"Well," I responded, "that's a rather sudden and peculiar request to make of a perfect stranger who has never been here before. I have taken a quick glance over this quarterly. I will have to say to you that I would be unable to teach you from it, because what it says is *not true*. But if you want me to teach you men, from the BIBLE, the truth about who *did* give the Ten Commandments to the children of Israel, I could do that—but it's only fair to warn you in advance that your quarterly is totally unscriptural and in error."

The men in the class all wanted me to go ahead and teach them.

(To Be Continued)

The Inside Story of the "World Tomorrow" Broadcast

Do you know what makes this work "tick"? From one on the inside, here is an intimate glimpse of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and their associates in this great work of God. Here are authoritative ANSWERS to doubts and questions that have occurred to thousands of you!

by Roderick C. Meredith

MANY THOUSANDS of you readers have probably wanted to "check up" on this work. You would like to know more about Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, and their many associates in this work.

You have learned many things through "The World Tomorrow" broadcast and the pages of this magazine that have seemed shocking and astonishing at first. You have also learned that this work is *completely* independent of any other—*wholly* non-denominational, non-sectarian.

But you may have asked: "Then just who are these people anyway? Is this work stable and reliable? Could this be a religious racket, or is it the work of sincere, consecrated men whom God has called to His work of warning this rebellious world of its sins and His coming intervention in world affairs?"

Have *you* ever thought of "checking up" on these things?

Well, I have—and DID!

How I Became Interested in "The World Tomorrow" Broadcast

A little over thirteen years ago, I was in the same position as many of you are regarding this work. I was highly impressed by Mr. Armstrong's understanding of the Bible and of *prophecy* in particular, but I wasn't by any means sure that this was *the very work of God*. But I desperately wanted to *know* and to *check up*.

I first became interested in the work and broadcast through the encouragement of my uncle, Dr. C. Paul Meredith—now Director of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.

He had already been listening to the broadcast for many years—since about 1943. He has always been a *student*, and

he took careful notes on Mr. Armstrong's prophetic sermons. As time went on, he compared these notes with the *events* that were taking place—and with what other preachers had said—and soon came to realize that Mr. Armstrong was the only one who actually *knew* what was going to happen *BEFORE* it happened!

When I was a junior in high school, my uncle and I began listening to the program together somewhat regularly. I could see that it made sense, and that I actually learned more about the Bible through each broadcast than I would have in six months in the large Protestant church our family attended.

But at the same time, I was leading an active, busy life as a high school student and athlete. I was on the football and track teams, and boxed in the Golden Gloves tournaments. Since running the mile was my specialty, I hoped to win a track scholarship to the state university by that means.

Delayed Coming to Ambassador College

My interest in social life and athletics naturally conflicted with my desire to find the real *PURPOSE* of human existence and to "check up" more on the fascinating "World Tomorrow" broadcast. When high school graduation finally came, I was torn between two desires. I wanted to attend Ambassador College and find out the answers to the *basic* questions of life—and get to really *know* Mr. Armstrong personally. But I also intensely desired to be a part of the social life and athletic activities at the state university. *What would I do?*

As it turned out, I spent a summer "stewing" over what to do. Then I studied this world's "philosophy" at a

college in Missouri for a year—becoming more thoroughly convinced than ever that I needed to *understand* the *PURPOSE* of life.

So I decided that I would go to Pasadena and meet this man Armstrong face to face. I would get to really *know* him, if possible. And I would "check up" on him!

He was not going to pull the wool over MY eyes!

I came to Pasadena, and enrolled in Ambassador College in September 1949.

"Checking Up" On Mr. Armstrong

For the first several months after I came to college, I was engaged not only in pursuing my regular college courses—but in *proving* to myself whether or not this was the *very work of God*. Also, I set out first of all to investigate Mr. Armstrong—his sincerity, his motives in conducting this work, and the consistency of his personal life with what he taught.

I got acquainted with some of the people who had been around the college for a long time. I asked questions. I kept my eyes open. And I *studied* the Bible a great deal to try to *prove* or *disprove* the many magazine articles and booklets to which I now had easy access.

It was not long before I was forced to realize that Mr. Armstrong was *definitely sincere*. He worked long, hard hours every day. His conversation, his interest, his whole *life* was wrapped up in the work he was doing. He and Mrs. Armstrong both made many sacrifices for the work—missed sleep, meals, and had even put up their home for sale during the early years of the college when the going was hard.

And I soon learned that he received *no income whatsoever* from the broad-



Mr. Armstrong broadcasts in the radio studio on the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena, California. Seated, at his side, is Mrs. Armstrong, with Mr. Norman A. Smith at the controls.

cast, but only a portion of the tithes and offerings of those to whom he ministered *personally*—those who attended the weekly chapel services of the college—the very people who knew him best and were constantly there to “check up” if he were running a racket!

Personal Impressions of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong

Before long, since Ambassador College was quite small in those years, I got to know both Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong very well.

Mr. Armstrong does not give the sanctimonious or “religious” impression so often noted among most ministers. Nor is he the beaming, suave individual so prominent among the more modernistic type of religious leaders.

Rather, he strikes one as a dynamic, hard-thinking business man—but one who is there to *serve*, and not to *get* or *acquire*. He does not “kid” himself about anything—including God or God’s will. He constantly puts any new idea to the *test* to *prove* it.

While he is a man of much *prayer* and *Bible study*, he is also extremely *practical* in the carrying out of God’s work.

Mrs. Armstrong is like him in many of these respects. But she has a feminine

compassion and *tenderness* which makes her want to help anyone in need.

Of course, I found that both of them had some personal faults and idiosyncrasies—as we all do. But they were NOT direct or willful violations of God’s laws in any way. It was just that they had *human nature* like the rest of us!

However, I could see that both of them were fighting to *overcome* the *self-will*, and I soon found that many others were taking part in this same battle.

The Attitude in the College and Church

When I first attended the church or college chapel services, I was amazed to find that nearly everyone there had either a Bible or notebook in his hand, and many had *both*.

In the sermons, Mr. Armstrong would read through and expound entire chapters and books in the Bible, making the meaning *clear* and *proving* any doubtful point as we came to it. For the first time in my life—in spite of having attended a large Protestant church and Sunday school regularly all my life—I now began to really understand the Bible.

After the services, the students and other members of the congregation

would ask questions about the sermon and would be helped in *proving* it right out of the Bible. And everyone would ask Mr. Armstrong personal questions about how to apply the *principles* of the Bible to their *daily lives*. In every way, they were trying to *imitate Jesus Christ!*

In the student dormitory, I found that the older students would spend much time in personal, private *prayer* to God. It took me some time to realize it, but they would use various out-of-the-way closets and storerooms as places for private prayer. In the “bull sessions” among the men students, the *purpose* of our lives, the relation of current events to prophecy, the *understanding* of some scripture text or principle—these were almost invariably the topics of conversation.

I had mingled intimately with other fellows all my life in my large boyhood “gang,” on athletic trips, at “Y” camp, at the various places I had worked during summer vacations. But I had NEVER met fellows like this before!

Yet they were *not* emotional or sentimentally religious in the usual sense at all. They didn’t have the kind of “religious talk” that seems to characterize so many Bible college students.

They were *sound-minded—balanced—thoughtful*. They *KNEW* what life was all about and the meaning of world conditions. And I became increasingly aware that they *KNEW God* in a way I had never known of or experienced before.

In *every* activity of the church and college, *God’s revealed will* directed the approach, the planning, and the presentation. The *Bible* was consulted to determine *what type* of student activities were most profitable and how they should be conducted.

Continuous Spiritual Growth

In *every phase of life* the example of Jesus Christ and His servants was used as a guide and yardstick. Even in the matter of eating, for instance, the revealed principles of food and diet served as the final authority, in addition—of course—to the correct technical information based on those principles.

Looking back over the past thirteen years, I am struck by the fact that Mr. *(Please continue on page 46)*

The Plain Truth About FASTING

Is it suicidal starvation? Is it nature's way of healing sickness and disease? Is it dangerous, or beneficial?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT SEEMS almost no one knows the real TRUTH about Fasting. One doctor called it the "Fast Way to Health." Another called it "starvation diet."

One person asked, "If I missed two meals in a row, would I die?" Apparently many people seem to feel that if they missed more than one meal they would at least be in serious danger.

Some people believe in fasting from the very moment they feel the first warning signs and pains of a cold or an approaching fever. Many people say: "You should always *feed a cold*, but *starve a fever*." But is this true?

Is fasting dangerous? Is it beneficial? Is it nature's way of healing?

Time to Know TRUTH

You think you already know the answer? *Don't be too sure!*

I know of hundreds, if not thousands of our readers who think they know the truth about fasting—but who *do not*—and EVERYBODY needs, seriously, to read this article!

On the one hand sensible fasting is *not* a "starvation diet," and those who have the "starvation fear" are at one erroneous extreme—whether ignorant layman or professional physician. Most doctors, incidentally, have studied *medicine*, not fasting as an aid toward elimination of disease. One doctor said to me: "We doctors have been kept so busy treating sick patients with drugs and medicines, we have had little time to study the *causes* of sickness and disease, or much about diet and nutrition."

In the "healing arts"—(an unfortunate and incorrect term)—professional men have tended to specialize each in his one field *only*. The medical physician seeks the cure almost exclusively by drugs, or surgery. The Chiropractor seeks to cure everything by manipulat-

ing the spine—perhaps with the aid of prescribed diet. The Naturopath by "natural" means. Medical doctors generally ridicule fasting in the case of sickness or disease, just as they would avoid recommending chiropractic treatments, or any other method outside their one field of *medicine*. Fasting is simply outside their field. A few medical doctors have advocated fasting, but certainly they are in the minority.

But to look on sensible fasting as "starvation" is an untrue extreme, based on plain ignorance.

On the other hand, some go to the opposite extreme of regarding fasting as a CURE-ALL.

NEITHER EXTREME IS THE TRUTH!

Wise fasting, under proper conditions, *is beneficial, not dangerous!*

On the other hand, just as I say, truthfully, "there is not a *cure* in a carload of medicine," so I say FASTING NEVER HEALS!

Those two statements, in the paragraph above, will come as a shock to many. Millions firmly believe that medicines cure diseases. I have never heard a physician make such a claim. Many doctors have admitted candidly that medicines DO NOT CURE. "We only use medicines," these doctors have said, "to aid nature."

But, the few who do believe in *fasting* when ill will surely be shocked to see the statement under my by-line that FASTING NEVER HEALS! Yet that statement is absolutely true—and it's about time we come to UNDERSTAND what fasting *is*—and what it is NOT!

Fasting Never HEALS

Fasting does not HEAL!

Healing is a divine miracle. (Write for our free booklet, *Does God Heal Today?*)

Healing is the *forgiveness of SIN*—and none can forgive sin but GOD. Fast-

ing is self-inflicted—a *human* effort, not divine miracle—and fasting cannot forgive sin.

Jesus Christ healed the sick. It was always HIS WILL. He healed the sick in ancient Israel, long before His human appearance, born human of the virgin Mary. One of His names is Yahweh-Ropheka—which, translated into English, means OUR GOD-HEALER.

To the griping, complaining Israelites in the arid lands approaching Mt. Sinai, He said, "I am the LORD that healeth thee." And in the original Hebrew language, in which Moses wrote this, His name was given as "Yahweh-Ropheka."

David *knew* God heals, as surely as He forgives sin: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3). Isaiah explained how. When Jesus was spending a whole night healing *all* that were sick, we read, in Matthew 8:16-17: "... and healed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet (Isaiah 53:4), saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

How, then, did Jesus "take them"—that is, bear them—or pay the penalty in our stead? Peter explains it: "by whose stripes ye were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

Sickness Is a PENALTY

What is sickness—disease—debility—pain and suffering? It is the *penalty* being paid for the violation of the *physical* laws of the human body.

It is *not natural* to be sick, it is UNnatural! God so designed the mechanism of the human body that, given *proper* food (and few indeed know what that is!); drinking the right amount of pure water; breathing properly of *pure* air; getting sufficient exercise—and that is not necessarily

a great amount; obtaining sufficient rest, recreation and sleep; maintaining normal regularity of elimination, which includes more frequent bathing and rub-downs than many realize; and keeping the mind in a positive, cheerful, active and peaceful state, *the body would never be sick!*

Very few understand this. I have just named the *seven laws* of health, which God has given each of us, as a human individual, the RESPONSIBILITY of regulating.

Of course, it is true that even many if not most doctors know *so little* about *proper* food and diet that they are unable themselves to observe the *dietary* law of health. That law is the one *most* frequently broken. Violating that law, say some of America's and England's most famous doctors, is the cause of 90% to 92% of all sickness and disease!

Most people think they can put anything that pleases the palate into the mouth and call it "food." That is not true. Potassium cyanide might *taste* good—I really don't know, for I never experimented, and never intend to!—but *every* doctor will agree that it is not FOOD! It will kill you—*QUICKLY!* The only difference is that excess of starchy "foods," sugars, and greases, kills you—SLOWLY, GRADUALLY, OVER A DURATION OF PERHAPS TEN, PERHAPS SIXTY YEARS—and sets up colds, fevers, rheumatisms, tuberculosis, heart diseases, diabetes, kidney disorders, and dozens of other ailments along the way in the meantime!

Very few know that they ought to breathe more deeply, and be sure to obtain fresh air during sleep—even by leaving a window partly open. And so millions upon millions of people violate this simple health rule. And *all* cigarette smokers!

Almost *no one* knows the value, to health and long life, of regular *daily* RUB-DOWNS—good, brisk, vigorous (not necessarily over-vigorous or violent) rub-downs, with a bath towel, brush, or other means. A *daily* shower or bath, ended by such a bath-towel rub-down, is my personal method.

Some people still have the "every Saturday night" bath tub idea! Your body eliminates poisons through the skin. It needs bathing to *cleanse* it of

these wastes *daily*, or almost daily—and, in some kinds of work or sports, possibly *more than* once daily. Yet most people on earth are SO IGNORANT of *GOD'S LAWS* respecting physical health that they take a bath once a week—or, like the comic-strip character, "Li'l Abner," they may "take a bath every six months, whether they need it or not." In fact, I have wondered whether some of the nomad Bedouins of the middle-east deserts *ever* take baths!

The food we eat passes through the alimentary canal, with needed elements being absorbed into the blood stream on the way, and the waste then expelled. God has given every normal human a very plain signal to *know* when elimination time arrives—and this can be regulated into an established HABIT at regular *convenient* times of day. Yet probably most women, and a large portion if not half of men, are suffering from constipation—due to *pure neglect*, and, probably, faulty diet and in some cases lack of exercise!

YOUR Responsibility

The point is this: Obeying *THESE* seven laws is the responsibility of each individual. This knowledge is AVAILABLE! There is no excuse for human ignorance. Such knowledge always has been accessible. These laws we, ourselves, either observe and obey—or else we violate them and bring on lowered vitality, depleted energy, befogged and dulled minds, a feeling of "dopey" laziness, and almost countless diseases.

Now Jesus Christ *never broke a single one of these laws!* And Jesus Christ WAS NEVER SICK—not for a minute!

Yet His body was just like our bodies! He set us the example. He demonstrated that, if WE obey the laws God has given as our responsibility to obey, the BODY ITSELF will function regularly, in perfect health, strong vigor, vitality, energy and strength—and NEVER get sick!

It is a far more precision-designed-and-made mechanism than a Rolls Royce automobile. It *just won't break down* or get sick—OF ITSELF! It functions automatically. But, like your automobile, it needs "being taken care of," as one conscientious chauffeur put it. Your automobile needs the right kind of

fuel, oils and greases. It needs watching to see that there is proper amount of water in the radiator. Yes, it needs attention.

The trouble is, most of you *give* careful attention to your automobiles, but give almost NO ATTENTION to the care of *your own bodies!*

Now what is the BIBLE definition of SIN? Sin is the TRANSGRESSION OF LAW (I John 3:4). Of course it means law of GOD—but it includes these *physical* laws. These physical laws, too, were set in inexorable living motion by GOD.

Sin, *spiritually*, is the transgression of THE *spiritual* law of LOVE—divided into the TWO great commandments, Love toward God and Love toward neighbor—enlarged into the TEN COMMANDMENTS, and magnified by Jesus, and all through the Bible—especially the New Testament. This law is a *SPIRITUAL LAW!* It can only be fulfilled—or kept—by *spiritual* love, which is the LOVE OF GOD, which one can have only by God's GRACE, through His Holy Spirit—which IS that spiritual LOVE! The penalty for violation of that law is THE SECOND, and ETERNAL, DEATH!

When you are sick, the *physical laws* that regulate the human mechanism have been violated! Of course, there can be injury from accident or violence. You, yourself, may or may *not* be responsible for that. Accidents nearly always result from carelessness—but of course it *could* be the other fellow's carelessness! Perhaps you drank a germ in drinking water—supposing it was pure water. Yes it is possible—and sometimes happens—that the sick or injured one did not, himself, violate the physical law. But, regardless, NATURE'S LAWS WERE VIOLATED, in every case.

So, sickness, disease, injuries, are the PENALTY of physical SIN! Jesus Christ Himself said so! Healing is forgiveness of the sin, and *miraculous removal* of the PENALTY.

Healing Is Forgiving SIN

Once Jesus Christ was in a house in Capernaum. Crowds flocked in. The house became jam-packed, many unable to enter. Then came four men carrying on a pallet a man sick with palsy. Unable to get through the crowd, they climbed on the house-top, tore off sev-

eral tiles, and let the man on the pallet down through the roof in front of Jesus.

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

Immediately the Pharisees and doctors of the law among the crowd began to accuse Jesus of blasphemy—claiming to FORGIVE SIN! He said to them:

"Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee: or to say, Arise, take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house" (Mark 2:1-11).

Jesus Christ performed this HEALING in order to show that healing is THE FORGIVENESS OF PHYSICAL SIN—and, by divine MIRACLE, the REMOVAL of the penalty being suffered.

How is this penalty removed? By the POWER of the Holy Spirit, *because* Jesus Christ was flogged—beaten with stripes—scourged—he was beaten so that he was disfigured, or marred, more than any man (Isa. 52:14). He, who never broke nature's physical health laws—who never was sick or diseased, PAID THE PENALTY of our physical transgressions IN OUR STEAD. Thus, if we accept HIS sacrifice (of being so scourged *before* being nailed to the cross) God, *by divine miracle*, has promised to remove from us the PENALTY we are paying in the form of sickness or disease.

All humans have SINNED—spiritually. Sin is the transgression of God's LAW. All have broken the spiritual LAW. The PENALTY is the second DEATH—and it is ETERNAL punishment. But we can have this penalty *removed*. HOW? By the fact that Christ paid the DEATH penalty for us—He *bled to death*—His blood was His physical human LIFE. The LAW took *His* life instead of ours. IF WE REPENT, and BELIEVE, then by divine *miracle* God's Holy Spirit REMOVES the death penalty from us. Our sins are forgiven by the BLOOD of Christ, and we are SAVED from the second death!

God HEALS *by precisely the same principle!* Not by Christ's BLOOD—but by His STRIPES we are healed (I Peter 2:24). He paid the PENALTY in our

stead. He did the suffering *for us*, so God can remove it from us!

God revealed this dual truth about spiritual forgiveness and physical forgiveness through David: ". . . Who forgiveth ALL thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3). It is as much GOD'S WILL to heal as it is to SAVE!

WHAT, Then, Is Use of Fasting?

Now it ought to become crystal clear that FASTING is *not* healing. Fasting *does not forgive sin*. Fasting is *not a miracle*.

Yet, I myself have put many people on fasts of from three days to two weeks, who were afflicted with rheumatism, ulcers of the stomach, constipation, high blood pressure, fevers—and after the fast they were *rid of* the sickness or disease.

Well then, didn't the fasting HEAL them? NO —emphatically NO!

Let me explain what happened. Fasting is good, for certain things—indeed many things—when intelligently and properly used. But what happened is this: the sickness in these instances was brought on by faulty diet. It was *the penalty* of putting improper things (usually excess starch, sugar and grease) into the stomach. Now the first thing that happened was, that on beginning the fast these people *stopped sinning*. They stopped, by fasting, putting more of these toxin-producing elements (really poisons, not foods) into their stomachs.

Secondly, fasting tends to *speed up* the elimination of toxins and poisons. Fasting is not pleasant. The Bible refers to it as "afflicting the soul"—that is, the body. So, *they suffered the PENALTY* of having eaten that POISON, supposing it to be FOOD. In fact, the fasting *intensified* the penalty by speeding up the elimination.

In a word, what happened in fasting was this: 1) they stopped the sinning that *caused* the penalty they were suffering; 2) they PAID THE PENALTY IN FULL *themselves*, in a speeded-up intensified form. And 3) when it was paid, they simply didn't have the sickness or disease any longer.

But THAT IS NOT HEALING!

Now we come to the question: If

fasting is *not* healing, and we *do* believe, and intend to RELY ON JESUS CHRIST as our Healer, should we ever fast, when ill?

SHOULD We Fast, Then?

The answer is, YES, *always*—PROVIDED you understand it is *not* a means of healing—it is *not* a substitute for healing—it actually has nothing to do with *healing!* But it *does* have a lot to do with STOPPING THE SIN of eating wrong things!

When Jesus healed, He said, "Go, and sin no more!" (Mat. 5:14.) One of the CONDITIONS to being healed is that we STOP SINNING—stop breaking nature's laws. We need to learn what we can about God's dietary laws, and about proper nutrition and diet.

In fasting, we do stop the physical sinning of eating wrong things. We let our stomachs *rest* from the effects of improper food. And, in the case of a cold or fever, *any* kind of food is merely pouring more kerosene on the fire!

You should emphatically NOT "feed a cold." That old saying, "feed a cold, and starve a fever" is a maxim of Benjamin Franklin. What Franklin meant was: "IF you feed a cold, you will soon *have to* starve a fever."

To prevent sinning, always STOP EATING the very moment you feel the first warning signs of a cold or fever—those little pains around the back of the neck, or down the spine. In fasting, you will start paying the penalty you have incurred in intensified and speeded-up manner. But, to have the penalty REMOVED, obey God's command of James 5:14-15, and *rely on CHRIST*, not on the fasting!

Nearly everyone, today, is eating an excess of starches, sugars and fats. The Bible FORBIDS the eating of animal fat. Starch is a modern invention—millers take wheat, corn, and rice apart, take out the 12 alkaline mineral elements, leave the 4 acid-reacting elements. The sugar refiners do the same to natural sugar.

START DRINKING LEMON JUICE! Take no sugar with it. Start with a half-lemon every morning—with or without water. As you become used to it, increase to one whole lemon, and, finally 1½ or 2 lemons, depending on how

large the lemons are. This has an alkaline-reaction. In a month or two you will notice quite a difference. Your mind will be sharper—more clear. In many cases, especially if not too far advanced, rheumatism or arthritis will disappear under this lemon-juice habit—especially if you eliminate starches, sugars and greases from the diet. Notice, I did *not* say CURE or heal. But, since lemon juice has a strong alkaline reaction in the body, it simply means the stopping of the physical SIN, and in due time you will have paid the penalty. Once paid, the penalty is not there any longer—unless you bring it on again by sinning!

An authority on nutrition said: "Eat *only* such foods as will spoil, and eat them before they do."

WHY do flour millers give us white flour; sugar refiners white sugar? Because freshly-ground natural whole wheat will spoil. By removing the real FOOD value—the 12 mineral elements—and in addition perhaps adding an artificial preservative or bleach, they prevent spoilage. Even most so-called whole-wheat flour you buy today contains artificial additives and preservatives.

What SHOULD we do? First, if possible (too often it is not), we should procure whole-grain hard wheat, grown in proper soil without synthetic fertilizers, and then, with a home stone-grinder, grind our own whole wheat—using it up before it spoils.

Squeeze out a glass of orange juice. Let it stand ten minutes. Drink it—and then squeeze out one more orange and drink it *immediately*. Notice the difference! There will be a noticeable difference in taste. The oxygen in the air makes a change in freshly-squeezed juice within ten minutes. FOODS OUGHT TO BE EATEN WHILE FRESH!

How Long to Fast

But finally, back to fasting. Jesus never put sick people on fasts for healing. In every case He healed them by divine miracle—and in most cases the healing was *immediate*. The Apostles healed through the miraculous POWER of God's Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ—but they did not use fasting as a means of healing. Healing is a MIRACLE.

Then WHY do I recommend fasting from the very moment of the first signs of sickness, disease, or even a cold or fever? NOT FOR HEALING, but merely to immediately *stop sinning*. Then DISCONTINUE FASTING as soon as you *feel and see* that you are healed. RELY ON GOD for the healing.

But let us get this straight. Seeing and feeling is not FAITH—and God heals according to your FAITH. Faith must *precede* the healing—and remain firm *until* you are healed. FAITH is your evidence that God is healing you. But *after* the healing has taken place, then you will *see* and/or *FEEL* that you are healed, and *then* stop fasting. I simply know that so many, today, do not have the faith for immediate healing. You *should* have—and this FAITH is actually CHRIST'S faith, imparted to you—*given* to you through God's Spirit as His GIFT—but if you are so far from contact with God, and so close to the material interests of this world, that you do not have this faith, then I know that it is better that you *continue* the accelerated PAYING of the penalty, and continue to PREVENT further violation of nature's laws by continuing the fast—

Personal from the Editor

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active part in it, a great work that today girds this earth, with a rather large and fast growing dynamic energized organization of consecrated and happy people.

Yesterday Mrs. Armstrong and I enjoyed our 45th wedding anniversary. Looking back over the past 35 of those 45 years, we rejoiced with deep gratitude in what has been reaped from the sacrifice of carnal greed, natural vanity, the approbation of worldly self-seekers, and from the labor of love, seeking to learn and DO the will and the WAY OF GOD.

It seems we have been blessed above all on earth. Of course, our son, Garner Ted Armstrong, feels that he and his lovely wife and three fine sons have been blessed above all on earth. I know scores of others, all seeking *first* this same GOD and His righteousness, who

until there is the physical evidence of healing.

HOWEVER, even then, fasting MUST NOT BE CONTINUED TOO LONG!

Unwise over-lengthy fasts CAN prove FATAL!

It is true that both Moses and Jesus Christ fasted 40 days. But they were physically in far better and stronger condition basically than any of us today, and besides, they were fasting *only* for spiritual reasons, to draw closer to God in prayer—not to cleanse the body of toxic excesses. SUCH A FAST WOULD BE MOST UNWISE FOR MOST PEOPLE, TODAY!

Unless one is under the constant daily observation and supervision of a *competent physician* who is fully experienced in fasting, I would advise, with strongest emphasis, NEVER FAST LONGER THAN TWO WEEKS—14 DAYS, and that only if you are in normal good condition while fasting, and if you are under 55 years of age. Between ages 55 and 65, I definitely would limit any fast to SEVEN DAYS—and over 65, to THREE DAYS.

NEVER GO TO EXTREMES! If necessary, take a series of shorter fasts!

feel THEY are the most blessed.

For the welfare of a deluded world, we do pray continually, "THY Kingdom come—THY will be done on earth."

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."

Gods 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*.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost *already paid*; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an *already paid* basis. God's way is GOOD!

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FORTY-SEVEN

BALAAM'S FOUR PROPHECIES

NEXT morning after the feast king Balak of Moab sent his entertainers back to their homes. But he continued onward to the west with Balaam, Balaam's two servants and the Moabite officers and servants. The caravan journeyed on to a mountain overlooking the site where the hosts of Israel were camped. (Numbers 22:39-41.)

Balak Is Jealous

"There you see all those powerful people who have swept up from the south to swallow up our nations," Balak said to Balaam. "Camped there as they are, they appear peaceful. When they move, however, they seem to sweep up and devour everything in their path like locusts. They must be stopped. Otherwise every nation, including mine, could fall before them."

Balak knew that what he said was not true. God had forbade Israel to attack Moab. (Deuteronomy 2:5, 9, 19.) Balak was jealous of Israel.

Balaam knew of this strange nation that had come out of Egypt, and he knew that the God of the Israelites was the only true God—the One he had always feared. He realized that he had run into a very serious situation. If he were to ask God to curse Israel, he would be asking God to crush the nation the Creator had chosen for a very definite reason. Balaam didn't completely understand why God was with Israel, but before he went any further for Balak, he decided to try to get in touch with God.

"Have your men build seven altars on this mountain," Balaam told Balak. "Have them bring seven oxen and seven rams to sacrifice as burnt offerings." (Numbers 23:1.)

King Balak was willing to do whatever Balaam asked. The altars were quickly set up and the sacrifices were made. While ceremonies were in progress, Balaam slipped away to a higher part of the mountain, hoping that he could get in touch with God.

Because God was using Balaam for a purpose—and not because of the sacrifices Balaam had asked Balak to make—God spoke to Balaam from the rocks of the highest part of the mountain, instructing him just what to say to Balak when he returned. When Balaam finally arrived back at the site of the seven altars, Balak and the high officers of Moab stood by the sacrifices and anxiously awaited what he would have to say. They hoped that he would at last utter a curse on Israel.

Balaam hesitated a little before saying anything, because he realized that what he was about to speak would be rather startling to the Moabites. (Verses 2-6.)

Balaam Prophecies

"As all of you before me are aware," Balaam began, "I was summoned all the way from my home in Aram in the mountains of the East by king Balak. The king's wish has been that I call down the wrath of my God on Israel, the nation that has recently come up out of Egypt to destroy the Amorites. If my God's wrath would suddenly come on Israel for sin, then how much more would it fall on the nation of Moab! My God is the God of Israel. It would be impossible for me to bring a curse by my God on a nation that He has already blessed. It would be most foolish, in fact, for any one or any nation to try to go against any nation that my God is not against and is protecting.

"Even now we are able to look out and see these people God has chosen for some great purpose. Israel shall always stand out above other nations, and it shall be one whose numbers can be compared to the numbers of specks of dust in the ground. I trust that when I die, my death shall be as honorable as that of those people we see below who have been chosen for some high purpose!" (Verses 7-10.)

Balak was surprised and irritated by the unexpected speech from Balaam. He had hoped for a curse, but Balaam's words, inspired by God, amounted to a magnificent blessing rather than a curse.

Balak strode up to Balaam, planted his fists on his hips, and frowningly regarded the prophet.

"Why have you spoken these good things about Israel instead of what I expected?" the king angrily asked. "I didn't bring you here for this sort of thing. How could you do the opposite of what I have counted on your doing—especially when you consider the rich rewards that could be yours?" (Verse 11.)



"I brought you here to curse Israel," Balak angrily reminded Balaam.
"You sounded as though you were doing just the opposite."

Balaam Speaks Dishonestly

"Don't I have to say what my God told me to say?" Balaam asked. "What else could I do?" (Verse 12.) Balaam intended these words to soften the blow of God's prophecy and encourage Balak to keep trying to bribe Balaam with bigger sums of money.

Balak was discouraged by this answer, but, as Balaam hoped, he didn't intend to give up. He reasoned that Balaam had been so awed by the vast spread of Israelites that he feared to utter a curse on them.

The Moabite king quickly decided to take Balaam to another mountain from where only a part of Israel could be viewed. Balak was well aware of how the camping Israelites appeared from all directions, what with his spies having carefully watched them ever since they had come out of the south.

Regardless of God's instructions that Balaam should speak only good things concerning Israel, the prophet went with Balak to a flat section of a high ridge known as Mt. Pisgah. (Verses 13-14.)

"There you again see those intruders," Balak said to Balaam. "Why not implore your powerful God to punish them?"

"I still must obey what my God tells me to do," Balaam answered. "To approach Him again, we must once more build seven altars and offer a ram and a bullock on each altar. Then I'll seek another meeting with my God to inquire if He intends to punish Israel."

At a command from Balak, seven altars were set up on Mt. Pisgah, and a bullock and a ram were sacrificed on each of the altars. Meanwhile, Balaam again went into a remote section of the mountain to try to contact God. Once more he was successful, but only because God purposed to contact him. Even though Balaam was still greedy for Balak's reward, God was very patiently waiting to see if Balaam would finally choose the eternal riches that are given for serving God, instead of the gold he was offered for serving Balak.

"Tell Balak what I am about to tell you," God said to Balaam, and Balaam carefully memorized what God had to say.

For the second time Balaam returned from a mountain visit with God to report to king Balak.

"I have been in touch with my God," Balaam called to Balak, "and He has told me more things to tell you."

"What has your God spoken?" Balak calmly asked, though anxiously hoping that either Balaam's God or Balaam had undergone a change of mind. (Verses 15-17.)

More Inspired Prophecy

"He has said that you, Balak, should listen to Him," Balaam replied. "He has said that you should learn that He does not lie, as does a mortal man, and that He will surely carry out any purpose or promise He has made. My God has blessed Israel, and I have been instructed to carry on according to that blessing. It would be impossible for me to change God's blessing into a curse.

"You should know that God has not regarded the shortcomings of Jacob, the forefather of Israel, as something so evil that all of Jacob's descendants should be cursed into oblivion. God brought Israel out of Egypt, and gave that nation the strength of the giant wild bull. No prayer, no art, no craft nor enchantment from outsiders can affect Israel. In time to come people will marvel at how this nation was kept alive under God's protection. In fact, Israel shall become known as a strong young lion that doesn't rest until he has eaten well of his prey, and that prey will be nations that can be compared to gazelles, deer and other animals much weaker than the lion." (Verses 18-24.)

Balak stared in shock at the prophet. Balaam was wearing the king's patience to an end. If he hadn't been so desperate for help against Israel, he would have ordered the prophet out of his presence.

"If you won't curse the Israelites now," Balak muttered wearily, "then at least you can refrain from pronouncing a blessing on them!"

"Didn't I tell you," Balaam replied, "that I would have to speak whatever my God would tell me to say?" Balaam should have flatly refused to help Balak, but he didn't. He still hoped he could please two masters, God and Balak.

If Balaam hadn't feared God's great power, he never would have spoken or acted in such a manner. But he still had a desire for the reward that Balak was willing to give him merely for the ceremony of mumbling a few words against Israel.

Balak refused to give up what he had set out to do through the prophet. Immediately he suggested that they go to Mt. Peor, which was a high point of the Abarim range. From there all of the camp of Israel could be seen. Balak hoped that there was a chance that Balaam might break down and pronounce a curse on Israel if he could be convinced that such a large and powerful nation might well move eastward and destroy Balaam's home town.

Later, when the Moabite caravan and those with it viewed the Israelites from Mt. Peor, Balak was dismayed to hear Balaam ask for the third time that seven altars should be built for sacrificing animals. Balaam was fearfully aware that invisible angels were listening to all his words and watching everything he did, and he wanted to continue giving the impression that he was trying to please God. Balak gave orders to carry out Balaam's wish. The Moabite king didn't want to seem to offend the God of Israel, though he was actually more interested in getting Balaam to curse Israel than he was in pleasing a God he didn't know. (Verses 25-30.)

In spite of his hopes to earn favor and fortune from the Moabite king, Balaam realized it would be useless to continue hoping God might curse Israel for Balak. His



Balak, King of Moab, hoped to convince Balaam that Israel was a dangerous nation that should be destroyed.

recent contacts with God made it quite clear that it was wrong to have anything to do with curses, enchantments and trying to foresee the future unless God inspired such things. For this reason, Balaam did not even go to seek a vision as he had previously done.

As the prophet looked down from Mt. Peor on the Israelites camped in their orderly manner on the plains of Moab, he was suddenly inspired by God to speak another clear and vivid prophecy to Balak and those about him.

Moabites, Midianites and even Balaam's two servants gathered around in curiosity as the prophet's voice rang out from the mountain top to tell them marvellous things they hadn't expected to hear.

"I, Balaam, the son of Beor, have been given understanding by God in matters I am about to relate," Balaam declared.

He then went on, to the growing discomfort of most of his audience, to speak of Israel and what would happen to that nation.

Israel's Future Unfolded

"How fine is the array of colorful tents and tabernacles of Israel on the plain below!" Balaam exclaimed. "They are spread out as watercourses from the mountains, as gardens by a river, as sandal trees and cedars of Lebanon growing naturally in rows beside the streams.

"Israel shall have plenty of prosperity. His descendants shall be uncountable. His king shall have more power than any other king, and the kingdom of Israel shall become the strongest one in the world. God brought this nation out of Egypt and gave it the strength of the giant wild bull. This people will swallow up its enemies after breaking their bones and piercing them with deadly weapons!

"Israel is like a great lion that people fear to bother. Those who bless Israel shall be blessed. Those who curse Israel shall be cursed!" (Numbers 24:1-9.)

This was exactly the opposite of what the king of Moab hoped to hear. He felt that Balaam had betrayed him, and he violently struck his hands together, an action in those times that indicated great anger.

"I offered you handsome rewards to come here to curse my enemies!" Balak shouted as he strode up to Balaam. "Instead, you blessed them! Now take your servants and get out of here without the reward your God has prevented you from receiving!" (Verses 10-11.)

"Perhaps you have forgotten," Balaam calmly reminded the king, "that when your messengers first came to me I told them that a whole house full of gold from you would not cause me to do anything in this matter but what my God told me to do.

Didn't I say then that I would say exactly what I was told by God to say?" (Verses 12-13.)

Then God inspired Balaam to utter another astonishing prophecy: "Now, before I leave, I should tell you what my God says Israel will do to your people in the future. An Israelite king will come into power who will strike your nation with such force that it will be smashed at once. Those Moabites who remain alive will be taken as servants of Israel!"

The king of Moab sensed that Balaam spoke the truth, and his haughty expression quickly turned to one of uneasiness.

"When—when is this supposed to happen?" Balak asked, forcing a tone of command into his voice.

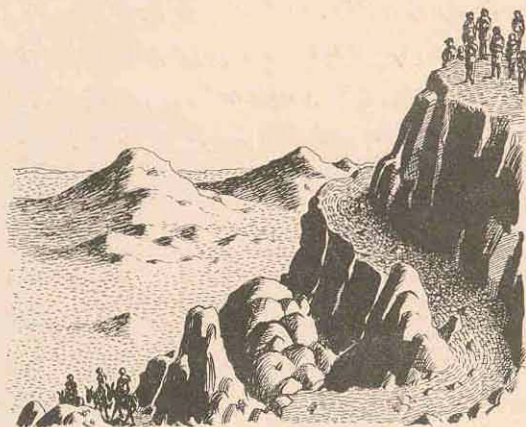
"You will not live to see that day," Balaam answered. "But it will happen as surely as the sun is in the sky. As for Edom and Seir, those countries shall also fall to Israel. Even the powerful Amalekites shall go down before Israel, and shall disappear forever as a nation. The Kenites in the rock-city of Kadesh shall also be taken captive, though they live in the rocky strongholds of the mountains.

"The climax will bring frightening changes in many parts of the world. Nations from across the seas will attack and be attacked. There will be great trouble in time to come. Israel, the nation God has chosen for carrying on His purpose in the world, will end the most glorious nation!"

There were only low murmurs from the Moabites and Midianites as Balaam and his two servants mounted their animals and rode away on the trail that led down Mt. Peor. (Verses 14-25.)

Balak was sobered by what Balaam had said, but, lest those about him should notice his fear, he shrugged his shoulders and managed a smirk of derision that would have faded quickly if he could have foreseen his nation being overcome by a future Israelite king by the name of David. (II Samuel 8:1-2.)

Most of the prophecies made by Balaam were for Old Testament times. Some are yet to come true in these latter days because God always does what He promises to do!



There was an uneasy silence from the Moabites and Midianites as Balaam and his two servants rode down Mt. Peor.

Balak returned to the city from which he ruled Moab, but Balaam never got back to his home town. He again began to lust after the reward he had missed. He began to devise a plan he thought might get him a part of it. So he stopped in the land of Midian.

As Balaam's love for gold grew, so did his determination to help the Midianites against God's people Israel. He worked out a scheme designed to cause the young men of Israel to turn away from God and bring a curse on themselves. Here is what happened.

The Israelites continued to stay on the verdant plain that was partly shaded by many acacia trees. It was a pleasant, fruitful area in which to camp and the Israelites were in the midst of plenty. But an exceedingly unpleasant matter soon began to develop.

Some of the men of Israel were attracted to some of the Moabite, Ammonite, and Midianite women. This situation swiftly grew into a mountainous problem. More and more Israelite men married these pagan women, something forbidden by God. Israel was not to intermarry with outsiders—especially those who were heathen. Besides, due to Balaam's teaching many Moabite women and Israelite men were taking the physical privileges of married persons, although unmarried. This



Many of the Israelite men went with Moabite women to take part in shameful rites by which certain pagan gods were worshipped.

meant they were breaking the seventh and tenth commandments. (Rev. 2:14.)

What was more, the Moabite women were leading their Israelite husbands and lovers into Sabbath breaking and worshipping pagan gods. (Numbers 25:1-6.) These gods included Astarte or Ishtar, a deity giving her name to "Easter" eggs. This idolatry was later brought into so-called Christian churches to be known as Easter. One sin led to another.

God's fierce anger was aroused when He noticed these things continuing and growing.

"Seek out and punish by death the individuals who have committed these sins before it spreads further," God told Moses. "If you don't, I will curse the whole nation of Israel!" (Numbers 25:3-4.)

Balaam's plan was working well up to this point.

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What our READERS SAY

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"A maniac broke into my apartment and almost beat me to death. In fact, the doctors did not think I had a chance but God saved my life, and makes me more determined to serve Him as long as I live. I still have my arm in a cast and my jaws were crushed so have them wired. I have been staying with my daughter since they released me from the hospital. Could not think of going back to that apartment."

Subscriber from California.

The 21st CENTURY— What it Will Be Like

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ber, this will be supernatural DIVINE Government—no longer HUMAN government riddled with hypocrisy, greed and graft. But it will be government *over* all mortal humans left alive—all the unconverted who shall not have been changed to immortality in the Kingdom of GOD.

This divine Government will be *perfectly organized*. It will be devoid of useless "red tape," bumbling, stumbling excess-baggage bureaucracies. It will not cater to special-organized classes or groups in order to get their votes. **THERE WILL BE NO VOTING!**

It will be government from the **TOP down**—not from the bottom up! The **TOP** will be the Supreme Almighty GOD—the Father of all. Under Him, ruling from the **WORLD CAPITAL** to be established at Jerusalem, will be the glorified **KING of Kings, JESUS CHRIST**. Christ will be supreme **HEAD** of all the **WORLD**—the *new and different* **WORLD TOMORROW!**

The nations that have grown and developed out of the original 12 tribes of ancient Israel (13 tribes, when Joseph is counted as the *two* tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh) will have a King over all of them—and that King, under Christ, will be King David of ancient Israel, resurrected from the dead to immortal life in power and glory (Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:22-24; 37:24-25 with verses 13-14).

Every prophecy in the Bible that describes the status of the nations on whom the dying Jacob placed his name—Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 48:14-16, 18-19)—who are, today, the British Commonwealth nations and the United States (see our free booklet, *United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*)—shows these nations to be then in a state of slavery resulting from invasion, captivity, and removal from their own lands. It will be captivity by modern "BABYLON"—Roman Catholic Fascist united Europe.

But, as Moses led ancient Israel out of Egyptian captivity, so Jesus Christ will lead—or *have* led—the British and American people remaining alive (only from 10% to 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %) from the captivity of this modern Babylon, in an exodus *so great* that the former exodus from Egypt will be no longer remembered (Jer. 23:7-8).

At that time the nations who shall have been the conquerors and captors of British-American peoples will lead them back to their original promised land of Palestine.

"For the Eternal will have pity upon Jacob and once more take Israel as His own, settling them in their own country . . . The household of Israel shall be conducted home by outside nations, and then Israel shall hold them as slaves in the land of the Eternal, thus making captives of their former captors, and ruling over their oppressors. Then shall it be that after the Eternal grants you relief from your agony and misery and the slavery you have had to suffer, you shall raise this song against the king of Babylon (the "Beast" of Rev. 17:8-14), crying How the tyrant is hushed, his mad rage hushed! The club of the godless the Eternal has crushed, the rod of oppression, that smote the nations in a passion, blow after blow, that enslaved nations in a fury and never let them go. *Now the WHOLE WORLD LIES AT PEACE, bursting into song; the very cypresses exult, the cedars of Lebanon cry, 'Now that you are fallen, no man seeks to fell us'.*" (Isaiah 14:1-8—Moffatt translation).

Israel and Judah UNITED

Back in the days of King Rehoboam, son of Solomon, the nation Israel rejected Rehoboam, and made Jeroboam king. Then Judah seceded from Israel, forming a *new nation*, called The **KINGDOM OF JUDAH**, in order to go back to the king of their own tribe—Rehoboam. From that time until now, the people

descended from the 12 tribes of Israel have been **TWO DIFFERENT AND SEPARATE NATIONS!**

But, as they return to Palestine, at the coming of Christ, they are to be **REUNITED** into **ONE NATION** (Ezekiel 37:15-22)—with the resurrected David king over all of them.

But how would you suppose they will go back to the land God *promised* their father Abraham—as an exultant, cocky, superior people, proud of themselves, lording it over others?

No, they shall return as a people *loathing* themselves for their rebellion against their God. They will go back **REPENTANT, WEeping, and seeking their GOD and His right WAYS!**

Notice: "In those days, and at that time, saith the Eternal, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Eternal their God" (Jer. 50:4).

Again: "And ye shall know that I am the Eternal, when I bring you into the land of Israel . . . and there shall you remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled"; (—and remember, this is *not* speaking of resurrected Israelites of Old Testament days—but the very *present living generation*—those of America and Britain who shall soon be taken into captivity and slavery, to be freed only by Christ's coming. And if you will read all of Ezekiel 20, especially beginning verse 10, and then verse 18—speaking of their children—**OUR PEOPLE TODAY**—you will see that they defiled themselves and sinned against God by rejecting **HIS COMMANDMENTS**, and profaning **HIS SABBATH!**)—"and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. And ye **SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE ETERNAL**" (Ezek. 20:42-44).

How? How shall they *know* that Christ is the **ETERNAL**? Read verses 12, and 20. He gave our people His Sabbaths to be a **SIGN** that would identify Him as their true **GOD**—and identify them as **HIS PEOPLE**. The Jews of the Kingdom of Judah retained God's Sabbath—and they retained their identity. The whole world knows they are the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The world even thinks they are

the nation ISRAEL—because they have retained the identifying SIGN God gave for that purpose! But the peoples of Britain, United States, France, and other modern descendants of the so-called "lost" Ten Tribes, LOST THEIR IDENTITY. Do you know why? King Jeroboam *changed* the Festival of the 7th month to the 8th month (I Kings 12:32). He also changed God's weekly Sabbath from the 7th day of the week to the one following—which would be called the "8th" if we did not start counting another week, which makes Sunday the *first* day of the week—the same day on which the pagans always worshipped the SUN!

Yes, this very TRUTH may offend some readers of this article, now—but I say to you by authority of Jesus Christ that, if you survive the disease epidemic that's coming, and the nuclear blasts that will destroy our cities and a third of our populations, that in the condition of slavery to which you shall be reduced, you, too, *will come to yourself*—you will *then* WAKE UP to the truth—and you will really WEEP tears of genuine repentance, and LOATHE yourself for this defiling of what is HOLY to your GOD!

Notice still another prophecy of this coming stupendous EXODUS. "For I will take you from among the heathen"—(from the state of captivity and slavery)—"and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: . . . and I will put MY SPIRIT *within you*—(salvation)—and cause you *to walk by my statutes*, and ye shall keep MY judgments, and DO THEM. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your GOD. . . . Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, *and shall loathe yourselves* in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations" (Ezek. 36:24-31).

THESE PROPHECIES HAVE NEVER BEEN FULFILLED!

Although a portion of the Jews have gone back to Palestine since 1948, and

have set up the nation called "Israel," they have not gone back loathing themselves, with weeping, seeking God and HIS WAYS. And they are *not* the *House of Israel*, but a portion, only, of the *House of Judah*!

One more prophecy—most assuredly NOT fulfilled in the Jewish nation called "Israel" today:

"And I will bring Israel again to his habitation, and he shall feed upon Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon Mount Ephraim and Gilead. *In those days, and at that time*, saith the Eternal, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; for the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found; for I will pardon them whom I reserve" (Jeremiah 50:19-20).

I have visited this modern Israel. I have been on the hill of Carmel, overlooking Haifa. The land is not sinless, today! No, these prophecies are YET to be fulfilled!

Chain of Authority

Now how about the Gentile nations around the world?

They are not going to accept the new supernatural WORLD GOVERNMENT until *forced*! Christ will be ruling from Jerusalem. As already explained, David, resurrected and immortal, will be King over the world's top nation of mortal humans—Israel and Judah UNITED. But there will be the 12 tribes—or sub-nations—or states.

WHO will rule over the various tribes, under King David? From Christ, the King of Kings, there will be a definite chain of authority, under Him.

Jesus Christ appointed His 12 Apostles to rule on those 12 divisional thrones. To them Jesus said: "Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit upon the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Mat. 19:28).

God has not given us any specific statement in the Bible as to what position Abraham and the Apostle Paul shall occupy in God's Kingdom. But, since Abraham is called the father of the faithful—since even the promises of salvation through Christ were made to him and his children—since even a

Gentile, by conversion in Christ, becomes a child of Abraham and his heir (Gal. 3:29), it is clear that Abraham ranks *first*, next under Christ, of all mankind—and greater even than David. It is probable, then, that in the Kingdom the resurrected Abraham will be next under Christ, as a Vice-King over *all* nations—Israel and Gentiles.

And, since Paul was made chief apostle for carrying God's work to the Gentiles during the first century, it would seem logical that Paul, resurrected immortal, will be made King over all Gentile nations, with a King over each nation under him.

One other position in the Kingdom is, however, revealed. Those in God's true Church of this *very present*, who are faithful in keeping and obeying GOD'S WORD, who have part in and are loyal to GOD'S WORK of the present, carrying Christ's very GOSPEL of the Kingdom of God to the world—these will be "pillars," or occupying responsible office, in God's Headquarters Church at Jerusalem, in the new Temple which shall then be built—described by Ezekiel, beginning chapter 40. Just as the Church at Jerusalem was the Headquarters Church, to which others went to settle matters of doctrine or procedure (see Acts 15), so there will be the Headquarters Church fulfilling the same function FOR ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD when God does, during the coming millennium, set His hand to SAVE THE WORLD. This will then be a vast work, with many filling offices.

Russia Attacks

But, just as the re-united nation ISRAEL becomes settled, and at peace, in Palestine—rapidly increasing in material wealth, and with a prosperity far beyond anything existing today—the Communist hordes will sweep toward Palestine in the sky—with planes so numerous they will appear like clouds to cover the land. Communism will make its one last supreme attempt to overthrow the Kingdom of God—and to rule the world with Communism.

Next month, in Part 2 of this article, you will read the outcome.

Khrushchev has said to America and the British nations: "*We will BURY YOU!*" Read next month, *who* will be

buried! Also how the people of Cairo and Egypt will be forced to obey Christ's rule, and finally will turn to worship

Him—to live by *God's WAYS*, and, with the whole world, find peace and happiness at last!

Jews Reject Jesus, Christians Reject Christ

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of the prophesied Messiah to begin fulfilling the works of verse 24.

"And *after* threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be CUT OFF, but not for himself . . . And he shall confirm the covenant with many for ONE WEEK: and in the MIDST OF THE WEEK he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease" (Dan. 9:26-27). The focal point of this entire prophecy is the last week!

Death of Messiah Prophesied

It is very plainly stated that the last week of this great prophecy would be cut into *two distinct parts!* Even though the time period of seventy weeks has passed long ago, the ultimate fulfillment of the *last half* of the *last week* is *yet to take place*, BECAUSE THE MESSIAH WAS CUT OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT LAST WEEK! The Jews could not reconcile the thought of their great Messiah-King having to *first* be *humiliated* by being *rejected, despised and finally KILLED BEFORE* He came to rule over them as their glorious King!

Christians have a similar problem, because they cannot reconcile in *their* minds a Savior Who has all the gentleness and love of the true Jesus and at the *same time* the great power and fury and anger of the coming King of kings Who will brook no rebellion against His law, but wreaks horrible vengeance and pours out agonizing plagues on the heads of all those who insist on going **THEIR OWN WAY!**

Another enigma for the Jews—an enigma that can *not* be solved by *only one coming* of the Messiah—was the *location* of His first appearance. When the wise men came from the East to inquire *where* they might find the newborn King, Herod gathered together the chief priests, scribes and the elders of the people and asked them what the *Scriptures* had to say. The answer is

very plain: "And they said unto him, In *Bethlehem* of *Judea*: for thus it is written by the prophet," (Matt. 2:5), "But thou, *Bethlehem Ephrathah*, though thou be little among the thousands of *Judah*, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in *Israel*" (Mic. 5:2). They recognized from this prophecy, where the Messiah would be born. Yet, if He was to come *only once*, it is difficult to reconcile the scripture which says, "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the *mount of Olives*" (Zech. 14:4). This is the *first place* that the King of kings—Messiah will appear *on the earth!*

They made the same mistake thousands make today when they read *only one verse*, taking it *out of context and not letting the BIBLE INTERPRET THE BIBLE!* They so badly wanted an All-powerful, returning, conquering King to restore their glory as a physical nation, that they *assumed* that the *TIME* of the coming forth of the Messiah from *Bethlehem* was the *SAME TIME* as His being *Ruler in Israel!*

Suffering Christ Not Jewish Concept

The Jews did not accept Jesus Christ of Nazareth as the Messiah, as the One Who fulfilled the agonizing prophecies of Isaiah 53—they rejected, and must still reject, that entire chapter as being the Word of God, because: ". . . There appears to be no evidence of any Jewish conception of a Messiah suffering through and for His people . . ." (*The Jewish Encyclopedia*, article "Jesus"). No, the idea was not a *Jewish* conception—it was conceived in the MIND OF GOD as the FIRST and INDISPENSABLE PART of the plan of salvation for mankind!

All through the Holy Scriptures from Genesis 3:15 on, the theme of a Savior-

Sacrifice was carried out! The powerful story of Abraham's sacrificing his son should have illustrated to all those who claimed to be Abraham's descendants the fact that there *must be a sacrifice for the sins of mankind!* Very thorough and complete laws of sacrifice — the burnt offering, the peace offering, the sin and the trespass offering—certainly demonstrated beyond any shadow of a doubt that there could be no remission of sin except by blood! And plainly *man's sin* could not be forgiven with the blood of a *sheep* or a *goat!* The very Passover sacrifice that redeemed Israel from Egypt pointed to the sacrifice of a Savior to redeem all mankind from sin! Psalm 22 shows explicitly the agonizing suffering that this Savior would go through! *Minute details* were covered by many prophecies—too numerous to mention, over *three hundred* throughout the Old Testament! By their own Scriptures the Jews should have known that their Savior, their Messiah would be *betrayed by a friend* (Ps. 41:9). They should have known that He would be offered *gall and vinegar* at the height of His ferocious thirst as He hung on the stake paying for the sins of mankind! (Ps. 69:21.) They should have known that the Holy One of Israel, though He were CUT OFF, KILLED, AND DEAD, *would not be left in the grave but would be RESURRECTED!* (Ps. 16:10-11.) They should have known that the same prophecies in Daniel which speak of Messiah the Prince as bringing in righteousness and holiness *forever*, also spoke of Him as being KILLED!

Because they could not understand the true meaning of the Passover sacrifice they dared not think of *their* Messiah as being CUT OFF! They could not believe the prophet Zechariah when he said, ". . . *lowly*, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zech. 9:9). They could not bear to *think of their King as lowly.*

Scripture Key

A key to the fact that these scriptures show both a first and a second coming of Jesus Christ is found in Matthew's account of the *fulfillment* of this prophecy in Zechariah. "All this was done, that it might be *fulfilled* which was

spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, *meeke*, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass" (Matt. 21:4-5). This prophecy was fulfilled by Jesus of Nazareth at that particular time!

Yet it was only fulfilled to a certain point! "And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak *peace unto the heathen*: and his DOMINION SHALL be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth" (Zech. 9:10). This scripture was not quoted in Matthew 21 as being fulfilled, because the time of its fulfillment was yet future! Jesus was at that time fulfilling the FIRST PART of this prophecy, but stopped quoting that prophecy at exactly the place where He stopped fulfilling that prophecy at that time.

Jesus Christ made this principle very clear in Nazareth where He stood up to read one Sabbath day, and turning to the book of Isaiah read, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to *preach the gospel* to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to *preach* the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, *This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears!*" (Luke 4:18-21.)

Now turning to Isaiah 61, which was the scripture Jesus was reading, notice the very unusual fact that He STOPPED reading in the MIDDLE of a sentence! "To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, AND THE DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD; to comfort all that mourn" (Isa. 61:2). If you continue reading the verses just after this in Isaiah 61 you will see the prophecies mentioned here continue through a description of what Jesus Christ will do when He returns to this earth at His SECOND coming as King of kings and Lord of lords!

The book of Isaiah is full of many prophecies which can have NO MEANING unless they point to a Savior-SACRI-

FICE—very plainly showing that at His first coming the Messiah would be rejected of men.

These Jews are without excuse!

If they accept the prophecies of the coming of the Messiah to establish His Kingdom and rule and government on this earth forever, then they MUST accept the other prophecies, which are many times part of the same sentence that show that Messiah had to first come and sacrifice Himself for mankind!

Of course, in order for us to have had a Savior, He had to be sacrificed and rejected of His people. But the same principle that applied to Judas Iscariot applies to the people responsible for His death—"Woe unto the world because of offenses! For it must needs be that offenses come; but WOE to that man by whom the offense cometh!" (Matt. 18:7.) If the Jews had recognized their Lord and Savior they would not have crucified Him—"Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory" (I Cor. 2:8).

God purposely left the world in the dark and allowed human nature to reject, torture, and crucify His Son!

Who IS to Blame?

It is no more the fault of the Jews, than of the Romans—it is no more the fault of the Roman soldier who thrust Him through with a spear than it is of YOU, who by your sins have NECESSITATED HIS SACRIFICE!

"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes" (Ps. 118:22-23). Judaism claims its rock to be Abraham—and they have not rejected him! But the Holy Scriptures very plainly show the Rock to be Jesus Christ, the One they rejected, that is the Head Cornerstone of the foundation of the Kingdom of God! Those who have borrowed the name of Christ and dubbed themselves Christians, either claim their rock to be Peter—(and they have not refused him!)—or philosophize and spiritualize away the New Testament scriptures which plainly proclaim Christ as the Rock upon which the Church of God would be built!

So the builders of Judaism have re-

jected the Chief Cornerstone in building their building! The builders of today's Christianity have rejected the Chief Cornerstone in their building! "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it!" (Ps. 127:1.)

Judaism claimed to be built on Abraham and Moses, but Jesus Christ said to those Jews that IF they had believed Moses they would also believe Him! Today's Christianity is no more built on Christ than was Judaism built on Moses! "Howbeit IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the TRADITION OF MEN" (Mark 7:7-8).

The very first warning Jesus Christ gave to His disciples in Matthew 24 when they asked Him what the signs would be that would precede His second coming was: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For MANY shall come in my name, SAYING I am Christ; and shall deceive MANY" (Matt. 24:4-5). Jesus Christ pointed out to the Jews of His day that they were liars when they claimed to have Abraham as their father and Moses as their guide—showing that they were using the name of Abraham and the name of Moses but only deceiving themselves and many others. They were neither keeping Abraham's faith nor living by the laws that Moses had given to them.

That SAME JESUS CHRIST pointed out that there would arise those after His first coming who would admit that Jesus was the Christ, use His NAME and label themselves with it: Christians! But the STERN WARNING He gave was that they would no more be Christians than the Jews were followers of Moses!

The Jews did not want to recognize a Savior Who would be purchased for the price of a SLAVE—thirty pieces of silver (Zech. 11:12-13). The Jews did not want to recognize a Savior Who would be smitten, cut off, killed—the Shepherd of God smitten and the sheep scattered abroad! (Zech. 13:7 and Matt. 26:31.) The Jews did not want to be scattered abroad!

They had been persecuted, scattered abroad, taken into captivity throughout their entire history! What they WANTED was a returning conquering Hero-King of kings and Lord of lords to bring them

world dominion!

Christians Face Same Problem

Most Christians do not *want* to accept a King Who will RULE *over them*, Who would actually *tell them how to live EVERY FACET OF THEIR LIFE!* Christians do not *want* a King Who makes the law that the Jews boasted they were keeping *even more applicable* to those who would be *His* followers—"For I say unto you, That except *your* righteousness shall EXCEED *the* righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, *ye shall IN NO CASE enter into the kingdom of heaven*" (Matt. 5:20). The Christians do not *want* a King Who says to them, "So likewise, *whosoever he be of you* that forsaketh not ALL THAT HE HATH, he CANNOT be my disciple!" (Luke 14:33.) They do not want a King Who says, "IF ye love me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS!" (John 14:15.) They do not want a King Who demands, ". . . that ye present *your bodies a LIVING sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God*, which is your reasonable [spiritual] SERVICE. And be *not* conformed to this world, but be YE transformed by the *renewing of YOUR mind* [the complete changing of doing things *your way*, or of *even* THINKING of doing things *YOUR way*], that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, WILL OF GOD" (Rom. 12:1-2).

Jesus Christ says to BOTH *Christian and Jew* who reject that true Rock as their foundation: "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, IS A LIAR, AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN HIM!" (I John 2:4.)

These Christians are without excuse!

If they *accept* the prophecies—over three hundred strong—of the humble carpenter of Nazareth, born of a virgin by the Spirit of God, a human son of David as well, a Healer of the multitudes, a Preacher of righteousness; the One Who preached *repentance and the Kingdom of God*; the One Who was *beaten and tortured and finally SACRIFICED ON A STAKE, POURING OUT EVERY DROP OF HIS LIFE'S BLOOD IN AN IGNOMINIOUS DEATH BETWEEN TWO CRIMINALS!*—If they accept *these* prophecies, *then they* MUST ACCEPT THE PROPHECIES OF HIS SECOND COMING, of His *return* to restore order to this

world and bring in the EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF GOD!

If *these* prophecies are to be *spiritualized* away, turned into the sentimental and weak doctrine that the *Church* is the Kingdom of God, or that the Kingdom is established in the *hearts of men*—that there will be no *real, PERSONAL, absolute, concrete, direct* return of that *mighty* Jesus Christ—then there is NO *reason to believe that the same prophecies also DEMAND an actual PERSONAL sacrifice of a Savior in the first place!* So, in rejecting the truth of Jesus Christ's return to this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords to RULE here, TODAY'S CHRISTIANITY ALSO REJECTS ITS SAVIOR! And the Jews, in rejecting their Savior, ALSO REJECT THE KINGDOM OF GOD *that they have so long looked forward to!*

Gospel Message Same Today!

The *same message Jesus preached* in Palestine 1900 years ago is just as much for the world *today* as it was for the world then! All the various factions of religious life in that day—the scribes, the Pharisees, the Essenes, the Haggadists, etc.—*thought*, or at least claimed, *THEY were keeping God's law!* The various *Christian factions* TODAY, calling themselves by the *name of Christ*, *think they are keeping what God requires of them!* But they are not!

The same Gospel Jesus preached then is applicable today! Before *that* Jesus Christ comes in all His glory with all His angels to conquer, govern, and rule, cleanse and purify this earth, the *same warning message that John the Baptist preached* IS BEING PROCLAIMED TO THIS WORLD AS A FULFILLMENT OF MATTHEW 24:14!

To prepare for the coming Kingdom of God, the message is the *same* today as yesterday—the only way to enter into the WORLD TOMORROW is to, "REPENT YE: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!" (Matt. 3:2.) And not only to *say* you repent and dub yourself with the name "Christian," but to BRING FORTH FRUIT MEET FOR REPENTANCE! (Matt. 3:8.)

"Nevertheless the *foundation of God standeth sure*, having this seal, The LORD *knoweth them that are his*. And, Let every one that *nameth the name of*

Christ [call themselves Christians] DEPART FROM INIQUITY" (II Tim. 2:19).

God *did* build His Church, but not on the foundation the world considers to be Christian! "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12).

The message is the *same to the Jew as it is to the Christian*. Only TRUE REPENTANCE, the giving up of *your* ideas, *your* concepts, *your* ways, *your* theories, will bring YOU to the place where YOU are *really ready to ACCEPT YOUR SAVIOR AND LIVE A TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE!*

Speaking of His SECOND *coming* Jesus Christ says, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to *destroy* all the nations that come *against* Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, *the spirit of grace and of supplications*: and THEY SHALL LOOK UPON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED!" (Zech. 12:9-10.) Yes, the Jews will see the Individual Whom they have rejected and pierced! The One they killed and hung on a stake! They will have to ADMIT that THEIR KING OF KINGS WAS JESUS OF NAZARETH! But this verse is not *just* to the Jew! It is to ALL THE WORLD, because the one who nailed Christ to the stake is *not the ONLY one* who pierced Him! The one who *thrust Him through with a spear* was only acting as the agent in taking out the *vengeance of YOUR sins on YOUR Savior!*

YOU WILL LOOK UPON THE SAVIOR WHOM YOU HAVE PIERCED!

Do not make the same mistake the Jews made! Do not *accept* PART of God's Word and *reject the OTHER PART!* TURN TO GOD! Ask Him to open YOUR eyes to see the WHOLE TRUTH, *the entire fascinating, living, pulsating plan of God FOR YOUR LIFE!*

He that has an ear, let him hear! (Rev. 2:7.)

Inside Story of "World Tomorrow"

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Armstrong and those associated with him in this work have GROWN so tremendously in grace and knowledge

through God's help.

In fact, very seldom has *even ONE year* gone by without God revealing some *new truth* of MAJOR significance to those of us in this ministry! Many of you who have read the PLAIN TRUTH for a few years will *know* what I mean.

Truth after truth, prophecy after prophecy have come to be *clearly REVEALED* by Almighty God to His servants in this work. Where the churches and religious sects of this world seem to bog down into their own traditions all too quickly, the men and women God is using in this work have *obeyed* the command to "GROW in grace and knowledge."

They have had to be willing to do what *no major denomination has been willing to do*—that is, to *admit ERROR* and *correct* any mistakes as fast as God makes them known, to continually *seek* for *correction* and for *new truth*, to zealously *STUDY* God's Word to find the long-hidden prophetic truths He has promised to reveal in these last days.

NO WONDER this is the *ONLY* religious work on earth that really *understands* the purpose of human existence, the laws of life, the specific meaning of present-day world events, and the *exact time schedule of prophecy!*

Totally CHANGED Lives

After my junior year of college, I had the privilege of going on a nationwide tour with Mr. Raymond F. McNair—one of the advanced ministerial students at the college. We met with scores of listeners of the "World Tomorrow" broadcast who had written in requesting baptism.

This tour was a revelation to me.

In most cases, the men and women we met had been hearing our broadcast for several years, had read and *studied* most of the booklets we send out and the PLAIN TRUTH magazine. Over a period of years of careful study, thought and prayer, these people—from every walk of life—had come to realize that this was the *very work of God*, our Creator. Through the guidance received from this work, they had come to *prove* that the Bible is the revelation from God to man—and they had accepted it as an *AUTHORITY* in their lives.

Because of the "World Tomorrow"

broadcast and the literature, these people were ready to make a *REAL surrender* to Christ and *LIVE BY every word of God*. When we read to them something out of the Bible that they should be doing, they were ready to *DO* it!

They had quit "kidding" themselves. They had quit *arguing* and "reasoning." At last, they were ready to *OBEY God*.

The WAY to Real Happiness

And these people had every conceivable type of religious background. Many had been in a number of denominational churches and had become completely discouraged with the lack of Bible understanding and spiritual zeal that they found there. They had *quit* attending any church, but had continued studying their Bibles.

Now they joyously told Raymond F. McNair and me how they began hearing Mr. Armstrong's broadcasts—how they were skeptical at first, thinking that he might turn out just like all the others—but how very *happy* they were to finally realize that this work *was* truly *DIFFERENT*.

Now they had a *real GOAL!* Their lives took on new *meaning* and *purpose*, new *enthusiasm* and joy. Now they really *KNEW* God, and they could now *walk with God* in fulfilling His will, and in going the way that they knew would lead to blessings, peace, happiness and eternal life.

I shall *never* forget that first baptizing tour! Many of the people met us with tears of joy in their eyes, and they had *ALL* been helped *by this work and broadcast* in finding the true *PURPOSE* of life—and the *joy* that comes in fulfilling it.

After many years of searching, in most cases, they knew that *this was IT*. *And they were glad.*

The Work of God

The next school year, I had opportunity to work more closely than ever with Mr. Armstrong. And now I had an increased awareness of the tremendous effect of this work on the lives of thousands of people—much of it the result of the gruelling hours he spent in the radio studio here at the college, where the "World Tomorrow" broadcast originates.

I found myself amazed at times that a man of his age could *drive himself on* continually, and handle so many different types of responsibilities. Many nights the lights were burning until after midnight in Mr. Armstrong's office, or in the radio studio—and his car was parked down below. Yet Mr. Armstrong *never* seemed to lose any of his enthusiasm for the tremendous load of work he was shouldering.

But much more than his human zeal and ability, I could see that only *God's power* could bring about the changed lives of countless individuals. Also, it was *only* through the revelation of Almighty God that Mr. Armstrong could tell *DEFINITELY* and *SPECIFICALLY* *what was prophesied to happen in world events.*

Seeing the "Fruit" of This Work

Later, I had the opportunity of taking a fact-finding tour of the major nations of Europe with Mr. Dick Armstrong. Now more than ever, I could *SEE* that the things Mr. Armstrong had been preaching for many years were *SWIFTLY COMING TO PASS!*

On this same trip, we were with Mr. Armstrong to help conduct his meetings for many of our listeners in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. I found that in these areas also *The World Tomorrow* broadcast was the *ONLY* source from which the people were able to learn the real *PURPOSE* and *LAWS* of life—to learn of the *VITAL* prophecies that are being fulfilled in our time. Reading the overseas mail in our London office, I found the same thing—letters from people all over the world stating that Mr. Armstrong was the *only* minister they had ever heard who led them to really *UNDERSTAND* the Bible, in all its parts.

I found that people all over the world are thankful that the *great GOD* of heaven and earth has sent His servant to let them know the *REAL PURPOSE* of their existence, and to *warn* them of the soon-coming *PUNISHMENTS* to befall the nations of this world. *Thousands* have come to realize that God is using this work as *His instrument* to prepare the way for the second coming of His Son Jesus Christ to earth—this time as King of kings, and Lord of lords.

As I gradually became more and more

a direct part of this work, I myself realized much more fully the Divine mission to which God has called us. After all, where *else* on earth will you find this work being accomplished?

The Work Expands

Going back a little in time, I would like to mention that for the first few years I was associated with the work and college, Mr. Armstrong was the only fully ordained minister conducting this great work. He did all the speaking, writing, editing and many other jobs as well.

But following the example of the apostle Paul—and of Jesus Christ himself—he decided that he would begin to train younger men, who had not yet been too inoculated with the religious deceptions of this world, to help him carry out this tremendous mission. Therefore, Ambassador College was founded with the thought that at least a few of the men students might turn out to be truly called by God to the ministry.

In due time, God did show by the "fruits" that such men as Raymond C. Cole, Herman L. Hoeh, Raymond F. McNair and others were being called for use in this great work. My uncle, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, even sold his business and moved to Pasadena—taking some courses with the young freshmen students in order to fit himself for a part in this work.

Later, God struck down Mr. Armstrong's two sons, Richard David and Garner Ted, and brought them to repentance and conversion. This is more significant than it may seem, because for many years it looked as if they might *never* be converted—but only continue to regard this as "Dad's religion."

All of this has certainly been providential too. For as the years have passed and this work has grown, Mr. Armstrong *needed help*. And *now* he has it!

Garner Ted Armstrong *surrendered* to God and was *changed* by Him so completely that it amazed those of us here who had known him. Now you often hear him speaking for his father on the "World Tomorrow" broadcast. Dick Armstrong was in charge of the foreign branch of this work until his death in God's service.

Herman L. Hoeh—now *Dr. Herman L. Hoeh*—is Managing Editor of the PLAIN TRUTH magazine and is carrying a heavy load as Dean of Instruction at Ambassador College. Dr. Meredith is now the Director of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course—a function which is serving thousands.

Mr. Raymond Cole and Mr. Raymond McNair take care of much of our work directed toward helping those who have already been converted through the broadcast in this country. They are now joined in this by many other consecrated men whom you will hear more of later.

In other words, this is NOT just "Herbert W. Armstrong's work." It is the *work of Jesus Christ*. It is the work of the Church of God—the Church Jesus said He would build (Matt. 16:18).

The true Church is the *body* of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:27)—the physical instrumentality used by Him in carrying out the *work of God* here on earth.

The men Christ is using in this work are *consecrated* and *dedicated*. They *FEAR* the *Living God* more than they do the societies and pressure groups of *men*.

Although they are independently relying on and serving God—and are not "yes men"—yet they work together in love and unity as a team. For they are *guided by* and *empowered by* the same Holy Spirit of God. They believe that the Bible *MEANS* what it says. So they *obey* it—and teach others to do the *same*.

Therefore, God is using this work as His instrument to fulfill Jesus Christ's prophecy: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a WITNESS unto all nations; and *then shall the end come*" (Matt. 24:14).

Next month, we will continue this article by taking you on a "campus tour" of our Headquarters here in Pasadena. We will introduce you to the leading men God is using in this Work—and give you a little of their backgrounds and their current duties and responsibilities. We will answer many of your questions about *how* the broadcast is made and *why*, and *how* this unique work of God functions here in Pasadena—and now around the entire earth.

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