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Wide World Photo

CARS INCH THEIR WAY through the business section of Tokyo in a typical traffic jam, a routine affair. The problem of traffic tie-ups and accidents, with their high cost in time and lives, has reached such a point in Japan that the government is establishing a special traffic ministry. Tokyo's traffic jam, perhaps the world's worst, sometimes takes hours to untangle. Traffic is typical of Japan's burgeoning industrial growth—described in this issue.

What our READERS SAY

Too Much Volume?

"All right. You do not have to shout at the top of your lungs. I believe when the Lord comes He will converse with me in a *normal* tone of voice."

Anonymous

• Some have always resented enthusiasm. The Children of Israel begged Moses to talk to them in God's stead because when He spoke, the mountains shook. Read this statement for yourself in Exodus 20:19.

Not for Profit

"Recently I sent for your literature. Not knowing it was free, I enclosed a check and wrote on the check what it was for. You can imagine how surprised I was when I got it back. Certainly this proved to me that you're not in it for the money."

Man from Texas

We Are Positive!

"If you are positive I will not be asked for money at a future date, I would like to subscribe to *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. I am not one of the gullible mass, and I must admit to the usual doubts of any free offer; I do hope you can assure me of your honesty and sincerity."

Man from Indiana

• Read the next letter for the proof!

Further Proof

"We have *never* been asked for money. I don't remember when we first received *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, but it must have been 15 years ago and maybe longer. Thanks."

Man from Colorado

Likes Manner of Delivery

"Most ministers do not possess the kind of voice which you and your son have. Others are either too "sweet and quiet" or they literally shout and scream their message at the very top of their lungs."

College student from Georgia

Others Preach *About* The Bible

"Last evening I tried a little experi-

ment. I would listen to *The WORLD TOMORROW* for 5 or 10 minutes and then listen to another religious program for several minutes. By this method, I compared your program to several other programs which included programs of perhaps the most famous ministers in the United States. I came up with this conclusion: You preach the Bible and the others preach *about* the Bible."

Man from Michigan

Ideal Vacation

"I have been on a two-week vacation. I loaded up my camper and went deer hunting for 7 days. I left my binoculars at home, but I didn't forget all the wonderful magazines and papers you have sent me. I spent two-thirds of my trip reading and studying. I came home without a deer, but I came home rested, relaxed, contented, with peace of mind. There isn't enough money to buy these wonderful PLAIN TRUTH magazines you have sent."

Man from Washington

Blows the Dust Off

"I am 18 years of age and have been listening to your program for about four months now. I did exactly what you asked. *I blew off the dust and opened my Bible*, and to my surprise *you were telling the truth*. My parents, minister, and friends told me to quit listening to such junk."

Man from Wisconsin

Frightful Thing Taking Shape

"The Roman Empire rising in Europe is a frightful thing when you see it taking shape before your very eyes. I used to listen to you at times 8 or 9 years ago and didn't believe what you were saying. I used to turn the radio to another station, or off altogether, but now I must swallow my own words. I know you were speaking the truth. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our very eyes."

Lady from Pennsylvania

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Personal from the Editor

THIS IS the 29th anniversary of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. With this number, we start the 30th year since this magazine began. Yet there have not been 29 full years of actual publication.

The careful observer may notice that this is Volume 28—not Volume 30, as it should be had there not been two years in which there were no copies published.

I have told our readers before of the small, humble, "home-made" beginning of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. The growth was slow and gradual. The road was hard, difficult. But *The PLAIN TRUTH* survived. It grew. There was constant improvement. This is the second issue with the new, heavier, full magazine-weight cover, making it a 52-page magazine. We expect it to continue to improve in quality, interest-value, enlightenment to readers, and in circulation.

HOW MANY times have you heard non-Christians, judging one who professes Christ, say in disgust: "Well if *that's* Christianity, I don't want any of it!"

How many judge GOD by the way professing Christians live? How many assume that one must live a *perfect* life, before he can become a Christian?

How many say: "If I could give up smoking, I'd become a Christian."

How many think a Christian is supposed to be perfect, never doing anything wrong? Suppose you do see or hear about a Christian doing something *WRONG*. Does that mean he is a hypocrite—that he is *not* really a Christian, after all?

Is it possible for one to actually *SIN*, while he is a Christian, and *still remain* a truly converted Christian?

I suppose nearly everyone would reply in the negative. But here is a vital point *you need to UNDERSTAND!*

It's hard to believe—but *TRUE!* Few know just what *is* a Christian. Few know *HOW* one is converted—whether

suddenly, all at once, or gradually. Does conversion happen *immediately*, or is it a *PROCESS?* IT'S HIGH TIME WE UNDERSTAND!

The *TRUTH* is that there is a sense in which true conversion *does* take place *at a definite time*—all at once. But it is also true that in another sense conversion is *worked out gradually*—a process of development and growth.

Now **NOTICE CAREFULLY!**

WHEN does one really become a Christian? It is when he receives God's Holy Spirit. In Romans 8:9, we read that *unless* we have the Holy Spirit, we are not Christ's—not Christians.

There is a definite *TIME* when God's Spirit enters into one. At the *very moment* he receives the Holy Spirit, he is, in this first sense, *converted*. Yes, *all at once!* If he has Christ's Spirit, he is *CHRIST'S*—he is a Christian! He has been begotten as a child of God.

But does that mean his salvation is complete? Is he now fully and finally "saved"? Is that all there is to it? Is he now, suddenly, *perfect*? Is it now impossible for him to do *WRONG*?

NO! FAR FROM IT! But *WHY?* What's the answer? Why do so many *MISUNDERSTAND?*

Here is the *PLAIN TRUTH* you need to know.

First, there are *TWO conditions* to becoming a Christian: *REPENTANCE*, and *FAITH*. These two we, ourselves, must perform. Yet no one can, of himself, say: "Oh now I see—I must repent. All right, I hereby repent." One does not just decide casually, as a matter of routine, to repent. *WHY?*

Jesus Christ said that none can come to Him, except the Spirit of the Father draw him. God *grants* repentance. God calls one, and convicts the mind and conscience by His Spirit, working on the mind externally. Usually a real struggle goes on within. The person has been shaken to *know* he has done wrong—

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OUR COVER

The cover picture this issue symbolizes the tremendous growth of the Orient, especially Japan. As reported in the lead article this month, Mr. Garner T. Armstrong recently completed a short visit to Tokyo to lay the foundation for broadcasting "The WORLD TOMORROW" to the Japanese Isles, first in the English language and then—as we have the literature to follow up the broadcast—in the Japanese language. Japan is one of the most important nations in the world to which this gospel of the Kingdom of God must be sent as a witness before the sudden close of this age comes.

he has sinned. He is not only sorry—he abhors himself! He is brought to real REPENTANCE, not only for what he has done, but for what he now sees that he *is*.

Yet he, himself, must make the decision. If he does repent, surrender to God, and in FAITH accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, then, upon performance of these TWO conditions, God *promises* to put within him the GIFT of the Holy Spirit. This is the very *life* of GOD—SPIRIT life. It imparts to him the very *divine nature!*

Then *what*, at that stage, *has happened?*

This new convert has only been *begotten* of God—not yet BORN (see article, "Was Christ Born Again?" page 7). He has not received the full measure of God's Spirit Christ had—he is only a *spiritual babe* in Christ—he must now GROW spiritually, just as a newly-conceived foetus in its mother's womb must grow physically large enough to be BORN as a human.

This new convert has now REPENTED, in his mind, from the depths of his heart. HE MEANS IT, too! In all sincerity, in his mind and heart he has *turned around to go the other way*—to live a different life. He is now a CHRISTIAN—he has received God's Holy Spirit. He really *wants* to do what is right—to obey God—to live GOD'S WAY.

YET HE FINDS HE DOES NOT DO THIS PERFECTLY! Many, at this stage, become discouraged. Some give up even trying to live a Christian life. And WHY? *Because of the false notion that a Christian is one who becomes PERFECT at one fell swoop*—or, that one cannot become a Christian *until* he has broken all wrong habits, and *made himself* righteous.

It's vital to UNDERSTAND how true Christianity REALLY WORKS!

The newly begotten Christian must grow up, spiritually. What would you think of a human baby, who became 6 feet tall *all at once*, without *growing up*? The growing up process requires TIME. There is an *instant* when a person receives the impregnating Holy Spirit of God—when he first becomes a Christian. But he is only a *spiritual infant*. He must *grow up* spiritually.

The newly converted person, *in his mind and heart*, sincerely has ABOUT-FACED! He has actually gained contact with GOD, and received God's Holy Spirit. God's own divine NATURE has now been conceived within him. BUT THAT'S ALL—it is *merely conceived*—not yet full grown! And his HUMAN NATURE is *still there*—it has not been killed or removed!

Understand this!

We were all born HUMAN. We all were born with HUMAN NATURE. Few seem to know what human nature is. It is a strong PULL—a tendency—and, like gravity, it is a *downward* pull. Like a strong magnet, it draws us in the WAY OF SATAN—that is, a pull toward pride and vanity, selfishness and greed, a lack of outgoing concern for others—the spirit of competition, opposition, strife, effort to acquire, and to exalt the self. It is a pull toward self-gratification, and jealousy, envy and resentment toward others. It is the spirit of rebellion against authority, hostility toward God and the Law of God. THAT is human nature. YOU were born with it. It is still within you.

Originally God created the beautiful archangel Lucifer. He sealed up the sum of wisdom, knowledge and beauty. But one thing he lacked—the righteous CHARACTER to choose the right way, and resist the wrong—to discipline the *self* in the way he ought to go, instead of the way of self-desire.

God's PURPOSE in having created humanity—in having caused YOU to be born—is to reproduce Himself. And GOD, above all things, *is* PERFECT, RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER! God is able to create character within us—but it must be done as a result of our independent free choice. We, as individual separate entities, have our part in the process.

What *is* perfect character? It is the ability, in a separate entity, to come to the KNOWLEDGE of the right from the wrong—the true from the false—and to CHOOSE the right, and possess the WILL to enforce self-discipline to DO the right and resist the wrong.

Like muscle, character is developed, and grows by exercise. My name is Armstrong. I suppose I could make my arm stronger, and develop the muscle,

by constantly bending it back and forth at the elbow. But if I pull, or push, against some heavy weight or resistance, the muscle will develop much faster. Therefore God purposely put within us this NATURE that exerts a heavy pull *against* that perfect righteous character—to give us something to *strive against*, for THE VERY PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPING RIGHT CHARACTER!

God's CHARACTER travels in the direction of His Law—the way of LOVE. It is an outgoing CONCERN for others. GOD has that character! HE has an outgoing *concern* for you and for me. He GAVE His only begotten Son to reconcile us to Him, and make the JOYS of His character and everlasting life possible for us. He showers on us every good and precious gift. He even puts within us HIS DIVINE NATURE—*when* we repent and turn *from* the WRONG way of THIS WORLD, begin to *resist* it, and turn TO Him through faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour!

God's divine nature is the nature of love—of giving, serving, helping—of outgoing concern. It is the nature of humility.

Now when one is converted—has repented, and *turned from* Satan's and this world's false WAY—has *at once* received God's Holy Spirit—his HUMAN nature, as I said before, does not flee. It, too, remains. It *still* exerts a pull. We still live in THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD, and *it* exerts a pull. God still allows Satan to be around—and HE exerts a pull.

So we now have THREE PULLS to RESIST—to OVERCOME! We must now *overcome* these three—Satan, this world, and our own SELVES. We have to battle against these three, in order to develop and strengthen RIGHT CHARACTER within us. God says plainly it is THE OVERCOMERS who shall be saved—who shall REIGN with Christ!

No human being is strong enough to do this BY HIMSELF! He must seek, and IN FAITH receive, the help and power of GOD. Even with God's power he will not overcome such forces easily, or all at once. IT IS NOT EASY! Christ plainly said the way to ultimate salvation is

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JAPAN—Future Super Giant!

Almost unnoticed—post-war Japan has been booming ahead! Dangerous trends even now becoming apparent have Western observers worried! Here, from first-hand observation and from Bible Prophecy, is the REAL MEANING of present trends in Japan.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Tokyo, Japan

THE most DRAMATIC of the new looks among nations is that of Japan! Here again after ten years' absence, I am *stunned* at the fantastic changes!

My ride from the airport to the ultra-modern Hotel Okura in the heart of Tokyo came after midnight. I was amazed to see literally *dozens* of construction crews throughout the entirety of the long ride into the heart of the world's largest city, busily working under lights *at night!*

Japan is literally BOOMING!

Tokyo, a city tremendously damaged

by U.S. bombs during World War II, is today a vast, sprawling, noisy, frightfully busy city, rearing steel and glass buildings into the sky above what was once a collection of shops and hovels.

Tokyo is presently having a serious *smog* problem. However, the smog is not all from industry alone! Much of it is caused by the *dust* being stirred constantly into the air by the rumbling wheels of the hundreds of thousands of vehicles busting back and forth through the streets of this sprawling city. Such a high percentage of Tokyo's streets are presently torn up because of *building* that the dust from this new road con-

struction is so great as to nearly asphyxiate a city of ten million.

Building here in Japan seems even more feverish, more *intense* than in the Ruhr in Germany, where post-war growth has been so phenomenal.

Crews are working here literally day and night—buildings being constructed everywhere, old houses being razed, whole sections of single-story shops and homes being moved back from the old street borders to accommodate the widening of main arteries.

Japan's post-war boom has been so large that she now stands, *believe it or not*, as the world's FOURTH LARGEST INDUSTRIAL POWER!

Think of it!

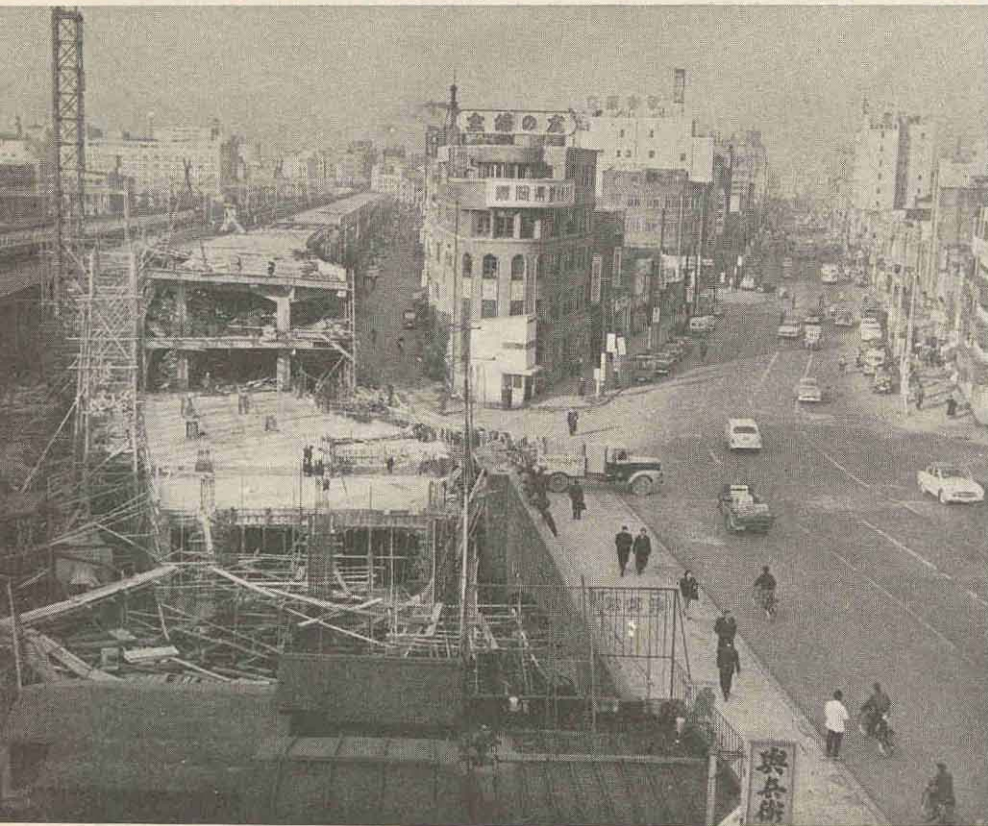
With a completely feudalistic state only about 50 years in the past and the utter *shambles* of World War II barely fading on the horizon, Japan today has reached the status of world industrial power number four!

Political Danger in Japan

In walking from a leading advertising agency to my hotel, I passed in front of the American Embassy here in Tokyo. Just to the left of its main entrance were several trucks and squad cars, with numerous Japanese policemen, some even in their cars, in alert readiness!

"These are *riot* police," my Japanese companion informed me. He went on to say how these police always have to remain on the alert for riots and demonstrations in front of the American Embassy. Riots are commonplace here, right on schedule with each renewed nuclear test, announcement of flare-up in the Cuban crisis, or almost *any* move of any significance on the part of Uncle Sam.

I commented on the belief of Westerners that these riots are Communist inspired—asking his opinion. He simply didn't believe it! He admitted that perhaps there was *some* "Communist



Wide World Photo

Tokyo Freeway Gets Under Way. Japan, too, has its highway problems. To help relieve traffic congestion and modernize the city at the same time, Tokyo began in 1956 constructing a wide center-town freeway atop one of the century-old canals that transverse the downtown section of the city. The space underneath the new roadway will be available for car parking. At left, the new freeway under construction in the heart of downtown Tokyo. At right is one of the main streets.

agitation," but sincerely felt the riots were generally caused by a feeling of *nationalism*, and one of anti-Americanism!

It was *here*, in these very streets below me as I write, that demonstrating students forced the former President of the United States to cancel an official State Department visit to Japan!

Bruce Hutchison said, as reported in *Maclean's Magazine*, February 27, 1960, "A distinguished (Japanese) political scientist entertaining me to breakfast, said, 'The great mistake you foreigners make is to think we can go on the way we are indefinitely, that we've plenty of time to learn the parliamentary system and educate an electorate that expects impossibilities overnight. But we haven't. Within a few years, almost any day, we will stumble on a real crisis, a full test of our new institutions. We are not ready for it. You just can't impose a parliamentary system as if you were ordering a new hat. The Americans gave us the hat all right but not the head to fit it.' . . ."

Mr. Hutchison said his companion warned him that in the event of any political or economic crisis, Japan would almost IMMEDIATELY sever ties with the West, turning to its most NATURAL source of supply and trading area, the vastness of the Chinese mainland!

A Modern Nation of Trends!

Space-age Japan is a nation of rapidly changing *trends!* Always the world's most noted copyists—Japan has been copying the United States and leading Western industrial powers in many significant ways.

Japan's industrial machine is one of the most rapidly growing, and one of the most modern of the world. She is borrowing, not only industrial know-how, but even social and cultural habits from the West.

Today, one may hear even the most insane of America's notorious "rock 'n' roll" records coming from some of the most dignified of Japan's restaurants.

Most young Japanese girls are dressing Western style, especially the modern generation of business girls in the larger cities. The traditional kimono is gradually disappearing from Japan's streets, while smartly dressed young

ladies throng the streets during rush hours looking as if they'd stepped from a style show in Paris, Rome or New York. There is one significant difference, however. Their clothing all bears the labels "Made in Japan."

Japan and the Common Market

Japanese businessmen are well aware of the stigma formerly attached to articles labeled "Made in Japan." They are eager to eradicate this idea from the minds of Western buyers.

As a result, the former cheap, shoddy copies of Western articles have disappeared—to be replaced by an up-to-date product of fine quality, but sold at a *cheaper price* in most cases, than similar commodities manufactured in the West.

Mr. Edward Turner, Senior Director of the Birmingham [England] Small Arms Company, said upon returning from a four-week industrial tour of the Far East, "*Japan is more to be feared than the Common Market.*"

THEN—AND NOW. Rising from the ruins of war, Japan has achieved tremendous goals and changes. In the 1945 photo above, a section of Tokyo lies waste. But today (bottom photo) the city has a new face with towering, modern structures, and the hustle and bustle of a busily productive nation. Factory and farm production is at a record level and so are the per capita national income and foreign exchange reserves.

Wide World Photos



Mr. Turner said Japan was a menace to Britain's future prosperity and continuity of employment. He cited the basic difference as being the "burning desire" of the average Japanese worker to do the *best* he or she could, while receiving only a *quarter of the wages* of his British counterpart.

He was absolutely *shocked* at the "phenomenal rate" at which the Japanese had developed their industries.

Japanese shipbuilding has now overtaken that of Great Britain, and they presently lead the world in the transistor field, with one of the broadest displays of commodities of any nation in the electronics field.

Japan has been buying more wool from Australia than has Britain, and is presently weaving good quality cloth on the British style. (For the first time in all history, Japanese-made suits are now being offered for sale in many men's clothing stores on the West Coast of the United States.)

Further, Japan has been forging close trading links with West Germany!

Observers say this is a prelude to an all-out Japanese trade drive in Western Europe. Some of West Germany's largest industrial firms have already signed agreements to exchange technical and trade information with Japanese firms.

Today, one may see thriving Japanese commercial colonies taking root in West German trade centers, principally Düsseldorf and Hamburg. There are even plans to list Japanese bonds and stock on the exchanges of Düsseldorf and Frankfurt as part of an effort to attract German capital to Japan. Far-sighted planners visualize these moves as plans to organize joint German-Japanese corporations to assist economic development in *Southeast Asia* and possibly Africa!

The Germans are welcoming this renewed activity with booming Japan in the hopes of obtaining reciprocal benefits in the teeming Japanese markets.

The industrial and economic picture is only a *part* of the story, however. Germany is contending that safety of the West depends upon preservation of the *two nuclear-deterrent platforms*, in Germany and JAPAN, positioned on either flank of the Russo-Chinese Marxist bloc.



Wide World Photo

MAIN STREET—TOKYO: These are the bright lights of just a few of the hundreds in and around the Ginza in Tokyo. Some are plush, expensive spots like the Monte Carlo; others tiny, four- and five-stool bars, with only a paper lantern to catch the eye of passersby.

Think of it—if you can! Even Japan will undoubtedly be a giant NUCLEAR power in the years to come! The question is—is this *safe* thinking?

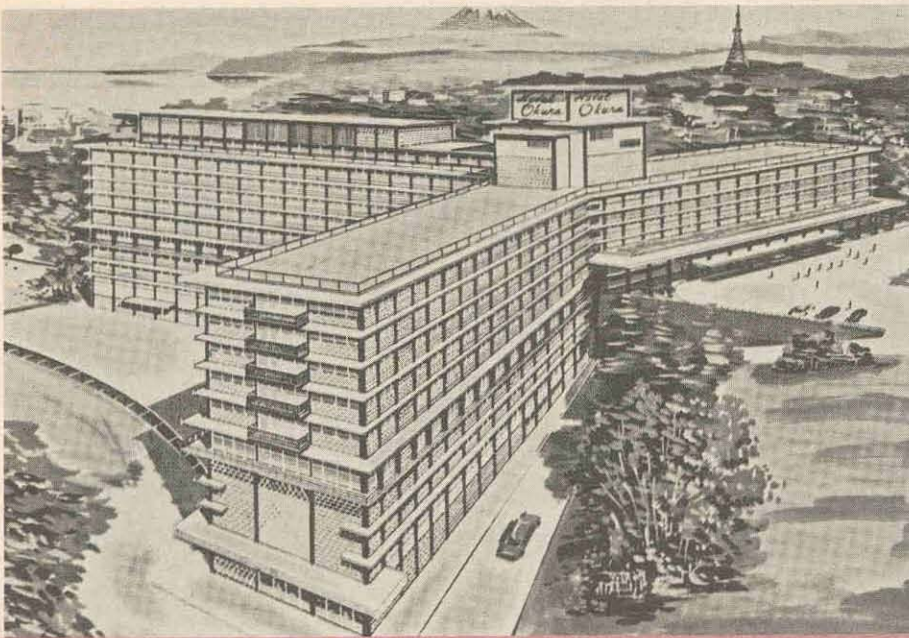
The Big Japanese Trade Offensive

"Asia for the Asiatics!" screamed the Japanese war lords during World War II. "East is West" said an observant student of world affairs in past

years. Many will remember the famous quotation attributed to Lenin, that the way to New York lay through Peking.

And, shocking as it might seem, the "Co-Prosperity Sphere" has NOT perished from the earth!

"Japanese industrialists," said the *New York World Telegram and Sun*, March 2, 1960, "are preparing to *fight Britain* for the economic lead in South-



Artist's sketch of Okura Hotel, one of the most modern buildings in the world.

east Asia."

This revealing article from the *Telegram and Sun* said the battle would be fought in Burma, Indonesia, Siam, Malaya and Singapore, and that the Japanese had decided to grant loans to countries in these areas which would be repayable in small installments as an effort to begin a Japanese trade offensive to oust Great Britain from Southeast Asia!

The hub of the attack spins on a slogan which the Japanese think will hurt Britain the most: "*Asians must buy from Asians.*"

Roger Babson, concerned about the re-emergence of a potential Japanese threat to the United States, said, "The recent signing of a new treaty between the U.S. and Japan may one day be reckoned as a *major turning point in our history.*" He mentioned the *doubling* of Japan's gross national product in the past short ten years, and the increase of 400% in Japanese industrial production, stating that Japan possesses the most concentrated and readily usable industrial *power potential* in the Far East.

Mr. Babson said, "The Japanese are ambitious—resourceful, and hard-working. *They have not abandoned their old dream of world leadership.*"

You need urgently to know *what all this means!*

Believe it or not, Japan *is mentioned* in Bible prophecy!

We have shown, in past issues of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, how the large nations of the *Orient* are identified in the prophecies of Ezekiel 38 and 39.

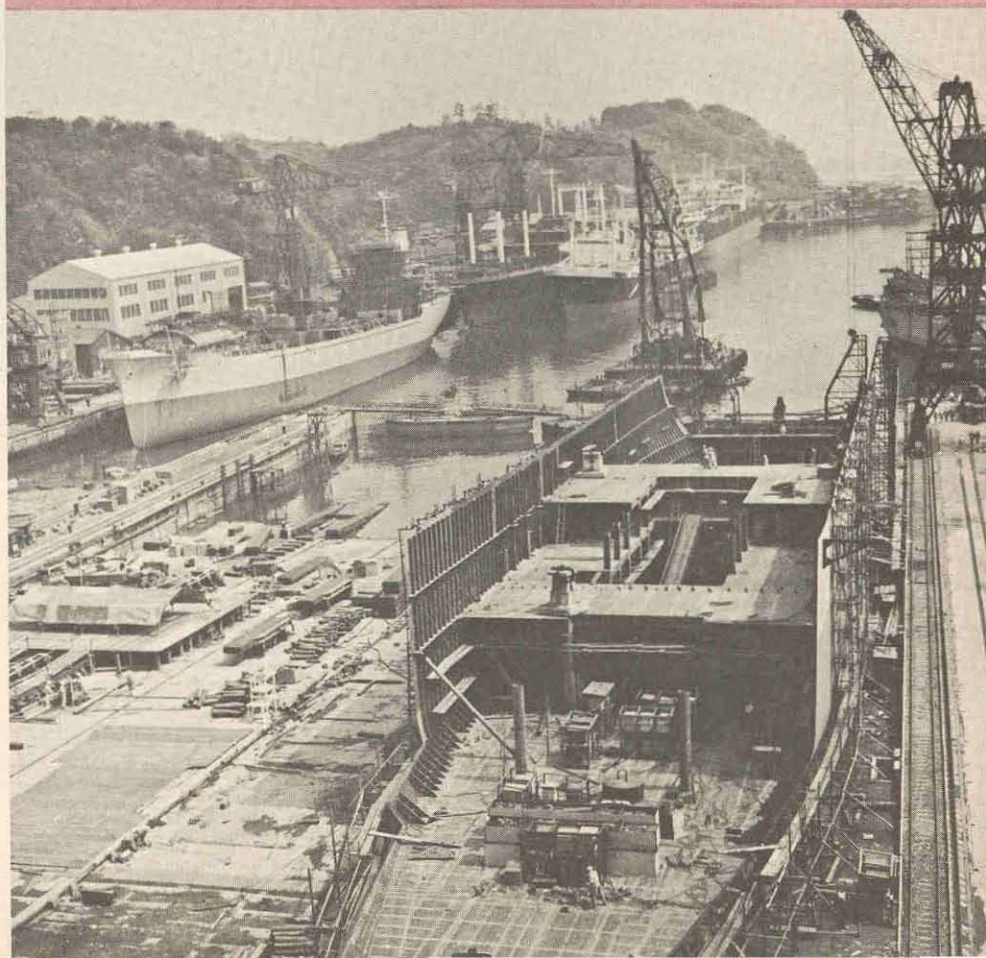
Japan in Prophecy

God inspired Ezekiel to write, "And the word of the Eternal came unto me saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meschech and Tubal, and prophesy against him . . ." (Ezekiel 38:1, 2). The marginal reference gives the words "chief prince" as "prince of ROSH"! This prophecy also positively identifies Russia! Here is Russia (Rosh) together with Meschech (from which comes the word Muskva or Moscow) and Tubal (the modern Tobolsk)—the Great Russians—allied *together with* the nations of the Orient!

Notice: "Persia, Ethiopia [Cush] and Libya [Put] with them [—that is, India], all of them with shield and
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URAGA TODAY: Japan, with American assistance, has emerged from the ruins of World War II to once more become a power in world commerce and the world's leading shipbuilder. The Uruga Shipbuilding Yard, shown here, is a prime example. The yard is building ships for Liberia and the Philippines.

Wide World Photo



Was Jesus Christ BORN AGAIN?

Here are Scriptures to baffle most professing Christians.
How could Christ, Himself, have been born AGAIN—WHEN?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

ONE YEAR ago, in *The PLAIN TRUTH* of February, 1962, appeared an article captioned "*Just What do You MEAN—BORN AGAIN?*" It warned: "Don't be too sure you know! Many religious people talk about being 'born again,' who don't really know what Christ meant by those words."

That article of a year ago is available in booklet form—free for the asking.

Impossible to Believe?

But how many realize that Jesus Christ, Himself, was born again—and in the *same manner* in which He said we "must be born again?"

Does that seem incredible?

Just what *did* Christ mean, when He said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the Kingdom of God?" The universally accepted idea of fundamentalist Christians is that being "born again" means *the experience of having one's sins forgiven*. They call it a "born-again experience." By it they mean a SINNER being converted—experiencing *salvation from SIN*.

Many fundamentalist Protestants will say: "I am a sinner born again, and saved by grace," and similar expressions. *Have* these people really been born again—or have they only been deceived? Have they had the *same* "born-again experience" CHRIST had?

But *wait a minute!* Surely that last sentence can't mean what it said?

Was JESUS CHRIST actually *born again*? And in the *same manner* that He taught that *we* must be born again? INCREDIBLE? UNBELIEVABLE? Was Jesus Christ a sinner—did He need salvation from sin? *NO! Of course not!* Yet Jesus Christ *was* BORN AGAIN—just as He taught that *WE* must be born again!

I now show you one Scripture—and *there will be more* later in this article—but most readers who claim to have been "born again" will not believe it,

though it is THE VERY WORD OF GOD. Here it is:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, *that He might be the firstborn among many brethren*" (Rom. 8:28-29).

Jesus Christ is THE FIRSTBORN OF MANY BRETHREN!" Jesus Christ was BORN AGAIN, and the FIRST of many brethren to be BORN AGAIN!

Yet that very Scripture will not be believed by many who claim to have already had a "born-again experience."

WHY Many Can't Believe it!

I am going to give you even plainer Scriptures that say Jesus Christ was the FIRST to be BORN AGAIN, in the same manner that He taught that *WE* must be born again. Yet many who read these words WILL NOT BELIEVE THESE SCRIPTURES.

Do you know WHY? Let's take time to UNDERSTAND!

Just what *does* take place in the mind of the average person when confronted with a Scripture statement *contrary* to his own belief?

The average mind reacts in this manner: Whatever he has been taught, or has heard or read, and is the accepted belief of his church, he has ASSUMED to be true. It has become rooted in his mind AS IF it were *true fact*. It has become FIXED—lodged hard and fast, in his mind. Millions have the firmly rooted belief that to be "born again" *means* the experience of a SINNER being converted and put under grace.

Every Scripture that has anything to do with being "born again" is viewed from this concept. It—what HE already believes, NOT what God says—is the fixed concept by which he approaches

anything on this subject. His own conviction, erroneous though it may be, is his starting point for considering any Scripture on the subject—his approach—the very BASIS *by which* he seeks to understand or explain this Scripture.

It never will even occur to him that HIS BELIEF—his definition of what "born again" means—could be wrong. He has firmly ASSUMED *this conception* to be FACT. His mind, therefore, will seek to understand this Scripture *according to his erroneous belief*—but NEVER to question or harmonize his belief *according to the Scripture*.

If he is unable to square the Scripture with his own belief, then he does one of two things. Either he tries to INTERPRET the Scripture *according to his idea of being born again*, or his mind becomes CONFUSED, and he simply runs away from it—changes the subject—dismisses this Scripture from his mind.

The first of these two reactions is the explanation for the hundreds of different denominations, each having A DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION of the BIBLE! To *interpret* the Bible is to put your meaning into it—to twist it to mean what YOU want to make it mean, instead of what GOD made it to mean and wants you to understand.

In other words, the average person who says he has already been "born again" is spiritually BLINDED to seeing the TRUTH on this point. Perhaps it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to even *see* the truth. He has accepted one of the fables to which God said, through Paul, the world would be turned.

That satanic MOTHER of harlots, described in Revelation 17, has deceived the world. And the world is, spiritually, DRUNK on her false teachings. A physically drunk man cannot see material things clearly and distinctly. They become blurred, out of focus. A spiritually drunk person cannot see GOD'S WORD

clearly and distinctly. The above explains the reason. He tries to see God's WORD through the eyeglasses of these false teachings he has absorbed from the daughter churches of the "Great Whore" (Rev. 17:1, 5).

It simply *cannot* seem to occur to his mind that what he has so carelessly accepted could be wrong.

Tell such a person that being "born again," as Christ taught we should be, does NOT mean that experience that takes place when a sinner has his sins forgiven, is converted and put under grace, and he will say: "You can't tell me that! I KNOW! I've had the EXPERIENCE, brother!" He may have had an "experience"—but it was a *different* experience than what Christ meant by being born again!

WHAT the Bible IS

WHAT'S WRONG? Not only are millions spiritually BLINDED by the false doctrines that came out of spiritual BABYLON, but almost no one, it seems, realizes just WHAT the Bible IS.

It is God's Message which He sent FOR MANKIND. It is the revealed KNOWLEDGE, inspired by GOD—basic knowledge man *needs*, but cannot otherwise acquire. It is the FOUNDATION of all true knowledge.

And what is the PURPOSE of the Bible? You'll find it in II Tim. 3:16. Its purpose is to CORRECT us where we are wrong. To REPROVE us. To reveal to us TRUE doctrine, and correct us where we have accepted false doctrine—and the prevailing fundamentalist concept of being "born again" IS FALSE DOCTRINE! Its PURPOSE is to instruct us in TRUTH, in RIGHTEOUSNESS. TO CHANGE OUR MINDS!

This, right here, is going to be a crucial test for many readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Ask yourself: ARE YOU WILLING to be corrected by GOD'S WORD, on points where you have been deceived? Remember, *the whole world has been deceived!* God says so! Read it in Revelation 12:9, and 20:3. A deceived person is one who really and sincerely BELIEVES he is right. He may be sincere—but there can be a lot of SIN in that word "sincere." Can you find it? Look at the first three letters!

Yes, you may be wholly sincere and

HONEST in your conviction, and still have been deceived, and therefore WRONG! And if you now reject this knowledge from God's Word, God will reject YOU! (Hos. 4:6).

Are YOU able to let God's Word correct you, when you have accepted and believed something contrary to the truth? Can you admit that it just *might be* that you, and millions of others, have been taught WRONG about being "born again?"

WHEN Christ Was Born Again

Notice again, carefully, Romans 8:29. It is speaking of CHRIST, the Son of God. It says, plainly, that Jesus Christ was "the firstborn of many brethren."

This shows that *many brethren* were to be born—but that Christ was the first OF these brethren—the first to be so BORN.

WHO are the "brethren?" In Romans 8:12, Paul shows his epistle which we call the Book of Romans was addressed to the BRETHREN. He says: "Therefore, BRETHREN, . . ." Now to whom is this epistle addressed? Notice Rom. 1:7—to those "beloved of God, *called to be SAINTS.*" Paul addresses his letter to the Corinthians thus: "Unto the Church of God, . . . *to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be SAINTS.*" And in verse 10, "Now I beseech you, BRETHREN." The BRETHREN are those who have been *converted*—UNDER GRACE—who are SAINTS.

Romans 8:9 says Jesus was BORN first, before any of these brethren.

Now WHEN was He *so* born? Is this speaking of His HUMAN birth, His FIRST birth, of the virgin Mary? Well mark this fact, and mark it well! Jesus was born 33½ years *before* the Holy Spirit came on that day of Pentecost—*before* the CHURCH began—*before* these BRETHREN came under GRACE. Were any people 34 years old converted, baptized, and put under grace that day—any 35, or 40, or 50? If there was a single one older than 33½, then he was born (as a human) *before* Jesus. In that case Jesus could not have been the FIRST of these BRETHREN to be born.

This is not speaking of Jesus' first and human birth at Bethlehem. It is speaking of His being born AGAIN—*after* He was born of the virgin Mary—

because many BRETHREN were born (of human birth) before Jesus.

Next consider—since this Scripture—Romans 8:29—*cannot* refer to Jesus' *first* and human birth at Bethlehem, it *must*, of necessity, refer to a *second* birth—to being born *again*.

Now WHEN was Jesus born *again*—AFTER His human birth of the virgin Mary? Did Jesus Christ have the same "born-again experience" millions of people profess to have had? Was Jesus Christ a SINNER? Did He need, or ever receive, forgiveness of SIN? Did He need salvation from SIN?

I'm sure every person who professes this "born-again experience" will agree the answer is NO! *A thousand times NO!*

When the Scripture says that Jesus was "the first BORN of many brethren," we have to agree that this birth was NOT the conversion of a sinner, being put under grace. It was NOT the same kind of being BORN AGAIN that has been erroneously taught, and so widely accepted!

Yet, since He was the firstborn of *many brethren*, these many brethren are to be born *AS* He was—the SAME KIND of new birth!

By process of elimination we have now proved:

1) This BIRTH of Christ in Romans 8:29 was not His first, or human birth of the virgin Mary. Therefore it had to be a later birth—a being born AGAIN.

2) It was NOT the kind of "born-again experience" so commonly professed—NOT receiving salvation from SIN. Yet He *was* born AGAIN!

3) Therefore, it leaves only ONE POSSIBILITY. It was His SPIRITUAL birth, when He was BORN OF GOD, BY HIS RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD!

When He was born at Bethlehem, as a human, He was born as the Son of MAN. Continually, through His ministry, He called Himself the "Son of MAN." But He was BORN AGAIN—born of God by His RESURRECTION, as you read in Romans 1:3-4:

"Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh (HIS HUMAN BIRTH OF MARY—making Him the Son of MAN); and declared to be

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Australia's Deadly Peril!

This great island continent "down under" is in GRAVE DANGER! Read, in this on-the-scenes report, the present-day conditions, and what PROPHECY says the future will bring!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

Sydney, Australia

"WE MAY not have much time—let's make the most of it," screamed the warning in the *Sydney Herald*, October 30, 1962.

The writer referred to the rising might of Indonesia, with its teeming millions, just to the north of this vast continent of little more than 10 million.

Australia of today stands on the brink of what may well be one of the greatest revolutionary developments of modern times! A big, seemingly limitless land of only sparse population, Australia finds herself in a position completely unique. Simply because of her geographical situation, Australia is a land of opportunity. Yes, OPPORTUNITY—*opportunity for the teeming masses of Asia!*

The article in the *Sydney Herald* said "Indonesia . . . has as many people as all the rest of Southeast Asia put together, and natural resources that are surpassed only by those of the United States and the Soviet Union. *One day, whether we like it or not, Indonesia will be a great power.* It may also be a great Communist power."

But Indonesia is only ONE of Australia's worries!

Still further to the north lies the sprawling mainland of Red China. Standing on the flank of China, like a sentinel on the alert, is the booming, highly industrialized nation of Japan with its progressive millions!

Australia is in trouble—and doesn't know it!

Mass Movement Under Way

A tremendous movement is under way in Australia—but it is a movement of people—*thousands and thousands* of people.

In many sections of Sydney, and other outlying areas here, one sees immediately the force of the government's slogan, "Populate or Perish!" You can

hear almost *any* language, it seems, but English!

From many parts of Europe, from Canada and Britain, and from India and Southeast Asia there are thousands of immigrants arriving in Australia. They are coming here to settle permanently—establish homes, businesses or buy farms or cattle and sheep stations.

In Kings Cross, one of Sydney's most congested areas, I have heard nearly every European tongue, and many others from other parts of the world.

What's *behind* this tremendous influx of foreign people to Australia—*why* has the government warned, "Populate or Perish"? What does the *future* hold for Australia? Does the *Bible* mention the Australian people?

Why Australia Wants White Europeans

Australia is a vast land, with an area of nearly 3 million square miles. Only just recently, under the government's present immigration plans, has Australia passed the 10 million mark in population. Look at any map. This country is situated southeast of Asia proper, and just below the islands of Indonesia. During World War II, the major turning point of the war came during the Battle of the Coral Sea. This major engagement between the Naval forces of the United States and Japan took a heavy toll of ships and planes on both sides, and was one of the major *turning points* of the war in the Pacific.

One of the greatest objectives of Japan was the occupation of Australia. With the Marshalls, Gilberts and Solomons already occupied by Japanese forces, the Battle of the Coral Sea became a crucial turning point in the entire Pacific campaign. The Japanese had reckoned neither with Australian stubbornness, nor with American industry.

This all-out drive of Asiatic Japan to capture the almost limitless expanses of

Australia during World War II merely serves to point up the reality of *present-day* Australian fears of Asiatic Communism. The explosive millions under the yoke of Red Russia and China are looking hungrily toward great, *vacant* Australia.

Accordingly, the Australian government has been taking giant strides to *populate* and to *industrialize*, thus diminishing such a threat. This new immigration policy has brought nearly 1,500,000 new Australians into the country *just since 1947!*

Australia desperately wants white Europeans in order to develop and industrialize the great potential in the land "down under," and in order to present a solid front of resistance to the Red hordes to their north.

Indonesia to Become "Australian Cuba?"

The Australians fear President Sukarno, now showing his true colors, will turn Indonesia into another Cuba! If this succeeds—Indonesia will hold the key to all of Southeast Asia—and to Australia! As an article in a leading newspaper in Sydney said, "*There will be no security felt for us!*"

Observers in Australia are urging, "Let's start to make up lost ground with it. Let's start bringing Indonesian officers to our military schools, and sending Australians to Indonesian schools. Let's renew our invitation to President Sukarno. Let's invite trade unionists and Indonesian women to come down . . ."

Yes—in *any way possible* Australia feels she must seek to stave off what appears to be impending domination by the hordes of Asia.

Sukarno—The "Castro" of Southeast Asia

Only three months after President Sukarno of Indonesia signed the American-engineered contract involving the



VOLUNTEERS PARADE IN JAKARTA. Volunteers of the so-called Indonesian People's Defense Units, shouldering rifles, march across the public square in Jakarta during a huge rally. Some 5000 participated in the rally, includ-

ing men and women volunteers and local militia units. It was one of many supporting Indonesia's demand for West (Dutch) New Guinea.

Wide World Photo

ceding of the Netherlands West New Guinea to Indonesia, he appears unwilling to follow his original pledges.

A part of the original agreement included Sukarno's obligation to submit the question of accession to Indonesia of West New Guinea to a vote of the 700,000 Papuan residents in 1969. Now Sukarno wants to abrogate the agreement!

Like Castro, Sukarno is now spreading

the seeds of rebellion and conquest throughout the island countries of Southeast Asia.

For example, the *Courier Mail*, a leading Brisbane newspaper, said recently, "Few believe that Timor, lying like a pebble off Australia's coast, has six months left of divided rule. At several levels, this unhappy outpost of Portugal is baring its neck for the paratroops of Indonesia. Portuguese and Timorese

alike believe invasion may not be imminent—but certain." As this correspondent said, ". . . even small native children tell me *'The Indonesians are coming!'*"

But this is only a part of the problem. The roots of Australia's troubles of today go much deeper than the obvious threat of military conquest or pressure from exploding populations!

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The below photo shows troops marching at Jakarta Airport. Indonesians now openly lay claim to all Southeast

Asia—with Australia next on the list of projected conquests.

Wide World Photo



The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

*The Armstrongs' first trip abroad, and the exciting but harassing
events preceding opening of Ambassador College*

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IT WAS the morning of February 14th, 1947. At that very moment, the "Shasta Limited" was approaching the station at Eugene, Oregon.

Planning Trip Abroad

The day before I had talked, over long-distance telephone, with Dr. B., from whom we were buying the first block of property for Ambassador College in Pasadena. I had become quite interested in the villa he had told me about on scenic Lake Lugano in Switzerland, as a possible second Ambassador College abroad. Since it appeared possible to make the purchase agreement—if we wanted it—immediately, without any down payment, by merely making monthly payments, and taking possession three or four years later, I felt it important that I see and inspect the property.

In this telephone conversation, Dr. B. offered to go along. I had checked. There was a sailing of the *Queen Elizabeth* early the morning of February 20th, from New York. Passengers had to board ship before 11 P.M. the night before. We decided to sail on that ship. There was no time to obtain passport or steamer reservations before leaving the West Coast. Dr. B. already had his passport. Under regular routine it required thirty days to obtain one by mail from Oregon. But I knew the Press Officer of the State Department, and felt confident he would be able to get my passport issued immediately, at Washington.

Mrs. Armstrong and I had discussed the matter of her accompanying me. But there not only was the added expense, she had such fear of the water, she felt afraid to sail.

As a young girl her grandmother, born in England, had told her of a terrible shipwreck on her voyage to

America. The grandmother was 12 years of age, when her widowed mother, with her eleven children, sailed to America. Some distance off the banks of Newfoundland, the sailing vessel was torn apart by a hurricane. Six of the children, lashed to a mast, were picked up by another vessel—but the mother and five children were drowned. Hearing the vivid, stark details of this tragedy while a very young girl had put fear of the ocean into my wife's mind. So she had decided not to sail with me to Europe.

Accordingly, on February 12th, after my telephone conversation with Dr. B., I procured round-trip railroad tickets and Pullman reservations to New York for myself alone.

I had decided to make the trip to New York this time via Portland, Seattle, and on the crack train of the Great Northern Railway—the "Empire Builder," to Chicago, thence on the B & O line to Washington, then to New York. The cost and time was the same as going straight east from Portland on the Union Pacific.

MRS. Armstrong's "Shirt-Tail-Shoot"

As stated above, the morning train to Portland was approaching the station at Eugene. Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Annie Mann (present hostess of girls' student residences at the college in Pasadena), and I were in my office. I had my hat and coat on, my suitcase packed and beside me, and was throwing last-minute papers into my briefcase.

Suddenly, Mrs. Armstrong exclaimed, "I've decided I want to go with you!"

"Well, *this* is a nice time to make up your mind," I said. "You couldn't possibly get ready in time, now."

"Oh yes I can!" she replied. "Grab your suitcase and typewriter, and *let's hurry!*"

We dashed to the elevator. On the street below, one of our sons was wait-

ing at the wheel of the car.

"Drive over to our rooms! HURRY!" I said. "Mother's decided to go with me."

At the time, the reader will remember, we were living in two upstairs rooms in a rooming house about five or six blocks from the office. We had sold our home nearly two years before. The work had needed the money.

We were whisked, as only a 17-year-old boy can whisk an automobile around corners on two wheels, to our rooming house. We dashed upstairs. Mrs. Armstrong first threw her suitcase out of the closet, asking Mrs. Mann to throw her clothes into it while she pulled them down off hangers and literally threw them out of the closet. In less than two minutes she had dresses, suits, and other things out of dresser drawers, thrown and jammed into her suitcase.

We dashed back downstairs, and the car careened around corners, pulling up to the depot about one minute before the train pulled out. Eugene was a division point on the railroad, and the train stayed there ten minutes while they changed engines and crews. But the train had pulled into the station just about the moment we were coming down the elevator of the office building.

I told my sons to put our luggage on the train, while I dashed across the waiting room floor to the ticket office, and asked for a one-way ticket to Portland. There was no time, now, to procure tickets to New York and return for my wife.

Those who have read recent chapters of the Autobiography are familiar with the many, many times I had made what my wife termed "shirt-tail-shoots" for trains. This is one time she herself was guilty of what she had so often accused me!

But the "shirt-tail-shoot" was not over, yet. I now had to pick up her round-trip ticket to New York, while we changed

trains at Portland. We had 12 minutes between trains at Portland. But, as usual in those days, there was a long line standing queued before each ticket window. At the very last second, I finally obtained her tickets, and caught the train as it was starting.

We arrived in Seattle in the afternoon, and that evening started the long ride from Seattle. It was a rough, jerky ride across the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, into Illinois at Chicago. Our Pullman berth must have been at one end of the car, immediately over the trucks, where the riding is much more rough. It was even rougher on the B & O all-night ride into Washington, D.C.

How NOT to Plan Your Trip Abroad

Now ensued a series of exciting events which give the reader an example of how *NOT* to plan your trip abroad.

Arriving in Washington in the morning, we first checked in at the Statler Hotel. Before applying for passports, it was necessary to obtain passport photos of ourselves. We found a leading photograph studio in the hotel. The photographer tried to sell us a dozen larger photographs along with the passport photos.

I had not had my photograph taken for many years. I had never allowed my picture to be reproduced in *The PLAIN TRUTH* or any of our literature. I had, for years, even dodged and avoided all camera shots, except a few to be kept within the family. But just prior to this I had received a letter from a radio listener that convinced me I had been wrong.

This listener asked me what I had to hide. He asked me what I would think of a minister if I dropped in at his church, and the pastor hid behind the pulpit while he preached. Would I not think he had something to hide? Would I not become suspicious? He said character is written on one's face, and he always liked to see the faces of those he listened to. Of course, this was not possible on radio but, at least, he said, I ought to let listeners see my picture.

The thought came of using one of these photographs to reprint, but I was still hesitant about printing it in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. The photographer made

a proposition. Why not place a bulk order for 500? He would make us a very special low price on such an order. He did it all the time, he said, for Congressmen and government officials, who thus sent real photographs to constituents.

So, it occurred to me it might be preferable to send real photographs to just those few who personally requested and wanted them, rather than publishing my picture for all readers to see. We placed an order, I believe, for some 400 of me and 100 of Mrs. Armstrong—since most requests we had received were, naturally, for mine. Actually, I think we found later that we should have ordered them just the other way around, for there was a far bigger demand for my wife's picture than the supply. After our return from abroad, these were mailed out to those who had personally requested them.

Next I went to the State Department, but the Press Officer could not be seen until afternoon. Then I went to the ticket office of the Cunard Line, owners of the great ship, the *Queen Elizabeth*. They had one cabin left, space for two, Cabin Class, on this particular sailing—but that was the only space on the ship. We wanted to return mid-March. But there was no space whatever available on the west-bound voyage until August. I was told there might be some chance of a cancellation in the next two days, before sailing. The agent agreed to telephone their New York office, and I could contact them there, after arriving in New York. I purchased the ticket for the cabin on the east-bound passage.

In the afternoon I waited a long while in the office of the State Department Press Officer until he returned, about 4:30. He was glad to see me again, and immediately called the passport office across the street, asking them to process my passport at once. It was a few moments before closing time when we arrived at the passport office.

They told me our passports would be ready in the morning. I happened to show them my State Department Confidential card which I carried.

"If you had just shown us that," I was told, "we would have put through your passports earlier in the day, and you could have had them before now."

It was necessary to obtain visas to

cross France, and to enter Switzerland, as well as to enter England.

The next morning, February 18th, after obtaining the passports, we visited both the Swiss and French embassies, and had their visas stamped in the passports. However, we learned that the British visa had to be obtained in New York.

We had another very rough ride that afternoon on the train to New York—rougher than the others before it.

Arriving in New York, we went to the Ambassador Hotel, where I customarily stopped when in New York. I had wired ahead for a reservation the day before leaving Eugene. But even then my telegram had not arrived in time. The hotel was booked up solid.

"Mr. Armstrong," the desk clerk said, "we certainly try to take care of our regular guests, but we're simply filled up, and booked ahead for about two weeks. But we have arranged a room for you and Mrs. Armstrong in another very good hotel just a couple blocks away. We were also unable to accommodate your United States Senator from Oregon. You'll see Senator Wayne Morse sitting over there across the lobby."

I was acquainted with Senator Morse. He had been Dean of the Law School of the University of Oregon, in Eugene, before his election to the Senate. Mrs. Armstrong and I walked across the lobby, and chatted with the Senator a few moments, then went on to the other hotel.

Immediately upon reaching our room, I telephoned the Cunard Line to see if a cancellation had turned up on the return voyage, sailing from Southampton March 15th.

"Mr. Armstrong," said the man at the Cunard office, "I would say that your chances are absolutely hopeless. We are booked solid for all our ships—and so are all other steamship lines—until the middle of August. More than that, we have several hundred others on the waiting list—all ahead of you. There's absolutely no chance of so many cancellations that we can fill all of those ahead of you before tomorrow's sailing."

Hopeless or not, I do not give up easily. I determined to call the Cunard office again next morning.

But let me say right here, all this

experience is an example of how *not* to plan your trip abroad—on a moment's notice, without passport, steamer or plane reservation, visas, or other preparations. Start planning at least a month ahead.

Out-Determining John Bull

Next morning I telephoned the Cunard office again. The same voice answered at their reservation office. It was the same story.

"I told you, Mr. Armstrong, there's no chance whatever," he said.

But I kept on talking. Soon we got into quite a conversation. I was telling him about a branch college in Europe. The idea was something new in education. He became interested, and so I kept on talking. After a while he said, "Would you excuse me a moment? I have to take a call on the other phone. I'll be right back."

In just about fifty seconds his voice came back.

"What lucky star were you born under, Mr. Armstrong?" he asked. "Talk about miracles! Do you know what that call was? It was a man cancelling a cabin on the March 15th sailing from Southampton, and just because you're on the phone at this moment, I'm going to forget all those other applications on the waiting list ahead of you, and let you have it!"

It was no "lucky star," but it probably *was* a miracle! Mrs. Armstrong and I walked hurriedly over to the closest subway station on Lexington Avenue, and caught the first express train to downtown Wall Street, and hurried over to the Cunard office, where we procured our return passage on the *Queen Elizabeth*. Without it, we knew we would not be able to obtain British visas, or even to board ship that night.

The actual sailing was set for about 5 A.M. next morning, but all passengers had to be aboard ship by 11 P.M. that same night, Wednesday, February the 19th.

Immediately we took a subway back uptown, and went to the British Visa Office in Rockefeller Center on 5th Avenue. A line was queued before the visa window. I waited in line. Finally reaching the window, I was told that no visas could be issued in less than thirty

days' time. I could file my application now, but the visa could not be issued for thirty days.

"But I must have this visa immediately, today!" I said, "Look, here is our ticket on the *Queen Elizabeth*. We have to be aboard ship before eleven o'clock tonight."

"That makes no difference, sir," replied the clerk. "We require thirty days to issue a visa. You Americans are always trying to do things in a hurry. But you are in a British office now, and we don't rush things through in such a mad manner."

"This may be a British office, but you're in AMERICA, now, Mister," I returned. "And here, we do things the AMERICAN way. I have tickets to board the *Queen Elizabeth* tonight, and we are going to board it!"

"My dear sir," the clerk said politely, "we British are quite determined, you know. Would you please step aside, now. You are holding up this queue."

"Well now," I smiled, "you may be Johnny Bull, and you may have bulldog determination, and stubbornness, but right now, I'm *more* determined. I will not move from here until you stamp the visa in my passport. If you want to make room for those behind me, just stamp it, here."

"But I simply *have* to clear the way for the others behind you. Would you continue talking, then, to one of the officers at one of the desks behind me, so I can get to the others?"

"That depends," I said. "Is the man at the desk behind you your superior? Does he have more authority to issue the visa than you?"

Assured that he did have superior authority, I agreed that if this officer would come to the window and agree to let me inside the gate to see him, I would leave the window and continue with the man higher up.

He asked me why I had not sent in my application thirty days earlier. I explained that this was an emergency trip, planned suddenly only six days before, out on the West Coast. I explained how we had picked up passports on the run, as it were, and how miraculously space on the ship had opened up, and we had all the other required visas. Now all we needed was the British visa, so we could

land at Southampton and pass through England on the way to Switzerland and return.

But he, too, was an Englishman. He was stubborn. He refused to issue the visa short of thirty days. It seemed very unjust. If he was determined, I was *more* determined. I kept talking.

"Mr. Armstrong," he said, finally, "I simply *must* ask you to please excuse me. I have much work to do."

"I will not leave until you stamp the visa on our passports," I said with finality.

"Well then," he compromised, "will you leave now and come back at 3:30 this afternoon?"

The office closed at 4.

"Will you promise to see me then, if I do?" I asked. He promised, and Mrs. Armstrong and I left. Promptly at 3:30 we returned. But this man avoided even looking our way. I stood at the gate, waiting. He did not keep his promise. He refused even to glance my way, and I was unable to open the gate and go to him.

Finally, at five minutes to 4, he walked into another room. A moment later, another man, who sat at another desk, after cleaning up his desk to leave for the day, saw me waiting at the gate. He came to the gate, asking if there was something I wanted before the closing time.

"Yes indeed," I replied. "Mr. Blank asked me to return at this time for my visa. We are boarding the *Queen Elizabeth* tonight. But Mr. Blank just went into another room, and didn't seem to know I was here."

"Oh, I'll take care of it for him, then," he smiled. "Will you step in?" We walked over to his desk, and he stamped visas in our passports. I got out quickly, before Mr. Blank returned.

The Floating City

With nerves almost shattered, we walked up the gang-plank of the *Queen Elizabeth* about 9 o'clock that night, looking forward to five quiet days aboard ship.

But there was no quiet until after 11, when all visitors had to leave the ship. The letters Mrs. Armstrong and I wrote to our children tell the story. Here they are:

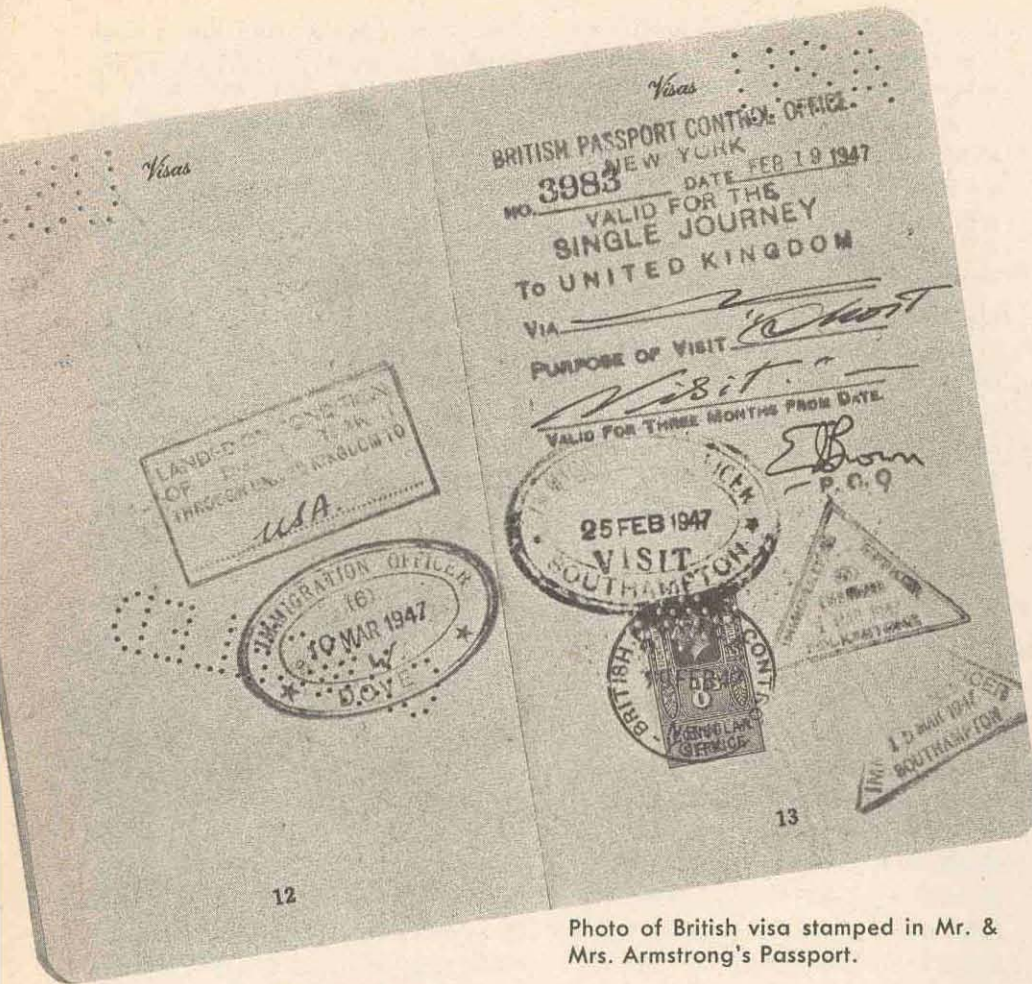


Photo of British visa stamped in Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong's Passport.

Cunard White Star

R.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth"

Wednesday Night, 11:39 P.M.
February 19, 1947

Hello, kids!

We are on board—mail leaves in ten minutes—must be brief.

Visitors all have just left. This is the largest passenger liner ever built—*tremendous!* It's been like an exaggerated movie premier—mobs throng all over—14 decks—blocks and blocks long—everyone dressed up—many in evening clothes—everyone gay—crowd surrounding Mischa Auer getting autographs (he's going to Europe on the Queen)—now its quieting down. This ship carries 3,500 passengers—a city floating! One gets lost on it.

At last we're really going to England—Europe! We have a nice small private stateroom to ourselves.

Dick and Ted, prove you are grown up and worthy of being trusted and taking responsibility. That's the way to get more privileges. Ted *dress warm*. That's all the time I have.

Keep the home fires burning. They say there's no coal for fires in England or Europe. We'll probably freeze and starve—but *here we go!*

Love,
Dad.

—o—

Cunard White Star

R.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth"

Dearest Children all of you,

It's a quarter of midnight. We are aboard and lack a whole lot of having seen the ship. It's immense. We are going to bed.

Ted if only I knew you were taking care of yourself I would be much happier. *You must not* go out in a "T" shirt when you are accustomed to a sweater. Now take care of yourself.

I can't realize that I'm at last going to see England. I've always wanted to. This is a *beautiful* ship. We'll get pictures of it.

We wish we could see all of you. We send a world of love to our dear family.

Mother

The *Queen Elizabeth* is 1,031 feet long—almost a quarter mile. It has 14 decks; its gross tonnage is 83,673 tons—about double that of a large battleship; it carries 3,500 passengers.

I was much amused at a cockney elevator operator aboard ship. Of course, actually the ship does not have elevators—the British call them "lifts." In calling out the various decks, he would say: "'C' Deck next—'C' for Charlie." Then, "'R' Deck next—'R' for Restaurant." Then, "'B' next—'B' for Bertie." Then, "'T' Deck next—'T' for Albert."

We had the smoothest crossing ever experienced by members of the crew—so some of them told us. We had prayed for it. Nevertheless, Mrs. Armstrong spent two days in bed with seasickness.

Aboard ship, at the Reservations Office, reservations were made for us at the Dorchester in London. At Southampton, the Boat Train to London was waiting in the Customs shed at the docks. I had obtained Pullman car reservations. This does not mean sleeping cars in England—just first-class coaches. The tickets had been obtained at the reservations window aboard ship. In the Customs shed, an officer examined our tickets, and told me we were in Car 'T'. So we walked almost the length of the train, past cars 'C', 'D', 'E', and on down to 'T'. Then we learned that we had encountered another cockney—and we had to trudge back to car 'A'.

Arriving London

We docked at Southampton on Tuesday, February 25th. Thursday morning, the 27th, a reporter from the *Daily Graphic* called on the telephone and asked for an interview. He arrived at 12:30, so I invited him to lunch in the



Mid-Atlantic—the Queen Elizabeth.



Sun-deck, Queen Elizabeth—in Southampton, England.



The docks at Southampton, England.

Dorchester Grill Room. The idea of a college with one unit in America, and one in Europe, with a number of qualifying students transferring from the one on scholarship to the other was a new idea in education.

"A wonderful idea," he exclaimed. I did not get to see his story in the paper about it, since we left early the next morning for the Continent.

Our first real look at London was on Wednesday morning, February 26th. In some respects it was like a dream. To us, it was a different world. Some of our first impressions were recorded in letters to our children. Here are brief excerpts:

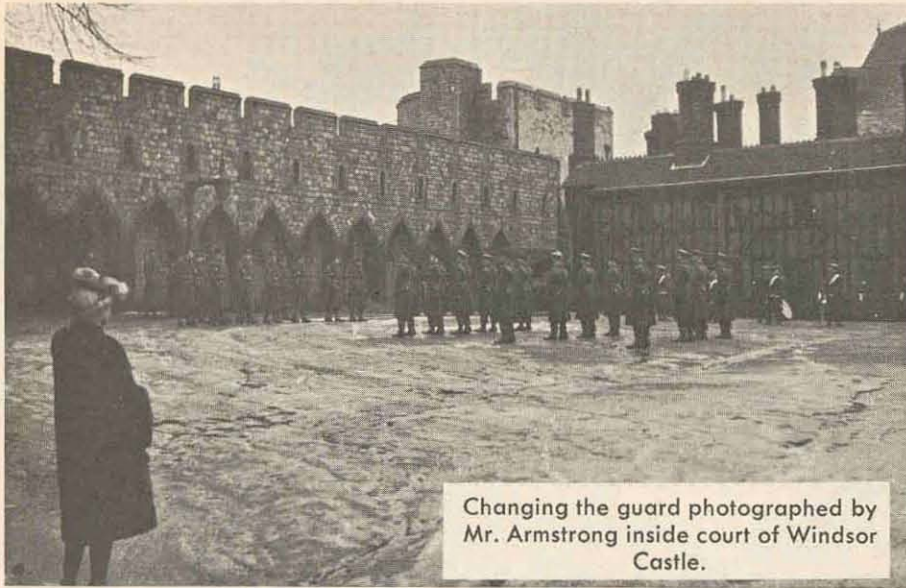
From Mrs. Armstrong: Written Wednesday: "It's so different here in London. Cabs, busses, everything—never saw such a conglomeration of buildings, so many twists and turns in the streets. We

went to Somerset House today. I thought I would look up Grandma's birth record, but couldn't find it. However, I don't know just the year or place of her birth. We have a nice room, but cold. Lights all go off and elevators (pardon me—"lifts") stop running from 9 until noon,

and from 2 to 4 p.m. Scarcely any heat in the coldest winter England has had since 1840, around two years before Grandma was born. The sun shone brightly today—first time since five weeks ago. We've seen Buckingham Palace, Parliament buildings, etc.—of

Ship-building yards—Southampton, England.





Changing the guard photographed by Mr. Armstrong inside court of Windsor Castle.



Mrs. Armstrong and guard in Court of Windsor Castle.



St. Paul's, London—entire surrounding blocks bombed out.

course, so far only a very small part of London, for we slept till almost noon."

We had not arrived in London until after midnight.

A portion of my letter, written same day: "Dear Kids all, at home: We have spent our first day in old London town. As mother told you, because of a strike, and due to coal shortage, we were kept on board the *Queen Elizabeth* until 7:30 last night. Our train didn't get started until 9. We almost froze. We're almost freezing now. The temperature in the hotel room and lobby is about 55 degrees. It's a different world. Old buildings—many in ruins, all originally nearly white, and of stone, now almost black—coal smoke."

Attending Royal Reception

Just before noon on Thursday, I received a telephone call from the private secretary to "His Excellency, the Ambassador and Plenipotentiary Extraordinary of Saudi Arabia, Sheik Hafiz Wabba." She said that His Excellency had heard that I was in London—I had had an hour's interview with him at the San Francisco Conference, in 1945—and wished to extend a very special personal invitation for Mrs. Armstrong and me to attend a Royal Reception to be held that evening in the ballroom of our hotel, the *Dorchester*.

I wondered how the Sheik had come to know we were in London. Then I remembered that the day before I had seen some Arab officials in their flowing robes in the lobby of the hotel. I had gone to the reception desk to inquire whether Sheik Hafiz Wabba was in the hotel. He was not, but I was informed that he did frequently come to the hotel. I had mentioned that I knew him. I supposed the reception office had made our presence known to the Sheik.

This Royal Reception was in honor of H.R.H., the Crown Prince, Emir Saud. He is now King Saud of Saudi Arabia. The Sheik's secretary said that His Excellency would like to have another chat with me, and this reception would be the only opportunity, since he was leaving with the Crown Prince the next morning.

We had planned to leave London for Zurich that afternoon. We had an appointment.
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Just What Do You MEAN —“Christian”?

A tremendous *DELUSION* is gripping our Western, “Christian” World. You need to know the *TRUTH!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

“I DON’T think that’s very Christian of her!” exclaimed one woman as she watched another lady spanking her small son.

How can you KNOW whether or not an action or a statement is “Christian”?

To a Roman Catholic, eating meat on Friday is decidedly NOT the Christian thing to do. But his Protestant friend probably indulges *regularly* in steaks and chops on this day.

Yet both call themselves “Christian”!

Millions of fundamentalist Protestants would be horrified at the suggestion of bowing down before statues supposed to represent the Virgin Mary and *praying to her*. Yet the Catholic religion embodies this type of thing as a *vital part* of its “Christian” worship.

Where is the “key” to explain these apparent contradictions?

Where Does CHRIST Come In?

Today *over four hundred* different denominations and sects call themselves “Christian.” Yet they ALL disagree on certain doctrines and practices or they *would not be divided!*

Let’s take a case in point.

Jesus said: “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I SAY unto you, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matt. 5:43-44).

Do all the professing Christians in our Western culture follow Christ by LOVING their enemies and *turning the other cheek* (Matt. 5:39) as He commanded?

Of course not!

That would not be “practical,” we are told.

The truth is that the greatest and most bloody wars in all human history have been waged primarily in Europe—the very heart of Western, “Christian”

civilization. German “Christians” slaughtered and butchered French believers, and so on, ad infinitum.

In fact, the professing Christian church *directly instigated* a series of “holy wars” during the Middle Ages called the “Crusades.” The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (11th ed., Vol. VII, art. “Crusades”) describes the supposed BLESSING put on the murderous and bloodthirsty activities of the Crusaders: “The knight who joined the Crusades might thus indulge the bellicose side of his genius—under the aegis and at the bidding of the Church; and in so doing he would also attain what the spiritual side of his nature ardently sought—a perfect salvation and remission of sins. He might butcher all day, till he waded ankle-deep in blood, and then at nightfall kneel, sobbing for very joy, at the altar of the Sepulchre—for was he not red from the winepress of the Lord?”

Were THESE men *true followers* of the humble carpenter of Nazareth who said: “LOVE your enemies”?

Yet remember that these men called themselves by the NAME of Christ—“Christian.” And the modern histories, encyclopedias and other reference works all go along with this assumption.

It seems that nearly all Western religions, philosophies and sects must persist in applying the *name* of CHRIST to their ideas, teachings and practices. In ancient times, the pagans openly and honestly *acknowledged* their worship of the various “gods” and demon spirits of their own choosing.

Using the NAME of Christ Proves NOTHING!

But since the life, death and the *resurrection* of the Son of God, a great DECEPTION has resulted in the placing of Christ’s NAME on every type of pagan, heathen, perverted philosophy

of man that has come along!

Shocking as it may sound, the fact that many churches, doctrines, ideas and practices of men are called “Christian” *proves absolutely NOTHING!*

Did *Christ* start these ideas and institutions? Do they follow HIS teaching and HIS example?

How can you KNOW?

Almighty God inspired the Apostle John to describe the Devil as “that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which DECEIVETH the WHOLE WORLD” (Rev. 12:9). Again, in Revelation 20:1-3, God describes how Satan will soon be restrained “*that he should DECEIVE the NATIONS no more.*”

These inspired scriptures certainly show that most people and nations have certainly NOT followed Christ’s example and teaching. Rather, they have been misled and DECEIVED by Satan the Devil!

This, very frankly, is the “key” which explains WHY there are so many obvious contradictions in our supposedly “Christian” society. It shows WHY this world is so mixed up and CONFUSED about what the word “Christian” really means. It shows that our civilization has NOT been following Christ, but has been DECEIVED into going *many different ways* under Satan’s confusing influence!

Strangely, yet at least honestly, some of this world’s noted religious leaders and scholars have acknowledged that our professing “Christianity” has NOT EVEN SERIOUSLY ATTEMPTED to follow the literal *teaching* and *example* of Jesus Christ—its supposed Author!

A candid admission of the above fact was made by Dr. Rufus M. Jones, Professor of Philosophy in Haverford College, Pennsylvania. In his well-known work, *The Church’s Debt to Heretics*, Dr. Jones acknowledges: “If by any chance Christ Himself had been taken by His later followers as the model and

pattern of the new way, and a serious attempt had been made to set up His life and teaching as the standard and norm for the Church, *Christianity would have been something VASTLY DIFFERENT from what it became.* Then 'heresy' would have been, as it is not now, deviation from His way, His teaching, His spirit, His kingdom." [Emphasis ours.]

This noted church historian here plainly acknowledges that church leaders did NOT take Jesus' life and HIS TEACHING as the standard for their so-called "Christian" churches!

Ask yourself, honestly: *What other true standard COULD THERE BE?*

What IS a True Christian?

At least our dictionaries have preserved part of the truth about what a "Christian" is *supposed* to be. *The American College Dictionary* states: "Christian, pertaining to or derived from Jesus Christ or His teachings . . . believing in or belonging to the religion of Jesus Christ."

But what WAS the teaching of Jesus Christ? What was HIS religion—Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, "Mind Science"—WHAT?

The *only* authoritative ANSWER is found in the *inspired record* of what Jesus *did teach* and of the *perfect EXAMPLE* He set for us to follow. Your own *Bible* contains this *inspired record!*

With the above questions in mind, let's *look into it—honestly—openly—without prejudice.*

What DID Jesus—the *Author of true Christianity*—actually TEACH and DO? And remember that a true "Christian" is one who *follows Christ* and HIS teaching!

What Jesus DID Teach

At the beginning of His ministry, "Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14-15).

The word "kingdom" means *government*. Jesus was talking about the coming *government* of God over this earth. He commanded: "REPENT YE, and believe the gospel!"

To "repent" means to be *so sorry* that you are not only willing to quit—

but to *turn around and go the other way*. Of course we must repent of SIN. But *what is sin?* God answers: "*Sin is the transgression of the law*" (I John 3:4).

So we must *repent* of DISOBEYING God's *government*—of *breaking His LAW!*

Again, notice Jesus' *own inspired words* on this subject: "Think NOT [although so many do want to think this] that I am come to destroy the LAW, or the *prophets*: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17). The Greek scholars acknowledge that the word here translated "fulfill" means not only to *do or perform*, but to "*fill to the full.*"

In other words, Jesus in His own life *filled to the full* and *perfectly performed* the spiritual intent and purpose of God's law. *Why* did He do this? To do AWAY with God's law by this means?

That's what MEN will try to tell you!

But let GOD answer! In His inspired prophecy about the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ, Isaiah wrote: "The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will MAGNIFY the LAW, and make it honourable" (Isa. 42:21).

As any honest scientist knows, to *magnify* does NOT mean to destroy, but to *show forth and enlarge* an object or a thing to the fullest possible extent.

Jesus *perfectly fulfilled* and *magnified* God's law to show us its fullest spiritual application and also to *set us an EXAMPLE* that we should follow in His steps (I Pet. 2:21).

Jesus continued in this same discourse: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these *least* commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the *least* in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall DO and TEACH them, the same shall be called GREAT in the kingdom of heaven" (Mat. 5:19). So according to Jesus' *literal teaching*, you have to both DO AND TEACH even the LEAST of God's commandments if you are to become great in His Kingdom.

Isn't that PLAIN?

Throughout the rest of this teaching, commonly called the "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus continued to MAGNIFY God's law and bring out the spiritual *intent* and *purpose* of that law for Christians with God's Spirit.

How Jesus MAGNIFIED the Law

He showed that we are not only to restrain ourselves from literal murder, but that to even HATE a brother—involving as it does the *spirit of murder*—is bringing us into *judgment* before the spiritual law of God. He vividly illustrated how one can commit adultery

Religion, to many people, is ceremony and ritual—much of it inherited from traditional customs of the pagan world. What is neglected is repentance—an abhorrence of the self and turning from one's sins. God will not accept anyone whose heart is not fully surrendered to His law and to His will.



not only by performing the literal act, but by LUSTING after another woman in his heart (Verses 21-31).

Read these examples in your own Bible. Think about them. In every case, they obviously do NOT do away with God's law but rather make it *all the more binding!*

Matthew's fifth chapter ends with Jesus' instruction: "Be ye [*become ye*] therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

Obedience to God and His law is the entire keynote in the entire Sermon on the Mount. Jesus declared: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that DOETH the WILL of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

Later, notice Jesus' own words—His teaching—on *how to be saved*. "And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: *but if thou wilt enter into life, KEEP the COMMANDMENTS*" (Matt. 19:16-17). Then (Verses 18-19) Jesus proceeded to name some of the *Ten Commandments*.

Could anything be PLAINER than this?

God's Government Has LAWS

Speaking about the New Testament Gospel which He preached, Jesus stated: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the *kingdom of God* is preached, and every man presseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the LAW to fail" (Luke 16:16-17). Here Jesus clearly showed that God's Kingdom or GOVERNMENT—is inseparably connected with GOD'S LAW. He showed that that law would NEVER fail! Then He went on to show *what law* He was talking about (Verse 18) by commenting on the commandment concerning adultery—one of the *Ten Commandments!*

So the good news of *God's Kingdom* is inseparably related to the LAW of God as contained in the *Ten Commandments*. Jesus always magnified and



All Europe is astir today with religious fervor. Facing Europe—and the whole world—is the question of world government or total extinction. Man has yet to learn that he does not know the way to peace—that it will take the government of God to enforce peace on a deceived world.

kept THIS LAW during His lifetime. He said: "I have KEPT my Father's commandments" (John 15:10).

After His resurrection, as Christ was commissioning His disciples to preach His message to ALL NATIONS—certainly including the Gentiles—Jesus commanded: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: *teaching them to observe ALL THINGS whatsoever I have commanded you:* and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Here Jesus is clearly and plainly telling His apostles to go out to *all nations* preaching exactly the SAME message of *obedience* to God's LAW and His government as He Himself had taught them!

How clear! And yet how virtually desperate it seems the religious leaders of this world are to make this statement mean something other than what it obviously, plainly is talking about!

For carnal-minded men REBEL at the teaching of *obedience* to God's commandments. They say it is IMPOSSIBLE for human beings to obey God's law. They come up with 57 different varieties of excuses for disobeying the commandments of God and teaching that you are saved by a sentimental acceptance of Christ's NAME or PERSON without any real *obedience* to Him or God

as your LORD and MASTER!

But, let's go on with the TRUTH!

Jesus Set a Perfect EXAMPLE

Remember that a Christian is *one who literally follows the example of Jesus Christ!* Jesus was the "light" that God sent into the world to show man HOW he ought to be living. "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9).

Peter was inspired to write: "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an EXAMPLE, *that ye should follow His steps: who did no sin*, neither was guile found in his mouth" (I Pet. 2:21-22). Jesus OBEYED GOD. He did NO SIN—and sin is the "*transgression of the law.*" He obeyed God and suffered persecution willingly and in all this set us an EXAMPLE that we *should follow His steps!*

The Apostle John was inspired to write: "He that saith he abideth in him [Christ] ought himself also to walk [to LIVE], even as he walked (I John 2:6).

This passage clearly shows that the true Christian must LIVE *just as Jesus Christ did live—setting us an example.* The New English Bible Translation renders this in more modern English: "Here is the test by which we can be
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CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

TO EUROPE

In English—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG — 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave and 49 metres (6090 kc.) short wave—6:00 p.m. Mon. and Tues., G.M.T.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon.

EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany — 182 kc. (1647 m.)—5:45 a.m. Wed..

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 metres (6090 kc.) shortwave and 208 metres (1439 kc.) medium wave—Sun., 6:05 a.m.; Wed., 7:00 a.m., M.E.T

TO AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE — 3301 kc. and 4925 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., and Fri.

RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE —OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.) —10 p.m. Sun., Mon. and Wed.; 9:30 p.m. Tue., Thur. and Fri.

WNBS—Lagos—602 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

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

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2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs., 10:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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.; 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

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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.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

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

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

3UL—Warragul, Vic.—880 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

3YB—Warrnambool, Vic.—1210 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

*4BK—Brisbane, Qld.—1300 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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

4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.

4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur. and Fri.; 10:35 p.m. Tues.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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"The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—

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BED55 Taipei 960 kc.;

BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;

BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;

BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.—

18:00 T.S.T., Wed. and Fri.

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DZQA, Manila—620 kc.—9:00

p.m. Sun.; 8:30 p.m. Mon.

thru Sat.

DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;

DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;

DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—

9:00 p.m. Sunday.

DYCB, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30

p.m. Friday.

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc.,

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TO LATIN AMERICA

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HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.;

HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.;

HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—

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

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*RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 p.m., Mon. and Tues.

What Do You Mean —“Christian”?

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sure that we are in him: whoever claims to be dwelling in him, *binds himself to LIVE as Christ himself lived.*”

So we are LITERALLY to follow the inspired EXAMPLE of Jesus Christ's perfect life! And we have seen that Jesus DID KEEP the Ten Commandments—LITERALLY (John 15:10).

If you really *study* the inspired record of Jesus' life carefully, you will see where Jesus *prayed constantly* on both knees to God the Father and *fasted* when He was in need of being especially close to God (Mark 1:35; 2:20; 9:29). You will see where Jesus *literally* OBEYED the fourth commandment—setting us an example (Luke 4:16, 31). You will see where Jesus *refused* to be drawn into worldly *wars* and *politics* (John 18:36-37).

You will see that Jesus OBEYED the commandments of God both in the letter AND in the spirit; that He lived a life of GIVING and SERVICE; and that He conducted Himself as an *ambassador* of a foreign kingdom or government—God's government in heaven which will soon come to replace ALL governments on this earth—and therefore had *no part* in the *religions, politics, wars* and *disputes* of His time.

True Christians are LITERALLY to follow this marvelous *example!* And Paul was inspired to write: “*Jesus Christ the SAME yesterday, and today, and forever*” (Heb. 13:8).

Christ has NOT CHANGED. He will guide you to live the *same kind of life* today that He DID LIVE in His own human body 1900 years ago! And remember, Jesus “was in ALL POINTS *tempted like as we are, yet without sin*” (Heb. 4:15). So with human nature *just as we have* He DID obey God and set us an example. And we CAN follow that example!

But HOW?

How You CAN Follow Christ's Example!

The Apostle Paul was inspired to write: “Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is NONE of his”

(Rom. 8:9). In plain language, if you are without God's Spirit you are NOT a *Christian!* You do not *belong* to Christ—you are *not His*.

But *what good* is the Holy Spirit, some will ask, *What does it do?*

Jesus answers: “If ye love me, *keep my* COMMANDMENTS. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another *Comforter*, that he may abide with you forever; even the *Spirit of truth*; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth *with you, and shall be IN you*” (John 14:15-17).

Then Jesus continued by saying: “I will not leave you comfortless; I will come unto you.” Obviously He was going to come unto and “comfort” BY this Spirit which would dwell IN the disciples. He stated in Verse 23: “If a man love me, he will keep MY WORDS [obeying His commandments]: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” It is obvious that both Jesus and God the Father do not come down and live INSIDE of someone in bodily form! Rather, they live IN the Christian *through the Holy Spirit!*

And Jesus continued by stating: “But the Comforter, which is the *Holy Spirit*, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you” (Verse 26). Notice that the SAME Spirit emanates out from Christ and the Father. That Spirit TEACHES Christ's true followers and helps them remember and apply the truth.

So it is that the Apostle Paul could exclaim: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, *but* CHRIST *liveth IN me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith OF the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

Here we see that—*through the Holy Spirit*—Christ comes to live HIS LIFE literally IN the true Christian who not only lives by faith in Christ but by the very faith OF Jesus Christ—the *same faith that guided and motivated Him in His human body over 1900 years ago!*

Through the Holy Spirit, then, you

receive the very *nature* and *power* of CHRIST to *obey* the commandments, laws and ways of Almighty God! But it is actually CHRIST doing it—*He gets the credit, not you!*

However, you must *surrender* your will to Him, and you must REPENT of your *lawlessness* and ACCEPT CHRIST as your SAVIOUR, and as your *Lord and MASTER!* Then you must *yield* and *strive* to be an *effective instrument* in HIS hands!

Now can you understand?

It is actually CHRIST who keeps the commandments all over again—just as He did 1900 years ago—in *your mortal body!* It is HIS righteousness operating in your body which you have *willingly yielded* to Him as *His instrument*.

HOW the Holy Spirit Functions

The inspired formula for receiving God's Holy Spirit was given by Peter on the Day of Pentecost, 31 A.D. “Then Peter said unto them, REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and *ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit*” (Acts 2:38).

Since your old self must be *buried or baptized* for the remission of SIN, you must REPENT of *sin!* Recall that “*sin IS the transgression of the law.*” So you must *repent* of BREAKING GOD'S LAW!

You must be *baptized* in a watery grave as an outward acknowledgment of the *death penalty* you have brought on yourself by disobeying the LAW of your Creator, and of your *willingness* to let the *old self die*. Then, after real *repentance* of your rebellion against God and your own carnal ways and desires, and fulfilling the ordinance of humility in being baptized and accepting Christ's shed blood as payment for your past sins in FAITH, you are PROMISED the “gift” of *God's Holy Spirit*. Then, through His Spirit, CHRIST places His nature within you—His *love*, His *faith*, His *strength* to overcome your own nature and the temptations of Satan and of this world.

The LOVE you receive through God's Spirit is not mere human love, but the very love of God, “because the LOVE of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us” (Rom. 5:5).

Now *how* does this love operate?

Let's let Christ's WORD give the true answer! "For this IS the *love of God*, that we KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

It is through GOD'S love placed in us by His Spirit that we are enabled to KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS! Is that PLAIN?

Yes, God's commandments CAN be kept in *your life* by YIELDING to let CHRIST come in through His Spirit and *keep His law in your mortal flesh!*

Not through *your strength*, but through the spiritual POWER which God's Holy Spirit imparts, you CAN follow the perfect example of Jesus Christ. You CAN yield to let Jesus live the *same kind of life in you* which He DID live 1900 years ago—keeping the *same laws of God*, worshipping on the same Holy Days which GOD ordained, remaining *separate* from this world's society, politics and wars, and—through constant Bible *study*, earnest *prayer*, occasional *fasting* and consistent spiritual *overcoming* and GROWTH—you can yield to let God *literally* fashion you in HIS *spiritual image* to be *born of Him* in the resurrection as His LITERAL SON—*possessed of His very nature!*

This is, in fact, the very PURPOSE of your existence!

IDENTITY of the True "Christians"

Down through history, God has *always* set apart and *marked* those who truly serve Him by *keeping His commandments and His LAWS*. The Apostle John was inspired to write: "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).

A person who isn't keeping God's commandments does NOT grasp the *kind of character and personality* that the true God is. He is not truly "acquainted" with God! He is simply manufacturing his own private "god" out of *his own imagination*.

Can we BELIEVE that God means what He says in His *inspired Word?*

The *true* God doesn't even hear our prayers unless we *keep His commandments!* "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, *because we KEEP HIS*

COMMANDMENTS, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I John 3:22).

Today, *millions* of deceived people worship a sentimental, fuddy-duddy, manufactured "god" who requires NO OBEDIENCE. They have been *deceived* into believing that the importance of worshipping the TRUE God of Creation—the God who requires OBEDIENCE to His will as a *prerequisite* to the GIFT of eternal life—all this can be lightly set aside.

But GOD states: "Whosoever transgresseth and *abideth not in the DOCTRINE* of Christ [not just sentimentally believing in His 'name' *without obedience*], HATH NOT GOD. He that abideth in the DOCTRINE of Christ, *he hath both the Father and the Son*. If there come any unto you, and *bring not this DOCTRINE*, receive him NOT into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II John 9-11).

Those are STRONG WORDS!

The true *teaching*—the matter of OBEDIENCE to the true God and His LAW—this is of PARAMOUNT importance in the eyes of the God of your Bible!

Even in the final book of your Bible, the book of Revelation, this standard of OBEDIENCE is used as a sign of IDENTITY of God's true Church down through the ages.

Notice! Speaking of the true Church which has to flee from the Devil at the time of the end, God says: "And the dragon [Satan the Devil] was wroth with the woman [the true Church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 12:17).

Again, definitely speaking of the true saints in *our time* when the seven last plagues will soon be poured out, GOD identifies *His saints*: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS of God and the faith OF Jesus" (Rev. 14:12).

And finally, at the very END of your Bible, as His final message to YOU, God states: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. *Blessed* are they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, that they may have

right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:13-14).

Now You KNOW!

Now you know what *true Christianity* MEANS!

It means *yielding yourself* to let Jesus Christ literally LIVE His life in you! It means *surrendering* to the will of your Maker—and KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS through the POWER of His Spirit within you!

It means living a life of constant *prayer*, Bible *study*, constant *overcoming* and OBEDIENCE to the will of God the Father—following the perfect EXAMPLE of Jesus Christ which He set that *you should follow in His steps!* It means doing these things LITERALLY—not arguing and "reasoning" so you can keep on going your *own way* or the way of this *deceived world*. But rather you should GROW in grace and in the *knowledge* of Jesus Christ—His WAYS, His LAWS.

True Christianity means being able to state sincerely, as the Apostle Paul: "I am *crucified with Christ*: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh *I live by the faith OF the Son of God*, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

True Christianity means really *doing all this* LITERALLY—remembering that Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8), and that He will live the SAME kind of life in you today that He did nineteen hundred years ago. In a true Christian today, Christ will keep the *same commandments* He DID keep on earth, worship on the *same days* He DID observe while on earth, live the same WAY of life He DID LIVE on earth nineteen hundred years ago!

God help you to *understand!* God help you to *study* His Word so you can apply *all the details* of this tremendous principle to every phase of *your life*—by accepting the *true* Christ as *Saviour* and *Living LORD*—learn to LIVE as *Jesus Christ did live* through His Spirit within you!

Then—through HIS POWER—you will be made FIT to live *forever* in the glorious WORLD TOMORROW!

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pointment to meet Dr. B., and Madame Helene Beber in Zurich that evening. When I expressed regret at being unable to attend, due to this appointment in Zurich, the secretary urged me to postpone the Zurich appointment and stay over for the reception. It would be, she said, the most glamorous and important social event held in England since the war, and again reminded me it was the only opportunity for another interview with the Sheik.

I said that I would telephone Dr. B. in Zurich, and if I could postpone our appointment, I would call her back. The appointment was postponed, and

I notified the Ambassador's secretary. A little later a specially engraved invitation arrived at our apartment by private messenger.

Perhaps excerpts from a letter written to the family at home immediately after returning from the reception will best describe the experience. This is what I wrote:

"Just this second we returned from the Royal Reception held by Sheik Hafiz Wabba and H.R.H. Emir Saud, the Crown Prince of Arabia. It was very colorful. About 200 invited guests—Earls, Dukes with their monocles and flashing decorations, Admirals, Com-

modores, dozens of Ambassadors—we saw those from Turkey, Chile, Albania, etc. We entered in couples. A brightly crimson uniformed page announced each couple in a very loud voice, as 'Lord and Lady so and so,' 'Admiral and Mrs. so and so,' 'The Turkish Ambassador,' and so on. We were announced as 'Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong.'

"The Arabs, in their flowing robes, stood in the receiving line. Mother advanced first, then I—since this was the customary way. First we were greeted by His Excellency Sheik Hafiz Wabba. In turn he introduced us to the tall and very handsome crown prince, whom they addressed as 'Your Royal Highness.' Then the remaining five or six top Arab officials. Then the crowd mingled around, munching on tiny sandwiches, French pastries, and being



Receiving line of Arab royalty at Royal Reception, Dorchester Hotel, London.

served tea. The dress was not formal. The people over here have been through a *war*, in a way we Americans have no conception, and they simply don't have fine clothes over here any more. There were very few in evening clothes. The clothes of several were becoming a bit threadbare. Yet the titled ones wore their glittering decorations. Mother was the nicest-looking woman there.

"We had a very nice, brief, private talk with the Sheik, and got a statement for my article on the Palestine situation for the next PLAIN TRUTH.

"We were seated at a table, when the royal party approached. Immediately, we arose, and took seats at another table. The Crown Prince sat at the table we had vacated, but before doing so smiled and motioned for us to be seated beside him at the table. He does not speak a word of English. I felt we should not accept his invitation, since it was apparent that table was intended for the royal party. He was merely trying to be cordial. Twice he smilingly motioned a welcome to us, but I smilingly and apologetically shook my head and refrained."

That Crown Prince is now the King, since his father, old King Ibn Saud, died. That experience was the nearest we have ever come to personal contact with royalty.

While I was writing the above, Mrs. Armstrong was writing the following about the reception:

"We just returned to our room from the Royal reception. I felt just like little Lord Fauntleroy. It was all so interesting. We were announced in a thundering voice to all. Presented to Sheik Hafiz Wabba (His Excellency), who in turn presented us to the Crown Prince (His Royal Highness), and on down the receiving line. We were among the Lords and Ladies, Dukes and Earls, and Admirals and Ambassadors of many countries. They are all *just folks*. We were so interested in it all—tables everywhere—you could sit or not. In the center of the ballroom were large banquet tables with different kinds of food and drinks. One just walked up anywhere and helped himself. There was beautiful music—violins and piano. The Palestinian announcer for the BBC branch there introduced himself to me



The Arabs at reception for H.R.H. Emir Saud, at the Dorchester, London. Notice Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in background, upper right.

and then to two Ladies, and I later introduced him to Daddy.

"It's March 1st now"—(this part evidently written later), "I'm all packed. We leave soon for France. It's bitter cold, no heat at all in the rooms. I fill the bathtub with hot water and get in until heated through, and then jump into bed. Last night the maid brought me a stone hot water bottle that kept me warm. Poor Britain is suffering even worse, it seems, than during the war. Everything but water is rationed."

And Now—the Continent

The evening of March 1st I was writing, with my portable typewriter on my lap, in my upper berth in a

compartment on the sleeping car of a French train from Calais, bound for Zurich. Mrs. Armstrong occupied the lower berth. This is part of what I wrote:

"Here we are in France. Just boarded this train a half hour ago. It's now dark. At 4:30 this afternoon we were on a boat crossing the English Channel, and the sun not far from the horizon sinking in the west. I looked at my larger watch, which is still set Eugene time, and it was 8:30 A.M. I did a little quick calculating and discovered that at that hour you were looking at the same sun, same distance from the horizon, rising in the east, while we were looking at it setting in the west. We are one-third way around the earth from



The White Cliffs of Dover

you. In other words, you people are walking almost upside down. I know you are, because one of us is, and it isn't us over here.

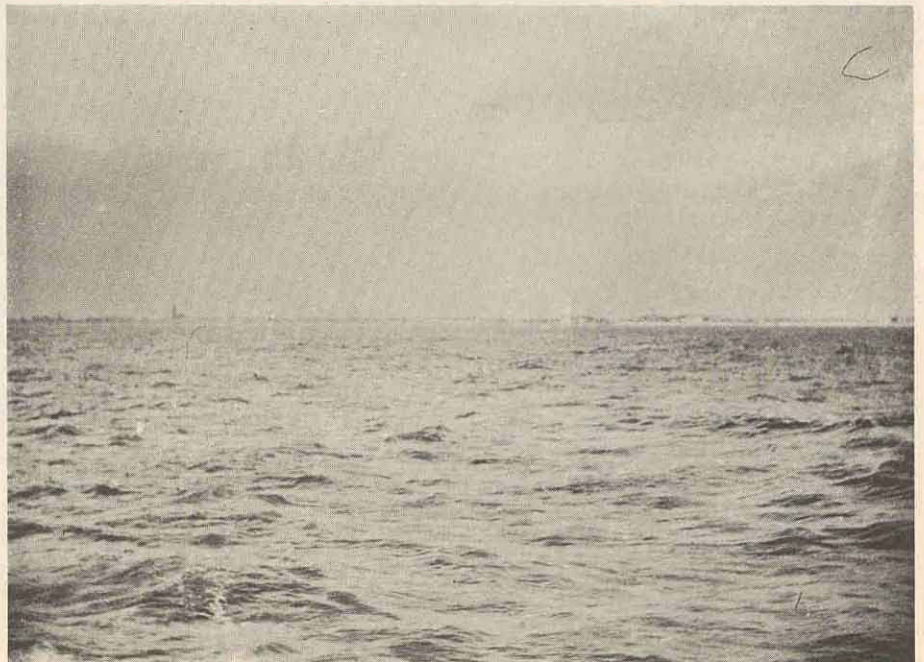
"Calais is quite a little town. We've seen many bombed and shattered buildings. OUR bombs probably did that. The Nazis had this town. Seems strange, like a dream, to think we are actually over here where the war was fought, in territory that was occupied by the Germans. I don't see any Germans here now. They are French. And I mean FRENCH! At the dock and depot, which are joined together, the officers or attendants, or whatever they were, had typical French caps, like French army officers, and flowing capes. The porters, seeking opportunity to carry luggage for the tips, yelled out, 'Porteur! Porteur! Porteur!' with accent on the last syllable—or equally on both. The train porters can't speak a word of English. They grunt 'Oui!' (pronounced 'we').

"It's now 8:45 P.M. Just at that last paragraph we were called to dinner. A Frenchman walks through the cars ringing a cute little bell. We weren't sure it was a call to dinner, or whether there was even a dining car on the train. We're in the rear car, so we started forward. After going through all the sleepers, and about four day coaches (European type, six to a compartment), we came to what looked like the bag-

gage car, decided there was no diner and turned back. Two cars back a porter stopped us. He couldn't understand us; we couldn't understand him. We tried by motions to make him understand we were looking for the dining car—if any. Mother suddenly remembered that the word 'cafe' is a French word, but probably we didn't pronounce it the French way—at least he didn't understand. I pointed to my mouth, then my stomach, and finally a light dawned on his face, and a smile. He pointed back

up front. We opened the 'baggage car' door, and found it was a diner. We sat by two Englishmen, one of whom travels over this railroad every two weeks or so, and speaks French. He steered us through the meal. First a waiter came by and served something supposed to be soup. (Right here Mother says we are entering Amiens—this town figured prominently in the war—remember?) After the soup, another waiter came along with a great big dish of spaghetti, with meat balls stuffed in deviled half-eggs. There is no water—unfit to drink. Everyone drinks red wine. The Englishman told us we could have fried chicken, not too bad, at extra cost, but by that time we were too stuffed with spaghetti. Then a course of potatoes, then 'ice cream,' made with, apparently, water and skim milk. It cost over 300 francs. But a franc is only worth a penny now. Used to be 25c. I paid in English money, about 14 shillings and some odd pence.

"Wish you could see this funny French sleeping car. These French cars are larger than the British—about the size of an American car. We had to climb up a sort of steep ladder to get on the train. It's rather crude compared to our Pullmans—still, not too bad. Altogether different, though. Seems funny to us. We have a private compartment. There are no sections—all private rooms. It has private wash basin, but no



Our first glimpse of the Continent—Calais, France, from Channel.

toilet. All use the same public toilet—both men and women.

"Mother has seen some of those French farms we've heard of—house and barn for livestock all in one building. The ground is covered with snow—has been, all over, since we landed at Southampton. We are to arrive at Basel about 8:10 A.M. There are no railroad folders, timetables, or maps. Those are luxuries only Americans enjoy."

I have quoted the letter at some length. Most books or articles about foreign travel do not mention many of these little things that an American notices on his first trip abroad. I felt our readers might find it interesting.

The Vision of the Future

A portion of a letter written on the train next morning may be interesting—and prophetic:

"The English tell us that we Americans are just now starting to go through the stage of development they did 200



These photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were taken in 1947 at the time the passport photos were needed. A few hundred of these were mailed at that time to interested readers.

years ago—that we are that far behind the times. They really think they are ahead of us! They are smugly ahead of what they *suppose* us to be—yet they know nothing of America, actually. I was particularly impressed by their pride. They feel they are superior, morally, to all people of the earth. Yet it is quite apparent that their morals have hit a toboggan slide since the war! They are surely *a long way* from realizing their sins, nationally and individually, and of repenting of them—and they don't even dream, and would never believe, that they are to be punished and conquered, and then rescued from slavery by Christ at His second coming—so as to bring them to salvation. In

some manner, I know now that I must warn them, *and will*, but it will be difficult—no use of radio there, as it's government owned and operated. YET, THEY MUST BE WARNED.

"I think it can be done by purchase of advertising space in newspapers and magazines, getting people to write for *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I've been making plans, while in London, for our coming campaign to reach England. The newspaper reporter said the advertising idea could be used. We will have to either send PLAIN TRUTHS across, or have them printed in England, which is what we undoubtedly will do—a European edition. The college over here will probably become a European headquarters for carrying on our work all over Europe. WE MUST REACH EUROPE, AND ENGLAND, as well as America! Our work is just STARTING! I see, more and more, why we have been simply led into taking this trip, and why the way opened so miraculously and suddenly before us at every turn. Before the coming atomic war, we have much work to do."

As I wrote then, the prophecy has been fulfilled. The college was established some years later than I then expected—it was established in Bricket Wood, near London, instead of in Switzerland.

But radio did finally open up, through Radio Luxembourg, most powerful station on earth. For three years we did, every other month, purchase two full pages of space in *Reader's Digest*, read by one out of five of all adults in the British Isles—and with a very large response and request for *The PLAIN TRUTH* and other literature. During that time, one out of every 25½ subscribers of *Reader's Digest* sent us a written request for the free literature—an overwhelming response.

Also, for the past few years there has been the British-European edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, printed in London, as well as the Australian edition printed in Melbourne, and the United States edition printed in Los Angeles.

This first trip to Britain and Europe pioneered the way. Today there is also a German-language edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, with a branch office in Dusseldorf. There is the German-lan-

guage broadcast of *The WORLD TOMORROW*, beamed on Germany and Austria, over super-power Radio Luxembourg. There is the French-language broadcast, over both Radio Luxembourg on the French transmission, and over Radio Europe Number One, and offices to be opened next summer either in Paris or Geneva.

The remaining incidents of this history-making trip to Lugano, and exciting and nerve-wracking events preparatory to opening of Ambassador College that fall, will be recorded in the next installment.

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

Vindictive Critic

"Haven't you religious fanatics got any sense of humor or understanding at all? Those ancient Hebrews and other prophets were simply thwarted poets who, in their poverty, starvation and unkemptness, became implacable and vindictive soothsayers who predicted evil for those who were seemingly successful and prosperous. Christ Himself was a thwarted being, who never got over His anger and reproach against His mother who had borne Him out of wedlock. He respected His stepfather who had been kind enough to marry her so that no reproach would fall on the child."

Woman from Massachusetts

- What a lonely, miserable soul this woman must be!

Officer Needs Protection!

"I heard your program last night. I enjoyed it very much. I am a peace officer and night watchman and I need God very much to guard me at work."

Man from Texas

- God will protect those who trust Him and obey His commandments.

Drought in Africa

"We have just come through one of the worst droughts that we have had for many years. In many parts rain has come only this month and in other parts no rain has yet fallen. Thousands of cattle and sheep have died. This only

bears out the truth about the warning which we have had."

From Johannesburg, South Africa

Awakened by Tragedy

"I have known and proven beyond a shadow of a doubt in my mind that there is a true and living God, but have neglected to serve Him. I have been trying to serve two rulers, God and Satan, but devoted a lot more time to Satan. Now I find myself alone with four children to rear. My wife took her life two weeks ago today and my eleven-year-old daughter came home from school and found her on our bed with a rifle alongside her and only part of her head left. So, perhaps you will understand why I have got to change my way of living and start serving God instead of Satan."

Man from Nevada

- Sometimes only very bitter tragedy can move us.

Financial Problems Solved

"Since we have started tithing, God has solved our financial problems and now I have received an unexpected raise in salary."

Man from North Carolina

JAPAN—Future Super-Giant!

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helmet, Gomer, and *all his bands*, the house of *Togarmah* of the NORTH QUARTERS, and *all his bands* and *many people with thee* [and that includes Japan and all Southeast Asia]!" (Ezek. 38:5-6.)

Here is an amazing alliance! Translators have carelessly rendered the words *Cush* and *Put* as being "Ethiopia" and "Libya." These ancient names had nothing whatsoever to do with the modern African nations of Ethiopia and Libya, but are actually identifying the eastern peoples of Pakistan and India of today—the descendants of *Cush* and *Put*.

Here, then, is a tremendous alliance foretold in your Bible to emerge as a giant world power in the latter years, made up of the peoples of white Russia, all of Persia, India and Asia! *Togarmah* is identifying the peoples living in Russian Siberia and Mongolia and around

the Gobi Desert.

But how will this remarkable alliance come about?

Will revitalized, industrial Japan allow herself to be swallowed up by the Communists?

Remember, the Bible *does show* these nations, with Russia, firmly allied together in the latter years—but does not plainly state the *type of government* which will be responsible for unifying them!

What is the greatest driving force in Asia today?

Surprising as it might seem to most Westerners, it is one simple thing: HUNGER!

Communism has brought the total *lack* of incentive, terrible crop failures, squalor and even more disease to Communist China.

Communism is in trouble—around the world! Khrushchev is suspicious of Mao Tse-tung, and Mao has no intentions of being yes-man to Nikita Khrushchev!

The United States' State Department has been coming to realize more and more over the past years the real gravity of the domestic problems of China!

FAR from being ready to launch any all-out attack upon the United States, Communist China's one biggest problem is to feed and clothe her teeming millions of peoples!

Japan offers the best possible solution to her problem!

But China will have to pay a fearful price!

Japan's Inevitable Alliance with China!

Here is the shocking trend that is so easily visible in Japan today!

There is an utter inevitability of the ultimate tie-up between Japan and Red China! The *big* question is how long China will remain "Red" and survive without a tie-up with Japanese capitalism.

Japanese businessmen reacted very sharply back in May to reports that United States' officials had opposed stepped up trade between Japan and Communist China. "If true, the reports represent *uncalled for interference in Japan's domestic affairs*" (emphasis mine), according to the Japan-Com-



Wide World Photo

Notice the extensive, ultramodern business and apartment buildings in the upper part of the picture. Here you see a helicopter used by a Tokyo newspaper, that appears to be balanced on the very tip of Tokyo tower in the heart of the Japanese capital.

munist China Trade Promotion Association.

Japanese businessmen have pressed for many years for stepped up trade with the Chinese mainland—Communist or not!

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, famed World War I ace and modern aviator businessman, wrote a shocking series of articles appearing in the *Los Angeles*

Times very recently. In Captain Rickenbacker's visit to Japan he asked every businessman he met, "Where are your ultimate markets?" He then reported that most, and *nearly all*, gave him the same answer: listing China FIRST, then Russia! One Japanese told him, "we need raw materials—coal, oil, iron, the whole range of minerals—and we need them in the millions of tons!"

What we in the West need to come to understand is that Russia and China HAVE these raw resources, and in the quantities Japanese businessmen NEED!

By the same token, as Captain Rickenbacker reported, the Japanese manufacture *everything* the Communist nations so badly need—thus complementing each other! It is now becoming obvious that *any restrictions* placed upon Japanese trade with Communist China, on the part of the United States, will be looked upon as sheer interference from an outside power, will only serve to antagonize the Japanese toward their former conquerors even more, and will not stand up in the long run!

The mutual attraction between the emerging giant of Japan and the sprawling vastness of China's raw material is simply too obvious to be ignored!

China will soon be FORCED, simply by its own internal and domestic crises and the sheer weight of its impoverished and hungry masses, to seek *business* with Japan! Captain Rickenbacker said, "Not only will Japan penetrate China, but she is going to DOMINATE—economically and, as a result, *politically*—MOST COUNTRIES IN THE ORIENT!" (Emphasis mine.)

He said past quarrels and petty hatreds could be totally forgotten—that these grievances would simply not survive the mounting pressure of plain economic interests. "This means that Korea, Southeast Asia, Malaysia and Indonesia—the whole area that once fell to the guns of Imperial Japan—will one day be dancing again to tunes called from Tokyo."

Fantastic, perhaps, but TRUE!

Japan is now well on the road toward becoming a super power in the world, and only the thriving, throbbing, reindustrialized nation of Japan will be calling the shots in Asia!

Captain Rickenbacker concluded, "What does all this add up to? It means that, a generation from now, Japan will be one of the three or four super powers in the world, harnessing the vast human and mineral resources of Asia to its own industrial plant."

Can you begin to see what is really happening here in the Orient? Japan is doing, in effect, EXACTLY what Ger-

many is doing in the Common Market!

Just as Germany—united with France—is leading the Common Market in her industrial boom, and is the ONLY nation which is destined to lead such a tremendous collection of powerful countries, so is Japan surging ahead to capture the leadership in all the Orient. Japan is the ONLY Asiatic nation equipped to provide the industrial know-how and leadership to harness the almost unlimited resources of this neglected,

sprawling, unbelievably rich part of the world.

Even if Communism will dilute its ideology with capitalism, one thing is certain!

Before much longer JAPAN WILL BE AN INDUSTRIAL GIANT IN ASIA THAT WILL BE NEGOTIATING FROM A POSITION OF GREAT STRENGTH WITH THE OTHER GIANTS OF THE WORLD—THE UNITED STATES, RUSSIA, AND UNITED EUROPE!

Main Street—Tokyo. For sheer excitement and a world of surprises it's hard to beat Tokyo—one of Asia's gayest and most prosperous cities. From early morning until late at night, Tokyo's energy generates new excitement but with a distinct Oriental flavor all its own. The Ginza is its main street—a mixture of the shopper's paradise and a neon-lit night life. This is a daylight view of the Ginza, which cuts through the heart of the city. Broad stripes in street, in foreground, are pedestrian crossings.

Wide World Photo



WILL THERE BE A Secret Rapture?

Thousands are placing their hope in a coming secret rapture. Will it occur? The truth is shocking! You need to know the answer. Your life may depend upon it!

by Albert J. Portune

IT IS THE firm belief of thousands today that a fantastic, breath-taking event may take place *at any moment!* Suddenly, *without warning*, multitudes upon multitudes of people all over the world—your friends, your neighbors, members of your own family, businessmen and political leaders will **DISAPPEAR!!!** In vain their friends and associates will try to locate them; the world will be in consternation—appalled by the mysterious event that has occurred.

Then, the world situation will begin to *change*. Conditions will grow worse and worse. Terrible plagues, famine and war will break out and rage through the nations. A vicious and evil despot will rise to rule the world and cruelly force the people and nations to obey him and submit to his ungodly and satanic practices.

Slowly, a sickening, awful realization will strike terror into the hearts and awareness of the frantic, terrified populace. **JESUS CHRIST** had come—secretly, **WITHOUT WARNING**—and had **RAPTURED** His saints away to heaven. The great **ANTICHRIST** had begun his twisted rule upon earth and **ALL** people left on earth were **DOOMED** to *damnation*—**FOREVER**.

Will such an event occur?

Is this doctrine of the *rapture of the saints true?*

Millions of Christians of the Protestant faith are being taught to anticipate such an event. But what will actually occur?

We need to know what is coming in the future. *We can know!* The **TRUTH** is plain.

When Did It All Begin?

Most Protestants **ASSUME** this **RAPTURE "THEORY"** has *always* been a

doctrine of the Christian faith. Those who teach the Rapture Theory state, "The Church of Jesus Christ has **ALWAYS BELIEVED** and taught that Jesus Christ will *secretly* rapture the Church away to heaven."

The real truth, however, is an eye-opening revelation.

The idea of a secret rapture of the saints was *unknown* to *any* Christian body before the **SIXTEENTH CENTURY!!** Joseph Ribera, Cardinal Bellarmine and Alcasar, Jesuit Priests of the *sixteenth century*, were the *first* Christian authorities to promulgate this idea. Even in their day the idea was unclear, but the basic roots of the doctrine began at this time. (*Cyclopaedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature* by McClintock and Strong, article "Antichrist.")

Later, around 1825, Samuel R. Maitland, librarian to the Archbishop of Canterbury, embraced the belief, although its basic tenets were still unclear in his day.

It wasn't until 1830 that this belief began to take on its modern definition. "The Catholic Apostolic Church had its beginning in 1830. It was founded in Britain . . . by men who claimed divine inspiration. They said the Holy Spirit revealed to them that the last days had come, that the Lord was about to return, that first He would 'rapture' the believers who were ready, at a *secret* coming, that other believers would be left to pass through the great tribulation, after which Christ would come in manifested power." (*Heralds of the Dawn*, by John A. Anderson, M.D.)

Thus we see the Rapture Theory is a product of *recent times*. It was **NOT** a doctrine of the original Church. It was never taught nor believed by Jesus Christ or His disciples.

Rapture theorists advance several so-called Biblical proofs for the Rapture Theory. Let's examine them and see what the Bible really does say about it.

Christ's Coming Assumed to Be in Two Phases

The assumption of the Rapture Theory is that Jesus will first come secretly **FOR** His saints, at which time He will descend from heaven to the atmosphere of this earth. He will at this time—so the theory goes—resurrect the righteous dead and "translate" the faithful living, rapturing them to heaven where they will remain *with Him* until He again returns—several years later. During this time a Great Tribulation will rage on earth and a satanic antichrist will reign.

The raptured saints will be **SPARED** from this *Tribulation*, having been *raptured away* **BEFORE** it begins.

At the "second phase" Jesus, accompanied by all His saints, will **RETURN VISIBLY** and **DESTROY** all the wicked which are upon the earth. He will then set up His Millennial reign.

Do the Scriptures bear out this "two-phased" return?

What did Jesus and His disciples teach concerning the return of Christ?

Jesus' Answer

When Jesus' disciples put the same question to Him, He gave the plain and direct answer. Let's notice it.

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy *coming*, and of the end of the world?" (Matt. 24:3.) They had no notion of a "two-phased" coming. They simply asked concerning His *coming*—His **ONLY** coming. When Jesus replied

to their question, He did not imply there would be two phases. He simply acknowledged their question and began to tell them of the occurrences to *precede* His return.

Jesus warned of false Christs, of wars, of famine, pestilences and earthquakes—all to *precede* His coming. Then He warned of personal persecution, tribulation and even death of some in God's Church BEFORE His return; notice it—"Then shall they deliver YOU up to be afflicted, and shall kill YOU; and YE shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matt. 24:9).

Then Jesus spoke of *great tribulation* and the need for the Church to FLEE, all *before* His return (verses 15-21).

If Jesus were going to come in a *secret rapture* to take all His saints to Heaven before the Tribulation, why didn't He say so? It is because there will *NOT BE A RAPTURE!!* Jesus' direct answer warned there *WOULD BE TRIBULATION—before* His return.

Warning Against Rapture Theory

No, in fact, instead of comforting them with the "Rapture Theory," He warned them *not* to be tempted into believing His coming would be any different than He was outlining to them. Notice His specific warning to them:

"Then if *any man* shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; BELIEVE IT NOT. For there shall arise false Christs, and FALSE PROPHETS, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall DECEIVE the very elect" (Matt. 24:23-24).

Jesus warned there would be men who would advance great significant theories of supposedly wonderful things in order to *deceive*. Then Jesus became *very emphatic*. He said there would be some who would teach that Jesus *had returned* to some far away desert place OR that He had returned to some SECRET PLACE. He said: "BELIEVE IT NOT!!" (verse 26.)

Now notice CAREFULLY verses 27-31. Jesus answers so as to leave *no question* what His ONE AND ONLY SECOND COMING WOULD BE LIKE. He said: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man

be" (verse 27). Does this sound like a secret return? a secret rapture?

To leave absolutely NO DOUBT Jesus then said: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall *all the tribes of the earth* mourn, and they shall SEE the Son of man *coming* in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (verse 30). How can all the tribes of the earth see Him at His coming if it is a secret rapture?

These passages *cannot* be applied to a so-called first phase because it is at THIS PRECISE COMING that the saints are resurrected and gathered from the four corners of the earth (verse 31—see also Mark 13:27). According to rapture theorists this gathering is to occur secretly at the time of the rapture.

Meet The Lord In The Air

Paul's inspired words, relating the truth of the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the transformation of the living, is another scripture often used by rapture theorists in an attempt to prove the secret rapture. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a *shout*, with the *voice of the archangel*, and with the *trump of God*: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be *caught up* together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16-17). The terminology "caught up" is supposed to designate the rapture.

I Corinthians 15 also talks of this same time. Paul states: "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be *changed*, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the LAST TRUMP: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised *incorruptible*, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:51-52).

Those who teach the rapture tell us that this is the time when Jesus Christ will return *secretly* to rapture His saints to heaven. Yet, we find this time identified as a *singular* time in all the history of the world. It is at the *resurrection* of the saints. It is also during the time of the *last trumpet*—the one and ONLY *last trumpet*.

This can only apply to *one particular*

time in all the history of mankind.

There is only to be ONE *last trumpet*. At the sounding of THAT trumpet Jesus Christ is to return to this earth VISIBLY and ACTUALLY. Notice Revelation 1, verse 7: "Behold he cometh with *clouds* (exactly the same description we had in I Thess. 4:17); and *every eye shall see him*, they also which pierced him: and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him."

The time of His return and the sounding of the last trumpet is also mentioned beginning in Revelation 8. "And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given *seven trumpets*" (verse 2). At the sounding of these trumpets, there are great plagues and cataclysmic events which occur on the earth. (Rev. 8:7-13 and Rev. 9:1-21.)

Now notice Revelation 10:7; "But in the days of the voice of the *seventh angel*, when he shall BEGIN TO SOUND, the *mystery of God* should be FINISHED, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." Here is the mystery that Paul was describing in I Corinthians the fifteenth chapter! It is the time of the resurrection of the saints! Here is the sounding of the seventh and *last trumpet!* THIS IS THE ONE AND ONLY TIME SPOKEN OF. It is the return of JESUS CHRIST to this earth VISIBLY, *when every eye shall see Him*.

Now notice Revelation 11 beginning in Verse 15. "And the *seventh angel sounded* (sounding the *last trumpet*), and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever . . . and the *nations* were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead" (Rev. 11:15, 17-18).

There can be NO DOUBT by these *plain scriptures* that NO SECRET RAPTURE is to occur.

An Important Prophecy

At the time Jesus Christ was taken up into heaven, just after His resurrection, a very important prophecy was made that Bible students often miss. Let us notice it in Acts 1. "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FIFTY-TWO

THE PROMISED LAND

THE TWO Israelite scouts sent to the city of Jericho were eating at Rahab's inn when officers banged loudly on the door.

"Two officers have come from the king of Jericho to arrest you!" Rahab whispered to them. "They're impatient and I must go to the door at once. I know who you are, and I have my reasons to help you. Hurry up this back stairway and hide yourselves under the flax you'll find drying on the roof!" (Joshua 2:1-4.)

The Israelites didn't waste time asking questions or waiting for more explanation. They dashed for the stairway, and Rahab turned to go to the officers.

Rahab Outwits the Soldiers

"If you're stalling us, woman, we'll have to take you along, too!" one of them snapped.

"I hurried back there to the dining booth to find out if any of my lodgers noticed which way the two men went," Rahab explained. "They were here, but they left just before the wall gates of the city were closed for the night. If they are Israelites, probably they're on their way back to their camp, and the soldiers could overtake them before they reach the river."

Rahab lied about these things, but God makes use of all kinds of people to bring about His purposes. In this matter He was using a Canaanite woman, who had never been taught God's Commandments.

The king's officers didn't spend any more time talking. They strode out of the inn and barked orders to nearby soldiers. Within a very few minutes, the gates swung



Before leaving the room where the two Israelites were eating, Rahab quickly informed them that Canaanite officers had come to arrest them!

open, and a searching party of soldiers scurried off into the darkness in the direction of the river. (Verses 5-7.)

As soon as the soldiers had left, Rahab went up to the flat roof of the inn to talk to the Israelites. She expected to find them well hidden under the flax on the roof. Instead, she found they were not yet fully recovered.

"You're safe for now," Rahab whispered. "They won't be back for awhile. We Canaanites are well aware of your intention of taking over our country. I know that your powerful God will give you this land. Our whole city is frightened because you have so swiftly overcome nations to the east and southeast. We have been dreading the day when your soldiers come over the Jordan. Our terror is so great that no one has any courage left."

"If you believe that Israel is going to take over your land, why are you trying to protect us?" one of the Israelites asked.

Rahab Trusts in God

"Because I believe your God is the true God. Long ago we heard of the great miracles He performed, especially in causing the Red Sea to part so that your people could pass through it. (Verses 8-11.)

"I want to be spared by your soldiers," Rahab continued. "I have showed you kindness. Now promise me that your people will spare me and my close relatives—the households of my father and all my brothers and sisters—when this city is attacked."

"We promise to do as you ask," the Israelites told her, "if you will agree not to mention to anyone what has taken place here tonight."

Rahab solemnly assured them that she would keep the matter to herself. The Israelites then instructed her that she should tie a red cord, which one of the men gave her, in the window of her establishment, and that all her relatives should take refuge there when the soldiers of Israel would reach Jericho.

"Our soldiers will be told to spare the place where the red cord is," Rahab was told, "but if any of your family is outside your doors when we attack, we won't be responsible for them. On the other hand, if any of your family within your inn is harmed, we shall be responsible before God for that harm."

"So be it," the other Israelite muttered, "but these promises can't mean much if we don't get out of here tonight. We don't dare wait until daylight, and the gates will be barred all night."

For answer, Rahab motioned for them to follow her. They went downstairs to an open window facing outward from the wall. Rahab gave the men a bag of food and a long rope, and the scouts knew what to do. They tied one end of the rope to a ceiling beam and let the rest of it drop out the window.

"Don't try to return to your camp now," Rahab warned. "The area between here and the river will be swarming with our soldiers for many hours. Hurry to the hills west of here and hide there for three days. By that time it should be much safer for you to go back."

One at a time the Israelites slid down the rope, which more than reached all the way down the high wall. Rahab pulled the rope back up and waved to the men as they melted into the darkness. (Verses 12-21.)

It wasn't easy to travel over strange terrain at night, but the darkness wasn't intense enough to prevent the scouts from keeping on the move. The two fleeing men shortly reached the white limestone hills, where they found a number of caves. They chose one next to a small water spring, and for the next three days it was their hideout home.

The Scouts Report to Joshua

At the end of three days the two men set out eastward during darkness to successfully reach the Jordan. There they waited for daylight, and again managed to swim the river. From there it was only a short distance to the Israelite camp and safety.

Joshua was pleased at the report of the scouts, especially because it showed the shattered morale of the Canaanites. As for Rahab and her family, Joshua readily agreed to the promise that this one Canaanite family would be spared. (Verses 22-24.) Joshua knew that God's death sentence upon Canaanites did not apply to those who willingly forsook their heathen gods and put their faith in God. After all, one reason God had condemned the Canaanites was because they were the worst sort of idol worshippers.

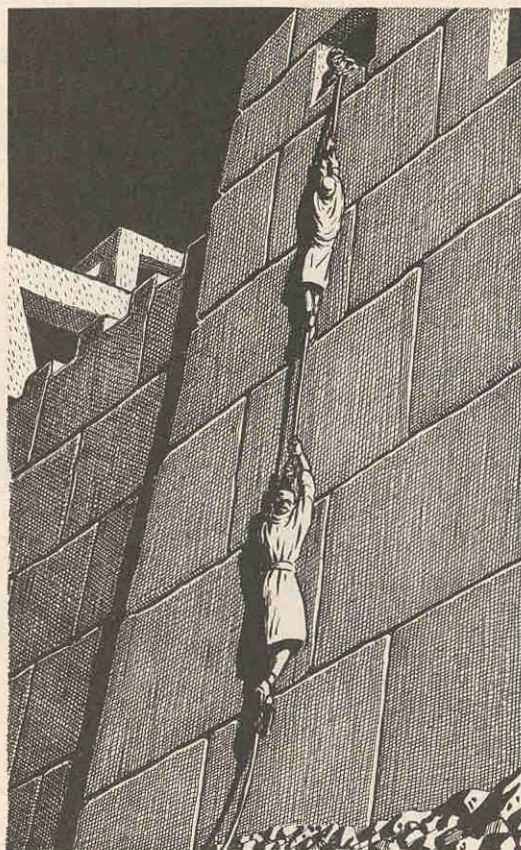
As soon as Joshua had finished hearing the report, he told his officers to take word to the people that they should prepare to break camp next day.

Great activity followed. Flocks and herds grazing outside the camp had to be rounded up. Families packed their possessions except what was needed for meals and a night's rest.

Early next morning Israel finished breaking camp. The tabernacle tent, fence and all that went with the tabernacle were packed for moving, and the Israelites set out on a march toward the river. The trip took almost all day, and took them away from the acacia groves near Mt. Nebo, but into more groves of palm trees. They stopped just before arriving at the river, and set up camp again on the east slopes leading down to the Jordan.

Although the Jordan wasn't a large river such as the Nile, those Israelites who were curious enough to go on down to it were greatly impressed by it because it was the largest river the new generation had ever seen. At that time of year, due to spring rains and the melting of the snow in the high mountains to the north, the Jordan was swift and swollen to overflowing by the silty waters.

Those who saw the river returned to tell their neighbors what it was like. Only the very strong swimmers could hope to make it across the Jordan, and building rafts



At the risk of losing her life, Rahab provided a rope which the Israelite scouts used to escape from Jericho.

or a bridge would require so much time that all the armies of Canaan could concentrate at the spot and easily ruin such a project! However, this was to be no problem for Israel, because God had already given private instructions to Joshua so the people would realize God was with Joshua as He had been with Moses.

A Miracle Needed!

Next morning Joshua told the priests they should personally take up the ark of the covenant and bear it to the river ahead of the Israelites. (Joshua 3:1-7.) Ordinarily the ark was carried in the center of the mass of people, and was borne by Levites who were the sons of Kohath. (Numbers 2:1-31; Numbers 4:15.)

As God commanded, Joshua then told the priests that they should wade into the edge of the overflow water only a foot or so with the ark, and then stand still while God intervened in the flow of the river.

Meanwhile, the evening before, Joshua asked the people to gather together to listen to what he had to say.

"All of you should make yourselves and your garments clean for what will happen tomorrow," he told them. "Before us there is a swift and swollen river to cross. I have already heard that some of you may not think that it's possible to cross it. Have some of you lost faith in your God, who brought you out of many situations far worse than this one? Now be assured that God will again prove to us His power by taking us safely over the river. The ark of the covenant will be carried to the river before you by almost a mile. When those who carry the ark walk into the Jordan, the stream shall cease to flow past the ark! That part of the water to the south shall drain away, leaving a waterless river bed over which we shall cross to the west bank! This should show you that God possesses all the strength and means to get us safely over the river, to drive out our enemies before us and deliver Canaan into our hands!" God made sure that no one entered the promised land with doubts and misgivings.

Joshua then instructed the twelve tribal leaders that each should select a husky man from his tribe and send him to Joshua for a special task. Every man selected, when he passed over the river bed, was to pick up a good-sized stone from the rocky river bottom and carry it to the west bank for building a monument. (Joshua 3:8-13.)

The Jordan Flows Backward!

Early that morning the priests started out with the ark. None of the Israelites followed until the priests were almost a mile away, which put them at the edge of the river. They probably hesitated for a minute or so on the east bank, then walked boldly into the swift, muddy water. Every man realized that unless God acted within seconds, men and ark would be swept away downstream.

Before they could wade in up to their knees, the water flowed away to their left. At the same time the water to their right abruptly ceased flowing. In fact, its direction of movement was actually reversed! As the priests continued to march into the midst of the Jordan, it gradually grew higher and spread farther out on its flooded banks to the north.

Thus, with water receding in both directions, a growing expanse of empty river bed was exposed to the view of the marveling priests and those of the waiting Israelites who could see the miracle from a distance.

The bearers of the ark went in to the middle of the river bed and then obediently stood where they were. They felt deep gratitude for being allowed to have a part in such a great miracle. When Joshua had made certain that all was ready, he signaled the Israelites to move on to the river.

It required a long time for close to two million people and their tremendous flocks to pass any given point, the specific number of hours depending on how wide their ranks were. In this event, even though the river bed was emptied for such a great distance, and gave the people plenty of room to spread out, probably the people were pouring over the Jordan for several hours. (Verses 14-17.)



While the priests bearing the ark stood in the bed of the river, the water to their left drained away to the south and the water to their right heaped up and flowed backward to the north!

Whatever the time needed, the priests, who were rugged outdoor men, patiently remained standing where they had walked into the water. They didn't move out of the river bed until the last of the Israelites had passed over, including the lead group of 40,000 soldiers sent by the two and a half tribes already settled east of the Jordan to help take Canaan.

One probably would wonder how men could remain standing so long, especially while holding the ark. Perhaps God gave them special strength to stand for such a long period while bearing a weight.

Except for the priests, the last to pass over the river bed were Joshua, his aides and the twelve men who had been picked to obtain stones from the middle of the river bed for a monument on the west side of the river. Before they picked the stones for that purpose, Joshua had them erect a twelve-stone memorial in the Jordan where the priests had stood so long with the ark. To make this possible, the priests naturally had to move forward a short distance while the men worked.

After the monument in the river was finished (it was still visible in the river many years later when the Bible account was written), each of the twelve men took up from the river bed a stone as large as he could carry and walked out to the west bank.

Promise Miraculously Fulfilled

Behind them came the priests, and as soon as they had carried the ark well up on the west bank, a peculiar murmuring sound came from the north. Within seconds the murmur grew into an alarming roar. The waters that had been held back for so long had abruptly been freed, and came rushing and boiling down the river channel with a thunderous swishing noise! (Joshua 4:1-18.)

This mighty miracle of God, plainly foretold by Joshua, had a deep effect on the Israelites. They realized now that Joshua, like Moses, had been chosen by the Creator as an outstanding leader. Their respect for him was very great from that day on. (Verse 14.) The Israelites also realized that God had now completely fulfilled His promise to take all of this new generation over the Jordan into the promised land.

Again the congregation fell into moving order, this time with the ark carried by Levites in the center of the column. The people traveled straight west a few miles and stopped to make camp. It was there that the twelve stones carried from the Jordan were stacked up into a monument. Joshua then came before the crowd to speak to as many as could hear him.

"This heap of stones is to be a reminder of God's great miracle in bringing us across the river," he announced. "Tell your children in time to come what it means. Remind them that God also brought Israel across a much greater body of water—the

Red Sea. This monument is also to remind all peoples who see it or learn of it that our God is to be greatly feared and respected."

Regardless of Joshua's reference to God's strength, there were some people who stared fearfully toward the west as night came on. They felt uneasy because the west edge of Israel's camp was only a little over a mile away from the forbidding walls of the strongly fortified city of Jericho!

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Was Jesus Christ BORN AGAIN?

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the Son of GOD with power, according to the spirit of holiness, BY THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD."

This Scripture speaks of the TWO births of Jesus Christ. The one, of the virgin Mary, a descendant of DAVID, by which He became the Son of MAN. Then later, He was born AGAIN, this time as the Son of GOD, by His RESURRECTION from the dead!

In Context

Before leaving this Scripture in Romans 8:29, let's notice the theme of the whole chapter—let's be sure we understand it IN CONTEXT.

What is the *theme* of this chapter? It is generally called "the Holy Spirit chapter." But it is showing how God, by the Holy Spirit, changes us from carnal and sinning humans into, ultimately, sons of GOD, by the RESURRECTION from the dead.

Serving the flesh, we cannot please God (verse 8), but (verse 9), we are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God dwells in us.

"BUT" (verse 11), IF the Holy Spirit dwells in us, even AS God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, WE ALSO shall be RESURRECTED *by His Spirit* that dwells in us. READ IT in your Bible. Even AS Christ was BORN AGAIN, born of GOD, by His resurrection, even so WE—the *brethren*—shall be BORN AGAIN as sons of GOD, through the RESURRECTION of the dead, BY His Spirit that dwells in us!

We, IF God's Spirit is in us, are children of God, and HEIRS. Not yet inheritors—but HEIRS to INHERIT, *when* we are born of God by the resurrection, even the GLORY which Christ now has. We shall be GLORIFIED together (verse 17). The whole creation groans, waiting for the actual manifestation of the SONS OF GOD, when we shall be resurrected to GLORY (verses 18-19). We are waiting for the redemption of our body—by the resurrection (verse 23).

Yes BY THE RESURRECTION, we are to be conformed to the IMAGE (spiritual image) of God's Son Christ, who was the FIRST so born, by the resurrection, of MANY BRETHREN (verse 29). "It is Christ that died, yea, rather, that is RISEN AGAIN" (verse 34).

Yes, this chapter is talking of the RESURRECTION, *by* God's Holy Spirit which dwells in us! That is its theme. Christ was the FIRSTBORN OF MANY BRETHREN, through the RESURRECTION. It is plain!

BORN by Resurrection

Now notice other Scriptures.

Speaking of Christ, "who is the image of the invisible God, the FIRSTBORN OF EVERY CREATURE" (Col. 1:15).

Now notice a PLAIN STATEMENT that it is speaking of Christ being the firstborn *from the dead*, by the RESURRECTION:

"And He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD; that

in all things He might have preeminence" (Col. 1:18).

THERE IT IS! Read it with your own eyes, in your own Bible. Christ is HEAD of the Church—the FIRST of the brethren in the CHURCH to be born from the dead.

Are you willing to BELIEVE that Scripture? Are you willing to realize that the teaching that being born again means conversion from sin is FALSE teaching? When we are converted, our sins forgiven, we receive the Holy Spirit, we are then BEGOTTEN of God—not yet BORN of God. If this has taken place—if we have been converted, *begotten*, we are, truly, already SONS of God (I John 3:2) but what we SHALL be, when BORN of God, does not yet appear—for then WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM—like Christ in His resurrected glorified body!

Now turn to the "resurrection chapter"—I Corinthians 15:

"If in THIS LIFE ONLY we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (verse 19). That is, if merely being converted in this life—being forgiven—placed under grace—is all the hope we have—if THAT is all there is to it—if there is not to be the RESURRECTION to the *life to come*, then we are of all men most miserable. If "being born again" takes place in THIS life, then we have no hope for the ETERNAL life to come!

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (verse 20). That is, Christ has been born AGAIN—born to a second LIFE—*eternal life*, becoming the FIRST of many brethren to be so born. He is the FIRST of those who have died to be

resurrected—that is, BORN—to a new and future LIFE.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming" (verses 22-23). Christ was the FIRST to be BORN AGAIN—born from the DEAD. Afterward—at His coming—they that are Christ's—the many BRETHREN—shall be BORN AGAIN from the dead, just as Christ was.

These Scriptures are PLAIN. They make PLAIN the fact, and the TRUTH that being "born again" is NOT the experience of conversion from sin during this life—but being BORN OF GOD, immortal, BY the resurrection.

That does not in any way nullify the experience of conversion in *this* life. It simply means that millions have been deceived into calling that experience by the WRONG NAME. It is a begettal, not a birth. Each of us was BEGOTTEN in our mother's womb before he was, later, BORN.

Now notice Acts. 26:23: "That Christ should suffer, and that He should be the FIRST that should rise from the dead." There it is again. Christ the FIRSTFRUITS—Christ the FIRSTBORN of many brethren—the FIRST to be BORN by the RESURRECTION from the dead!

These are plain statements of Scripture—plain statements from GOD. They do NOT say—and I do not say—that Christ was a sinner who needed salvation. If false prophets reply to this, as they did to the article of a year ago, they will not hesitate to deliberately lie and misrepresent, and send out a barrage of tracts, pamphlets and articles saying that I have said, in this article, that Christ needed salvation. They have accused me of this before.

What these plain statements from God's Holy Word do say, is that being BORN AGAIN is *not* that experience of conversion from sin in this life—it is NOT anything any human has experienced in this life—it is a NEW birth to a NEW life, by a RESURRECTION. However, it is also true that no one will be BORN AGAIN—born of GOD to the new IMMORTAL life—*unless* he repents of sin, believes on Christ and accepts Him as personal Saviour, receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then is LED BY the

Spirit of God. But THIS experience is NOT a "born-again" experience—it is a BEGETTAL!

Are YOU, now, willing to believe God's TRUTH? It is so infinitely more precious and glorious than Satan's counterfeits with which he has deceived so many of our readers.

Personal from the Editor

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hard, difficult. It's a constant BATTLE—a struggle against self, the world, and the devil. The creation of CHARACTER comes through EXPERIENCE—it takes TIME!

This development is a PROCESS. It is a matter of GROWTH—DEVELOPMENT. It requires, to become PERFECT, full and right KNOWLEDGE of the very Word of God—because Jesus taught that we must *live by* EVERY WORD OF GOD.

The natural, unconverted mind cannot fully and rightly UNDERSTAND the Scriptures of God. The acquisition of this KNOWLEDGE, in itself, is a procedure requiring TIME. It is the DOERS of this Word, not hearers only, who shall be saved.

But can any man DO, immediately and all at once, this new WAY he now learns about? Can any man, all at once, break all HABITS he now sees are wrong? No, he finds he has a FIGHT against acquired former habits.

He still has this PULL of human nature to overcome. This nature is A LAW working within him. The Apostle Paul calls it the law of sin and death.

Paul was *converted*. Paul was a real Christian. He had repented, accepted Christ, and received the Holy Spirit. With his MIND, he wanted with all his heart, and in real intense sincerity, to DO God's WAY! But did Paul DO it perfectly?

Let him tell. LISTEN!

"For we know that the Law is spiritual," he wrote, "but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not,

but what I hate, that I do. . . . Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." He is speaking of human nature within him. He continues, ". . . for to WILL is present with me: but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. . . . O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? . . ." Then he thanks God—that GOD WILL—through Jesus Christ, and by the power of His HOLY SPIRIT. BUT IT TAKES TIME!

The truly converted Christian will find that he often stumbles, *under temptation*, and falls down—even as a physical child, learning to walk, often falls down. But the year-old child does not get discouraged and give up. He gets up and starts out again.

THE TRULY CONVERTED CHRISTIAN IS NOT YET PERFECT!

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART—the inner MOTIVE—the real *intent*! If he is trying—if he gets up whenever he falls down, and in repentance asks God's forgiveness, and sets out to do his very best NOT TO MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN—and to persevere with renewed effort to OVERCOME, God is rich in mercy toward that man in his striving to overcome.

Speaking to CONVERTED CHRISTIANS, John writes: "These things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And *if any man sin*, . . ." (even though he ought not) ". . . we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for OUR sins . . ." Yes, for the SINS of converted CHRISTIANS. Such people often are under heavier temptation than before conversion. They are STRIVING against sin—STRIVING to overcome. But they are not yet perfect. Sometimes they are caught off guard. They may actually sin. Then they WAKE UP, as it were, and realize what they have done. They REPENT. They are filled with remorse—*truly sorry*—disgusted with themselves. They go to GOD, and CRY OUT for HELP—for more power and strength from God to OVERCOME!

This is the WAY of the Christian!

It is the way of a constant BATTLE—a striving against SIN—a seeking God in earnest prayer for help and spiritual POWER to overcome. They are constant-

ly GAINING GROUND. They are constantly GROWING in God's KNOWLEDGE, from the BIBLE. They are constantly rooting out wrong habits, driving themselves into RIGHT habits. They are constantly growing closer to GOD through Bible study and prayer. They are constantly growing in CHARACTER, toward perfection, even though not yet perfect.

With Paul, they say: ". . . Not as though I had already attained, or were already perfect: but I FOLLOW AFTER, . . . Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this one thing I do, FORGETTING* those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I PRESS TOWARD THE MARK FOR THE PRIZE OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS!"

But, someone may ask, what if one's life is cut off, and he dies *before* he has attained this perfection? Is he saved, or lost? The answer is that we shall never obtain absolute perfection in *this* life.

I said, earlier, that a person who is converted does receive the Holy Spirit at a *definite time—all at once!* Not the full measure Christ had—he is not at once full grown spiritually—only a spiritual babe in Christ. Yet he is then a changed, converted man—changed in mind, in attitude, in the *direction* he has set himself to strive to travel. Even though he has not yet reached perfection—even though he may have stumbled under temptation, and taken a spiritual fall—as long as, in his mind and heart, he is earnestly striving to travel GOD'S WAY, to overcome and grow spiritually—as long as God's Spirit is in him—as long as he is being LED BY the Spirit of God, he is a begotten SON of God.

If, anywhere along this life's journey, that life is cut short, such a man will be resurrected.

It is only the one who deliberately QUILTS and GIVES UP—who REJECTS God, and God's WAY, and rejects Christ as his Saviour—who turns FROM this direction of GOD'S WAY, *in his mind and heart*—in his inner INTENT—who deliberately and intentionally in his mind TURNS FROM Christ, who is lost. If, once having been converted, having received God's Spirit, and TASTED OF

the joys of GOD'S WAY, one deliberately rejects that way, makes the DECISION, not under stress of temptation, but deliberately and finally, NOT to go God's way, then God says it is IMPOSSIBLE to renew such a one to repentance. He would have to REPENT of that decision. But if he WILFULLY made it, not in a time of temptation, but calmly, deliberately, wilfully, then he just WILL NOT ever repent of it.

But anyone who FEARS he may have committed the "unpardonable sin"—is perhaps worried about it, and HOPES he

Australia

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What if Britain Enters the Common Market?

This question has Australian businessmen *truly worried!* Should Great Britain enter the Common Market, as she has been busily trying to do (while it looks as if she may well be kept out), Australia and New Zealand would have to pay a large part of the economic bill!

For example, Australia would have to find alternate markets for the lion's share of many of her most important exports. Presently, the British market takes 90% of Australia's canned fruit export, 75% of its butter export, 60% of its dried fruit and 50% of its sugar. Their prospects of finding alternate markets for such huge percentages of exports would not be easy! Faced with this potential effect of the Common Market—Australia has been FORCED to look hopefully toward ASIA for new and expanded outlets for its produce!

Australia is now selling vast amounts of wool to Japan, for instance. As Sir John Crawford, Australian economist, said recently, "*Japan is the major customer in Australia's improved exports to Asian and Pacific Countries!*" (Emphasis mine.) He went on to say "Japan becomes the *Britain of the Far East* as far as we are concerned!"

He anticipated, in a speech given before Sydney businessmen, an increase in trade with Communist China and said, "Americans will have to understand that the more we are pushed out of Europe or the United States, the more

has not committed it, and still WANTS to have God's salvation—no such has committed it—such a one MAY repent, and go right on to salvation IF HE WANTS TO!

If YOU have stumbled and fallen down, *DON'T BE DISCOURAGED!* Get up and press on ahead!

If you see a Christian do something wrong, *DON'T SIT IN JUDGMENT AND CONDEMN*—that's God's business to judge, not yours! Let's have compassion and mercy—WE don't know the inner heart of others—only GOD does!

we will be under pressure to trade in nonstrategic goods with China."

Out of the Frying Pan Into the Fire!

But could Australia safely turn to *Asia?* Recently, when Australia was being left out of a dramatic trade alliance being planned among the anti-Communist nations of Asia, Sir Raphael Cilento said, "This represents one of the most *blistering* comments on our *lack of vision* that I have ever heard!" (Emphasis mine.)

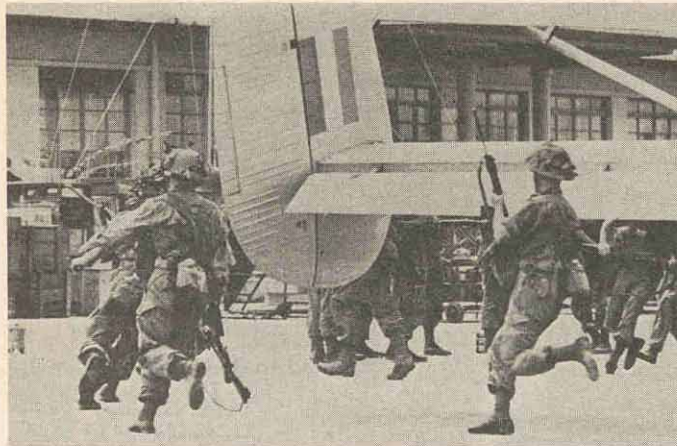
He had just returned from a three-week visit to Japan and Southeast Asian countries—reporting how Asian leaders had told him they had stopped looking to Australia for co-operation.

They had repeatedly commented to Sir Raphael, "You have been in different history for more than a century; *history is now catching up on you but you won't know it until the axe falls.*"

In his shocking statement subsequently released to the Press, Sir Raphael made eminently clear Australia's frightening position of today. He said, "Nobody seemed to consider Australia in the picture, because their view is that Australia is tied up with Britain and America, and although our future in the next ten years is *linked with Asia* we just are not interested enough to make a contribution!

"*I returned to Australia with chills running up and down my spine!*"

One of the leading Australian graziers said recently that Australia stood a fine chance of being *annihilated* if invaded by the hordes of Asia. He said Australia's *only hope* of surviving isolation would be to accept *complete racial integration* with Asiatics in the near future. The



Wide World Photo

BRUNEI TOWN, Brunei, December 11—Units of the crack Commando of the British Queen's Own Highlanders land in Anduki airfield near the rebel-held oil center of Seria for another action against the rebels. Picture shows the Highlanders landing and proceeding to contact the rebels.



Wide World Photo

BRITISH TROOPS IN BRUNEI—British troops prepare at Brunei Airport for a second attack on the rebels at Seria Oil Town, Dec. 10. The rebels made a bid for power in the oil-rich, sultan-ruled British Protectorate. By the end of the week resistance by the rebels was continuing in only one or two places. Many rebels fled into the jungle.

grazier, Mr. Denzil McArthur-Onslow, of Camden Park, New South Wales, was speaking in a TV interview. He said present-day Australians would almost surely *oppose* the idea of racial integration, but added, "Australia might find in the next generation or so that she *has to accept complete racial integration to survive.*" (Emphasis mine.)

But WHY ALL THE PROBLEMS? Is Australia under some kind of *national curse*?

Is there some terrible trend under way that has deeper significance than most realize—and it's all REVEALED in BIBLE PROPHECY! Australia is mentioned, along with Britain and the United States, in prophecy! You need to understand the indictments God has placed in His Word against a heedless people to whom He has given the priceless treasures of earth!

Australia In Prophecy

Australia is a part of ISRAEL! They are another part of the Great British "Commonwealth of Nations" and, therefore, very much a part of the *Ephraim* of your Bible! (If you have not yet read Mr. Armstrong's booklet *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy* write in for your free copy immediately!)

Australia is a Commonwealth nation. First, as a penal colony, it was a refuge for political and religious prisoners, and later it became a safe harbor and new land for thousands of immigrants from

Great Britain who were seeking freedoms as were the early colonists of the United States.

Australia is loyal to the Queen. Her people are white, English-speaking *Israelites!*

Here is just *one more* of the GREAT nations of this earth fulfilling God's promise of national inheritance to the seed of Abraham! God had said to Abraham "thou shalt be a father of *many nations!*" (Gen. 17:4). Later, God repeated this same promise to Jacob and said "thy seed (*plural*) shall be as the *dust of the earth*, and you shall spread abroad to the *west*, and to the *EAST*, and to the *north*, and to the *south*: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 28:14).

Notice—God spoke to Jacob from the point of view of physical Palestine. The *only really great area* to the EAST of Palestine to become a *permanent possession of Israel* is the *great continent of Australia!*

Yes, the seed of Abraham was prophesied to spread *around this earth!* The Australian people are a part of *Israel!*

The Sins of Israel

Australia is launched on a vast program of national expansion. With the expansion and benefits of modern industrial ingenuity, Australia, like the other nations of Israel, is drifting into *materialism.*

God warns, "My people are destroyed

for *lack of knowledge*, because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to me, seeing you have *forgotten the law* of thy God, I will also forget your children" (Hos. 4:6).

But what kind of knowledge? Certainly God is not saying the nations of Israel today are lacking in the *technological* knowledge, the *scientific* knowledge which enables them to build gigantic instruments of destruction! No—God means a totally DIFFERENT kind of knowledge! He means the knowledge of *His laws!* *Israel has forgotten the LAWS of God.*

While Australia, nationally, has not as *yet* degenerated into the same vortex of crime as has the United States, she, nevertheless, has all the elements present, *and is inviting more into her borders*, necessary for national debauchery on an unparalleled scale.

Long ago, God promised our forefathers we would inherit a *good land*, "a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of the valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil, olives, and honey; a land wherein you shall eat bread without scarceness, you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig brass" (Deut. 8:7-9). *God has fulfilled His end of the bargain!* God has given Israel the very choicest places of all this earth!

But God also commanded "When ye

have eaten and are full, then shall ye bless the Eternal your God for the good land which He has given thee. Beware that ye *forget not* the Eternal thy God, *in not keeping His commandments . . .* which I command thee this day: LEST when ye have eaten and art full, and have built goodly houses and dwelt therein; and when your herds and your flocks multiply . . . then thine heart be lifted up, and ye *forget* the Eternal thy God . . . and it shall be, if ye do at all forget the Eternal your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that YE SHALL SURELY PERISH!" (Deut. 8:10-19). *God means what He says!*

God Forewarns Australia

Already, Almighty God is bringing certain blights and afflictions upon the land of Australia in solemn warning.

In Queensland, aerial bombardment of strychnine laden meat has been necessary in order to curb the frightening scourge of thousands of dingos, the Australian wild dog, responsible for the ravaging of sheep and cattle there.

God has already begun to intervene *in the weather!*

Notice! God said if we (Israel) did not OBEY Him, relying on HIM for our protection, keeping HIS laws, then He would destroy our national economies! "And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be *brass*, and the earth that is under thee shall be *iron*. The Eternal shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust, from heaven shall it come down upon thee, *until thou be destroyed!*" (Deuteronomy 28:23-24).

Australia is a great agricultural nation. The Australian people cannot eat TV sets, cars or money! They must depend, LIKE EVERY NATION—ON THE WEATHER!

The weather in Australia is turning upside down!

Why is this happening?

It is happening for a definite PURPOSE—for a particular *reason!* Almighty God is beginning to DEAL with Australia! He is now sending the very same message of Jesus Christ with great power to all heavily populated parts of that great island-continent! The Australian people are beginning to hear with their own ears the ADVANCE news

of the coming Kingdom of God!

The message is the *same*. It remains *unchanged*. God is pleading with Australia to "REPENT [or] ye shall all likewise perish!" (Luke 13:3).

Inviting Strangers In

Shocking though it may seem—Australia is now beginning to feverishly build the very instrument of its own future downfall! It doesn't need to happen—God doesn't *want* it to happen—but UNLESS the Australian people *repent*, IT WILL HAPPEN!

Australia, like all of Israel, is headed toward *captivity!*

Right now, the Australian government is feverishly inviting foreign elements into Australia, in order to stave off the thing which it fears. In talking to some individuals within the immediate area of Sydney, I find that many of the foreign influences are beginning to gain control of the shops and the businesses, encroach upon formerly large Australian estates, and obtain positions within civic and Federal governments.

This was prophesied!

"The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee *very high*; and ye shall come down *very low!*" (Deut. 28:43). Just as ancient Israel made the mistake of seeking to the *Gentile nations* for her protection, making pacts and treaties, instead of trusting in God—so is modern-day Israel guilty of the same sin! Australia at the present time is linked with Gentile nations as a member of SEATO, the Southeast Asian Treaty Organization. She, like other nations of Israel, is looking to *Gentile nations* for protection from her potential enemies. *This practice God condemns!*

The Frightening Future

Here is what the future may hold for Australia!

There is a nagging fear in the back of the minds of many serious-thinking men in Australia today that Communism may well launch a concerted effort at the take-over and domination of their country.

They look with apprehension and worry at the giant power of the United States being spurned, scorned and treated with disdain and contempt everywhere! They see their strongest ally, and in a sense, their protector, the United States

of America BACKING DOWN!

Anti-Americanism is raging like wind-whipped brush fires around the world! While the news agencies proclaim the message of peace with on-the-surface visits by the chiefs of State, the real behind-the-scenes picture is one of increased distrust and hatred toward the United States, with the United States *backing down* before its antagonists around the world.

The Australian people have *seen* the way the United States has FAILED to stand up to the Communists in Indo-China, the Mideast, Hungary, and, in many instances, in acts of aggression against unarmed American airplanes or even civilian personnel. Accordingly, there is an exceedingly nagging worry in the minds of many Australians today that, if they should be faced with an imminent Communist invasion, the United States may, WHEN THE CHIPS ARE REALLY DOWN, *leave Australia to her own devices!*

There is a vague doubt in the minds of some that the United States will really STAND before Communism should any acts of armed aggression against Australia begin.

This may well occur! The United States is going the way of *ancient Rome*; heedless to the tremendous national dangers which it now faces, it is on a toboggan slide toward *national oblivion*. It may become totally *unable* to protect Australia! While the United States and Great Britain are faced with the prophesied revival of the "beast," a union of ten powerful nations in Europe, forming the rebuilding of the ancient Roman Empire, Australia may well be taken over by an entirely *different* enemy! Australia, trying to populate and industrialize to *stave off Communism*, may become the SLAVES OF COMMUNISTS!

And make no mistake about it—aggression is actually BEING PLANNED against Australia! One of the most stunning news releases of recent times was the article published in the *Sunday Mirror* in Sydney during the summer of 1960.

A British historian, diplomat and correspondent, George Bilainkin, had just returned from a tour throughout Asia. Japan and China, he said, were engaged in staggering revolutions that would

overrun the sprawling continent "down under" almost overnight.

He said, "This Asian invasion is just a natural form of evolution . . . as inevitable as the march of Hitler."

Notice this! He also predicted Japan would soon be buying from CHINA INSTEAD OF AMERICA! (Be sure to read the article on JAPAN in this issue!) "Later, but swiftly," he said, "must come their union—nearly 750 million angry, bitter people. In five or six years the Japanese and their millions will find homes and prosperous work in the Asian continent of Australia."

What an age! A world priding itself on its "civilization" has NOT yet labored out of the dark ages of sheer inhuman bestiality! Listen to these words—the EXACT words spoken over short-wave radio, claiming to be Radio Makassar, broadcasting the death sentences of Indonesians working for the Dutch in West New Guinea and later on ALL THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE! "So you 10 million Australian people, you would like to see the Dutch keep us from our West Irian. Remember, Australia, you have only 10 million people, Indonesia has 80 million people, and behind us are 500 million Chinese, and the Russians. They are all our friends. One day, after we take West Irian and all New Guinea, we will come to Australia. Then we will deal with you small 10 million people with hypodermic injections for all. Then you Australians will be no more."

What was this? Just the words of an excitable, irresponsible radio announcer, who allowed his private emotions to "run away" with him?

Or was it the sentiment of MILLIONS, spoken by one man?

It's time to WAKE UP, Australia—it's time to HEED!

Australia is being weighed in the balance, and is being found wanting! But there is a way out for YOU! God says those who are really YIELDED—whose lives have been given as a living sacrifice—who are truly converted, need not fear this terrible time of world chaos which is just ahead. Rather, God promises He will "keep thee from the hour of trial, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

May God help you to heed!

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

Your two articles on "Germany in Prophecy" in the December and January issues were fascinating. But could you provide me some authoritative quote that illustrates that the name Deutsch—which Germans call themselves—really comes from the name Tiw or Tuysco, the old Germanic name of Asshur, the father of the Assyrians? If this fact is true then certainly the Germans are Assyrians by descent.

There was not sufficient space in the last issue to answer this question in full. But here is the information the reader wishes.

Early in 1605 an important publication appeared in England entitled *Restitution of Decayed Intelligence: in An-*

tiquities. The author, R. Verstegan, had this to say about the origin of the name of the German people:

"Tuysco, the most ancient and peculiar god of all the Germans . . . Of this Tuisco, the first and chiefest man of many among the Germans, AND AFTER WHOM THEY DO CALL THEMSELVES *Tuytsben*, that is, *duytsbes* or *duytsb* people, I have already spoken."

Tuysco—often spelled for short as Tiw—or Tyr were the German names of Asshur, ancestor of the Assyrians. And the only modern nation to bear his name, to call themselves and their land after him, are the German people. By their own admission they are Assyrians!

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by them in white apparel (angels); which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you *into heaven*, shall so come IN LIKE MANNER as you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11).

Many do not grasp the significance of this prophecy of God—given by angels. But, the clear statement was that Jesus' ultimate return to this earth would be in exactly *the same manner* in which He left. Jesus Christ went straight up into the atmosphere of this earth and disappeared into the clouds as He made His ascent into heaven. Jesus Christ is going to return in precisely the same way—straight down out of the clouds of the air to the solid ground of this earth. Jesus is *not* going to pause in mid-air to rapture His saints and then return to heaven. If this were so, these angels *lied*.

There is simply *no room* for a secret rapture in any of these scriptures.

Returns to the Mount of Olives

The prophet Zechariah also prophesied of this *same day*. He writes, "Behold the *day of the Lord* cometh (the exact same day and time spoken of in I Thessalonians and in the book of Revelation) . . . and his feet shall stand IN THAT DAY upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east . . ." (Zech. 14:1,4).

Yes, Jesus Christ will return to this earth *exactly* as He left it! He will return visibly—in the midst of the time of great trouble and tribulation upon the earth such as has never been since the beginning of time nor shall ever be again (Matt. 24:21). He will resurrect the dead in Christ and at the same time transform the living who have obeyed Jesus Christ, and they *together* shall be "caught up" (not raptured) to meet the returning Christ in the air as He descends upon the Mount of Olives. IN THAT VERY DAY and at that exact time Jesus Christ will set His feet upon

the Mount of Olives and the Kingdom of God will begin upon this earth.

Notice Revelation 5, verses 9 and 10, ". . . Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us (men) to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God *kings* and *priests*: and we shall reign ON THE EARTH."

Those who teach the Rapture Theory are deceiving many into believing in an event that will NEVER COME! It is time we look into our Bibles and *prove* the truth of Jesus Christ's second coming to this earth.

Events Soon To Come

The time order of events from *now* until the return of Jesus Christ to this earth are crystal clear in your Bible. Let us examine them carefully—for in them we will find the *real comfort* and hope of protection that Jesus Christ promised us. We must not place our hope in a FALSE RAPTURE—but in the truth of Almighty God.

As we have previously seen, Jesus, upon being asked about His second coming, showed there would be a time of false ministers coming in the name of Christ deceiving many; wars and rumors of wars; famine and pestilence (Matt. 24:3-7). He then showed there would be persecution upon the very Church of God—while at the same time the Gospel of the Kingdom of God would be preached in all the world for a witness (Verses 8-14).

Following this a period of time would occur called the "Great Tribulation," a time in which Jesus promised God would intervene or else all mankind would be wiped off the face of the earth (verses 21-22).

Those Days—Now!

We have entered *these very days!* Never in the history of mankind have there ever been so many sects, denominations and religious organizations on earth. False doctrine and false teachings are rife throughout the world.

No other time in history has been fraught with as many wars and rumors of wars as we have today!

Trial, tribulation and persecution are

at this very time coming upon the true believers in Jesus Christ.

But the greatest event of all—prophesied in Matthew 24—is being fulfilled before *your very eyes* and in the ears of millions upon millions of people on the face of this earth. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST—THE TRUE GOSPEL OF HIS RETURN TO THIS EARTH AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIS KINGDOM AND RULE UPON EARTH—IS NOW BEING PREACHED TO ALL OF THE WORLD AS A WITNESS! YOU ARE READING THE VERY WORDS FULFILLING THAT PROPHECY! YOU HEAR THE VERY WORDS OF THAT GOSPEL WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THE WORLD TOMMORROW PROGRAM—THE MOST POWERFUL RADIO PROGRAM ON EARTH TODAY!

We have truly entered the days of which Jesus Christ spoke in Matthew 24.

These same days are mentioned in Revelation 6. The understanding of the correlation between Matthew 24 and Revelation 6 is the KEY to the book of Revelation. If you have not already read Mr. Armstrong's booklet, "The Key to the Book of Revelation," you should send for it *immediately*.

In the sixth chapter of Revelation we read of seven great seals of God which are opened. The events depicted in these seals are the precise same events prophesied by Jesus Christ in Matthew 24. They are the events preceding His second coming.

We notice that the first seal is a *white horse*—here are the false prophets prophesied by Jesus Christ. The second seal depicts a *red horse* which has the power to *take peace from the earth*. Here are the wars and rumors of wars mentioned by Jesus Christ in Matthew 24.

The third seal shows the *black horse* whose rider has a pair of balances in his hand measuring out wheat and barley—showing the time of famine upon the earth that Jesus spoke of in Matthew 24.

The fourth seal portrays a *pale horse* with power to kill one-fourth of the inhabitants of the earth with the sword and with *hunger* and with *death* and with the beasts of the earth.

Our newspapers and news magazines continue to portray the increase of sickness, and death from dreadful diseases which are growing more *rampant*

—WORLD-WIDE. These seals, described in Revelation 6, are depicting the days we are NOW hurtling into.

The next seal in Revelation 6 depicts the event Christ spoke of in Matthew 24, verse 9. It is a time of martyrdom of saints! It is a time when the true followers of Jesus Christ shall be hated of all nations for His name's sake. It is the final *culminating event* before Almighty God steps in and intervenes in world affairs.

These first five seals are *Satan's wrath* upon this earth. These events are caused by man *disobeying God* and following the ways of Satan the Devil to his own hurt and destruction.

Our Real Hope

It is at this time that Jesus Christ makes known to His true Church the comforting knowledge that there is a WAY TO ESCAPE the terrible events which will follow.

Notice Revelation, the 12th Chapter! Here is the culmination of Satan's wrath upon the earth. ". . . Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the *Devil* has come down unto you, HAVING GREAT WRATH, because he knoweth that he hath but a *short time*. And when the dragon (*Devil*) saw that he was cast into the earth, he PERSECUTED THE WOMAN which brought forth the manchild" (Rev. 12:12-13). Here we see the Church of God portrayed as a woman (the Church is portrayed as a woman in the Bible and is the symbol for the Church, notice II Cor. 11:2).

Now notice what happens to the woman, or the *Church of God*. "And to the *woman* were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her *place*, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent" (verse 14).

Did you catch the *significance* of that verse? Do you see the promise of Jesus Christ that He will take *His Church* away while He pours out *His wrath* upon the disobedient nations of the world? Here is the true hope of Christians! Here is the real truth of the Bible of how the Church of God *will be spared* from a time of trouble which is to come upon this earth such as has

never been since the beginning of time.

Satan continues to try to devour the true Church of God—the woman—by casting out of his mouth water as a *flood* after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood (verse 15). However, God will not allow the Church to be hurt after this time! He uses the very earth itself to swallow up the flood which Satan casts out of his mouth to destroy the Church (verse 16).

Another Warning

Verse 17 also reveals a significant event. Satan turns from his attempts to destroy the faithful and turns back to those who were *lukewarm* and did not have the courage and dedication to go all the way with God! Many will realize they were just not diligent enough in prayer, Bible study and in proving where God's true Church is. They will also realize TOO LATE that God's way is true and right and because of their lack of faith to go all the way with God, they will have to go through this time of great wrath. Many of them will be killed and martyred for their testimony and because they now want to keep the law of God.

The Day of the Lord

Returning now to Revelation 6, we see God's wrath beginning and the Day of the Lord being poured out upon the earth. The sixth seal opens accompanied by a great earthquake and then tremendous heavenly signs which will frighten and terrify mankind upon the earth until they seek to hide themselves in the very dens and rocks of the earth. Verse 17 identifies this as the day of GOD'S wrath upon the earth.

Rapturists would have us believe that the Tribulation and the Day of the Lord are one and the same. However, the Tribulation is the time of the first five seals—the time of *Satan's wrath* upon the earth. Following the Tribulation comes the dreadful and terrible Day of the Lord in which *His wrath* is poured out upon the earth to bring an end to the rebellion of the Babylonish systems of this world and the Satanic deception that has entered into the hearts of men.

Notice these same events as portrayed

by the prophet Joel. "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the great and terrible day of the Lord come" (Joel 2:30-31).

Did you notice that the prophet Joel said there would be blood, fire and smoke in the earth *and then* heavenly signs *before* the great and terrible Day of the Lord comes? This again *rules out* any possibility of a rapture before the return of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ returns at the end and culmination of the great and terrible Day of the Lord—not before.

The Day of the Lord begins with the opening of the sixth seal and the heavenly signs being revealed in the heavens.

Chapter 8 of Revelation depicts that terrible Day of the Lord. It is pictured under the seven trumpets which comprise the seventh seal. These seven trumpets portray the wrath of God being poured out upon this earth to cause all who have turned their backs on God's way and His Word to realize the error of their ways and to cause them to turn finally to acknowledge Him.

As we have previously noticed, it is at the culmination of these seven trumpets that the mystery of God is finished—the resurrection and transformation of all who have obeyed Jesus Christ and been a part of His true Church (Rev. 10:7).

The last trumpet—the seventh trumpet—is divided into the seven last vials of wrath—which are the vials of Almighty God poured out upon the kings of the earth which cause them to rebel and to fight against the returning Jesus Christ in the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:13-14).

Finally the seventh and *last trumpet* sounds and Jesus Christ returns to this earth. That event is portrayed in Revelation 19, beginning in verse 11. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a *white horse*; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and *make war*."

Yes, all of the nations of this earth who have been buffeted and afflicted by the wrath of God, finally in one great last rebellion will attempt to fight and

make war against the returning Jesus Christ.

Jesus and the armies which were in heaven (Verse 14) make war upon the nations of this earth and destroy the rebellious army, leaving a pitiful remnant of people scattered across the face of the earth.

Are These Armies Saints?

Rapturists would have us believe these armies are the saints returning with Jesus Christ to the earth in His second phase. However, Jesus Christ makes this very clear that it is not the saints but all His *holy angels* returning with Him. "When the Son of man shall come *in his glory*, and ALL THE HOLY ANGELS WITH HIM, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory" (Matt. 25:31).

Some also would use Jude 14 to imply that these are saints and not angels. However, the word "saints" in Jude 14 is the Greek word *hagios* which can also be translated "most holy ones." Therefore, although translated "saints," this word could very well have been translated "*holy ones*." Therefore, the reference is again a parallel to Matthew 25:31 and Revelation 19:14—and means the holy angels of God returning with Jesus Christ to wreak vengeance upon the disobedient nations of this earth.

At His return, Jesus Christ will subdue all of the nations of the earth—will cast the Beast and the False Prophet (antichrist) into the lake of fire and slay the remnant of the *army* with the sword.

Then will Jesus set His feet upon the Mount of Olives and establish His Kingdom of God upon the earth—first during the Millennial reign of 1000 years and then forever and ever. The heavenly Jerusalem will come to this earth as the very Headquarters of Almighty God of the universe (Rev. 20, 21, 22).

Rapturists Will Miss Out

Those who believe in a secret rapture will NOT be looking for these events that Jesus Christ prophesied would come! They will ENTIRELY MISS the significance of the world happenings heralding the approach of the dreadful

and terrible Day of the Lord! Rapturists will miss the key that after an initial persecution (Rev. 12:13), there will be a way provided for the true Church of God to *escape* the great wrath of Satan which is to come upon the earth (verse 14).

Instead of being taken away in a *rapture*, because of their belief in such a theory, they will *entirely miss* the opportunity to ESCAPE Satan's great wrath upon this earth. Therefore, proponents of the Rapture Theory are being robbed of the knowledge and understanding of truly *how to escape!*

A Stern Warning

Jesus Christ sternly warned, "*Watch ye* therefore and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36). If we are watching for a false event that shall never happen, our eyes will be taken off of the true, significant events which will warn us of the time to flee to a place of safety.

You can't afford to take a chance! You cannot allow yourself to blindly follow a doctrine without *proving it!*

Satan knows that the true Church of God will be given a place of safety on this earth during the great wrath to come. He doesn't want YOU to know this truth! He wants to rob you of the knowledge that is in the Bible. That is why he has inspired this doctrine of the rapture to be widespread among Protestantism—in order to blind you to the truth of the return of Jesus Christ.

God reveals that the Church is NOT going to be raptured away to heaven—but RATHER to be spared the time of Satan's wrath on this earth by being shown and taken to a place of safety in a remote and desert region RIGHT HERE ON THIS EARTH.

Are you really seeking the truth? Are you really seeking the true Church of God—trying to be obedient to Him and to serve Him as He has outlined in His Word? If you are being faithful—AND HONEST—you will see the truth and know where the true Church of God is. Then, the words of Jesus Christ will apply to you, where He said, "Because thou hast kept the *word of my patience*, I will also keep *thee* from the

hour of temptation, which shall come upon *all the world*, TO TRY THEM that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

You can know where the true Church of God is! You can identify it if you are willing to prove it in all honesty from the Word of God. Send immediately for the free booklet "A True History of the True Church." Prepare yourself for the *shock* of your life! Learn where God's true Church is—learn its mission and commission on this earth. Then, you may learn that YOU can be accounted worthy to escape all these things that are coming on this earth.

A Final Warning

Paul warns of the rising up of that man of sin—the antichrist—who will oppose and exalt himself above all that is called God. Let's notice the significance of this final warning.

Paul begins by beseeching the Thessalonians, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that you be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand" (II Thess. 2:1-2).

Paul is talking about the one and only return of Jesus Christ. Rapturists would have us believe that Paul mentioned both the rapture of Jesus Christ and His second phase return all in the same verse. Such a conjecture is ridiculous in light of Paul's further word in the second verse when he shows that it is all one time—the day of Christ.

Now notice the significance of Paul's warning. "Let no man *deceive you* by any means: for that day [the day of the return of Jesus Christ] shall not come, except there come a falling away [a rebellion against God's government] first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he *as God* sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember you not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?" (verses 3, 4, 5).

The coming of the antichrist—the man of sin—must occur *before* the return of Jesus Christ. Rapturists would have us believe that this is to come

after the return of Jesus Christ when He raptures His saints away to heaven.

However, Paul said that *in his very day* this mystery of iniquity was *already* at work (v. 7). If it was already at work in Paul's day, how could the rapture occur first? Paul continues to show in verse 7 that he who letteth (restrains) will continue to restrain (let) until he (the man of sin) be taken out of the way. Paul is showing that the very power of God—through His Holy Spirit—is restraining the final rising up in power of the man of sin. The power of God will continue to restrain the rising up of the man of sin for a very SHORT TIME yet in the future, "and then shall *that Wicked One* [that's the correct translation] be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming" (v. 8).

Now for the deep significance of this warning! Those who believe in a rapture will be waiting and waiting for this rapture to take them away! No rapture will *occur!* Soon a time of great trial and trouble and persecution will begin on the earth! There will be great signs and wonders appearing in the heavens—yet all the inhabitants of the earth will seek to hide themselves from this sign—thinking it is an evil power!

The actual sign in heaven will be the warning signs of the return of Jesus Christ to the earth! THE WORLD WILL BE DECEIVED INTO THINKING THIS POWER IS THE VERY POWER OF THE ANTICHRIST! That is why all of the nations of the earth will gather together to *fight against Him at His return!* Therefore, those who adhere to a Rapture Theory have fallen into the deception of Satan the Devil who has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9). They will actually be guilty of accusing the returning Jesus of Nazareth of being the antichrist and will fight against Him and be destroyed!

Will you be deceived into believing this satanic doctrine of a Rapture Theory? Will you go on blindly believing the traditions of men and the theories they have advanced *without proof?* Read your Bible! Check carefully! Prove all things (I Thes. 5:21). Your very life is at stake.

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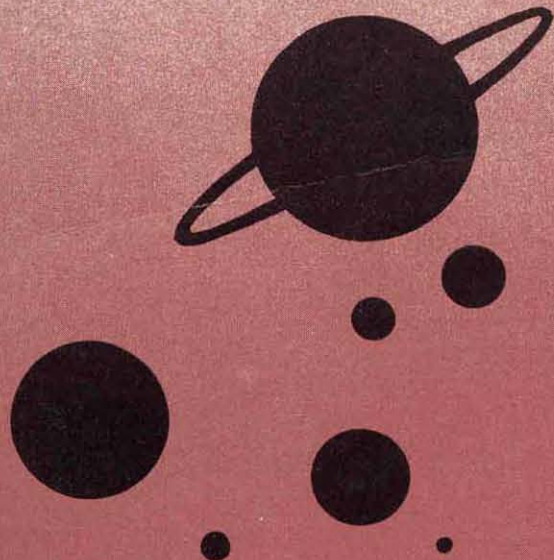
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