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**President Johnson
in Australia**

What our READERS SAY

Sick Man of Europe

"Thank you for my September PLAIN TRUTH. They are really getting better and better—if the 'Obituary of the British Empire' can be called better, but at least it is true. The display maps are quite enlightening. The British Prime Minister repeatedly warned that Britain is the Sick Man of Europe, true again; tighten our belts and work harder; right, some should. Well, I am sick and grieved at our plight, and I pray the Lord will open peoples' eyes before it is too late."

Alice D., Glamorganshire,
United Kingdom

Up-to-Date

"I read several articles from your PLAIN TRUTH thinking I was reading a *current* issue. The articles reflected the happenings I had recently read in the newspaper, but I found the magazine was 3 years old. I'm very anxious to read the new issues."

Mrs. O. D., Lynchburg,
Virginia

• *The reason it was up-to-date is that we print tomorrow's news in advance!*

Evolution

"The October, 1966, issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* is the finest issue I have seen yet (I have been receiving the magazine since 1964). I'm a senior in high school and your magazine is a big help to me in my study of government. I just finished reading the article on evolution. It really made me stop and think and appreciate the wonder of God's creation. It's almost too good to be true that such a wonderful publication is absolutely free!"

Miss Z. S., El Paso, Texas

"I really enjoyed the October issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*! I think your article 'The Questions Evolution Can't Answer' is one of the best articles that has been in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I think you should have a series of articles in the magazine on this subject to show

God's love and wisdom, and to disprove evolution. Something that would really disprove evolution, and I would like to see in the magazine, is the explanation of the honey bee."

G. K. B., McAfee Army Hospital,
White Sands Missile Range,
New Mexico

No Financial Worries

"Your article 'You Should Not Work for Money' was excellent. I have known this to be right for many years now and have proved it to myself in business. If I keep in mind and practice *servng* the needs of my customers to the best of my ability and be consistent with God's laws, good financial fruits result! It doesn't happen overnight, but with patience and faith it eventually does!"

Jerry B., Fenton, Michigan

• *That's a good start, Jerry. Trouble is, most people don't know God's laws of success. They're made plain in our free booklets "The Seven Laws of Success" and "Ending Your Financial Worries."*

Thanks . . .

"I just received the September PLAIN TRUTH and while I was reading the 'Personal from the Editor' I felt so ashamed for not writing you and giving thanks for the book you wrote on *GOD SPEAKS OUT* on 'The New Morality.' This truly is one of the most wonderful and beneficial books that has ever been placed on our library shelf. Please accept my belated thanks and know that I think of and pray for you and Mrs. Armstrong and the Work of God, although I may neglect writing as I should."

D. C., Bellevue, Washington

Child Rearing

"How wonderful to hear AT LAST—advice concerning child training that is based on the Word of God. I am a teacher in a junior primary school where there is a 'special' class for 'maladjusted'

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Personal from the Editor

I HAVE JUST COME from the funeral of one of our granddaughters whom Mrs. Armstrong and I loved very much. This particular granddaughter was very special to us, because of circumstances under which she was born, which resulted in a partial handicap through life.

I always called her my "Princess." Her name was Carole Ann Mattson. At birth she weighed only three pounds and five ounces — which dropped to an even three pounds before she began to add weight. She could not have survived had she not been kept in an incubator for seven-and-a-half weeks.

A chain of providential circumstances climaxed in her birth. Our elder daughter, Beverly (Mrs. James A. Gott), had become pregnant with her third child some weeks after Carole's mother had conceived Carole. During Beverly's pregnancy a complication arose. She finally consented to an X-ray examination, and two doctors saw and reported the existence of an internal cyst, or nonmalignant tumor. In obedience to the New Testament teaching of James 5:14-15, Mark 6:13, Luke 9:2 and 10:9, etc., etc., I had anointed her and asked God to remove this growth. But it was not immediately removed. Rather, it grew.

The doctor, who was supervising her pregnancy, finally told her she would have to undergo an operation for its removal. The foetus was growing, and the cyst was enlarging and bringing increasing pressure against the baby's head. Beverly came to our home frightened and crying. What should she do? The doctor had said that to delay the operation might prove fatal to the unborn child. He assured her the operation would be a simple one, with no real danger. But she *feared* being cut open with knives.

At the time, Mrs. Armstrong and I were ready to leave home on a trip. I reminded Beverly that Jesus had said

regarding healing from God, "According to your faith, be it unto you." (Mat. 9:29). I advised her to rely on whichever method she had the most faith. If she had more faith in the doctor and in surgery than in God and His written promises, then undergo the operation without delay. But, seeing her faith in God was wavering, I advised her that she should not reject the surgery unless she would immediately devote at least one or two days to nothing but fasting and praying, asking God for unwavering faith. God had *promised* to heal. She had been anointed. I had claimed God's promise in prayer. If she could really BELIEVE God would do as He had promised, the growth would disappear.

Mrs. Armstrong and I left on our trip, not knowing what decision our daughter would make. But we received no word of undergoing surgery, and assumed she had determined to trust God. It was some little time after we returned that our younger daughter, and her husband stopped at our home. They were on the way to the hospital for the delivery of their first child. There was some complication, the nature of which I do not remember, that caused the doctor considerable concern for Dorothy's life, during delivery. She, too, had been anointed for the healing of whatever the complication was. But she needed faith.

Just as they were going out the door, Beverly drove up, and came running excitedly saying, "I've just come from the doctor's office, and I'm HEALED! They took another X-ray, and the cyst is GONE! The doctors are flabbergasted! It's just disappeared!"

This experience came at the psychological instant to give our younger daughter the faith she needed for a safe delivery of her baby.

During delivery, she hemorrhaged. The baby was in such condition the doctor did not expect it to live. He

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OUR COVER

President Johnson stands before Australian War Memorial at Canberra, the Commonwealth's capital, on October 21. This photo was taken by our Australian regional editorial staff moments before the President placed a wreath on the Memorial (see pages 2 and 3 of this issue).

PRESIDENT JOHNSON

Read the purpose of President Johnson's visit to Australia. It is made plain in this firsthand report from our accredited correspondents on the scene.

by C. Wayne Cole

North Sydney, N. S. W.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has "wowed" Australians as he visited the nation's principal eastern cities. This is the first trip ever made to Australia by a U. S. President while in office.

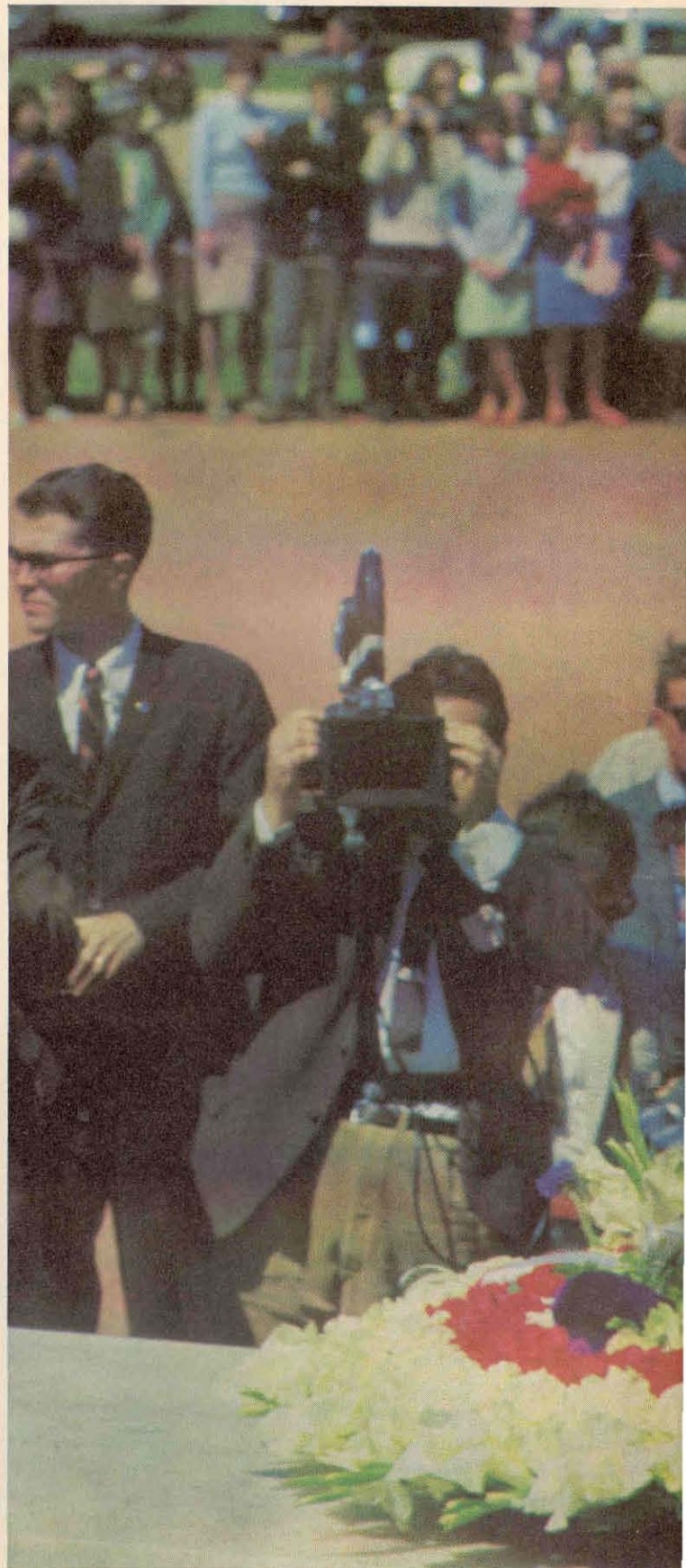
The President was received in a tumultuous, "carnival-spirited" welcome as he proceeded before us in a motorcade. He was warmly applauded during his frequent speeches — except for the now quite customary voice of the demonstrators dissenting to Vietnam involvement.

There Is a Purpose

The President flew to Australia with a purpose. Remember — the British Commonwealth is crumbling. Australia cannot rely on Great Britain for military support in case of a sudden crisis in Southeast Asia. By herself Australia could not resist the onslaught of hundreds of millions of Asians from the north. She would have to call for immediate assistance. The only nation which could provide it would be the U. S. Already in World War II Australia learned she had

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Right, President Johnson lays a wreath on Australia's tomb of the unknown soldier. Below, the President tells Corporal Kennedy of the tomb's honor guard: "We're proud of you [Australian soldiers], son." Ambassador College Photos



VISITS AUSTRALIA!



IRON CURTAIN GATHERS RUST



The PLAIN TRUTH sent several of its staff members this summer throughout the Eastern-Bloc countries. They interviewed government, business and professional people, as well as the man-in-the-street. They found big changes taking place — changes that will reshape the map of Europe and alter the course of history! Next issue will appear a full photo report on the Iron Curtain countries.

by Ernest L. Martin

THE Iron Curtain is no illusion! Its stark reality confronts anyone who has the opportunity of crossing this man-made barrier separating the East from the West.

For 1800 miles — from the Baltic to the Black Sea — runs a continuous strip of barbed-wire fencing, often 12 to 15 feet in height, securely set in concrete.

On the eastern side of this great barrier stand wooden watchtowers at intervals of half a mile (often between East and West Germany and on the frontiers of Bulgaria and Greece, these gun towers are spaced a few hundred yards of one another). Yet in spite of the Iron Curtain's impressive reality, its real effectiveness as envisioned by its planners is being eaten away by a new kind of rust. That rust is creeping capitalism and a new prosperity.

Firsthand Report

The subject people in Eastern Europe are demanding better quality goods and more of them. To satisfy these basic requirements the govern-
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Right, downtown view of Prague, Czechoslovakia. Top, left, teen-agers in Czechoslovakia wearing Western clothes. Note, signboard showing Paul Anka, American singer. Below, left, Plain Truth staff members in front of Charles University in Prague.

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A FOUR-EYED LOOK at EVOLUTION

Last month, we saw how some of the amazing creatures around us present insurmountable difficulties to the evolutionary theory. Great reader interest and comments resulted. Here is ANOTHER look at some of the questions evolution CANNOT answer!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

LAST MONTH'S article on the archer fish and woodpecker resulted in some very interesting letters. One of them, from a theistic evolutionist, we feel needs an open answer in *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Here is the letter:

I have just read "The Questions Evolution Can't Answer" in the October, 1966, *PLAIN TRUTH*. Yes, I know of many interesting and unusual creatures you might explain, but I am more eager to know why you so oversimplify the evolution-religion matter. You seem to assume that we are all either believers or evolutionists, as if the two were mutually exclusive. I would appreciate answers to the following by you or any of your staff biologists at Ambassador . . .

Before continuing the letter, and answering the questions set forth in it—I wish to point out that NONE OF THE QUESTIONS POSED IN THE ARTICLE WERE ANSWERED in the letter. The title of the article challenged evolution to give *plausible answers*. The writer of the above letter did not attempt an answer to the questions posed in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, but asked a few of his own.

His questions *are* answerable. Here they are.

1. Would you allow God to create animal species by an evolutionary process if He saw fit to do so?

ANSWER: We neither allow nor disallow God to do anything! God is ALL powerful, RULING SUPREME—it is not a question of what WE ALLOW—but a question of WHAT DID GOD DO? The questioner seems to believe there is a God, but that God "used" evolution as the tool by which He created! If God had done this, and if He PLAINLY

TOLD us He had, by revealing it to us in His sacred WORD to man, CERTAINLY we would believe it. But God says otherwise. He *plainly* reveals in a detailed account the CREATION of all the organic life on this planet. God REVEALS how life was *created suddenly!*

2. If the universe appears to run on orderly laws, could the Creator not order things into being by an evolutionary process, knowing that His laws of Thermodynamics, gravity, cause and effect would result in the order and beauty we see, without any need to pull out of a hat or produce woodpeckers by saying magic words. Is the archer fish any less inspiring if God allowed centuries of His Evolution to produce it?

ANSWER: What do you mean "IF" the universe appears to run on orderly laws? It DOES run according to orderly law! And the incontrovertibility of those same laws PROVES the Creator *did not* set into motion great FORCES, POWERS and ENERGIES, and then allow those laws to *gradually* BREAK themselves, deny themselves, alter themselves, so as to bring about a supposed evolutionary process.

The archer fish would be not only LESS INSPIRING—but would be NON-EXISTENT if it depended upon a fanciful "evolutionary" process as the previous article proved!

And speaking about "magic words," how's THIS quotation from an evolutionist, published in the *Amarillo Daily News*, November 19, 1965? "Chemicals, in general, follow certain laws in combining. These laws are as *binding* on the chemicals as the physical laws are on falling bodies.

"Over millions and perhaps billions

of years [would you believe trillions??], countless chemical reactions took place, building more and more complex compounds.

"One day one of these compounds *learned a trick* that no other compound could perform . . . it . . . acquired the capability of building other chemical compounds that *looked and acted exactly like itself!*" (Emphasis mine.)

Wow! That's quite a "trick," all right!

Who *is* it who feels "magic words" and "pulling rabbits out of hats" necessary for the defense of their views?

Evolutionists *believe* in just such "magic," while a Creationist, or a firm believer in the great God who CREATED all things, JUST AS STATED IN THE BIBLE, believes in the Divine power of His GOD, not in chemical compounds "learning" sneaky little tricks!

Here's the *third* question asked:

3. Would God arrange the evidence of orderly processes and ecological adaptations and even manipulate rates of radioactive decay to give us a false idea of geological time, and then give us minds that inquire and find only consistent misinformation leading to a false doctrine of evolution?

ANSWER: Then you're *admitting* evolution is a false doctrine? First, the "orderly processes" of which you speak ARE orderly. But when geneticists try to attach the LABEL of "orderly processes" to impossible CHAOTIC LEAPS from ONE SPECIES to another—there is nothing "orderly" about their theories.

Mutations DO occur. Mutants are fundamentally degenerative, *not* so well equipped to survive. Mutations produce

only varieties WITHIN a Genesis KIND, not whole new forms as evolution claims.

Second, ecological adaptations are nothing more than normal, LAWFUL, and completely *orderly* changes IN INDIVIDUAL CREATURES or within defined SPECIES that fit them for their environmental conditions. The changing of an animal's coat of fur, or color with the seasons proves NOTHING for evolution—but DOES prove the great and careful DESIGN thought out by the Creator.

Third, GOD did not "manipulate" rates of radioactive DECAY! Radioactive decay remains CONSTANT. Evolutionists fail to take into account *variable conditions* in past history. The basic assumption is that everything has been uniform—that there have never been any catastrophes.

It is not "consistent MISINFORMATION" we FIND—but consistent MIS-INTERPRETATION of the facts of geology that God has made available. This whole question of radioactivity will be explained in detail in an article in the very near future.

No, there is *no* conflict between TRUE science and the Bible.

But what is the PURPOSE behind some men's desire to see evolution as the "tool" God used in His creation?

It is because they desire to keep God MUTE. They may want a "first cause" type of God, a Metaphysical Dean, or a blind "force," way off in the universe, who is not a definite RULING PERSONALITY! Men want to keep God DISTANT, UNABLE to *interfere* in the course of human events, unable to INTERVENE in their own private lives!

No, Theistic Evolution, or the belief God *used* evolution as HIS process of "creation," is utterly impossible.

God CREATED. Just as He said. BELIEVE He did. It's the absolute truth!

The letter posed other questions not related to evolution. There is no space in this issue to answer them here.

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MORE Questions Evolution CANNOT Answer!

Any serious observer of LIFE cannot help but be continually AMAZED and

ASTONISHED at the wonderful and mysterious life forms around him.

To fail to give the Creator God *praise* and *thanks* for the marvelous beauty we see—the intricate and delicate life forms around us, the incredible habits of creatures we take for granted—is to *miss out* on some of the truly savory experiences of life.

Think about another of the most amazing creatures on earth—little "four eyes," or *Anableps tetrophthalmus*, as scientists call him.

This little fish literally HAS FOUR EYES. You've heard of "four-eyed" professors, in the joking banter of college students; but had you heard about *Anableps*?

The fish lives in tropical fresh water in Central and South America, and reaches a maximum size of about 12 inches, though the average is around 8 inches. He spends most of his life swimming along the *surface* of the water, with *two* of his eyes ABOVE the surface, and *two below*.

Anableps is designed so each set of eyes can see under entirely different conditions!

Not only does he have two separate *corneas*, but even separate *retinas* in the backs of the eyes. Any object seen out of the water is viewed through his special *air* viewing eyes, flattened much like the human eye lens, and transmitted to his lower retina. But objects he sees *under* the water are viewed through an *oval* shaped eye, like *fish* have, and is seen through the under cornea and brought into focus on the upper retina.

Study the picture of our *Anableps* in the Ambassador science lab. Notice the two distinctly different eyes—one just barely above the waterline, the other just below.

Ichthyologists first wondered whether *Anableps'* extra set of eyes were for *capturing food*. But extensive observation has indicated they are purely for *defense*—for spotting predators, and escaping a potential enemy.

Anableps has fantastic jumping ability. When his below-the-waterline-eyes spot an approaching predator, he leaps clear out of the water like a missile leaving a launching pad. Man has learned to use the little fellow's extra

set of eyes in *capturing* the fish for aquarium owners. Shining a bright light on the streams the little fish inhabit, the fishermen can see dozens of brightly shining eyes—the reflection from *Anableps'* top pair. Thus dazzled by the brilliance from above, and unable to adjust between the brightness above and the inky darkness from below, *Anableps* is captured, and sent on his way to another aquarium.

But *how* did *Anableps* develop those four eyes?

What hypotheses must Evolutionists use to *explain* the amazing little fish?

Let's go back in history—billions and billions of years, perhaps—since Evolutionists seem to assume that, *given enough time*, practically ANYTHING can happen. Here is our first little would-be *Anableps*. Only he's *not* an *Anableps*, because he doesn't *have* FOUR eyes, only two.

But WHICH TWO?

Does he have his UNDERWATER eyes? Or his *above-the-water* eyes?

In either case, let's *assume* (and this is a make-believe "assumption!") he had one or the other. He is surviving just fine—obtaining his food just like any other fish, swimming along under the water, looking up through it with his fish eyes—feeding at the surface.

But he can't spot ospreys, fish hawks, snakes, kingfishers, herons or cranes! Since he feeds RIGHT AT THE SURFACE—he is *easy* prey for the whole host of predators. No would-be *Anableps* survive. All are eaten.

Why reason this way?

Simple. If the *Anableps* NEEDED to develop his extra set of eyes (which would have taken, admittedly, an innumerable number of years) IN ORDER TO SURVIVE—then he COULDN'T have SURVIVED *without* them. And if he DIDN'T survive until he *developed* them—then he doesn't exist.

But if he needed to develop TWO OTHER EYES to survive—wasn't he taking the long way around? Why STAY AT THE SURFACE where he is so vulnerable to fish from below, and to predators from above? Why not swim down for the mud on the bottom, and hide in the caverns under the rocks,

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JOHNSON VISIT

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to rely militarily on the U. S., and not Britain.

And that is the primary reason for the President's visit to Australia.

It was quite obvious the President has set out to reassure Australians and to increase support for his foreign policies.

But, President Johnson *is busy!* He is *active, tireless.* He is a man with a mission!

Listen to the words of the President himself as he spoke to a large audience of notable guests and dignitaries during a parliamentary luncheon in Canberra, Australia: "Long ago as a young man in Texas, in the years of the Great Depression, I found my mission: to use my time and the full measure of my energy to help man make the most of life.

"As teacher, Congressman, Senator — and now as President — I have had the chance to follow that mission and to try to do those things of which I once could only dream."

And what are those dreams which the President is now trying to do something about?

President Johnson envisions a man-made world hopefully without an aggressor to disrupt the peace, a man-made world with order, system and human decency for ALL! He hopes for a world in which hunger, starvation and disease will be banished. He envisions a time *without* racial hatred and discrimination, *without* abject poverty, and *with* equal opportunities for education and self-improvement available to *all mankind!* President Johnson is diligently in pursuit of his goal — to bring to man "the GREAT SOCIETY"!

NOBLE objectives? YES, INDEED!

Will it ever become a reality? Can man succeed in bringing it about?

The answer is in your Bible! You need to *read* and *study* your Bible — the HOLY and *inspired* Word of God — to find out what the Creator has to say of these urgent, trying and critical times.

Just around the corner — within the next few years — is coming a world at peace! Jesus Christ the Son of God is going to bring the authority of God with Him to *enforce* it upon mankind.

Yes — enforce it! Because humanity refuses to go the *way* that would bring God's Utopia. Man rebels against God's way of peace, harmony and love.

God plainly reveals it will take all the power of a supernatural God to bring about world peace and Utopia! It is not man's to achieve by himself, for himself.

We live now in the time spoken of by Isaiah the prophet: "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace" (Isa. 59:8).

Through Jeremiah, God said of man today: "I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). The nations do not know the *way* to peace. They may want it, but they are unwilling to do the things that would bring it about.

Read what God pronounces will be the result of *man's* efforts to bring peace without God: "Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly" (Isa. 33:7). Now read what the World Tomorrow will be like.

Isaiah 11:1-9 wonderfully describes some of the conditions that will exist in God's great society:

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch [Christ] shall grow out of his roots . . . But with righteousness [obedience to Law] shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth . . . They shall *not hurt nor destroy* in all my holy mountain [the Kingdom of God]; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (verses 1, 4, 9).

What a world that will be — a thousand years of happiness, peace, prosperity with the truth of God filling the world!

What our READERS SAY

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children. IF ONLY the Bible was held in esteem as the most important and valuable book in the school, what a lot of problems would be avoided."

Woman, Kent, England

"Contrary to what you say, the Bible is a contemptible book that does not fulfill its promises. . . Truly, the real meaning of the Bible has escaped us."

Man, Céligny, Switzerland

• *If the real meaning of the Bible has escaped you — how do you know it's a contemptible book?*

Correspondence Course

"I have an atheist friend whom I am loaning some of your material. For the first time in my life I have been able to answer his questions without the fear of 'ignorance'—thanks to your Bible Correspondence Course. I look forward to each lesson and feel that I have gained a closer view of the inside of the Bible. I've opened the door to the ability and courage to discuss God, without the fear of being ridiculed, because I *know* what I'm talking about! Thanks—for the new look."

B. B., Roswell, New Mexico

Book

"I have just finished reading GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality' and now feel secure in my knowledge of sex. My collection of 4 parents, a mother and step-father, and a father and step-mother, told me hardly anything and discouraged my asking questions up until the time I ran away for the third time in 1965. I plan to save this book for my wife to read before we marry (whoever and whenever that may be). I am now 19. I am going to attend your college as soon as I can afford it if I meet the entrance requirements."

Young Man, Kansas City, Missouri

SEVEN "KEYS" TO MENTAL MASTERY

Here's how to think "BIG"! How to have real wisdom to make the right decisions. Read and USE these vital principles.

by Roderick C. Meredith

AUTHORITIES now confess to "giant blunders" in coping with the twin threats of famine and overpopulation and the growing danger of a hydrogen-bomb war.

And that doesn't include the *immediate* problems of mounting crime, violence, RACE WAR. And there is also the serious pollution of our air and water. These problems demand *real solutions* — not political demagoguery.

Truly, the WISDOM of a Solomon is needed.

But where — in this mixed-up world — does that kind of wisdom exist? Yet it is needed more sorely now than at *any time in human history!*

The *solution?*

The Real GOAL of Human Life

The answer is that the God "nobody knows" — the Creator, the God of your Bible, is going to intervene and send the Living Jesus Christ back to RULE this earth! He will come this time in glory and power as King of kings. The other kings assisting Him in reorganizing the entire society of this earth will be those who, in this life, have *surrendered* their wills to God and who OVERCOME their selfish, lustful, sinful, *rebellious* human nature. These "overcomers" — then born of God and composed of divine spirit — will RULE this earth with and under Jesus Christ (Rev. 2:26).

Man has always *wanted* to rule the earth. Now he hopes even to rule outer space!

God has given man the capacity to do just that! But man is presently limited by a body of flesh that must receive all of its nourishment from this earth and its surrounding layer of air. Our so-called "spacemen" must ALWAYS

This is the second in a vital series on Christian living, success, and preparing for the true GOAL of the Christian. Use the articles in this series as a *Working Manual* toward success today, and as direct training for the BIG JOB ahead in the World Tomorrow. — Ed.

take with them some form of food that comes from the *soil* of this earth. They *must* take air and water *from the earth*.

They *must* do these things — or they will surely PERISH.

So man is hindered in his efforts to "conquer" space.

Yet, in the beginning, God said: "Let us make man in *our image*, after *our likeness*: and let them have DOMINION over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air. . . ." (Gen. 1:26).

The Marvelous Human MIND

To a limited extent, man is made LIKE GOD. For he is made in the form and shape of God. Unlike any animal, he has a MIND not guided by blind instinct but capable of choice, of decision, of building *character*. Also, man ALONE has a *creative capacity* and the ability to think in the abstract, reason, philosophize. He can invent and bring into being infinite new varieties of physical and mechanical things. He is able to compose beautiful music, write inspiring literature and paint majestic scenes — scenes which in some instances he has "created" in his rich and seemingly endless imagination.

And so God gave man DOMINION over all creatures *on earth*. Yet, in spite of all his God-given possibilities, man has thoroughly *botched* even his responsibilities here. He needs not only a *body* with greater capacities. He needs the

MIND of a Solomon — yet a *spiritually motivated* mind to cope with the agonizing problems now facing the entire human race.

The apostle Paul commanded: "Let this MIND be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

The Christian who KNOWS the purpose of life must come to have the very MIND, the viewpoint, the attitude and the WISDOM of Jesus Christ. But what, you may ask, are the qualities and CHARACTERISTICS of that type of mind? And how are these to be developed?

I. Alertness and Discernment

The first quality is *awareness* of people, things and attitudes. That's the mark of a real leader. He is ALERT. He is fully AWAKE and *thinking*. He notices people who are tight and tense around the mouth, people who are "working an angle." He also notices people who are UNBALANCED, disturbed and in need of help.

Such a person will also notice physical and racial characteristics. He will be alert to and aware of the nature of the foliage, plants and animals around him if he is out in nature. Normally, he will not be the one to blunder into quicksand — or into a beehive!

I first became impressed with this characteristic when traveling overseas with Mr. Dick Armstrong — the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Dick and I were driving through Europe in the summer of 1954. I had just graduated from college a couple of years before, and it was my first trip overseas. I was noticing and learning many things. But often, *many* times in fact, when we would be sitting in the

car or at a sidewalk cafe and I would be thinking over what we *had* seen, Dick would suddenly point out to me some unusual characteristic of the people around us, or of the architecture, or of the plant life, the trees, the flowers, etc.

I had traveled throughout the Midwest as a boy and, later, over most of the United States with *many* different young men. But never had I been with a companion who was so *alert* to what was going on around him. He *used* his God-given eyes and ears to discern the characteristics of each type of people we encountered. He noticed their habits and ways. Soon he would pick up certain words and phrases from each foreign language and begin to use them.

These mental qualities and abilities made Dick a "natural" to head our Overseas Work. He did this, and soon the foundation was laid for the present great and growing Work of God in Britain and Europe.

Jesus Christ's Example

Jesus was *alert* to the moods and attitudes of others. You will find His example in Matthew 16:5-12. Here Jesus *noticed* the subtle looks of doubt and confusion in His disciples. He "perceived" the moment His disciples were unsure on a vital point.

In Matthew 22:18, Jesus "perceived" that the Pharisees were trying to *trick Him* and bring about His downfall in the way they asked a certain question. If He had not been *alert* and *awake*, His ministry might have ENDED right there!

Yes, Jesus of Nazareth *noticed* the arched eyebrows, the questioning eyes, or the shifty expressions and furtive smirks of those who doubted Him or tried to trap Him in some way. He quickly "perceived" attitudes as well — and was often able to forestall trouble before it got started. *Always*, therefore, He was one step ahead of His disciples and was *able* to LEAD them.

A Constant PRACTICE

Most of us are not by nature as *alert* and *discerning* as we ought to be.

Learn to observe specific things about people — such as exact height and weight, color of hair and eyes, voice qualities and accent, and any definite

national or racial characteristics. This should not be done, of course, with any remote thought in mind to *prejudice* yourself against anyone. But this definitive information will help you to better remember people you meet and those whom you only know casually. It will definitely help you to *understand* and to better serve and deal with them in the future.

Become more *aware* of the scenery and the environment around you. Observe the style and architecture of the buildings and notice *what kind* of trees and flowers are nearby, and *what kind* of fish and birds are in the pool or park.

Obviously, this practice will add *immediately* to your store of knowledge and to your effectiveness in dealing with people and things.

If you learn to *observe* and *properly discern* ALL of these things, in right balance, you will in any case be far better prepared to be a literal KING over some area or phase of society in the World Tomorrow!

II. Education and Knowledge

Nearly every future king is *educated* and *tutored* to prepare him for the wide-ranging responsibilities which await him. He is taught not only the history of his own people and their neighbors, but the social and cultural heritage of the past. He is — or at least *should be* — instructed a great deal about current events. For he must be familiar with recent trends in international diplomacy and warfare as well as domestic and local political issues.

For a future ruler, a *thorough education* is a NECESSITY. For he must KNOW whereof he acts and speaks. He *must* have correct information and FACTS behind his decisions and his policies — or he and his nation are headed for DISASTER.

It may surprise some to learn that most, if not all, of the great leaders of the Bible were *highly educated men*. The prophet Daniel was of royal blood and was among the captive princes of Babylon who were taught "the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans" (Dan. 1:4). He was, therefore, educated in the royal court of the GREATEST Empire in all the earth at that time.

Moses, the inspired Stephen tells us,

"was learned in the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds" (Acts 7:22). Again, this prophet of God was educated in the GREATEST Empire of his time.

In Acts 22:3, the apostle Paul tells us that he was "brought up," or educated "at the feet of Gamaliel" — who historians tell us was the acknowledged GREATEST teacher of Jewish rabbis of that time!

The lesson in all of this is that we should endeavor to obtain the best education possible. Especially, we should be concerned about *basic* subjects such as grammar, diction, mathematics, history, geography and a good knowledge of current events. Obviously, many older people may find it difficult to go back to school. But there are several fine correspondence schools which offer courses in all of the above-mentioned subjects. Besides, many outstanding business and industrial leaders have the equivalent of a Ph.D. through *diligent personal study* of books and courses on their own.

Read widely, and keep growing mentally all your life!

Teach Your CHILDREN

A vital point here is to teach your children to *read widely* and to THINK. Encourage your young children and grandchildren to use the *dictionary* often — to become familiar with the basic meaning of thousands of key words in our language. For words provide the very *tools* by which we think and reason. Teach them also to become familiar with the good encyclopedias — to begin early building a real STOREHOUSE of knowledge on basic subjects.

Both you and your children are to be encouraged to read biographies and autobiographies of the great men of the past and of recent times as well. Read *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*. Read some of the better volumes of Sir Winston Churchill — "the man of the century." This type of reading should inspire one to a life of accomplishment and leadership.

If at all possible, have your children or grandchildren read *this very article!* For they should be the LEADERS in *The World Tomorrow*. They must, therefore,

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FALSE CONVERSION!

Millions have been led to think they are "saved," who are only deceived, and don't know it! — Here is a frank, daring article, making the truth PLAIN!

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IT'S DIFFICULT to believe, but it's true — in *today's* religious confusion millions have supposed they had salvation spiritually — they have believed on Jesus Christ — and *are not saved!*

Would you suppose one could actually *worship* Christ — and all in vain?

Can One Worship Christ — IN VAIN?

Do you know *what* Jesus Himself said of these people who want to worship Him without *obedience* to God's Commandments?

Listen to His words: "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For, laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men . . . Full well do ye reject the commandments of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (Mark 7:6-9).

Back to the Faith Once Delivered

But what does GOD tell you in His Word?

Through Jude, God says: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the *common salvation*, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for *the faith which was once delivered* unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares . . . ungodly men, turning the GRACE of God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" (Jude 3-4).

Yes, even before the New Testament was completely written, ungodly men had crept inside the Church to corrupt it — turning GRACE into LASCIVIOUSNESS.

And what is "lasciviousness"? It

means "license" — unrestrained liberty — abuse of privilege. In other words, license to do that which seems *right* in human eyes — according to human *conscience* — though it *disobeys God's LAW!* And that is exactly what those ungodly men, even in the first century, did — turned GRACE into unrestrained privilege to disobey God's law! turned to *human conscience* as a guide! And once introduced, the practice has persisted and spread over the whole world until today!

This is one of the FABLES the apostle Paul warned us men would turn to. Paul said: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, *deceiving*, and *being deceived!* . . . For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts [lasciviousness — *human reasoning* —] shall they . . . turn away their ears from the *truth*, and shall be turned unto FABLES" (II Tim. 3:13; 4:4).

But, one will argue, Jude said these men would *deny* the Lord Jesus Christ. Do *not* the men who teach a "no works" doctrine *believe in Christ?* Do *they* deny Him?

Yes, *they* DENY Him! God says: "They *profess* that they *know God*; but IN WORKS they *deny* Him, being abominable, and *disobedient*, and *unto every GOOD work reprobate*" (Titus 1:16). The way of human reason — that *seems* RIGHT — is often DISOBEDIENCE to God!

What the Saviour Himself Taught

These deceived teachers have just one favorite text. They quote Acts 16:31: "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Now that text from the inspired pen of Paul means what it says. But there

are *two kinds* of BELIEVING — the *living* faith that brings salvation, and a *dead* "no works" faith that produces only DEATH!

But WHY do they, in their tracts and their sermons, never quote *what the Saviour Himself said* in answer to the question? WHY?

Jesus was asked: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 18:18.) Some might try to tell you that the SAVIOUR Himself did not know, or teach, the way of SALVATION — He was teaching Old Testament religion. Well, He was asked HOW to gain ETERNAL LIFE. Is that salvation? It certainly is! Old Testament religion teaching lasted *until* John — not until the cross — not until "Pentecost." Just UNTIL JOHN (Luke 16:16). Jesus preached the SAME Gospel He commanded His disciples to teach ALL nations — Gentiles included — the same Gospel Paul preached to Gentiles. He preached *only* the New Testament Gospel. He revealed THE WAY OF SALVATION.

Here is His answer — that of the SAVIOUR HIMSELF ON HOW TO BE SAVED:

"If thou wilt enter into LIFE, *keep the commandments.*" And He enumerated enough of the Ten Commandments to show it was this particular law that must be obeyed AS A CONDITION to receiving eternal life as God's GIFT. Jesus said "IF" — (there was a CONDITION) — "IF" we are to be saved, by God's grace, WE MUST KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS! God lays down His own terms and conditions. His FREE GIFT is conditional — you get it ONLY if you "keep the commandments."

You can't EARN it. God GIVES it — but only to those who "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." God will not GIVE you eternal life *in sin*. And what *is* sin?

"SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW" (I John 3:4).

Some who pervert God's truth insist Jesus did not name ALL of the Ten Commandments in the above Scripture. Sin is the transgression of THE LAW. It is a COMPLETE LAW. He named enough of its points to designate WHICH LAW He was talking about. And James says that law has "POINTS"—and, if we break any ONE of the ten points of the Ten Commandments, we BREAK THE LAW, and are sinners! (James 2:8-11).

The very same day the Holy Spirit came—the very day the NEW TESTAMENT Church commenced—thousands, hearing the inspired Peter's sermon which struck straight to their heart, asked: "What shall we do?"—yes, WHAT SHALL WE DO TO BE SAVED?

The *inspired* answer was:

"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).

Jesus said, "REPENT YE, and BELIEVE THE GOSPEL." We must BELIEVE not only in Jesus as Saviour, but we must believe also THE GOSPEL He brought and preached—the gospel of the Kingdom of God—the AUTHORITY of God and the WORD of God *over our lives!*—*a message not preached today by most organized churches.*

After His resurrection, in His parting instructions to His disciples for preaching the way of salvation, Jesus said: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that REPENTANCE and *remission of sins* should be preached in His name *among all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-48). This is the Gospel for ALL NATIONS!

But *what* must we repent of? WHAT IS SIN? Do you realize that VERY FEW people know? Very few know the BIBLE definition of SIN.

God's inspired definition of sin is this: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). Paul would not have known what was sin, except by the law. But *what* law? The very law which says: "Thou shalt not covet"

(Rom. 7:7). That law is the Ten Commandments.

This law is summed up in the one word—LOVE! It is further defined in the two Great Commandments, LOVE to God, and LOVE to neighbor. But the same law is further defined, and divided into ten points, by the Ten Commandments—the first four of which tell us how to love God, the last six of which tell us how to love neighbor.

James' Inspired Answer

And thus it is explained in James: "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well" (James 2:8). Here is the Royal Law—the whole Law—as a general principle.

The law is LOVE—and LOVE is the fulfilling of the law. Jesus fulfilled it, setting us an example that we, too, should fulfill the law. We fulfil it *with* LOVE—not any natural, carnal love in human nature, but "*the love of* GOD is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 5:5). The Holy Spirit in us is merely GOD'S LAW IN ACTION IN OUR LIVES! And so, if we fulfill this Royal Law, we do well—but if not, we commit sin (James 2:9). Now read verse 10. If we keep the WHOLE LAW—the general principle of LOVE to neighbor—yet offend *in one point*, we are guilty—we have broken the law—and the penalty is DEATH, not eternal life.

Notice, please, the law is divided into points! And it is divided into TEN POINTS—the Ten Commandments. These are merely the ten points, or subdivisions, of the General Royal Law, LOVE to God and to neighbor. "For He that said [or, that law which said], Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery"—if you do not break that specific point—"yet if thou kill"—you just break that one point—"thou art become a transgressor of the law" (Jas. 2:11). So you see the TEN COMMANDMENTS is the very law it is sin to transgress.

It is a SPIRITUAL law (Rom. 7:14). It is fulfilled by the SPIRITUAL LOVE which is God's precious gift to us—His love placed within us. "Wherefore the law is HOLY, and the command-

ment HOLY, AND JUST, AND GOOD" (Rom. 7:12).

To REPENT of sin means to turn from sin. It means to QUIT SINNING! And that means to *stop transgressing God's holy law*. And the way to stop breaking it is to begin KEEPING God's Commandments—ALL OF THEM, for if you break only one, you bring on yourself the penalty—ETERNAL DEATH, and you *lose salvation*.

Now Jesus "magnified the law, and made it honorable" (Isa. 42:21). When we put a spiritual "magnifying glass," so to speak, on the Ten Commandments, it is enlarged in spirit and principle into many more points. And in a larger aspect the ENTIRE BIBLE is a magnification of God's law. The Law is the basis of all Scripture. It defines THE WAY of life—THE WAY to happiness, joy, eternal life!

Notice how *like God* it is! The Law is GOOD (Rom. 7:12). God is good.

The Law is HOLY (Rom. 7:12). God is holy!

The Law is JUST (Rom. 7:12). God is just!

The Law is SPIRITUAL (Rom. 7:14). God is spiritual!

The Law is PERFECT (Psalm 19:7). God is perfect!

The Law—including all His Commandments—is immutable, ETERNAL, stands fast FOREVER AND EVER (Psalm 111:7-8). And GOD is eternal!

Of course—for the Law is the very character, the very nature, of God! It is the WILL of God.

Conscience Not Your Guide

But in the modern-day Babylon—confusion of conflicting teachings—you may have been taught, falsely, that YOUR CONSCIENCE tells you what is sin. But your conscience only troubles you when you do what YOU THINK is *wrong!* And what you think is wrong, *another* may think is *right!* Your CONSCIENCE IS NO GUIDE!

Sin is not the doing of what you think is wrong. Not the transgression of conscience—"sin is the transgression of God's LAW" (I John 3:4). Sin is thinking and doing what GOD SAYS is wrong—and He says it in His Law. Some think it perfectly all right to divorce and remarry. Others think it is

a sin. To do it would trouble the conscience of the latter, but not of the former.

One who does what he thinks is right may be committing a great deal of sin!

God says: "There is a way that seemeth *right* unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH"! (Prov. 14:12 and 16:25.) Again, "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes" (Prov. 12:15). And: "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes" (Prov. 16:2). The world has been going the way that seems right to man for some 6000 years. But this way has brought only unhappiness, emptiness, discontent, poverty, sickness and disease and finally, CHAOS and DESPAIR all over the world! It has produced NOTHING GOOD!

God says: "SEEK YE the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake HIS WAY and the unrighteous man HIS THOUGHTS: and let him return unto the Eternal, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, NEITHER ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, saith the Eternal" (Isaiah 55:6-8).

And *there* is THE WAY of Salvation! There is THE WAY to find GOD! SEEK HIM, by forsaking — WHAT? Forsaking YOUR WAY — your thoughts! The way you have THOUGHT to be right.

The WAY of SALVATION

The first step toward salvation is to REPENT — and that means forsake your way — the customs and traditions you have been following — the ways of man — the ways you have been living. FORSAKE YOUR OWN WAY. Turn to God's way — the way of HIS LAW! The way of HIS WILL! Yes, the way of success, achievement, doing good, of prosperity — the way of ETERNAL LIFE!

Since the entire Bible contains the magnified explanation of GOD'S LAW, the Bible becomes OUR GUIDE FOR RIGHTEOUS AND SUCCESSFUL LIVING! That is why Jesus said man shall live by *every Word of God!*

True repentance means you give your SELF to God. And the only kind of repentance that is prerequisite to the gift of eternal life is COMPLETE AND UN-

CONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO GOD — to His will, which means to HIS LAW. You become HIS, literally, and wholly, with no reservations! Repentance is a COMPLETE CHANGE in your life — in your *attitude TOWARD life* — your *purpose* in life — your THOUGHTS and your ACTIONS.

It means forsaking some of your old friends and companions — if they are living the worldly life that seems *right* to MAN. It means turning from and forsaking worldly social and religious customs, interests, pleasures that are contrary to GOD'S WAYS.

It means THE BIBLE becomes the SUPREME AUTHORITY over your life — your *guide to living* — yes, to happy, abundant, gracious living, and SUCCESSFUL and righteous living, henceforth and forever — to live your life from now on with GOD'S HELP, and BY HIS POWER, according to the spirit and principle, as well as the letter and precept of His Commandments. You henceforth STUDY THE BIBLE — not just carelessly read, but STUDY, to learn GOD'S WAYS, and to LIVE BY EVERY WORD OF GOD!

Now ask yourself, candidly: How MANY people who profess salvation — who have "accepted Christ" — do you believe have REALLY COME TO THIS KIND OF REAL REPENTANCE? "Except ye REPENT," warned Jesus, "ye shall all likewise PERISH." And again, "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). Yes, MILLIONS ARE DECEIVED!

But if millions are deceived about the prior CONDITION of repentance, just as many millions are deceived today as to the KIND OF FAITH that really SAVES!

The FAITH That SAVES

Now *think* a moment! Use your REASON! We are taught, and rightly, that we cannot EARN our salvation — it is the GIFT of God. It is by GRACE — and "grace" means *undeserved pardon* and *free gift*. Yet, notice how inconsistent people are! They argue there must be NO WORKS — no OBEDIENCE of the Commandments, or doing GOOD — no recognizing of God's AUTHORITY over your daily living — because salvation

comes by GRACE — God's free GIFT. And yet they seem to believe that somehow WE must supply the FAITH that brings salvation! If WE work up, or if WE supply this FAITH by which we are saved, *would not that*, in fact, amount to our producing *our own salvation* by the very WORKS of *supplying this FAITH*?

So notice, briefly! Notice more CLOSELY than you did before! "For BY GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that [that FAITH] not of yourselves; it [this saving FAITH] is the *gift of GOD!*" (Eph. 2:8.) The faith that really saves is GIVEN TO US by GOD — it is a GIFT from HIM! YOU don't supply it, or work it up.

Did you ever notice that before?

Well, what then? In Gal. 2:16 Paul explains a man is justified only "by THE FAITH of *Jesus Christ.*" Notice, he does not say, by the man's faith IN Jesus Christ — he says by "the faith of Jesus Christ" — which means CHRIST'S FAITH — the faith HE has and uses — the same faith with which He performed all His miracles — the same faith by which He lived — His faith, placed by a miracle, as a gift direct from God, into the man!

So, PLEASE UNDERSTAND! Salvation is GOD'S GIFT. You do not, cannot, earn it. God GIVES it. But — and here is where people become mixed up, and stumble — God will GIVE it only on condition! Yes, there are terms and conditions! God has set these terms, and you can't alter them, and He won't change them!

I want to make this perfectly PLAIN. It is not *your* faith in Christ — a faith YOU supply in BELIEVING in Him as Saviour — that saves you. It is CHRIST'S faith, which *He* supplies and places in you by His Holy Spirit, which actually IMPARTS ETERNAL LIFE. But WHAT, then? Is it not necessary for YOU to believe, with YOUR OWN faith, in Christ?

Now let me make this PLAIN! Salvation is GOD'S FREE GIFT — it is by GRACE ALONE. Yet the very purpose of God demands TWO prior CONDITIONS on YOUR part. First, you must REPENT! Second, you must BELIEVE *in* Christ as Saviour. But you cannot believe in Christ unless you also believe His mes-

sage—the gospel of the Kingdom of God (Mark 16:15-16). But NEITHER your repentance, your obedience, NOR YOUR faith earns any salvation! They are merely prior CONDITIONS. But when you supply these two ingredients, then God STANDS BOUND BY HIS PROMISE to impart to you by His Holy Spirit, HIS *righteousness*, and CHRIST'S *faith*—and THESE, *supplied by GOD*, are the ingredients that SAVE and impart ETERNAL LIFE!

Paul explains: "Even *we have believed* IN Jesus Christ, *that we might be justified* BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST" (Gal. 2:16). You must repent and believe *in Christ*, as a condition, a prerequisite, IN ORDER THAT you may receive, and be saved *by* the faith OF Christ—by His faith placed within you!

Cut Off from GOD

All have sinned!

All have gone the way that seems right in human eyes. And our sins have cut us off from God: "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear" (Isa. 59:2).

Now salvation—eternal life—comes from GOD. But your sins have cut you off from GOD. The connection is SEVERED. YOU severed it! God will not GIVE you His gift of eternal life until you are reconciled to Him!

But He SO LOVED you, that He GAVE His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to DIE FOR YOU so that you need not perish—but, through Jesus Christ, be brought into contact with Him so He can GIVE you eternal life!

The PENALTY of transgressing His law is DEATH! Jesus paid that penalty in your stead. If, and when, you TRULY REPENT, as I have explained at length, and BELIEVE on Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour from sin and from sinning, then by and through HIM you gain access to GOD THE FATHER.

The two conditions of turning FROM sin, and *accepting* Christ (including baptism), YOU *must* DO YOURSELF! That's what YOU must do! That is NOT *what saves you!* It merely *reconciles*

you to GOD—brings you into CONTACT *with God*, so that *God will then* GIVE YOU His HOLY SPIRIT—and HIS SPIRIT imparts the *gift of the FAITH that saves*—and it is also the Spirit of UNDERSTANDING, of *knowledge, of the LOVE* that FULFILLS the Law, and imparts GOD'S *righteousness*.

Millions have been *deceived*, and *falsely* believe that they *have* a salvation which they do NOT yet have at all! GOD HELP US, then, to UNDERSTAND.

What You Should Do

Now, finally, just HOW shall you go about it?

Must you go down the aisle in a church? Must you go to a public altar, and shed tears in front of others, and pray aloud before others?

Being converted is not an initiation into a lodge or secret society! It is not a rite or ceremony! It is a matter of turning FROM the old life that was false, yet may have seemed right to you—of turning TO a new and TRUE way of life in Christ Jesus, living by every Word of God, in and by the power of God's Holy Spirit! When you UNDERSTAND the real MEANING and the PURPOSE, you'll see that it is something that takes place down deep in your HEART and not a matter of THE PLACE or THE SURROUNDINGS, or the presence of other people. What Jesus said about confessing, or denying Him before men did not refer to a rite, or ceremonial form of being converted. Being converted is the receiving of the Holy Spirit—the *very life*—of God.

You CAN, of course, make this full surrender and consecration to God in front of others, at an altar. You *can*, also, make it just as sincerely and fully, in a private room at home, all ALONE with God! You can pray in church before others and do it sincerely from the heart. Yet Jesus said, "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet [any small room], and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

WHEN you have *really* repented—repented of what you *are* as well as what you have *done*—WHEN you come

to this *parting of the ways* from the old life—when you come to the place of making this COMPLETE CHANGE—this total unconditional surrender to God—this complete consecration, GIVING your SELF to Him, accepting Christ as your personal Saviour—turning FROM your sins, and TO GOD'S way of life as you'll find it in the Bible, you'll want to PRAY! Yes, you'll want to throw yourself completely on God's mercy, and ask Him through Jesus Christ to FORGIVE YOU all your past sins and transgressions against Him.

The apostle Paul reveals how. He confessed: "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth *no good thing*: 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" (Rom. 7:18-19).

He saw human nature in its gruesome reality. He struggled with it—fought against it—only to find that it was more powerful than he!

What could he do?

Paul cried out, "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Read the answer to the problem in the *Moffatt* translation: "Miserable wretch that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? *GOD WILL!* Thanks be to him through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Verses 24-25.)

It is not perhaps of great consequence *where* you do it! But the IMPORTANT thing is to DO IT! The longer you put repentance off the harder it will become. WHY it should be difficult to just go and throw yourself on God's mercy, and ask His forgiveness, and give your SELF to Him, is hard to understand—yet something in the human nature within you will keep tempting you to PUT IT OFF. That temptation is not of God, you may be sure.

If you are sick and tired of the empty, fruitless, materialistic life you have been living—IF in your heart you DO want to turn from it to the FULL and JOYFUL life filled with God's SPIRIT, then WHY DELAY? This is *just the start* of the real Christian life. Don't look for a certain feeling, but repent and believe.

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 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 kc., 7, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 12 midnight Tues.-Sun.
 WLW—Cincinnati—700 kc., 11:05 p.m. daily.
 WJJD—Chicago—1160 kc., 11 a.m. Sun.
 KSTP—Minneapolis-St. Paul—1500 kc., 8 a.m. Sun., 5 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo—1540 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.

South

KRLD—Dallas—1080 kc., 8:10 p.m. daily or before or after baseball.
 KTRH—Houston—740 kc., 101.1 FM, 8 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WOAI—San Antonio, Tex.—1200 kc., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 kc., 94.5 FM, 10:30 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 1, 8:30 p.m. or after baseball Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 KAAV—Little Rock—1090 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 *WMOO—Mobile—1550 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 6:55 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WINQ—Tampa—1010 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 12:10 p.m. Sat., Sun.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 kc., 10 a.m. Sun.
 XEG—1050 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily. (CST)

Mountain States

KOA—Denver—850 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 KSWs—Roswell, N. Mex.—1020 kc., 6:30 a.m. daily.
 XELO—800 kc., 8 p.m. daily. (MST)

West Coast

KIRO—Seattle—710 kc., 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues.-Sat.
 KPIR—Eugene, Ore.—1120 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

KRAK—Sacramento—1140 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 kc., 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

East

WBMD—Baltimore—750 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WPEN—Philadelphia—950 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 kc., 101.5 FM, 11 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 1:30 p.m. Sat.
 WMCK—Pittsburgh—1360 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WJAC—Johnstown, Pa.—850 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WSAN—Allentown, Pa.—1470 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WCHS—Charleston, W. Va.—580 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCYB—Bristol, Va.—690 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WWNC—Asheville, N. C.—570 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., approx. 5 p.m. Sat. following Metro. Opera and/or football game.
 *WEVD—New York—1330 kc., 97.9 FM, 10 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat.
 WWOL—Buffalo, N. Y.—1120 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4 p.m. Sat.
 WFAS—White Plains, N.Y.—1230 kc., 103.9 FM, 9 p.m. daily.
 WWNH—Rochester, N. H.—930 kc., 9:05 a.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WTSL—Hanover, N. H.—1400 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WDEV—Waterbury, Vt.—550 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WKVT—Brattleboro, Vt.—1490 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WPOR—Portland, Me.—1490 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
 WCOU—Lewiston, Me.—1240 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 *WRYT—Boston—950 kc., 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m., 8 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WBET—Brockton, Mass.—1460 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
 WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 kc., 107.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 kc., 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WACE—Chicopee, Mass.—730 kc., 12:30 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WSAR—Fall River, Mass.—1480 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WOCB—Hyannis, Mass.—1240 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WHMP—Northampton, Mass.—1400 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WHAI—Greenfield, Mass.—1240 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WARE—Ware, Mass.—1250 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

WBRK—Pittsfield, Mass.—1340 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.

WJAR—Providence, R. I.—920 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

WNLC—New London, Conn.—1510 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

WTOR—Torrington, Conn.—1490 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

Central

WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 kc., 101.5 FM, 9 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WIXY—Cleveland, Ohio—1260 kc., 11 p.m. daily.
 WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 kc., 10 a.m. Sun.
 WSLR—Akron, Ohio—1350 kc., 6 p.m. daily.
 WFMJ—Youngstown, Ohio—1390 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7:05 p.m. Sat.
 WBNS—Columbus, Ohio—1460 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WBRJ—Marietta, Ohio—910 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WBCK—Battle Creek, Mich.—930 kc., 12:30 p.m. Sat., Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 kc., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KMMJ—Grand Island, Nebr.—750 kc., 4 p.m. daily.
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAW—Chicago—1330 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat., 12 noon daily (105.1 FM, 8 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.).
 WJOL—Joliet, Ill.—1340 kc., 9:30 p.m. daily.
 *WITY—Danville, Ill.—980 kc., 7 p.m. Sun.-Thur., 10:45 p.m. or after football Fri. & Sat.
 WWCA—Gary, Ind.—1270 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 *WJOB—Hammond, Ind.—1230 kc., 8 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WXCL—Peoria—1350 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 KBHS—Hot Springs, Ark.—590 kc., 1 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFVS—Cape Girardeau, Mo.—960 kc., 9:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
 KFEQ—St. Joseph, Mo.—680 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
 KUDL—Kansas City, Mo.—1380 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFSB—Joplin, Mo.—1310 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sat., Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 11:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 kc., 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. daily.

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RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

KGGE—Coffeyville, Kans.—690 kc., 6 p.m. daily.

KXXX—Colby, Kans.—790 kc., 11:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KBEA—Mission, Kans.—1480 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 kc., 11:30 a.m. Sun.

KMA—Shenandoah, Ia.—960 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

KQRS—Minneapolis—1440 kc. 92.5 FM, 10 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 kc., 95.7 FM, 4:30 p.m. Sun., AM only, 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

WSAU—Wausau, Wis.—550 kc., 7 p.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

South

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

KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 kc., 1 p.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.

WBAP—Ft. Worth—570 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

KEES—Gladewater, Tex.—1430 kc., 12 noon daily.

KTBB—Tyler, Tex.—600 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.

KMAC—San Antonio—630 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KTBC—Austin—590 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KTLU—Rusk, Tex.—1580 kc., 1 p.m. Sun.

KGNC—Amarillo—710 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

KWFT—Wichita Falls—620 kc., 4:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.

KBYE—Oklahoma City—890 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

KWAM—Memphis—990 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

WSHO—New Orleans—800 kc., 12 noon daily.

WDEF—Chattanooga—1370 kc., 92.3 FM, 8 p.m. daily.

WBRC—Birmingham—960 kc., 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.

WMEN—Tallahassee—1330 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 8 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

WMIE—Miami—1140 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun., 11:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

WZOK—Jacksonville, Fla.—1320 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.

WEAS—Savannah, Ga.—900 kc., 12 noon daily.

WKYX—Paducah, Ky.—570 kc., 93.3 FM, 12:30 p.m. daily.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 kc., 6:35 p.m. daily.

KCUB—Tucson—1290 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. Sat.

KGGM—Albuquerque—610 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

KLZ—Denver—560 kc., 106.7 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.

KMOR—Salt Lake City—1230 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.

KTFI—Twin Falls, Idaho—1270 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.

KSEI—Pocatello, Idaho—930 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

KMON—Great Falls, Mont.—560 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

West Coast

KHQ—Spokane—590 kc., 8:05 p.m. daily, or before or after baseball.

KVI—Seattle—570 kc., 8 a.m. Sun.

KBLE—Seattle—1050 kc., 12 noon daily.

KMO—Tacoma, Wash.—1360 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

KARI—Bellingham—550 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

KWJJ—Portland—1080 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

KEX—Portland—1190 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.

KGAY—Salem—1430 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KUGN—Eugene—590 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

KUMA—Pendleton, Ore.—1290 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

KYJC—Medford, Ore.—1230 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

KAGO—Klamath Falls, Ore.—1150 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

KBLF—Red Bluff, Calif.—1490 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

KSAY—San Francisco—1010 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KFRC—San Francisco—610 kc., 106.1 FM, 7 a.m. Sun.

KFAX—San Francisco—1100 kc., 10 a.m., 10:45 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4:15 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

KFIV—Modesto—1360 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:05 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 6:30 a.m. Sat.

KNGS—Hanford, Calif.—620 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat., or 3:30 p.m. preceding baseball.

KGEE—Bakersfield—1230 kc., 4:30 p.m. Sun., 5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

KDB—Santa Barbara—1490 kc., 93.7 FM, 7 p.m. daily.

KUDU—Ventura—1590 kc., 95.1 FM, 8 p.m. daily.

KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 kc., 9:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 96.3 FM Sun. & p.m. times only.

KTYM—Inglewood—1460 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Fri.

KEZY—Anaheim, Calif.—1190 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

KFOX—Long Beach—1280 kc., 102.3 FM, 7:30 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

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

KRNO—San Bernardino—1240 kc., 9:30 p.m. daily.

KOGO—San Diego—600 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

In Spanish—

KALI—Los Angeles—1430 kc., 4:45 p.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—750 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.

*KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

CANADA

VOCM—St. John's, Nfld.—590 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

CJCH—Halifax, N. S.—920 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

CFBC—St. John, N. B.—930 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

CKCW—Moncton, N. B.—1220 kc., 5:30 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CFMB—Montreal, Que.—1410 kc., 1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKOY—Ottawa, Ont.—1310 kc., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CJET—Smiths Falls, Ont.—630 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKFH—Toronto, Ont.—1430 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKLB—Oshawa, Ont.—1350 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

CHIQ—Hamilton, Ont.—1280 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.

CKLW—Windsor, Ont.—800 kc., 7 p.m. Sun.

CHLO—St. Thomas, Ont.—680 kc., 2:30 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKSO—Sudbury, Ont.—790 kc., 5:30 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CJLX—Fort William, Ont.—800 kc., 6:25 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKY—Winnipeg, Man.—580 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKDM—Dauphin, Man.—730 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

CKRM—Regina, Sask.—980 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

CJGX—Yorkton, Sask.—940 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

CJNB—North Battleford, Sask.—1050 kc., 2:30 p.m. daily, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKBI—Prince Albert, Sask.—900 kc., 2 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 8:30 p.m. Sat.

CKSA—Lloydminster, Sask.-Alta.—1080 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

CHED—Edmonton, Alta.—630 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKXL—Calgary, Alta.—1140 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CFCW—Camrose, Alta.—790 kc., 2:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.

CJVI—Victoria, B. C.—900 kc., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

CKLG—Vancouver, B. C.—730 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKOV—Kelowna, B. C.—630 kc., 9 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 8:30 p.m. Sat.

CFBV—Smithers, B. C.—1230 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.

In French—

CFMB—Montreal—1410 kc., 5 p.m. Sat., Sun.

CKJL—St. Jerome, Que.—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

BERMUDA

ZBM 1—Hamilton—1235 kc., 8 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

ZBM 2—Hamilton—1340 kc., 2:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

EUROPE

In English—

RADIO LONDON—266 m. (1120 kc.) medium wave, 7 p.m. daily.

RADIO CAROLINE NORTH—199 m. (1500 kc.) medium wave, 8 p.m. daily.

RADIO CITY—299 m. (1000 kc.) medium wave, 6:45 a.m. daily.

RADIO SCOTLAND—242 m. (1250 kc.) medium wave, 7 p.m. daily.

RADIO 390—390 m. (773 kc.) medium wave, 8:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

RADIO 270—270 m. (1105 kc.) medium wave, 6:30 p.m. daily.

RADIO BRITAIN—355 m. (845 kc.) medium wave, 6 p.m. daily.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 m., 5:40 a.m. Mon., 5:25 a.m. Tues., Thurs., Fri.

EUROPE No. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1647 m.), 6 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Wed., Sat.

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 m. (6090 kc.) shortwave, 208 m. (1439 kc.) medium wave, 6:05 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon., 5:15 a.m. Tues., Fri.

ASIA

Formosa

RADIO TAIWAN "The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—

BED23 Taichung	1380 kc.;
BED55 Taipei	960 kc.;
BED78 Tainan City	1540 kc.;
BED79 Kaohsiung	1220 kc.;
BED82 Chiayi	1460 kc.;
—18:00 T.S.T. Wed., Fri.	

Guam

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6 p.m. Sun.

Okinawa

RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880 kc., 12:06 noon Sun.

Philippine Islands

DZAQ—Manila—620 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

DXAW—Davao City—640 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.

DYCB—Cebu City—570 kc., 9:30 p.m. Fri.

DYBC—Cebu City—660 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

DYKR—Kalibo—1480 kc., 8 p.m. daily except Tues. 7 p.m.

DZAL—Legaspi City—1230 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

DZGH—Sorsogon—1480 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

DZLT—Lucena City—1240 kc., 9 a.m. daily.

DZRB—Naga City—750 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.

DZRI—Dagupan City—1040 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.

DZYA—Angeles City—1400 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

DZYB—Baguio City—670 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

DYHF—Iloilo City—1280 kc., 9 p.m. daily.

DXMB—Malaybalay—7 p.m. daily.

AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE—3301 kc. (92 m.), 4925 kc. (60 m.), 10 p.m. Mon., Wed., Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., Fri.

RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE—OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.), 6:30, 10 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

WNBS—Lagos—602 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

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

AUSTRALIA

2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc., 9:40 Sun., 10:15 Mon., 8:30 Tues., 10:15 Wed., 8:15 Thurs., 10:45 Fri., all p.m. times.

2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2GZ—Orange, NSW—990 kc., 8:45 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc., 5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 6 p.m. Sat.

2LM—Lismore, NSW—900 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2TM—Tamworth, NSW—1290 kc., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

2AD—Armidale, NSW—1130 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sat.-Thurs.

2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc., 9:03 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

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

3BA—Ballarat, Vic.—1320 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 4:30 p.m. Fri.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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

3TR—Sale, Vic.—1240 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 8:30 p.m. Fri.

3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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

4BK—Brisbane—1300 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.

4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc., 10 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

4IP—Ipswich, Qld.—1010 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

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

4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

4MK—Mackay, Qld.—1380 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—980 kc., 10 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

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

6AM—Northam, WA—860 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

7BU—Burnie, Tas.—560 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc., 7:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.

7LA—Launceston, Tas.—1100 kc., 10:10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

LATIN AMERICA

In English—

RADIO BARBADOS—Black Rock, Barbados—785 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 9:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. Sat.

RADIO REDIFFUSION—Bridgetown, Barbados—9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sat.

RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc., 5:15 p.m. Sat.

HOC21—Panama City—1115 kc.;

HP5A—Panama City—1170 kc.;

HOK—Colon, Panama—640 kc.;

HP5K—Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7 p.m. Sun.

In French—

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

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

RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, W. I.—840 kc., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

In Spanish—

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

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THE CRUMBLING COMMONWEALTH

In September, the sixteenth Commonwealth Conference was held in London. Our Plain Truth Regional Editor for the United Kingdom was invited by the Commonwealth Secretary General to attend a special meeting of Prime Ministers and diplomats. Here is his first-hand report.

by Raymond F. McNair

London, England

THIS is a sad day in London. The Commonwealth "family reunion" was anything but a reunion! The Conference all but broke up. Serious differences flared between the old white Commonwealth members — Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand — and the many new multi-coloured Afro-Asian members.

Afro-Asians Demand "Force"!

The Conference turned out to be more of a *battleground* than a friendly give-and-take around the conference table!

As the Regional Editor of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, I was invited to a Commonwealth Press Conference at Marlborough House, London, the day before the Conference began. At this meeting, Mr. Arnold Smith, Secretary General of the Commonwealth, wasted no time in getting to the main point. All the Commonwealth leaders, he declared, had agreed that the "Rhodesian Question" would be the first topic discussed.

He warned that the very existence of the Commonwealth was threatened by the Rhodesian problem. Mr. Smith said this Conference would be "a testing time for the

Left, representatives from the 22 Commonwealth countries stand on Marlborough House steps, meeting place for the sixteenth Commonwealth Conference. Below, Mr. Harold Wilson, British Prime Minister, leaves Marlborough House after stormy morning conference session.

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Commonwealth . . . and for humanity."

The Secretary General then posed the question of whether mankind *can* cooperate effectively across racial barriers. Mr. Arnold Smith pointed out that the overriding interest in the *Rhodesian crisis* was whether or not the diverse races of mankind can get along. The whole world, said Mr. Smith, is watching to see if this multi-racial Commonwealth will survive.

I also received an invitation from the Secretary General to attend a special informal meeting with the Commonwealth Prime Ministers, Presidents, Foreign Ministers and other diplomats. Chatting *informally* with some of the Commonwealth leaders, I learned, first-hand, how they felt about the Rhodesian situation and other problems.

While at this meeting I spoke to Secretary General Arnold Smith regarding his previous remarks concerning *the possibility of a Commonwealth rupture* — a possible walk-out of some of the Afro-Asian members. He was not overly optimistic about the Commonwealth's chances of remaining wholly intact!

Now let me tell you what Commonwealth leaders said, in private, about the issues confronting the world today.

As an example, Dr. Makarios, President of Cyprus, *told me that he definitely believed Britain should, if necessary, use "FORCE" to topple Ian Smith's regime.* All of the Afro-Asian leaders I talked to, including Simon Kapwepwe — (Zambia's Foreign Minister), likewise admitted they believed Britain should use armed force to overthrow the Smith regime in Rhodesia. Mr. Kapwepwe made no bones about telling me that Britain had used "hypocrisy" in her dealings with the thorny Rhodesian problem. He let me know in no uncertain terms that he didn't have any faith in Britain or in the British Government.

During the formal conference a few days later, Mr. Kapwepwe levelled a serious charge at Britain's Prime Minister Mr. Harold Wilson. Kapwepwe called Wilson a "racialist." Mr. Wilson snapped back fiercely at his African critic. Blazing in anger, he rebuked Mr. Kapwepwe.

Shortly afterward, Mr. Kapwepwe left

the Conference and flew back to Zambia to report to Dr. Kaunda. (Dr. Kaunda, earlier this year, threatened to start a move within the Commonwealth to have Britain expelled!)

En route back to Zambia, Mr. Kapwepwe repeated his charge. In Nairobi he said: "We saw him [Mr. Wilson] as a *racialist* bent on the creation of a white man's government or a carbon copy of South Africa in Rhodesia. He is interested in a *Fascist* Government there."

Mr. Wilson's reply: "I would not sit at the same table with a racialist."

Kicking Britain Around

Many Afro-Asian members came to the London Conference with chips on their shoulders — to criticize Britain — to kick her on the shins, hit her below the belt, slap her on the face, to personally abuse Mr. Harold Wilson and to severely criticize the British Government.

Sure — Britain didn't always handle her colonies perfectly! Sure — she *could have done more* in developing the peoples and resources of her Crown colonies. But the fact remains that Britain improved the living standards of all these peoples and gave them their first taste of law, order and unity.

Please answer this question: Why do the Afro-Asian members of the Commonwealth continually *criticize* — instead of being *grateful* for what Great Britain did for them?

Yes, *Britain could have done more* for them! But she also could have done much more for her own people — right on her own doorstep — had she been only *selfishly* concerned.

Britain today is assisting the Commonwealth nations (her former colonies) economically and militarily. This is a tremendous drain on her *sick* economy!

Speaking of the British nation, God says: "Strangers [foreign, Gentile nations] *have devoured his strength*, and he knoweth it not: yea, *gray hairs are here and there upon him*, yet he knoweth not" (Hosea 7:9). Britain has never fully recovered from the severe economic setback of two world wars.

Then why are many of the Afro-Asian members of the Commonwealth

so willing to *criticize* and *condemn* Britain? Why do they often "gang up" on her both in and out of the United Nations? Why do they constantly complain that Britain exploited them, didn't do enough for them?

Where would the *leaders* (and peoples) of many of these Afro-Asian nations be today had not Britain established law and order, built transport systems, cities, developed mines, established businesses, industries, agriculture, and had she not at least *begun* to educate the illiterate, half-naked inhabitants of some of these former colonies? If Britain hadn't done the work to build up the colonies, the outspoken critics, far from attending a London Conference, could not even have bought a plane ticket.

The Lesson of Commonwealth History

Millenniums ago, God prophesied that the English-speaking peoples would become "thousands of millions" and would possess their enemies' gates — Gibraltar, Suez, Panama, etc. (Gen. 24:60). Our peoples were prophesied to spread abroad to the *west* (America and Canada) and to the *east* (India, Malaysia, etc.) to the *north* (the British Isles and northwest Europe) and to the *south* (Australia, New Zealand and South Africa) — Gen. 28:13, 14.

Britain's far-flung Empire once embraced over one quarter of the peoples and land areas of the earth. Today's multi-racial Commonwealth sprawls over about ten million square MILES, and includes 23 member nations with a population of about 750 million.

Britain began her expansion by establishing a number of colonies in North America in the 17th and 18th centuries. But in 1776 the 13 colonies along the eastern seaboard of what is now the U.S. revolted and declared themselves independent of Britain.

When thriving colonies were established in Canada, Britain determined not to lose them. She didn't intend to let history repeat itself.

In 1839 Lord Durham's report on the *causes of discontent* in the Canadian colonies caused Britain to adopt a policy different from her colonial policy in force at the time she dealt with the U.S. colonies. Britain feared that the

Canadian colonies might revolt against the Crown, like the 13 U. S. colonies had done 60 years earlier, and secede from the "mother country."

Great Britain decided to let the Canadian colonies have their own "responsible government." "By 1847 this system of 'responsible government' was in operation in Canada; it was soon afterwards extended to the other colonies in North America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa where European settlement had taken place on a larger scale" (*The Commonwealth in Brief*, p. 8).

Britain had learned her lesson with the loss of 13 of her choice Crown Colonies in America in 1776. She would now let her colonies carry on with their own "responsible government" and they would look to her as their "mother country," their protector, their associate partner in business and finance. Thus, Britain would receive certain lucrative trade benefits from these areas.

As these *British Dominions* developed into mature nationhood, their ties with Britain became less and less. "At the 1926 Imperial Conference, Britain and the Dominions were described as 'autonomous communities within the British Empire, equal in status, in no way subordinate one to another in any aspect of their domestic or external affairs, though united by a common allegiance to the Crown and freely associated as members of the British Commonwealth of Nations.'"

The Commonwealth Transformed into Common Poverty!

Britain's policy of *free association* of Commonwealth nations — all having their own "responsible governments"—worked reasonably well with the old, *white Commonwealth*. This Anglo-Saxon-descended "family of nations" got along fine. They mutually helped and benefited each other. They had many things in common, including their Common Law, their common English language, their common Anglo-Saxon racial heritage. They were all relatively well off — had plenty of food, clothing, abundant raw materials, good farmlands, rich mineral deposits, and an abundant reservoir of energetic, tal-

ented peoples to develop this great *birthright* heritage!

These nations (Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa) formed the old, white Commonwealth. They were just that — *a closely related family of nations sharing a COMMON WEALTH given to them by God!* This *common wealth* had actually been promised to this "multitude of nations" thousands of years earlier—by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (You will find the *Bible proof* in the following scriptures: Genesis 17:6, 16; 22:17; 24:7; 27:28, 29; 28:14; 32:12; 35:10, 11; 48:19; 49:20-24.)

All Commonwealth Members Become Equals

But after World War II, British governments assumed they could *transform* (in one generation) the 700 million multi-racial British Empire into a harmonious family of self-governing nations. The hope was that all racial differences would vanish.

But racial differences aren't so easily swept aside. Race differences go much deeper than skin colour. They are genetically inherited. Racial differences are also rooted *in*, and nurtured *on* emotionalism. They are not easily eradicated! Britain is now waking up to the fact!

Theoretically all of the Commonwealth member nations were to be *equal*. They would be able to mix freely and, where possible, their currencies and economies would be bound up together by a common denominator.

The aim was that the *common wealth* shared by Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa would be extended to the very poor countries of the British Empire — India, Pakistan, Ghana, Nigeria and other African nations. The COMMON POVERTY of these former colonies, it was hoped, would *disappear* if they *associated themselves* with the wealthy nations of the old COMMONWEALTH, who *did* share a common Anglo-Saxon racial heritage, a common language, Common Law and COMMON WEALTH!

So, after World War II Britain adopted the policy of granting *independence* to her colonies.

New Commonwealth Mostly Coloured

In 1947 Britain granted independence to her Crown possessions of India (including Pakistan). She granted independence to Ceylon in 1948. Overnight the old Commonwealth of about 70 million white, closely related Anglo-Saxon peoples was merged with over 500 millions of nonwhites from the former colonial areas of India and Pakistan. Successively other nations in Africa and Asia were granted their independence.

Of today's 23 Commonwealth member nations, over three fourths are non-white — some shade of yellow, brown, black. Only Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Cyprus are predominantly white. *Cyprus* is the only European member nation to lose her colonial status and join the British Commonwealth since World War II.

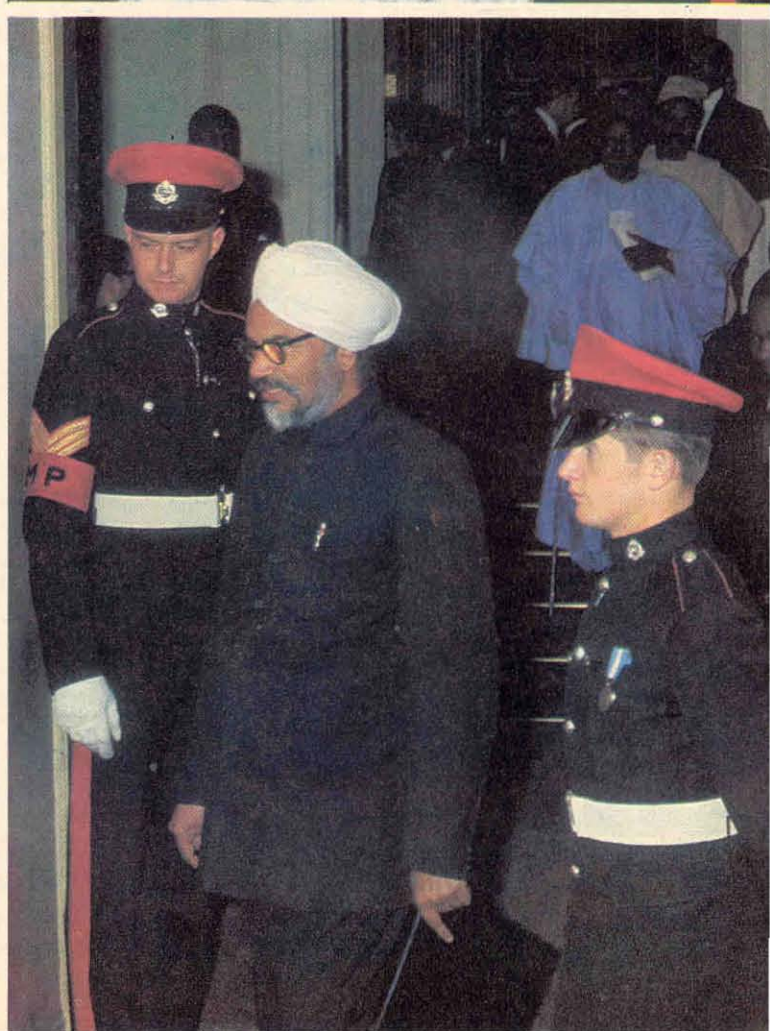
Little wonder the Commonwealth is a *divided* club. The Anglo-Saxon member nations are not only predominately white, but they are the only really prosperous members. So today's Commonwealth is divided in two main ways — by *race*, and by *wealth* (or poverty).

It is God who gave us these choice blessings. *God did not promise these same blessings to the non-Anglo-Saxon, Gentile nations of the Commonwealth.* And Great Britain with all of her greatness and might has been unable to transform these Gentile nations from poverty and illiteracy into educated, wealthy nations. This task is far beyond Britain and her Commonwealth. It will take Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God to bring health, happiness, peace, literacy and wealth to the backward, illiterate masses of India and Pakistan, to Ghana, Nigeria and all the rest of the Afro-Asian members of the Commonwealth — and the whole world!

Race Issue Divides Commonwealth

There can be no question that the main issues dividing today's British Commonwealth are all centered around RACE!

It was the race issue which caused the Union of South Africa to secede from the Commonwealth in 1961 and form





the Republic of South Africa. It is the race issue which is the bone of contention — the primary cause of strife — in Rhodesia.

The Commonwealth is divided in its languages, in its wealth, in its social, economic, religious, political ideologies, and above all by *racial* differences. All of these divisive factors make it very difficult for this motley group of nations to really get on well.

Can a divided Commonwealth continue indefinitely? Let Jesus Christ answer this question "*Every kingdom DIVIDED against itself is brought to desolation and every city or house*

REPRESENTATIVES OF A SADLY DIVIDED COMMONWEALTH!

Commonwealth representatives from many different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The result — the Commonwealth "family" is sadly divided against itself!

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Above is entrance to Marlborough House with 22 flags of Commonwealth member nations displayed.

On left-hand page, Commonwealth representatives leave a morning session. Upper left, K. J. Holyoake, New Zealand Prime Minister. Upper right, B. A. O. Ogunjipe, leader of Nigeria delegation. Lower left, Archbishop Makarios, President of Cyprus. Lower right, Sardar Singh, minister of external affairs, India.

divided against itself shall not stand" (Mat. 12:25).

This applies equally to any Commonwealth!

Britain's postwar race problems underscore the delicate situation which exists throughout much of her Commonwealth. After World War II, many immigrants from India and Pakistan, Africa, Jamaica and other parts of the Commonwealth began flooding into England. They wanted to take advantage of their new-found Commonwealth-status liberties. As this flood of immigrants rose in Britain, *race riots* began to erupt in such British cities as London and Birmingham. Britons saw the danger signals. They didn't want this explosive situation to get out of hand. They took note of the mounting race problems facing the United States. Britons were determined not to let a similar nightmarish situation develop.

The result? Parliament, alarmed by the *half-million* immigrants which had poured into Britain, passed a law greatly restricting the annual quota of coloured immigrants coming into Great Britain. This has greatly curtailed the influx of coloured peoples into Britain. But it also sparked animosity among the Afro-Asian members of the Commonwealth.

How Germany Views the Commonwealth

A reporter from West Germany (who attended the Commonwealth Conference) told me that he and his West German government officially backed Britain in her stiff economic sanctions against Rhodesia. He then smilingly *admitted* that German business interests were taking advantage of the *vacuum* left by Britain in Rhodesia. He acknowledged that Herr Strauss' recent business trip to Rhodesia made this obvious to everyone.

I detected in this German correspondent a certain amount of inner *satisfaction* over Britain's Commonwealth troubles. He told me how present-day Germans feel about the Commonwealth. His exact words: "*It is nothing!*" "It is just a name!" Yes, the Germans are not unhappy about their cashing in on Britain's misfortunes in Rhodesia. After all, the Germans stand to gain everywhere Britain loses.

A London newspaper commented on the recent Conference: "The thing (the Commonwealth) is virtually finished now; almost everyone can see it. The biggest job left now is for someone to take away the body, please. . . ."

What Is Britain to Do?

The British Government has spent about £100 million in trying to topple the Smith regime in Rhodesia. This is proving very costly to Great Britain — especially since she is now trying to recover from her own *economic sickness*.

Britain cannot afford to engage the Republic of South Africa in an all-out economic blockade, and this is what it will take before economic sanctions against Rhodesia can be made truly effective! *Britain needs South African gold* too badly to seriously consider sanctions.

She can't launch a *shooting war* against her own "kith and kin" in Rhodesia. The British public would not tolerate that — as shown by angry outcries all over Britain at the very slightest hint of such.

At the Commonwealth Conference Britain finally decided to compromise with the angry Afro-Asian members over the Rhodesian question. She promised to apply even more stringent economic sanctions. If this doesn't work, Britain has further promised to take the matter to the United Nations.

Yet, *nearly everywhere the U.N. has gone, it has left a strife-torn, divided land: Korea, Palestine, the Congo!*

Now look at the economic side of the crisis. The *Commonwealth* is proving to be a *serious drain* on the resources of the British Isles. Many of the Commonwealth members are very poor and have very little to contribute to the club — other than *problems!* Some members have even gone so far as to threaten to withdraw their bank accounts (really, their *overdrafts!*) if Britain doesn't jump when they crack their whips. President Kaunda of Zambia even threatened to try and expel Britain from the Commonwealth if she didn't use "force" to topple Mr. Ian Smith's government.

Britain spends heavily to provide military protection for the Common-

wealth nations. During the past two years Britain has had to rush troops to Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya — at their request — to put down army mutinies. More recently she has felt compelled to send British pilots and planes to Zambia.

The Millennial Commonwealth

Will the Commonwealth continue to *crumble*? Will it perhaps continue with its lingering illnesses until some strong *racial virus* attacks it, dealing it a mortal blow? Notice Christ's unequivocal answer! "Every kingdom *divided* against itself is brought to DESOLATION!" (Mat. 12:25.)

Will the peoples of the British Commonwealth yet fulfil a very vital role in helping to reshape a vibrantly new world?

The PLAIN TRUTH makes plain why the peoples of both Britain and America will continue to lose out in world power and prestige — unless we repent of our national sins! The *pride of our power is waning*. Because of our mounting sins, God declares: "I will break the pride of your power" (Lev. 26:19).

Our peoples will finally wake up to the blind folly of straying from God. They will learn the real *reason* for the increasing *racial tensions* in both America and the Commonwealth — but not until national calamity first strikes.

But what lies on beyond — when our peoples have learned their lesson?

America, Britain and her Commonwealth of Nations are destined to play the leading role in rebuilding the world under Christ's wise rule! Then our peoples will become a shining *light* and *example* before all the Gentile nations.

The peoples of Britain and America are yet destined to be the topmost people to be used as God's instrument in showing the nations of this earth *His laws—His way* to prosperity (Jer. 31, Hos. 14). "*Israel* [the English-speaking peoples are the modern descendants of the ancient House of Israel] *shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit!*" (Isa. 27:6).

May Almighty God speed that day!

SYRIA RAIDS ISRAEL

— Where Is It Leading?

Terrorist activities and border clashes are flaring again between Syria and Israel. How long can the UN police forces prevent a full-scale war?

by Robert C. Boraker


Jerusalem, Jordan

THE Middle East is ready to explode at any moment. World leaders fear recent skirmishes between Israel and Syria could rupture the delicate fabric of Middle East peace and security.

The situation is precarious!

On the same day I arrived here in Jerusalem, the local newspaper *Jerusalem Star* blazed forth the headline, "Explosive Situation."

Since then, the United Nations have intervened to save the peace. Syria suddenly became involved with internal



Jet fighters scream overhead as tanks and other military vehicles pass in review during Israeli Independence Day parade.

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strife within its own government. But at any moment, fresh border clashes could inflame this Middle Eastern tinderbox into a major conflict.

What the Syrians Plan

Here are the facts. The Syrians are set to make war on Israel. Syrian leaders now plan: (1) respond to every Israeli provocation by striking at targets inside the State of Israel (2) no longer resort to the Security Council of the United Nations and (3) pin their hopes of victory on *guerrilla action inside Israel* — a "people's liberation war" modeled after the variety used in Vietnam and Algeria.

This new policy is not mere bluff. It represents the concerted efforts of the Ba'ath Party extremists who now run

Syria. This party is socialist. It is devoted to Arab Nationalism — a modern Arab version patterned after the National Socialist (Nazi) Party of Hitler's Germany.

The young men in this party are becoming impatient with Egyptian President Nasser's cautious Palestine policy. *Their aim is to carry the war into Israel whatever the cost.*

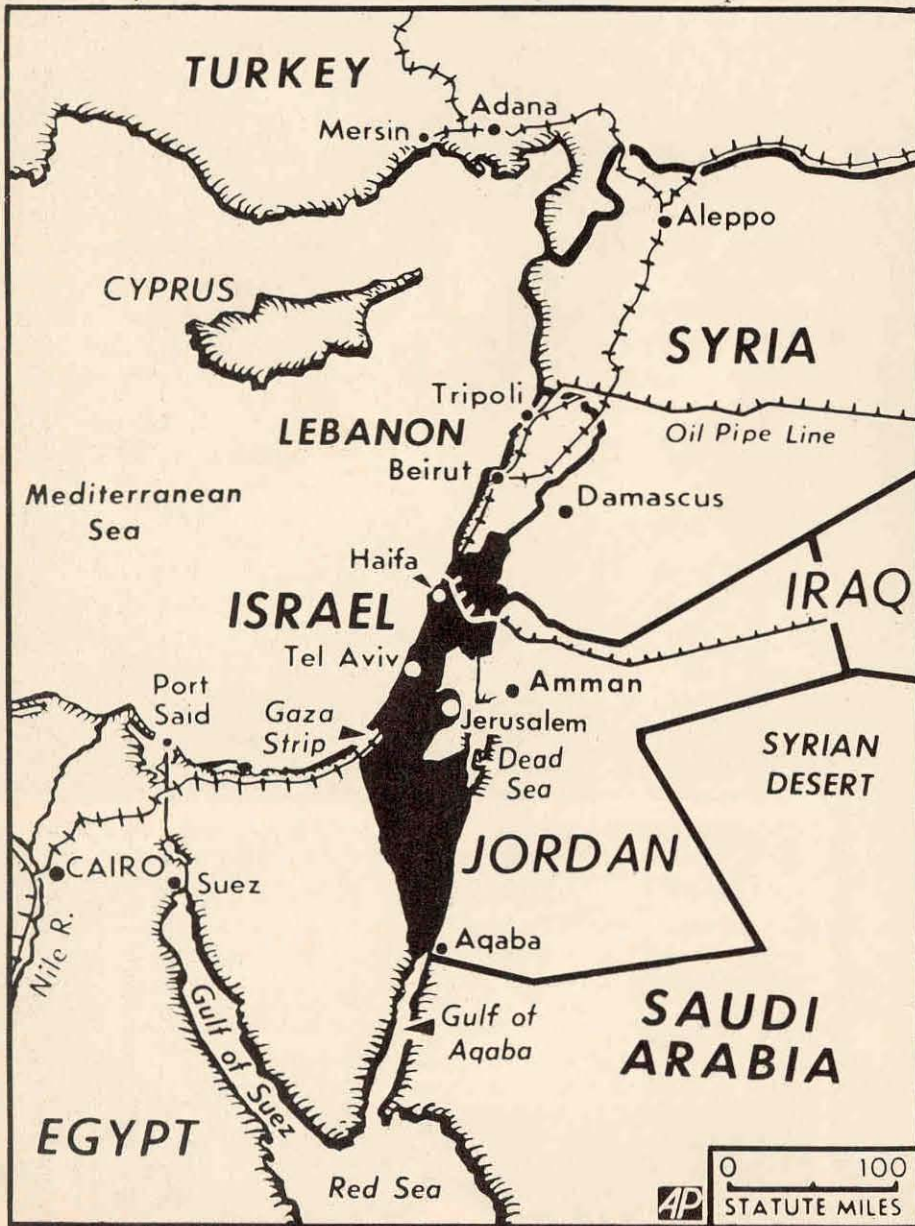
As we go to press, tension on the Syrian-Israeli border has reached a new peak. In a broadcast on October 11, the Syrian Prime Minister Dr. Z'Ayyen boasted: "In the event of Israeli aggression against Syria, we shall set the area on fire and turn it into a cemetery for Israel, imperialism and imperialist agents."

The situation is explosive! Few real-



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Above, Dr. Youssef Z'Ayyen, Syrian Prime Minister. Left, State of Israel is surrounded by Arab nations.



ize the meaning of these events now taking place in the Middle East. Most people have their eyes only on Vietnam. They simply don't grasp Bible prophecy — that the area of pre-war Palestine is about to play the BIG role in world affairs.

The Importance of Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Jordan — with its dire poverty and many beggars — and its half-sister Jerusalem, Israel, are soon to become of prime interest to all nations.

Most tourists coming to Jerusalem are only interested in the *traditions and relics of the past*. They have no idea what role this city will play in the *future* — the next few years.

But you can know!

You can know *definitely and specifically* what is going to take place in this part of the world. You can know how and why Jerusalem will be involved in the political maneuvers of the major nations. You can know what will happen to Jerusalem in World War III that is now looming on the horizon.

It's all prophesied and revealed in the Bible. The course of future events to take place around Jerusalem is laid out step by step in the very Book scoffed at, ridiculed and rejected by the world — the Holy Bible. Almost no one, it seems, understands what the

Bible is. It is a revelation of God to man of essential knowledge we could not otherwise find out. It's a book that lays bare the future in plain, understandable terms. But before you can properly understand Bible prophecy, there are certain keys you must know first.

Duality in Prophecy

One *key* that unlocks Bible prophecy is the *identity* of such modern nations as Britain and the U. S. Write for our free booklet, *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy* which explains it.

Another important key is in understanding that *prophecy is dual*. The events mentioned in the prophecies may have been already fulfilled as a type sometime in the past. But the *major fulfillment* will take place in this twentieth century—in the next few years!

This *duality* is a master KEY which unlocks dozens of prophecies. (For proof of this, write for our free articles, "Why Prophecy?" and "Seven Keys to Understanding the Bible.")

When you know these keys and study the prophecies from this viewpoint, you can see what is about to happen to the Arab world. You can know who will ultimately control it. And you can know which nations will be allied together against the Jews in Palestine.

First, look at the Jewish-Arab situation. Jesus Christ foretold that the Jewish people would be scattered throughout the world, and that the old city of Jerusalem would remain trodden down under the heel of the Gentiles "until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

Other prophecies show that the "times of the Gentiles" have not yet ended. Gentile Arabs still possess the old city of Jerusalem.

The prophecy in Zechariah 14:2 reveals that Jerusalem would be a *divided* city in the time of the end. Half of the city is to be taken into captivity—the other half is not.

The Jews will have growing troubles with the Arabs. The United Nations will undoubtedly be called in from time to time to settle disputes, but without lasting results. Other nations will become involved. Germany and the European

nations will become vitally interested. The Communist nations will also enter the picture.

Alliances will be formed. Your Bible reveals a powerful union of Arab nations is developing which ultimately will not cooperate with either the U. S. or Russia, but with the new United Europe.

David's Amazing Prophecy

Turn to the astounding prophecy found in Psalm 83:1-8. David, inspired of God, predicted the coming time when ALL of Israel's enemies would join together in an effort to crush out even the name "Israel" from the face of the earth! (Verse 4.)

"For they have consulted together with one consent: they are *confederate* against thee . . ." (verse 5).

Notice the nations making up this confederation. "Edom [Turkey], and the Ishmaelites [Saudi Arabia]; Moab [Jordan], and the Hagarenes [they anciently dwelt in the land known as Syria today]; Gebal [Lebanon], and Ammon [Jordan] and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur [whose descendants migrated to Germany] *is joined* with them; they have helped the children of Lot" [Moab and Ammon in modern Jordan].

Here we see that the Arab nations mentioned are allied with Germany (Assur) which we know from other prophecies will be the military leader—naturally so—of a United States of Europe.

But what of Egypt? She is not directly mentioned in Psalm 83.

Egypt controls the vital Suez. She will provoke the prophesied United Europe (Dan. 11:40). This European power—called the "king of the north" in Daniel 11—shall invade and occupy the "glorious land" of Palestine (verse 41). "And the land of Egypt shall not escape" (Dan. 11:42).

These events were foretold by Jesus Christ. In His Olivet prophecy, He said: "And when ye shall see *Jerusalem compassed with armies*, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh" (Luke 21:20).

When you see a coming resurrection of the old Holy Roman Empire—a United States of Europe—the coming

third power bloc in central Europe—*marching into Palestine*, then realize that this final desolation of Jerusalem *is beginning!*

Egypt will be subdued as a satellite nation—her sea gate used by the Europeans. The Libyans and Ethiopians will also be forced to submit (Dan. 11:43). Syria will be punished (Isa. 17:3).

But all will not go well with Europe. The book of Daniel, chapter 11, reveals threatening news from the *Soviet Union*—east and north of Palestine—will trouble the European dictator (verse 44). This coming dictator over a United Europe will then move his headquarters to Jerusalem—"in the glorious holy mountain" (verse 45). From there, he is forced to launch a *blitzkrieg* against the Communist offense.

The Bible says that this attack becomes his "Waterloo"—and no one helps him (verse 45). For a more detailed explanation of these prophecies in Daniel 11, write for our free article, "The Middle East in Prophecy."

Other prophecies give more details about this *climactic* struggle for world power. As we have just seen, this battle will involve the armies of Europe and the Communist nations. These armies will converge in the area of Palestine. So says your Bible!

Armies Gather at Armageddon

Just before the return of Jesus Christ, all the nations of the whole earth will marshal their armies at a place called "Armageddon" in the Greek pronunciation of the Hebrew name (Rev. 16:16). This will be in preparation for fighting the "battle of that great day of God Almighty" (verse 14).

"Armageddon" comes from the Hebrew word, *Har Megiddo*. *Har* means "fortified," or "fortified hill." *Megiddo* is a small town approximately 55 miles northwest of Jerusalem, situated in a large bowl-shaped valley once called the Plain of Esdraelon, but now commonly called the Valley of Jezreel.

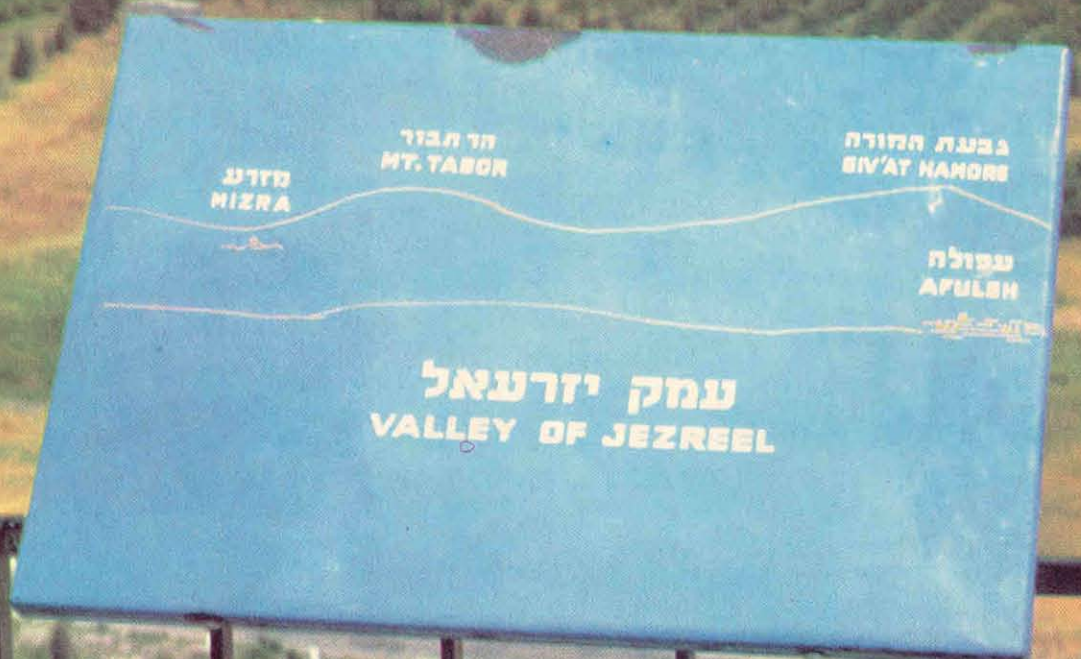
The hill of Megiddo was strongly fortified in the days of King Solomon (I Kings 9:15). It was a literal fortress arising above the surrounding plain. I

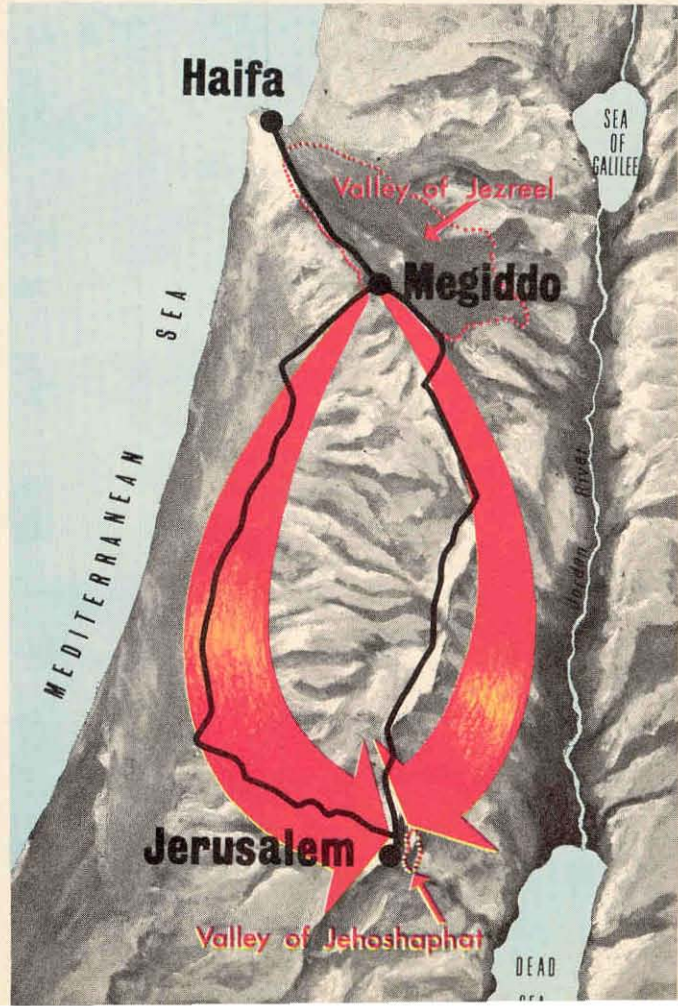
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"Valley of Jezreel," Palestine

Just before God intervenes in human affairs, armies will gather in Valley of Jezreel, around Megiddo, Bible prophecy reveals. They will then converge on Jerusalem to fight against Jesus Christ who is coming to enforce peace on a war-torn world.

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Jerusalem—Coming Center of World Conflict

saw the archaeological excavations of Tel Megiddo while in northern Israel. The fortress hill Megiddo serves as a type, or forerunner, of the bristling fortifications that shall soon envelop the whole surrounding area.

The vast plain of Megiddo in the Valley of Jezreel offers a natural gathering place for armies because of its extensive flat area. It is just a few miles southeast of Haifa — a natural port and industrial center that could provide ideal facilities for any troops landing there.

Historians have said that more battles have been fought in the Valley of Jezreel than anywhere else on earth.

This is where the armies *gather*. From this natural gathering place, the armies spread southward towards Jerusalem. The actual battle takes place in the environs of Jerusalem — *against Jesus Christ*.

Notice Zechariah 14:2, "For I will gather *all nations* against Jerusalem to *battle*." Jerusalem will be the focal point for the armies of *all nations*. Here the coming reborn Holy Roman Empire — a United States of Europe — and its allies will make their *final stand*.

There, too, will be the vast Communist Russian, Mongolian and other Oriental hordes of Eastern Europe and Asia.

The nations, already engaged in an all-out struggle for *world domination*, will be angry and furious when they see Christ has come to intervene in human affairs. They will call him the anti-Christ.

So instead of fighting against each other, both Fascists and Communists will turn their attack *against Christ*.

Last Climactic Battle

In a frenzy of rage, these nations will prepare to unleash all of the nuclear destruction at their disposal in an attempt to thwart the supernatural government of Almighty God. They will even dare to challenge Jesus Christ in battle to determine who will rule the earth.

It is this *climactic battle* — the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty — that will determine who will rule the earth forever.

This battle is described in Revelation 19:11-21. Notice verse 19: "And I saw the beast [the coming fascist dictator in Europe] and the kings of the earth [his allies], and their armies, gathered to make war against *him* [Christ] *that sat on the horse* and his army."

And *who* composes Christ's army? Verse 14 of Revelation 19 and Matthew 25:31 say that the *holy angels* are Christ's army.

The focal point of the battle will be near Jerusalem in the valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:1-2, 9-14). This valley is a deep ravine having very steep sides, and borders the city of Jerusalem on the east. (Compare Rev. 14:19 with Joel 3:13.)

What will be the outcome of this battle? Read the answer in the 12th chapter of Zechariah. Verse 3 says: "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for *all people*: all that burden themselves with it shall be *cut in pieces*, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it."

All nations involved in this struggle will be "cut to pieces." Jesus Christ will punish all the nations that attack Jerusalem (verse 9).

Christ will first strike them with a plague that will consume their flesh (Zech. 14:12, 15). Then, just as God dealt with the people at Babel, Jesus Christ will cause confusion in the minds of both man and beast (Zech. 12:4 and 14:13). They will fight blindly among themselves and utterly *destroy one another*. There will be so much bloodshed the blood will rise as high in some places as horses' bridles (Rev. 14:20 compared with Joel 3:13).

Jesus Christ the Victor

The victor will be Jesus Christ. He will overcome the rebellious nations and

establish Himself as Lord of lords and King of kings (Rev. 19:19-21 and 17:14). He will establish His government on this earth to bring peace and prosperity at last.

Jerusalem means "City of Peace." Jesus Christ, the "Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6), will take control of the "City of Peace." He will make it the capital of the earth (Jer. 3:17) — the *world headquarters* of His government.

Jerusalem ultimately will have the greatest influence of any city on the destiny of mankind. Being near the geographical center of the land surface of the earth, it is the ideal focal point for world control. It will be rebuilt to perfection. No city of the past will equal its splendor and magnificence. It will become the future model city to set the pattern for cities throughout the world.

From the temple on Mount Zion, God's laws will go forth, bringing peace to the earth (Isa. 2:2-4). From here in Jerusalem, Christ — and those true Christians who qualify now — will rule and bring peace, prosperity and eternal salvation to the world. This wonderful world tomorrow will soon be here.

Will you be qualified for a place in that new world?

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Panoramic view of Jerusalem, with temple site in foreground.

THE IRON CURTAIN

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ments are having to scrap many of the old and ineffective ideological methods of production. Not long ago in the highly industrial country of Czechoslovakia, the people simply refused to buy many shoddy products being put on the markets. Money began to pile up — unspent — and caused a minor crisis because of a lack of currency in circulation. The government acted by the only means possible: scrap some of the unworkable Communist economic theories and introduce production methods approaching those of the capitalist West. The change worked! People are now working harder. Goods are of better quality. And the gross national income has increased remarkably.

All of us who traveled into the East this past summer were surprised at the new "face-lift" that these countries are undergoing. The evidence of improvement was everywhere.

After talking with scores of people, there was *not* one person — including the many government officials we talked to — who had a good word for "the system." Actually, we found many people speaking *openly* against the system — especially its economic policies. One man told us: "Our socialist currencies are still so weak that even our socialist brother countries refuse, in many cases, to take our money — and we refuse to take theirs." As we stood outside our hotel in Warsaw for a few minutes, no less than ten people offered to change our money above the official exchange rate so that they might obtain hard currency. People *know* that the West is prosperous — much more prosperous — than they. Reforms are being demanded. And slowly those reforms are coming.

This trend away from the hard-line Communist ideas is manifest to a greater or lesser degree throughout the East. In Poland and Czechoslovakia the shops are relatively well dressed, automobiles are becoming more numerous and the people dress as well as in some Western countries. One French businessman we interviewed in Poland mentioned that seven years ago his impression of Poland and Czechoslovakia was

one of dismal gloominess. He saw only an occasional car on the downtown streets and very little food around — even in the international hotels for foreign visitors. But now, food was relatively abundant and it was even difficult to get across the street because of the traffic. These countries are beginning to prosper.

The Wane of Russian Influence

The gradual pulling away from the Soviet Union is evident everywhere. All these Eastern-Bloc countries look on the Russians basically as foreigners with alien thoughts and practices. The Polish people look on the Russians, next after the Germans, as their natural enemies. After all, about a third of former Polish territory was taken over by Russia after the War. And too, the Poles are mostly Roman Catholic. The Church is strong in Poland and religion is openly practiced. Atheistic communism foisted on them by the Soviet Union is basically disliked. Little wonder that the only satellite people behind the "Curtain" who still seemed dejected and unhappy were the Poles! Almost all we talked to seemed frustrated. The French businessman himself mentioned how noticeable it is. "Why?" we asked.

His answer was quick: "How would you feel if you had been invaded first by the Germans with 6 million killed, then to be invaded by the Russians and have their system imposed upon you against your will?"

The Poles want Poland for Poles and not anyone else, but their enemies are on either side of them!

Now look at Romania. The Romanians have openly manifested their refusal to take orders from Moscow. Throughout the whole of Romania we noticed prominent propaganda slogans advancing the "Romanian Workers Communist Party" — *not* International Communism. The Romanian leaders insist on socialism *by* and *for* Romanians — *not by* or *for* Russians.

Five years ago in Sophia, the capital of Bulgaria, Russian soldiers were

everywhere in the city. Huge Red stars decked building after building. But this summer the conspicuousness was the absence of Russians on the streets. And the Red stars — the chief propaganda sign of the Communists — were no longer on many of the buildings.

In Hungary the outlook is basically "Western." In 1956, the Russians had to intervene with armed troops to put down the revolution of the Hungarian people against their Communist government. They have never quite forgiven America for failing to aid them in that revolution. The people are certainly no friends of the Soviet. Their culture and language are entirely different and oriented toward Western Europe.

The East Germans, of course, have no love for the Russians. Almost 99 out of 100 East Germans want to link up with their brothers in West Germany. The East German army has been called the most unreliable in the whole Eastern Bloc — that's one reason so many Russian troops are still in Germany. Our staff members have been told by many East Germans that if the West marched against Russia, the East German army would march against the East.

Trend Towards Neutralism

What we found throughout the Eastern Bloc is an overwhelming desire to be left alone, to go their own way. They are insisting that the alien Russians must no longer have a direct say in their internal affairs.

These Communist-led nations are beginning to develop their own modified way of life. The Sino-Russian split has helped this new aspiration. With the evident pulling away of these nations from Russia in economic matters, the time is not far away when some of them may also pull away — as neutrals — from direct political connections with the USSR. Members of the West German government are already suggesting that this new growing "neutralist" idea among the satellite countries is the answer to continued peace in Europe.

What all of us saw in Eastern Europe this past summer is enough to convince any observant traveler that the Iron Curtain is beginning to rust away from within.

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER NINETY-SEVEN

"THE KING IS DEAD!"

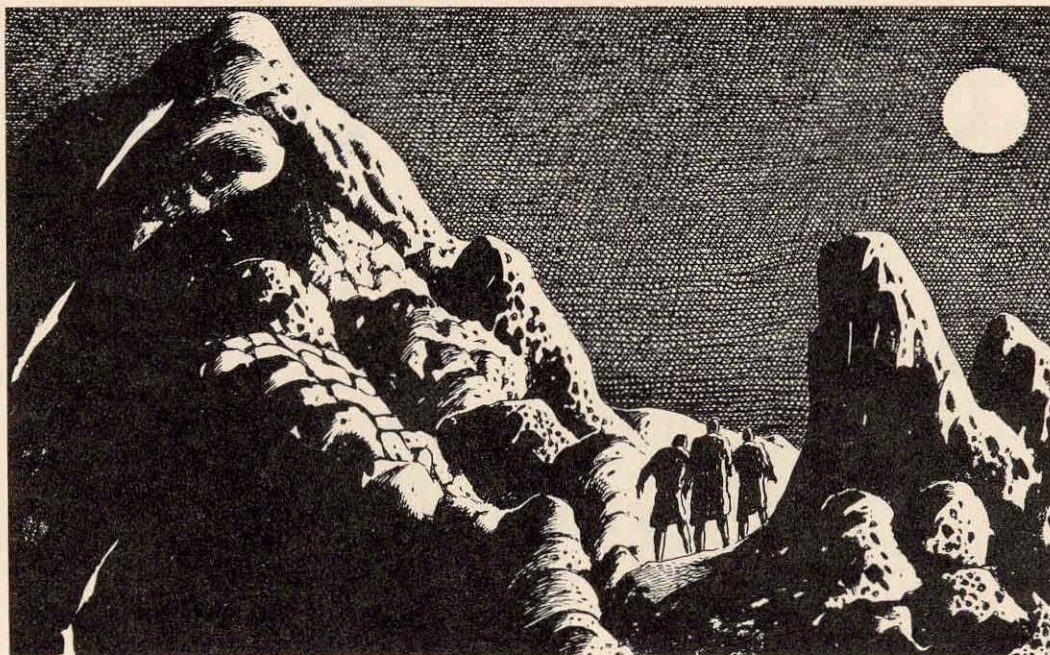
FACED by an army of thousands of Philistines, Saul was desperately anxious to know how to escape what appeared to be certain defeat of Israel's forces. (I Samuel 28:1-6.) Having received no signs from God, he decided to go to a certain sorceress, a woman who reportedly could talk with the dead. He knew that it was wrong to have anything to do with people who had such evil powers, but he was so fearful of the Philistines that he was willing to resort to anyone for advice.

Saul Breaks His Own Law!

Not wishing it to be generally known what he was doing, Saul chose only two of his officers to accompany him to the woman who was known as the witch of Endor. Dressed in ordinary clothes so that they wouldn't be recognized, they went by night northward to Mt. Tabor and the town of Endor. At the lonely home of the sorceress Saul was introduced only as one who desired to get in touch with the spirit of a dead friend.

"Who told you that I could help you in such a thing?" the woman asked, suspiciously scrutinizing the three of them. "Don't you know that Saul has driven out of Canaan those who deal with the spirit realm? I could be put to death if a rumor were to start that I am a sorceress!"

"We know that you are," one of Saul's men said. "You will be well rewarded for doing as this man asks, and no harm will come to you because of it. But if you refuse, we'll see that Saul sends men here to end your life!"



Disguised as ordinary local residents, Saul and two of his most trusted officers secretly set out after dark to visit the witch of Endor.

The witch, by no means an ugly old hag, stared in fear at the men, and especially at the very tall one who kept his face half hidden with a scarf.

"Come in," she said. "Tell me what you want me to do."

"Don't be afraid of us," Saul said. "I promise that no harm will come to you if you will bring the spirit of Samuel, the late judge of Israel, up from the dead!" (I Samuel 28:7-11.)

The woman was startled at this request, but she took them to a dimly lighted back room of her home and went through the pretentious motions and incantations that were mostly to impress those present. She knew that Samuel was dead and couldn't appear in any form, but it was her craft to contact demons who would produce illusions and voices to satisfy people who believed the ancient fable that dead people can travel about in spirit form and manifest themselves to live human beings. This pagan concept is still widely believed today even among people who term themselves Christians, although the Bible plainly states that the dead know nothing (Ecclesiastes 9:5) and that the earliest resurrection of true Christians to eternal life as spirit beings will not be until Christ returns to Earth. (Revelation 20.) Saul must have known that the dead don't communicate with the living, but he was desperate enough to try anything.

"I feel that someone in the spirit world is about to appear!" the woman droned as she sat as though in a trance.

Suddenly she gave a wild shriek and leaped out of her chair. Gazing fearfully into a dark corner of the room, she backed slowly away.

"Now I know that you are king Saul!" she shouted, pointing at Saul. "Why have you tried to fool me?" (I Samuel 28:12.)

"I wanted my visit here to remain a secret," Saul explained. "I have no intention of driving you out or killing you because you deal with spirits. Now tell me how you knew me, and what you saw that frightened you."

A Spirit Imposter

"A voice told me who you are, and at the same moment I saw someone come up out of the Earth who seemed to be like a god or a judge!" the sorceress answered. "I was startled because I didn't expect anything like that. He was a stately, elderly man with gleaming white hair, and he had on a beautiful mantle of the kind worn by men of high rank!"

"Then it was Samuel!" Saul exclaimed excitedly. "Can you cause him to appear so that I can see him, too?"

The woman mumbled something. Almost immediately the form of an elderly man began to materialize in patches of gray light against the dark wall. When Saul saw the increasingly glowing eyes staring at him, he shakily dropped to his knees and bowed his head to the floor while his two officers cringed in a corner. (I Samuel 28:13-14.)

"Why have you caused me the trouble of coming up from my peaceful grave, Saul?" a quavery voice called out.

Saul was even more aghast when he heard the voice that was a weak but misleading imitation of Samuel's. Although he had come to try to contact Samuel, it was difficult for Saul to believe that he was actually in touch with the old prophet. Finally he managed to reply to the strangely wavering form.

"I'm calling on you because the Philistines threaten to conquer my army and take over all Israel," Saul hastily explained to the spirit imposter. "I've asked God what to do, but He hasn't answered me in any way. I had to turn to you to advise me how to save the nation from the enemy."

"If God has refused to help you, why do you look to me?" the voice of the glowing figure asked. "By now you should understand that rulership of the kingdom of Israel has been taken from you and will be given to David, the man you have troubled so long. This is because you disobeyed God in many matters, including your refusal to destroy all the Amalekites and their belongings."

"You told me that long ago," Saul broke in impatiently, "but I am still

king of Israel. I want to know what I should do to defeat the Philistines."

"You won't defeat the Philistines," the voice continued. "Tomorrow will be the day of battle, and tomorrow you and your three sons will be killed and join me in the state of the dead!"

This shocking statement was too much for Saul, who was already in a weakened condition. He collapsed on the floor even before the glowing figure faded into the darkness. His officers leaped to him. (I Samuel 28:15-20.)

"He hasn't eaten anything for a whole day," one of them said. "He needs food."

"Let me get you something," the woman suggested to Saul as she knelt down by him. "I did as you told me. Now do as I respectfully ask you, and rest while I prepare something for you to eat. Otherwise you won't have strength to leave here."

The Spirit of Despair

"I don't want anything to eat," Saul muttered. "After what I saw and heard, food is the least of my interests."

"But the woman is right, sir. Let her bring food for you," the officers pleaded. "Otherwise you might fail to make it back to camp, and the Philistines could attack at any time!"

"All right! All right!" Saul murmured in a voice that carried both dejection



Saul shakily dropped to the floor when the image of the glowing eyes of an elderly man materialized in the dark room!

and impatience. The message from that spirit had sapped Saul's will and determination.

Saul's men helped him to a bed. While the fatigued man rested, the sorceress worked swiftly in slaughtering and dressing a calf. As the meat cooked over hot coals, she also prepared unleavened bread and baked it. One might think that all this would require several hours, but many people in those times were very skilled in hastily preparing meat dishes all the way from the live animal, so the three men didn't have to wait a long time for the hot bread and steaming meat. (I Samuel 28:21-25.)

Strengthened by the food, Saul was soon able to depart with his officers to return to the Israelite camp near Mt. Gilboa before dawn. Even though he had been told that he and his three sons would be killed within only a few hours, he began to hope that the statement wasn't true. He reasoned that the dead couldn't come to life in spirit form, and that all he saw and heard was an illusion and sound somehow created by the sorceress. Of course, the figure he saw wasn't that of Samuel, physical or spiritual. Samuel was dead and buried about sixty miles away, and wouldn't become conscious until more than three thousand years later when he will be resurrected to meet Christ when the Son of God returns from heaven to begin ruling the people on Earth. (Hebrews 11:32-35; I Corinthians 15:51-52; I Thessalonians 4:14-17.) The sorceress had not created an illusion by her own powers, but she had wrongly contacted evil spirits who were able to impersonate Samuel. All this, however, was under the control of someone else—the leader of evil spirits, or demons, who are sometimes referred to as fallen angels. That leader is Satan. But Satan cannot do anything that God does not allow him and his evil spirits to do. (Job 1:8-12.)

God uses His obedient angels for many wondrous purposes. But He also allows the fallen ones, or evil spirits, to promote or carry out certain designs, inasmuch as they are in utter fear of their Creator. Satan and his demons ordinarily go their own evil way, just as many human beings do, but God limits their powers and exerts control over them whenever He decides that it's necessary.

Because Saul looked to evil spirits for advice, God's patience with him finally ran out, and the Creator allowed a demon to inform Saul that he would die within a few hours. God doesn't want human beings to seek contact with evil spirits. (Deuteronomy 18:9-13.) Nevertheless, there are people even in these days, called mediums, who claim that they have the power to get in touch with the dead. They cleverly cause illusions and sounds through natural means. They can't contact the dead, but as in Saul's case, they are inviting evil spirits to contact them.

Weary from the exertions and concerns of the past hours, Saul sank into a troubled sleep as soon as he reached his quarters at Mt. Gilboa, but his rest didn't last long. The dreaded alarm finally was sounded that the valley of Jezreel was filled with thousands of Philistines approaching from the west! (I Samuel 29:1.)

His Last Battle

Saul felt more like running than fighting, but he knew that he had to be an example to his soldiers. Within minutes he was marching with his three sons in the foremost ranks of the Israelites as they left Mt. Gilboa to meet the enemy. By this time David had been sent back home by the Philistine lords. As the two armies neared each other, the front ranks of each prepared to hurl waves of spears on command. Before the word was given to the Israelite spearmen, a cloud of arrows hissed up from the secondary ranks of the Philistines and showered down on the foremost Israelites. It was a deadly surprise for Saul and his men, who had no way of knowing that a throng of strong archers were hidden behind the enemy spearmen.

Israelites fell by the scores before they could throw their spears. Then another cloud of arrows came down on them, killing or wounding many more men. This was followed by a murderous wave of spears, and chaos swiftly developed among the Israelite troops. Their thinned front ranks began to retreat, thereby blocking the oncoming soldiers. Within minutes the whole Israelite army was moving back toward Mt. Gilboa with the Philistines in pursuit. (I Samuel 31:1.)

When the Israelites reached the slopes of the mountain, they turned to battle their pursuers, but there was faint hope of holding out against superior numbers. It was then that Saul felt a burning pain in one shoulder. Furiously he jerked out the arrow that was embedded there, opening a lethal flow of blood down across his chest.

"I don't want it to be said that I was killed by a Philistine!" Saul shouted to his armor-bearer. "Run me through with your sword before one of these heathen gets to me!"

His armor-bearer shrank from the order. He couldn't bear the thought of killing his master and king, even in mercy. He also knew that if any of the Israelites should see him kill Saul, they wouldn't believe that Saul had requested it.

"I can't do such a thing!" the armor-bearer shouted back above the din of the battle.

"I'm losing too much blood to live much longer!" Saul muttered. "Put an end to me now!"

The armor-bearer shook his head and backed away. In spite of his wound, Saul

leaped forward, snatched his sword from him, flipped the hilt to the ground and lunged downward on the upright point. The seven-foot Saul weighed close to three hundred pounds, and his falling weight caused the sword to pierce deep into his body.

Overrun by Heathen

The surprised attendant immediately yanked his sword out of Saul, but the Israelite leader was already dead. Glancing up, he saw with further dismay that Saul's three sons were sprawled on the ground, and that their slayers were closing in on him and Saul's remaining officers. Realizing that there was no chance to fight his way free, Saul's armor-bearer did as Saul had done and lunged to his death on his sword. (I Samuel 31:2-6.)

Those of Saul's army who escaped the Philistines raced off to the east. Some even went so far as to cross the Jordan River. When the Israelites who lived in this area south of the Sea of Chinnereth saw the scattered troops hurrying to the



The appearance of their soldiers hastily moving eastward caused many Israelites to leave their homes and follow their troops in an effort to escape what they imagined was a sweeping invasion by the Philistines.

east, they assumed that the Philistines would soon be invading the land. They fled in terror along behind the soldiers. The sight of fleeing soldiers, and homeless old men, women and children struck fear into the inhabitants of several towns on both sides of the Jordan. The result was a growing exodus eastward across the territory of Gad and into that of Manasseh. Pursuing Philistines later seized the abandoned

towns and took up residence in them. Because Israel had forsaken God's right ways, they no longer had His protection.

The day after the battle, Philistine soldiers set out to strip the dead Israelites of their weapons and valuables. They removed the armor from the bodies of Saul and his three sons, and cut off their heads. The armor was sent into Philistia to show that there had been a great victory over Israel. The heads were taken to be displayed in the temples of Dagon, the most revered god of the Philistines. The headless bodies were fastened to the wall of the town of Beth-shan, an Israelite habitation taken over by the Philistines. (I Samuel 31:7-10.)

Across the Jordan River southeast from Beth-shan was the town of Jabesh-gilead in the territory of Gad. Saul's first outstanding deed as leader of Israel, years previously, was to conscript an army and rescue the people of Jabesh-gilead from the soldiers of Nahash, king of the Ammonites. (I Samuel 11:1-11.) Since then the inhabitants of that town had greatly loved and respected Saul. When they learned what the Philistines had done to the remains of Saul and his sons, the more courageous men of Jabesh-gilead decided that something should be done about it.

Moving westward by night across the Jordan River and the twelve miles to Beth-shan, the armed company of determined Israelites quietly crept close to their objective. Well after midnight they craftily closed in on one guard after another, hastily removed the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall and slipped away to return to Jabesh-gilead before dawn.

It wasn't an Israelite custom to burn bodies, but the men of Jabesh-gilead didn't want the Philistines to recover what had been taken from that wall of Beth-shan. After the remains had been burned, the bones were buried under a tree. Satisfied that they had done their best to save their former king from further desecration by their enemies, the devoted men of Jabesh-gilead paid their last respects by fasting for seven days. (I Samuel 31:11-13.)

David Grieves

Thus the unpredictable Saul came to his end. Under his leadership Israel had both good and bad times, but if he had continued from his early kingship to be obedient to God, probably he would have lasted for many more years during which Israel would have prospered in safety. Israel's welfare wasn't completely determined by the conduct of its ruler. But, since people follow a leader, if a ruler obeys God's laws, the people are more obedient. And obedience to God's ways always leads to happiness, prosperity and protection. (Deuteronomy 28:1-14.)

After David and his men had returned from slaughtering the Amalekites, they

set about repairing the burned parts of the fortress city of Ziklag. Three days after they had begun the task, a weary-looking stranger approached from the north and asked to speak to David. His clothes were torn and dirt was on his head—a sign of mourning in those times. After being directed to David, the young man fell to his knees and bowed his head to the ground. (II Samuel 1:1-2.)

“Stand and tell me where you’re from,” David said.

“I’ve come from the camp of the Israelites near Mt. Gilboa,” was the reply. “The Philistines have demolished it! Their numbers were superior, and they had thousands of archers who quickly felled a great part of the Israelite army. Most of the Israelites turned back and fled to the east. The Philistines chased and slaughtered many more. Saul and his three sons are among the dead.”

David was shocked by the news. He regretted to hear that Saul, his enemy, was dead (Proverbs 24:17), and he was saddened to learn that Jonathan, his close friend, had been killed. Tragic as these events were, the report that the Philistines had triumphed was much more painful. It meant that all of Israel might soon be taken by the enemy. David could only hope that his informer was exaggerating these matters.



Standing before David, the stranger boldly and almost proudly announced that he was the one who had killed Saul.

“How do you know that Saul and his sons were killed?” David asked as he intently stared at the man. (II Samuel 1:3-5.)

“I was fighting close by, and I saw the sons fall after being deeply pierced by arrows,” was the answer.

“But how about Saul?” David demanded. “Did you actually see him die?”

“I did,” the man lied with a strange tone of pride in his voice. “I was the one who killed him!”

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Personal from the Editor

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needed to devote his entire attention to stopping the hemorrhaging. He didn't even slap the baby's back to make her breathe. Instead, believing the infant could not live unless by divine providence, he prayed asking God to decide, and cause the infant to breathe if He wanted her to live.

At that instant the tiny three-pound bundle of humanity uttered a feeble cry, and began breathing. She was washed and put in an incubator. Nevertheless, there were internal complications which prevented taking on weight — although she grew normally in height — and there was a basic heart condition which gradually produced enlargement of the heart. Carole never was privileged to live a completely normal life, and her parents knew, as far back as six years ago, that she probably would never reach her eighteenth birthday.

Some may ask, could not God have healed her of this growing condition, and have given her a normal and lengthy life. Of course. But many do not understand that God does lay down certain terms and conditions which He requires of us! During the past thirty-nine years I have been called on to pray for the healing of many hundreds of people. Many, many, have believed and been healed — many by astonishing miracles. Yet a great many others have not. WHY? I have prayed as earnestly and with as much faith for those not healed, as for those who were. The answer is obvious.

When a woman touched Jesus' robe and was healed, He did not tell her that His faith healed her. Rather, He said (Luke 8:48), "Daughter, *THY* faith hath made thee whole." King Asa of ancient Judah started his reign trusting in God (II Chron. 14:1-2). God heard, and answered his prayers (verses 11-12). But, later in life, he began to rely on other kings instead of on God (II Chron. 16:7). In the 39th year of his reign, King Asa "was dis-

eased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Eternal, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died..." (verses 12-13).

But my little "Princess" lived long enough to build a beautiful character. She set a splendid example for her younger sister and brother. She had a good, sound and sensible mind. She acquired a splendid attitude — a right spirit — that survives death, and will still be hers in the resurrection. She lived to be seventeen and a half. But, "as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall ALL be made alive" (I Cor. 15:22) — the SAME ALL who die. In the very next second of her consciousness, Carole will awaken in a resurrection.

There is just ONE THING we can take with us when we die — a RIGHT-EIOUS CHARACTER! Any money we accumulate, property, material goods — all these we must leave behind. There's the old saying, "You can't take it with you." But you *can* take with you a right CHARACTER if you build one — and, after all, that is the VERY PURPOSE of this life. A beautiful and fine CHARACTER is worth more than all the money in the world. *That* is "the TRUE riches." A girl like Carole has not lived in vain — and she shall live again!

I said she set a splendid example for her younger sister and brother. I think



A late picture of Carole Ann Mattson taken shortly before this letter was written.

she did much more. In a letter she wrote to her Daddy and Mom, as she called them, she set a splendid example for thousands of children of those who will read this column, for I'm going to reprint that letter here. It was dated September 1, 1965. She was sixteen and a half.

She had been reprimanded for being cross and "bossy" with the younger children. The offense was not as serious as her letter indicates, but the important thing is that she took it seriously when it was called to her attention. How many of you "teen-agers" who read this column would write such a letter?

Here is her letter:

September 1, 1965

Dearest Mom and Daddy,

Not before today did I *really* know how I have treated you both. I am very ashamed of myself, and I don't expect you to forgive me for all the years I have caused you needless pain. It seems to me now that I have totally wasted your time.

Well, I'm going to try to make up for it all. I feel very terrible and I wish I could live over those lost years you spent trying to teach me some good behavior. From now on I'm going to act my age and help out as much as I can. I'm not going to quarrel with the kids and I will remember what you have always said to me, "If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing right."

From now on I will also be neat and clean and wipe out my bossiness towards others.

Maybe someday, and soon I hope, you will be proud of me, as you have been at times, when I was good.

My grades in school will go up this year too, and my new school clothes, as well as my old ones, will stay neat and where they belong.

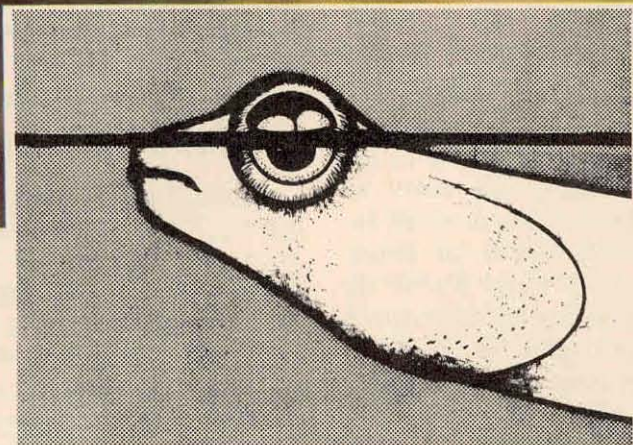
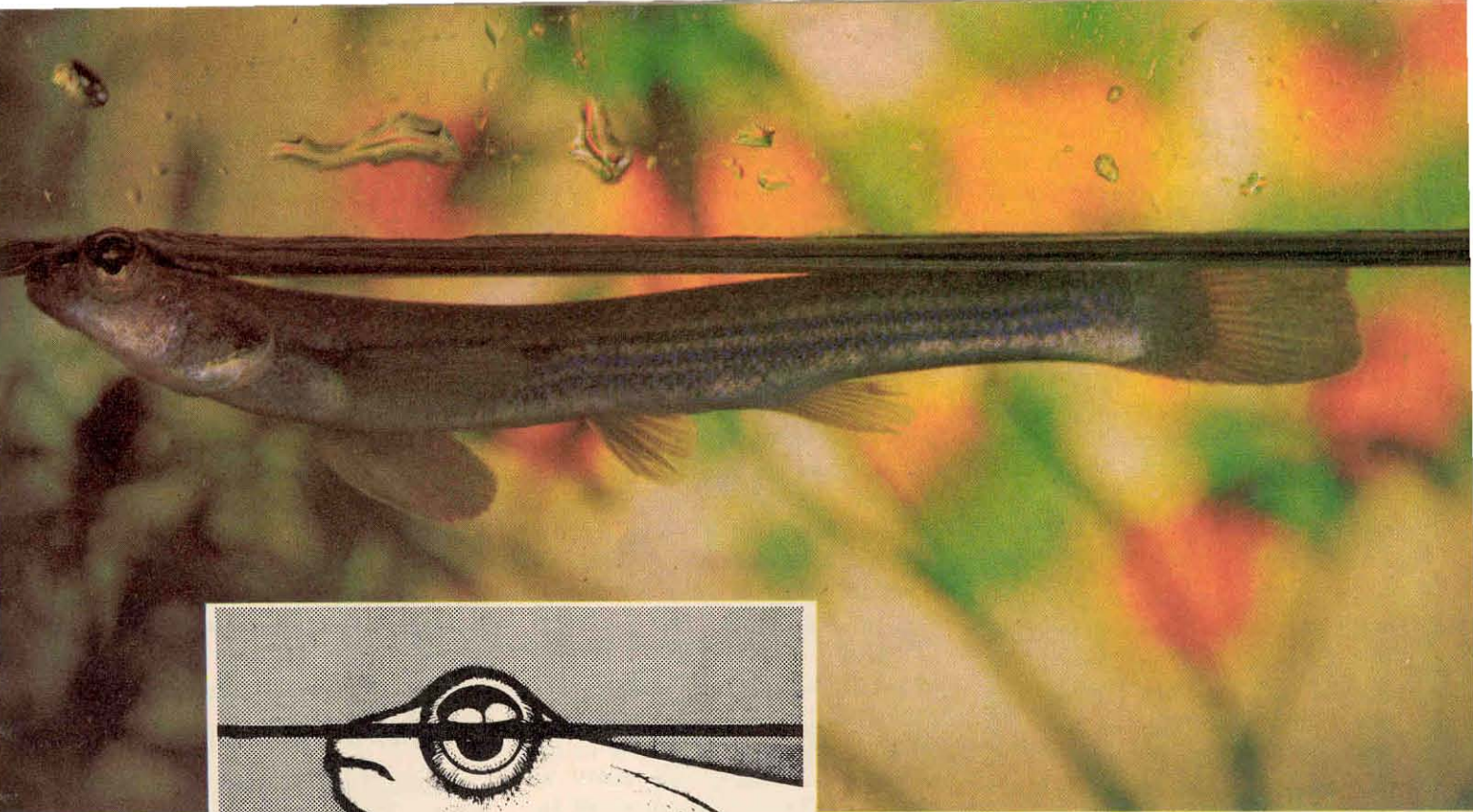
I truly hope you can see an improvement in me soon.

I think you are both the most wonderful and understanding parents *any child* ever could have. I love you and I'll prove it!

Love, your daughter,
Carole

And Carole *did* PROVE IT! I have always been astonished at her sensible and understanding mind. I think you can understand why Mrs. Armstrong and I, as well as her parents and brother and sister, loved her.

There is a big empty spot in the Mattson home now. The "Princess" is no longer there. But, though of course we grieve, we "*sorrow not, AS others which have no hope*" (I Thes. 4:13-18). We're grateful for the life she had — we look forward in anticipation. We shall see her again!



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Anableps, the "four-eyed" fish — has eyes comparable to modern bifocal spectacles. The eyes are divided into upper and lower sets. Each suited for different type of vision. Note diagram showing the division of the *Anableps*' eye.

A FOUR-EYED LOOK at Evolution

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like ANY self-respecting, frightened fish? Why not begin feeding down deeper in the water? Why not, for that matter, develop into a BIRD, and just fly away from all his troubles?

But let's assume (being facetious, of course) that somehow, *one* little would-be *Anableps* (who wasn't really a completely developed *Anableps* yet) sprouted an extra set of eyes — regardless as to which one!

Can you imagine it? His brain recoils in mute shock! Dizzily, he swims about in two directions at once. One set of eyes communicates danger from above, while the other set tells him there is danger from below. Transfixed by the quadrupled vision of approaching horror, the little fish's mixed-up brain dizzily tries to leap free of the water, dive to the bottom, and swim along the surface, all at the same time.

This results in complete paralysis —

and the very first successful *Anableps* is eaten alive.

But others keep sprouting another set of eyes — and can be seen slithering and twitching wildly about — some swimming up on shore, others leaping wildly in all directions, and some just lying there and staring, with a wondering look — in all four eyes. Confused, paralyzed, none survive — so they don't exist!

How many millions of years did it take their little retinas to follow their little corneas? How many millions MORE years (while none survived!) did it take for their brains to sort out the double images?

How would YOU enjoy suddenly discovering two more eyes in the top of YOUR head?

Anableps is a funny looking little creature — but that's because he looks twice as fast as you do!

Look up information about eyes. Study the fantastic complexity of the eyes of fish. Look at the numbers of cones and rods, the shape of the different fishes' eyes, the oils, lids and films used to cover them.

Anything "simple" about an EYE?

Modern man, with all his fantastic cameras — cannot BEGIN to accomplish with a camera lens what is automatically accomplished in the eyes of thousands of creatures instantaneously.

Anableps is no exception. His eyes are PERFECTLY formed. They function perfectly for specific and set purposes!

Is it a convenient accident that the tiny fish has such a complex and wonderfully intricate defense system? Or was it DESIGNED?

Either *Anableps* began seeing out of ALL FOUR EYES the instant he began swimming along the surface — or he didn't survive. And remember, Evolutionists don't claim millions of *Anableps* suddenly grew four eyes all at once!

No, *Anableps* is just one more of the

amazing marvels of the creation around you — inspiring testimony to the *love*, WARMTH and HUMOR of your Creator, who gives you every breath of air you breathe!

Anableps fixes Evolutionists with a baleful, doleful, four-eyed stare — and challenges them: Prove where *I* came from with your notions about “natural selection.”

SEVEN “KEYS”

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obtain the best possible education *today!* Teach them to STUDY the Word of God, the Laws of God and the perfect *example* of Jesus Christ! Teach them that *all* real *knowledge* or TRUTH is based on — and in harmony with — *this revelation of basic knowledge* from the Creator.

Thousands of “educated fools” are abroad in the world today — utterly CONFUSED about *who* they are, *where* they came from, *what* are the LAWS of life, *what* is the MEANING of world conditions, and WHERE WE ARE HEADED. Yet the true answer to *these* questions is the MOST IMPORTANT knowledge of all!

This, in fact, is one of the purposes for the establishment of the three Ambassador Colleges now in operation. For so much MIS-knowledge is being disseminated today that one must constantly exercise his *alertness* and *discernment* to be sure of the “facts” being presented to him in class or in a text-book.

Acquire your education with a high PURPOSE in mind! Acquire it in order to glorify your Creator, and to qualify to join His Son in RULING, in TEACHING, in REBUILDING this world and enforcing PEACE in *The World Tomorrow*. In this way, you will join the Ambassador College students in acquiring a great deal of *tomorrow's* education TODAY!

III. Understanding, Vision and BIG-mindedness

In his autobiography, Mr. Armstrong has stated that he had a burning desire for “understanding” beginning at about age sixteen.

What is “understanding”?

It is different from *knowledge*. For *knowledge* connotes merely the possession of facts and information. And *wisdom* is the ability to draw on those facts and with *understanding* make a right decision in a given situation.

But *understanding* is the grasp not only of information and facts, but of their relationship to each other and their MEANING. It is the awareness of the basic *laws* and *principles* governing personal, national and spiritual situations that come up. It usually involves much *study*, *thought* and EXPERIENCE. It enables one to see the BIG PICTURE in a given situation.

Take the example of Sir Winston Churchill, called “the man of the century.” It is widely recognized that his greatness was made possible by the unusual *understanding* and VISION he possessed, at least in material things. He became the Prime Minister of Britain at the beginning of World War II. He felt relief to be able, at last, to straighten out a desperate situation his nation had fallen into and about which he had been warning it for many years.

For, over and over again, Churchill had warned his fellow Britons about the dangerous tyranny rising in Nazi Germany. He *understood* the meaning of Hitler's boasts and the Nazi torchlight rallies. He grasped the *meaning* of the historical background of the German peoples and their militaristic *nature*.

Like “a voice in the wilderness” he had warned the democratic leaders of his own and other friendly states what was bound to come. But *they would not heed!*

On becoming Prime Minister he was able to DEAL with the ugly situation. His people now were frightened at what he had known all along would come. But Churchill was able to see the BIG PICTURE. For he had a *vast* knowledge of history, and he *understood* the nature of the rise and fall of dictators. More, he deeply understood not only the military but the tremendous *industrial* power of Britain and America — and worked unceasingly to get America to help Britain before it was too late.

Churchill had gained early a deep understanding of his nation's army, its navy, its parliamentary system (he had

been a member of Parliament since 1901) and of its people. Most important of all, he was able to see them *in relation to each other* and how they fit together as a WHOLE. This even included the Commonwealth nations which he came to know well through his wide study, travel and his early military experiences.

His UNDERSTANDING of this whole picture was unique.

So it was that when Winston Churchill was given the crushing responsibility of directing his people in their hour of need, he was not the least upset or overwhelmed. He wrote: “I felt as if I were walking with Destiny, and that all my past life had been but a preparation for this hour and for this trial.”

How to Exercise VISION

Along with understanding comes VISION. This is the ability to *foresee events* or situations even before they happen. This comes, partly at least, from training the mind to *think ahead* to consider the END of a series of events or a particular course of action. I am grouping it here with *understanding* because these two qualities often go together, and complement each other.

As would be expected, therefore, Churchill also possessed a great deal of *vision*. In his autobiography, Mr. Bernard Baruch tells about a conversation with Churchill just after the *First* World War: “Pointing his walking stick toward the east, where the Red Revolution had erupted, he made a prophetic remark, ‘Russia, Russia. That's where the weather is coming from.’” Even *then*, Mr. Baruch tells us, Churchill could sense the antagonistic spirit of the Soviet dictatorship toward free men. For he had VISION.

Solomon wrote: “Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he” (Prov. 29:18).

The man who *keeps God's Law* will have vision because he will be given a penetrating insight into human nature — and the collective nature of people and nations. He will possess superior understanding of the principles of life, and will therefore sense, before others, the OUTCOME of various situations and problems.

Learn to be BIG-Minded

In like manner, such a man will be given superior understanding and BIG-mindedness. For God promises: "A *good understanding* have all they that DO HIS COMMANDMENTS" (Psa. 111: 10).

To gain greater understanding, read widely—especially in history—trying to learn the *lessons* behind the many adventures and misadventures of man down through the centuries. In any situation, try to see the BIG PICTURE. Relate the situation to similar ones in the lives of others you know or may have read about. Don't be so upset or involved in the *immediate problem* that you fail to relate it to your whole life and future. Think of its meaning in terms of the *entire world* and God's ultimate PURPOSE.

An amusing yet meaningful account of how Winston Churchill did this concerns his being run down by a New York taxicab in 1931. Confined to a bed of pain and kept from his work for some time, he could easily have become discouraged, or perhaps bitter against America and against all cab drivers, etc.

Instead, Churchill made front-page news by completely exonerating the driver. Then, he dashed off a lurid description of the episode for which he received \$2500!

Churchill was BIG-minded about what could have been thought of as a "tragedy" by a lesser man. For he possessed the *understanding* that this need not be a tragedy at all unless he made it so.

USE these examples in gaining understanding yourself!

Remember always the account of King Solomon's early reign over Israel—while he was still obedient to his God. For, because of Solomon's yielded spirit, God asked him to name what he would like and promised to grant it. Solomon's concern was not for *vanity*, but for his awesome *responsibility* as King over all Israel. So Solomon asked: "Give therefore thy servant an *understanding heart* to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" (I Kings 3:9.)

This greatly pleased the Eternal. And so God gave Solomon a *wise* and UNDERSTANDING heart, and both riches and honor—for which he had not asked (verses 10-12).

In addition to *reading widely*—especially the *lessons* of history and the lives of great men—try always to see the BIG PICTURE in any given situation. Exercise VISION and train yourself to look to the real END or *outcome* of a problem or a course of action. Read and *study* the Bible itself to gain *real understanding* and acquire GOD's viewpoint on the big questions and problems of life. Then pray earnestly to the Eternal God and ask HIM for *understanding*—remembering in faith the example of Solomon!

IV. Wisdom and Resourcefulness

One of the most important qualities in any high official or leader of men is WISDOM. For although a President or Prime Minister cannot possibly be an expert in petroleum engineering, aircraft and missile production and nuclear physics, he must nevertheless have the *wisdom* to make sound decisions on all these matters and many, many more.

Solomon wrote: "*Wisdom* is the principal thing; therefore *get* WISDOM: and with all thy getting *get understanding*" (Prov. 4:7).

Wisdom, of course, is the faculty of making *sound decisions*. Anyone with great wisdom would necessarily need to be possessed of at least a good degree of *understanding* and *vision*. He would also have to acquire *knowledge* of the problem at hand—and attempt to get ALL of the pertinent facts.

Having the *facts*, and possessing *understanding* of the past history, trends and laws governing the type of situation he faces, the man with WISDOM must correlate all of these factors and make a SOUND DECISION that will be practical and that will actually work—both now and in the future. This is true WISDOM.

All too often, political decisions, "expedient" decisions are made in order to please the general public *at the moment*. Undoubtedly, those making this type of judgment realize that there will be double trouble in years to come because of their shortsighted, crowd-

pleasing decisions. But, perhaps at least partially blinded by the pressures of the moment, they "hope" that their biased decisions will somehow work out all right!

One of the "keys" to real wisdom is the willingness to *learn from one's own mistakes*. One of the wisest men of this century, Mr. Bernard Baruch, wrote of how he systematically developed this practice: "After each major undertaking—and particularly when things had turned sour—I would shake loose from Wall Street and go off to some quiet place where I could review what I had done and where I had gone wrong. At such times I never sought to excuse myself but was concerned solely with *guarding against a repetition of the same error*."

Be willing to LEARN from your *own mistakes!*

Another point of wisdom is to *get ALL of the pertinent facts* concerning any problem. Many are too lazy or too vain to do this—feeling they can "play it by ear" and somehow get by. The powers of human intuition being what they are, this will work *part of the time*—especially when one is on familiar ground and the decision is not of major consequence and it is not a volatile or potentially dangerous issue. But when it is, then WOE be to the man who rushes around making decisions *without having gotten the facts* and without also getting WISE COUNSEL!

For God's Word makes plain: "Where no counsel is, the people fall: *but in the MULTITUDE of counsellors there is safety*" (Prov. 11:14). A great leader is usually one who surrounds himself with topnotch assistants and advisors of both ability and WISDOM. He will not be seeking insipid "yes men," but men who themselves dig deeply into the facts, possess *vision*, and who will independently give truly WISE counsel when an important decision is to be made.

Where does WISDOM come from?

Wisdom Proceeds from God

The Eternal God answers: "The fear of the Lord is the *beginning of wisdom*: and the knowledge of the holy is *understanding*" (Prov. 9:10). Apart from the knowledge of the Creator, deep and

lasting wisdom is impossible. In the knowledge of moneymaking, social status and purely material things, Jesus said: "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). But in the BIG decisions that involve the OUTCOME of human lives, nations and the *entire human race*, only those who deeply *respect* and *reverence* the great GOD of Creation and understand HIS PURPOSE possess *real wisdom*.

"For the Lord *giveth* WISDOM: and out of his mouth cometh *knowledge* and *understanding*" (Prov. 2:6). Remember God's promise in James 1:5: "If any of you lack *wisdom*, let him ask of God, that *giveth* to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and *it shall be given him*."

So ASK GOD, in believing *faith*, for *wisdom*. Then STUDY the Word of God—especially the book of Proverbs—for the examples of wisdom in God's own revelation to man. Also, read and study the lives of great and successful men for some of the keys to wisdom.

For God says: "He that walketh with wise men *shall be wise*" (Prov. 13:20). Everyone cannot be the personal friend and confidant of men like Sir Winston Churchill, but everyone *can* read the examples of wisdom from their lives and in this way "walk with" and *learn from* these great men.

Seek to learn not only *wisdom*, but RESOURCEFULNESS—the capacity to *solve emergencies*, to come up with wise alternatives when trouble has upset a going plan or operation. Along with wisdom, seek to *exercise resourcefulness* in your daily lives. For it will grow with *habitual use*.

Do ALL of this to grow in *wisdom* and *resourcefulness*.

Then, when a particular problem arises, always be sure to get ALL of the pertinent *facts* involving a decision. Next, be sure that you get *wise counsel*—not just from those who necessarily reflect your own opinions—but from a number of others who understand the subject you are concerned with and will independently give you well-considered advice.

Not only to be a KING someday, but in our day-to-day lives all of us need more *wisdom* and *resourcefulness* to be

truly happy and successful. Start *now* to build these vital qualities into *your life*!

V. Faith, Hope and Courage

A *positive* frame of mind—coupled with *faith* and *courage*—is what often "separates the men from the boys" in times of trial and test. A truly great leader MUST possess these qualities.

Yet, we live in an age of compromise and expediency. We live in an age when men whine and moan around about the dangers in the world—and are *afraid to ACT resolutely* when a crisis comes. More, we live in an age when men are "not sure" of God's existence, "not sure" whether they should be *completely loyal* to their country, not sure, in fact, of ANYTHING. As stated earlier, too many "educated" FOOLS are creeping and whimpering about the countryside!

In this sickening situation a person has *no basis* for faith or courage! Thank God, then, that this kind of society is soon coming to an END.

For the kind of real MAN God intends to use in governing this world is typified by King David of Israel. Remember that even before he became king, David exemplified *faith* and *courage* to a high degree.

When David, as a very young man, was challenged about his ability to fight the giant Goliath, notice his answer: "Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God" (I Sam. 17:36). David had learned to have confidence and courage. But he also had FAITH in the LIVING God and His *willingness* to intervene in behalf of those who served and obeyed Him.

As young David strode out across that valley toward a cursing, raging, *experienced* GIANT of a warrior, he had to have raw GUTS to do *his part*. And he had to KNOW that the Creator God of his fathers *would intervene* and *help*!

Men who are always *fearful* and *worried* are not fit to be *leaders* and *KINGS*. For they will be utterly unable to inspire others or command their respect.

They will be afraid to make the hard decisions, afraid to take swift ACTION when it is necessary. In addition, their

effectiveness is doubly impaired, for their fears and worries will bring on ulcers, high blood pressure and perhaps even a heart attack or mental breakdown!

Note what God's Word says: "But the FEARFUL, and UNBELIEVING... shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

So think *positive* thoughts! Set yourself to develop an attitude of *courage* and *confidence*! Set out to PROVE the existence of the true and LIVING GOD! [Write immediately for our free booklet, *Does God Exist?* and the article, *Seven Proofs God Exists.*]

Learn WHY you are here, WHERE you are going and WHAT LIFE is really all about. *Don't* be an intellectual or spiritual coward! Have a reason for BEING—something worth *living* for and, if need be, worth *dying* for!

Heed God's instruction: "The *fear of man* brings a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe" (Prov. 29:25). Quit worrying so much about what people think or say! *Seek* and OBEY the Creator God. In all things, PROVE what is true and right. Then, with God's help, think and act *courageously* and let the world know that *you STAND for something*!

VI. Mental Discipline and Persistence

There are many intelligent and capable people who seem to make a success—*for a little while*. Then, inexplicably, they suddenly give up and quit when only a minor trial confronts them. Or, they suddenly let their feelings and passions dominate them and begin to throw away their short-lived "success" in the pursuit of drunkenness, dope, sexual conquest or some other human weakness.

They have *not learned* to DISCIPLINE THEMSELVES!

In our society, dominated by the "permissive psychology" in its child-rearing methods and educational processes, this *lack of self discipline* has become a GIGANTIC problem. With youngsters *under eighteen years of age* accounting for a major segment of many types of crimes, with drunkenness, dope addiction and the incidence of venereal disease becoming great physical and

mental "crippers" in our Western world, we need to learn the vital importance of SELF-DISCIPLINE.

The Word of God says: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and *he that RULETH his spirit* than he that taketh a city" (Prov. 16:32). Every *lastingly* successful person is one who has learned to guide, direct and MASTER his thoughts and emotions. He has learned to say "No!" to himself on many, many occasions.

Referring to the national need for self-discipline, Bernard Baruch—"the counsellor of Presidents"—wrote: "The greatest blessing of our democracy is freedom. But in the last analysis, *our only freedom is the freedom to DISCIPLINE OURSELVES.*"

Apply this to *yourself!*

Build Right Mental Habits

Develop the HABIT of *ruling* over your thoughts and emotions. *Discipline* yourself to get up *on time* in the morning, to get to work on time, to work hard and grow on the job. *Direct* your thoughts into constructive channels—NOT permitting yourself to dwell on hurt feeling or lusts. Purposefully *guard* your mind so that these negative and destructive thoughts do not even find a place of lodgment. Also, *avoid* idle and purposeless "daydreams" which usually engender lusts, vanities, foolishness and are a childish form of *escape* from REALITY.

Train yourself to *avoid discouragement* and to *FINISH* whatever worthwhile project you have begun. God says: "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small" (Prov. 24:10). DON'T be a "quitter." Train and discipline your mind and body to *keep on to the end.*

So *discipline* your mind and your moods. *Guard the door of your mind* against negative, vain or lustful thoughts. *Don't* allow yourself to sit around moping, to feel sorry for yourself, or to give up and quit anything worthwhile.

Rather, direct your mind and emotions into positive channels—into *productivity* and ACCOMPLISHMENT. Have an attitude of *outgoing concern* for others, of *giving* and *servicing* and KEEPING ON to the end. Then you will be *truly happy*

and, at least in some degree, a LEADER both now and in your ultimate future!

VII. Loyalty and Service

One of the most important qualities any nation, group or organization looks for in its leaders is *absolute* LOYALTY. For if a man cannot be completely *relied upon*—then ALL of his other good qualities are negated.

To the very end of His physical life, Jesus Christ was *totally loyal* to God the Father—even unto DEATH. He never argued or questioned His Father's will. He said: "Not my will, but *thine*, be done" (Luke 22:42).

The main thing that caused God to promise Abraham and his heirs the ultimate possession of *this entire earth* was his complete *faithfulness* and LOYALTY to God. When Abraham had demonstrated his willingness even to sacrifice his own son—his *only* legitimate son, the very son through whom the tremendous birthright promise would have to come—God *blessed him*. God said: "By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for BECAUSE THOU HAST DONE THIS THING, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in *blessing* I will BLESS THEE, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Gen. 22:16-17).

God gave this tremendous blessing BECAUSE Abraham was *faithful* and LOYAL to the utmost!

So develop this sense of *absolute loyalty* to God, to your nation, to your employer, to your husband or wife, your children and family. Then, along with it, develop an attitude of SERVICE.

At the beginning of this article, I quoted the scripture: "Let *this mind* be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philip. 2:5). Christ *exemplified* the spirit of service. He GAVE His life for us. He was constantly *giving* help, encouragement, blessings, healings, and real LOVE to others throughout His physical life.

Notice verses 6-9 of the above Scriptural passage. Although Jesus was equal with God, and had been *very God*, He "emptied Himself" as the original Greek should be translated, "and took

upon him the form of a SERVANT, and was made in the likeness of men." Even though Jesus had shared the GLORY OF GOD, even though it was *His* voice that had said: "Let there be light," when God reformed the earth at the time of Adam, Jesus was more than willing to *give that up* in order to SERVE the lowly human beings He himself had helped to create (Eph. 3:9).

What about you?

Are you not only *loyal* to God, to your family and others—but do you have an *outgoing concern for them?* Do you have the spirit of *giving*, of *sharing*, of SERVING?

Jesus said: "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Learn to GIVE of yourself to others—in service, in warmth and encouragement and in your TOTAL PERSONALITY. In this way, you will find that what Jesus Christ said is not just an idea, but a *living law* that WORKS. For it is more blessed to *give* than to receive!

Getting the mind OFF of one's self, and onto *servicing others*—and most of all *servicing the Eternal God*—that is THE WAY to lasting *joy, peace of mind* and *true success*.

With the daily practice of *alertness* and *discernment*, with the acquiring of *right education* and *knowledge*, the cultivation of *understanding, vision* and *BIG-mindedness*, the exercise and development of *wisdom* and *resourcefulness*, *faith* and *courage, mental discipline* and *persistence*, you will be well on your way to building the mind of a great leader—a KING. With the additional qualities of total LOYALTY, and the spirit of GIVING and unselfish SERVICE to God and fellowman, your horizons will be even broader!

You will be building a mind LIKE GOD, your Creator. You will be building an instrument of SERVICE—both *now* and *forever*. You will be exercising seven basic "keys" to *building* and *mastering* what is undoubtedly the greatest physical thing God has created, the *human mind*. In all this, you will be GLORIFYING your Creator. And you will have a sense of *deep fulfillment*.

Now it's *up to you!* Do *your part*, and be sure to read next month's vital article in this series on the "keys" to *building dynamic health*.

PROPHECY *comes alive*

IN TODAY'S WORLD NEWS



FOR years the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* have warned of a coming union in Europe of ten nations or combination of nations. It is prophesied in your Bible to be the final, end-time resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. Scoffers laughed—until the six-nation Common Market was launched on January 1, 1958.

Now look what's happening!

European Unity Forges On

By July 1, 1968, the entire economic structure of the Common Market will be complete—*eighteen months ahead of schedule!*

The Common Market has turned out to be the world's biggest business success in the last decade. Unemploy-

ment is virtually nil. Average incomes have zoomed up 80 percent over 1958 levels, faster than almost anywhere on earth. The standard of living has improved by one third. All this in less than nine years.

The EEC's growing economic might is proving to be a powerful magnet to surrounding nonmember nations. Some fear economic isolation once the common tariff barrier rises around the huge trade bloc. They want "in"—or at least some sort of economic agreement with it.

Denmark especially, and Sweden, are showing definite interest. They are members of Europe's "other common market," the European Free Trade Association. This trade bloc has flourished

too. But it is a much smaller unit, and its limitations are many. Great Britain, the largest EFTA member, is in a financial mess. It acts as a big drag on the others.

"The sooner Scandinavia enters the Common Market the better," exclaims Ivar Norgaard, Danish Economics Minister.

German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard visited Norway and Sweden two months ago. He held talks with the Prime Ministers of both countries. In a speech at Oslo University, Erhard told the two Nordic states that the countries of Northern Europe should have their place in a united Europe.

The "unity fever" has spread to other European nations too. Even the Communist satellite states are caught up in it. At U. N. headquarters a meeting of major importance occurred.

Romania Calls Conference

Representatives of nine European countries of every political background met Tuesday, October 4, to consider *closer economic cooperation within Europe.*

Represented were countries from East, West, and Northern and Central Europe. Included were members of the NATO and Warsaw Pact alliances and nonaligned states—Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Austria, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria.

The session concentrated on such nonpolitical subjects as closer economic, cultural, social, legal and tourist cooperation.

The leadership for the conference came from *Romania*—the state which has been the principal supporter of



European Community Photo

Inside the "Galleries Lafayette," Paris, may be seen goods from France, Holland, Germany.

more economic independence for the Communist nations of Eastern Europe in their relations with Moscow.

Watch Romania. She is playing an increasingly important role on the continent. Romania was part of the old Roman Empire—hence the name of the country today. Keep your eye, too, on Austria. She wants to leave EFTA, join EEC.

Watch also maneuverings on the part of Spain and Portugal. Remember, ten nations or combination of nations must join together into a powerful *political and religious bloc* (see Rev. 17:12-13). The driving force behind it will even-

The Crisis in Food Production

Meanwhile, the world is now facing its most precarious food situation since the shortage immediately after World War II! And there is *"no solution in sight"* to the grave dilemma.

Alarming facts were revealed in the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization's latest annual report. It was released just as this column goes to press. This is part of the BIG news today.

World food production during the last year, the FAO said, remained *the same* as the year before *while the world population increased by 70 million.*



European Community Photo

Here is Europe — so reads the neon sign in this Paris shop specializing in goods from all over the Common Market.

tually be a reunified, militarized Germany.

Now note this shocking report from an Associated Press correspondent.

Secret Luftwaffe Base

BEJA, Portugal, Sept. 20 (AP) — *"Behind a thick veil of secrecy [Why? we ask], West Germany is building its largest air base on foreign soil in this boiling southeastern Portuguese town.*

"Officially, the \$40 million base has been called 'Portuguese Airbase No. 11' and will be staffed and commanded by Portuguese officers. . . . But in fact, the sprawling base is West German in all but name. Portuguese and West German officials are keeping mute about the base. . . . [but] the base construction is only one facet of a growing cooperation in all fields by Portugal and Germany."

Prophecy is rushing to fulfillment, especially in Europe! Be alert to the BIG NEWS occurring in the world today.

This represented a net decline of food production of 2 percent per person.

Imagine! No more food produced in 1966 than in 1965 — but 70 million more mouths to feed. This has led to a further drain on the world's grain reserves.

Said B. R. Sen, director general of the FAO: "Because of the depletion of the stocks, the world has become much more dependent on current production and hence, *on weather conditions.*" Dependent upon *undependable* weather! And Sen adds: "Any *remaining complacency* about the food and agriculture situation must surely have been dispelled by the events of the past year."

Grave Implications for U. S.

In the United States, the once-gigantic wheat stores have plummeted below planned minimum domestic reserve lev-

els. The same is true for feed grains, dried milk, butter and cheese.

Even so, American farmers are reluctant to push up production of wheat, other key crops. They are afraid of possible new surpluses and resulting lower prices.

This new dilemma is forcing Washington to review all foreign aid food shipments. There will have to be sharp cutbacks. This, however, could prove politically damaging to U. S. international interests. Where will our purchased allies (called "lovers" in the Bible) turn? Notice this next dispatch.

Record Russ Harvest

"Moscow — The Soviet Union Thursday . . . astonished Western experts by reporting a *record-smashing grain harvest* of about 160 to 165 million tons." That is about 20 million tons, or more, greater than the forecasts made earlier.

What a remarkable turn of events! As America's food stocks drop alarmingly, Russia, just recently a beggar nation of the world, acquires a massive reserve.

In wheat alone, the Soviet Union now has a *surplus* above domestic and export needs of about 20 million tons. This could represent a **POWERFUL LEVER** with which to pry political favors from hungry nations. As one dispatch said, Russia's bumper crop will "strengthen immeasurably the Kremlin's hand *in pursuing its international goals!*"

What will Russia do with her new "tool"? Bible prophecy reveals an eventual Russian sweep into the Middle East. Just within the last few weeks the Soviets have made alarming inroads into the Arab world. An avowed Marxist is leading a nationwide revolt in Syria. Events in Iraq and Algeria are veering in Russia's favor.

Eventually the Soviets may well *bribe* their way into the Middle East, offering food for political concessions. Egypt, other Arab nations are chronic food importers. Our articles, *1975 in Prophecy*, "Middle East in Prophecy," and "Will Russia Attack America?" explain the prophecies concerning this vital area of the world in detail. Write for them. They're free.

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