

# What our READERS SAY

#### On-the-spot Photography

"Please renew my subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH. I am using some of the issues for my high school term paper in International Relations. My topic is neonazism in Germany. My International Relations teacher is very impressed by The PLAIN TRUTH, noting that your on-the-spot photography is much better than other news magazines, especially the cover photos. Words just cannot express my thankfulness ... for The PLAIN TRUTH.... The best things in life are truly free!"

#### George B., Alhambra, California

"We have enjoyed receiving your PLAIN TRUTH and wish you continued success in your publications. The pictures are beautiful and the articles very timely.... We also enjoy the choice of subjects and find much in them that we agree with and had suspected was going on but only get a glimmer of in the regular newspaper."

#### Mrs. J. F., Richmond Heights, Missouri

#### College Costs

"After reading the article in the April issue of The PLAIN TRUTH, I would like to have a little more information about entering Ambassador College. I am 12 years old and in the sixth grade going in the seventh. My grades have an A-B average and I feel that I would like to be an educator. I would like to know the average cost of living at Pasadena for a school year. In other words, I understand my tuition would be \$900 and I would like to know what my total expenses would be. I would also like to know if there is anything I can do at this time to earn a scholarship award."

Joyce H., Cleveland, Ohio. • Any 12-year old who can write and plan that well is more nearly ready for college than most college applicants.

#### Evolution

"I would like to comment on The PLAIN TRUTH'S excellent articles on evolution. I am a college student of

music, but that doesn't exclude me from the evolutionary concept that is extant in my university."

> Bruce C., Los Angeles, California

"I had to write a few words of thanks for your moving, interesting articles about animals in your PLAIN TRUTH. I have my children's (ages 31/2, 5 and 8) complete attention as I describe the colorful pictures to them. Especially memorable is the bird article about different bills and nests (February issue) and the birth of the baby dolphin (April issue). The kiddies continually get these pages open and ask me to 'tell the story again.'"

Mrs. Kenneth B.,

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania • See the article on spiders in this issue.

"I started listening to your programs just lately and became quite interested in those on evolution. After first hearing them, I went to our high school library and read a portion of a book on evolution. The first page I turned to said, 'Through past proofs we have been led to assume that....' I began to realize a few things."

> Garry R., Villisca, Iowa

"Your articles on the truth about evolution have been some of the most inspiring I have ever read. The search for truth has made geology, chemistry, physics, and astronomy more enthralling to me than they ever were. I am 16 now, and these branches of science have been the major part of my hobbies since I was 11 years old."

> Kenneth A. W., East Point, Georgia

#### What New Readers Say

"For years I have been searching for the facts on God and a better understanding of Him and Christ. I walked into a Salvation Army Thrift Store and was browsing through the old maga-

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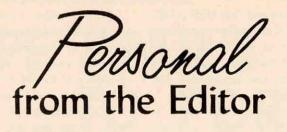
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### JEWS TAKE JERUSALEM!

London

HAT is the real significance? The Israelis won a flash war — a blitzkrieg, Israeli style! The news reporters do not know what it means!

The editors, broadcasters and commentators do not understand its real significance. The Israelis themselves do not know what it MEANS!

But YOU can know!

For this is one of the major fulfillments of Biblical prophecy!

When One quoted as God foretells, 2500 years in advance, what is going to happen to every nation on earth of that time, and every principal city — and through the years and the centuries rr HAPPENS! — can you laugh that off with contempt? Can you ignore that with disdain?

The news of the world has just recorded such a fulfillment — yet almost nobody UNDERSTANDS!

But I will tell you WHAT IT MEANS! On April 16th I flew to Amman and Jerusalem, Jordan. Returning, I stopped off at our Ambassador College campus in England. I spoke before an assembly of students, faculty, and others. What I said to the few hundred assembled there was tape-recorded.

From that recording, this is what I said, May 1st, 1967 — just one month and five days before what I predicted actually happened! —

**(T** HAVE just come from Jerusalem —

▲ the old city — in Jordan. And now I want to bring you up-to-date on where we stand, at the moment, in the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. For 33 years I have been telling the radio audience, and the readers of *The* PLAIN TRUTH, that the final world disturbances and military battles — of this age will center on the Middle East, and on Jerusalem in particular. We are entering the very climax at the close of this age — this civilization — right now! I want you to realize just *how short* time is!

"Any day, now, you may expect the Israelis of the country that calls itself 'Israel' to flood over with a military invasion into the Jordanian half of the divided city of Jerusalem. The Jordan sector is the 'old city' — the only part of Jerusalem that was built in the time of Christ. There are the two divided cities — both trouble spots of world importance — Jerusalem and Berlin and some of you, the entire senior class, are starting tonight on an educational tour to Berlin.

"There will be a Jewish Temple built in Jerusalem, with animal sacrifices once again being offered, probably within about four-and-one-half years. It is going to take some time to build such a Temple. And I don't see how they have another month to spare — in taking over the 'old city' now in Arab hands — if they are going to have the Temple built by the time indicated by prophecy.

[Remember, I said this before several hundred people five weeks before it actually happened.]

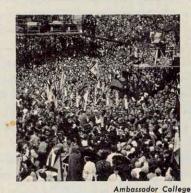
"Once the Israelis do take over the Jordan sector of Jerusalem, instantly the United Nations and the major individual powers, the United States, USSR, Britain, France, probably will stop further occupation of Arab countries by the Jews. I think they will get only as far as the main center within the walls of old Jerusalem, in Jordan before the UN intervenes. But the Jews will undoubtedly be allowed to hold the old city of Jerusalem, Jordan.

"For a long time the Jewish people have had in mind the rebuilding of the Temple, though they keep it pretty secret. And it must be built on the exact site of Solomon's Temple. The wealthiest Jews in the world, in the

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#### OUR COVER

From a specially built press platform photographers look down upon Pope Paul amidst a sea of faces in the *piazza* in front of the Basilica in Fatima. Traditionally, Popes usually have stayed within the confines of their citadel in Rome. No Pope in modern times, before Paul VI, has ever made such a pilgrimage to any nation — even to a Catholic country. United States, Britain, France and other parts of the world, are going to pour money into that.

"Now notice some very significant prophecies [this is continuing my talk of May 1, 1967].

"Turn to Matthew 24, and notice verse 14: 'And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.'

"His disciples had asked Jesus privately what would be the sign of His coming, and the end of the world this age. He spoke of a definite, specific gospel — the very gospel He brought from God, and taught His disciples. But *that* gospel was not preached *to the world* after 69 A.D. But Jesus' prophecy of that time — the gospel being preached to the whole world is being fulfilled by *The* WORLD To-MORROW broadcast and *The* PLAIN TRUTH magazine.

"Now notice the next verse immediately following — what is the next thing to happen, in time order?

"'When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the Holy Place...' — this 'Holy Place' has to be IN THE TEMPLE! And IN JERU-SALEM! In the 'OLD CITY,' now occupied by the Arabs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan!

"Continue Jesus' prophecy: '... (whoso readeth, let him understand) then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains...' That prophecy has a dual application. Its typical fulfillment was in 66-70 A.D., but its main and antitypical fulfillment is to happen *just before* the second coming of Christ — for this *follows* the very SIGN of His coming.

[Again the reader is reminded — all this I said on May 1.]

"Next to happen, verses 21 and 22, is the soon-coming Great Tribulation! But I want you to *understand* what is meant by 'the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet.'

"In Daniel 11:21, referring in original, typical fulfillment to Antiochus Epiphanes, there 'shall stand up a vile person...' that was in 168 B.C. Now, notice verse 31 — still speaking of Antiochus Epiphanes, 'And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength' — speaking of the Temple at Jerusalem, '... and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.'

"What Antiochus placed there, to defile the 'Holy of Holies' in God's Temple, was the statue of Jupiter Olympus. The Mercy Seat of the Holy of Holies was the earthly representation of the very Throne of GOD in heaven.

"So once again before the second coming of Christ, a vile leader will stop the daily sacrifices being offered in the Temple (yet to be built) in Jerusalem, and will profane the Holy Place with an idol. But that is not all. This same prophecy spoken by Jesus is also reported by Luke in his Gospel. Notice Luke 21:20-24: 'And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains ...'

"The typical fulfillment of this occurred in 66-70 A.D. The Roman army under General Cestius was marching, late October, 66 A.D., toward Jerusalem. They became established in sight of the gates of the city. But for some reason unknown Cestius' army. was pulled back.

"The Christians who heeded Jesus' warning fled to the hills of Judea, and then northward east of the Jordan — almost a century of 19-year time cycles ago. It was the Roman army under Titus, in 70 A.D., which actually invaded and destroyed Jerusalem.

"So now, putting the two accounts of Jesus' Olivet prophecy together, Matthew 24 and Luke 21, two things are to occur, just before the Great Tribulation. 1) There will very soon be a Temple in Jerusalem, with daily sacrifices once again being offered. But the ruler of the soon-coming resurrected 'Holy Roman Empire,' a political - military union of ten European nations - will stop the daily sacrifices and profane the Holy Place in the Temple; and 2) Jerusalem will be surrounded and captured [Zechariah 14:1-2] by the Fascist-Nazi armies of the European Empire, already starting to rise now out of the Common Market. They will invade Jerusalem, and take charge of the Temple. [Don't forget — you are reading my speech delivered just five weeks to the day before the Arab-Israeli war.]

"Now continue on farther in the prophecy of Daniel 11.

"What I read before was describing literally the actions of Antiochus Epiphanes, about 168 B.C. — although it was also a type, foreshadowing events to come in the very next few years. But the direct and the literal prophecy, in its initial fulfillment, carries on in time sequence to our time, and events still very shortly to occur.

"So pick it up with verse 40:

"'And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him ...' — that is, at the king of the north. The modern remnant of the 'king of the south' of this prophecy is Ethiopia. Anciently, Egypt was the country of the king of the south. But few Egyptians remain in Egypt today. Arabs, of a different original stock, have generally replaced the real Egyptians. The people descended from those who were of ancient Egypt, in its southern portions, are the Ethiopians. And the Italians were the remnant and successors, of the people of the king of the north.

"This prophecy was fulfilled February-March, 1896, when King Menelik II of Ethiopia 'pushed at' the Italians, defeating Italy at Aduwa.

"Italians thirsted for revenge. Finally, their opportunity came, in 1935, under the military machine developed by Mussolini. Continue the prophecy, verse 40:

"'... and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind [in the air], with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships: and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass over.'

"Notice, a whirlwind comes in the air. So did Mussolini's air forces. He sent down many ships, much cavalry, and tanks [modern 'chariots']. And his forces, in planes, 'passed over.' Previously, victorious armies were described as 'passing through' — not over (verse 10). Continue:

"Verse 41: 'He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown ...'

"There is a time-lapse between verse 40 and verse 41. After Mussolini cap-(Continued on page 4)

### The Real Meaning Behind

# POPE PAUL'S PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL

Why did Pope Paul make his recent trip to Fatima? What did he accomplish? Why has he since spoken out, demanding Jerusalem be made an international city?

#### Fatima, Portugal

**(\*T** HE Pope's pilgrimage to Portugal is the biggest event ever to occur in this country!" an elated Portuguese exclaimed to me.

This momentous occasion is the 50th anniversary of the first Fatima vision. It was on May 13, 1917 that three poor, uneducated Portuguese peasant children believed the Virgin Mary appeared to them.

It is also the 25th anniversary of Pope Pius XII's consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

#### The Fatima Jubilee

For days people trekked to this small Portuguese village. Some came by car and some by coach. Others rode donkeys or came on bicycles. Countless thousands made this pilgrimage on foot from almost every corner of Portugal.

Nobody knows the exact number of pilgrims who thronged this village for the Papal benediction. Many have estimated that two million flocked into Fatima.

This is reported to have been the biggest pilgrimage since the time of the Crusades in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries.

Never before have I witnessed such masses of people.

#### The Pope Arrives!

It was about midday when the Pope appeared, driven down the narrow aisle which separated the two halves of this huge multitude packed into the big square in front of the Basilica. When the Pope appeared, over one million white handkerchiefs were waved fran-

#### by Raymond F. McNair

tically — as Pope Paul VI was driven down this aisle between walls of policemen.

At this precise time a song leader (who appeared to be somewhat of a cheerleader) led the choir and the whole multitude in a hypnotic chant: "Viva il Papa!" "Viva il Papa!" "Viva il Papa!" Almost simultaneously the multitude was led in the repeated singing of "Ave Maria."

#### Pope's Solemn Warning

The Pope had come to Fatima to lead all Catholics worldwide in prayer for peace — peace within the Church, and peace in the whole world. Four weeks and a day later the Arab-Israeli war broke out.

"The first intention is for the Church .... We want to pray, as we have said, for *its internal peace*." Then the Pope gave a solemn warning to the ecclesiastical princes of the Catholic Church who do not agree with the official teachings of the Church. "What *terrible damage* could be provoked by arbitrary interpretations, not authorized by the teaching of the Church, disrupting its traditional and constitutional structure ...."

What was Pope Paul referring to? It is a well-known fact, reported widely in today's world press, that the leaders in the Catholic Church are *divided* on a number of important issues. A few of the issues on which the Church is divided are *birth control, celibacy* of the priests, the worship of Mary and the *liberalisation of Catholic beliefs*.

The Pontiff then pointed to that great part of humanity which lives in hunger and in dire need. "Therefore, we say, the world is in DANGER. For this reason WE HAVE COME TO THE FEET OF THE QUEEN OF PEACE to ask her for the gift, which only God can give, of peace."

Many Catholics believe one important reason behind the Pope's pilgrimage was healing a breach between the Vatican and Portugal.

The Portuguese people, especially the Government, were highly offended when the Pope took an 8,000-mile, four-day pilgrimage to India to attend an international Eucharistic Congress in Bombay, December 2-5, 1964.

The Pope's Indian pilgrimage was offensive to the Portuguese because they were at odds with the Indian Government. India had just seized Goa from them in December, 1961. The Portuguese Government formally protested against the Pope's visit to India in 1964 and even refused to allow the press or the radio to give news coverage of his trip.

Only recently, Portugal's dictator, Dr. Salazar, banned Pope Paul's latest liberal encyclical, "On the Progress of Peoples."

The Pope's pilgrimage to Portugal proved to be a master diplomatic and political manoeuvre.

While at Fatima the Pope held a nineminute talk with the Portuguese Premier, Dr. Salazar. He also met Portugal's President Thomas and other political and religious dignitaries. Their relations with the Vatican have now been smoothed over.

What did the Pope's pilgrimage to Portugal actually accomplish?

First, by this trip, the Pope was able (Continued on page 47)

## Personal from the Editor

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tured Ethiopia he added it to Libya, Eritrea, and Italian Somaliland. Mussolini had signed a concordat with the Vatican, and publicly announced the rebirth of the ROMAN EMPIRE, with King Victor Emmanuel Emperor, and himself the Duce or Premier. But Mussolini's bubble of a Roman Empire was shortlived. Most people never actually noticed he had proclaimed its resurrected existence.

"It is described in another prophecy - Revelation 17 - as the insignificant sixth 'head' of the mysterious symbolic 'beast,' that was, and is not, and yet is.

"But the final seventh head is soon to rise. It is in the preliminary stages of coming into existence now, in the six-nation Common Market. Soon there will be ten European nations in a political-military union, that will shock and dumbfound the world. Verse 41 refers to that succession of the Roman power which became the 'king of the north' in the prophecy of Daniel 11. So notice what this coming 'United States of Europe' will do:

"Verse 44: 'But tidings out of the east and out of the north [Russia] shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain [Palestine]; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.'

"So this now-forming European Fascist-Nazi power will invade Palestine, and move its headquarters there!

"But verse 41 adds [omitted above]: ... but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.' The Turkish people today are 'Edom,' and the people of Jordan are the presentday descendants of Moab and Ammon - descended from Lot, Abraham's nephew. They will still be in that land. That is the reason I say that the Israelis will not take over very much of the land of the Jordanians.

#### The PLAIN TRUTH

"This European power, resurrecting for a very short while the Roman Empire, will take over the city of Jerusalem Zechariah 14:2. They will take the Temple, and plant the palace of their headquarters there. With this coming military leader, pictured in Revelation 17 as the symbolic 'beast,' will be a supreme religious leader, called 'the False Prophet,' [Rev. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10] and the 'man of sin.' So will you turn next to II Thessalonians 2:3-4:

"'Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day' - the Day of the Lord, verse 2 - 'shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.'

"So there will have to be the Temple there! Probably in about four-and-onehalf years. And they will put there the 'abomination' of which the statue of Jupiter Olympus, placed by Antiochus Epiphanes was the type. [You are continuing in what I said on May 1.7 I know of a statue in a great cathedral which some think is the very same statue of Jupiter that Antiochus placed in the Holy Place. It could be that same statue. Others think this particular statue is the one Simon Magus had made of himself in the First Century. But this man of sin, this son of perdition, this supreme false prophet, calling himself 'Most Holy Father,' professing to actually BE God, would certainly be an ABOMINATION in that Holy Place!

"Next notice a prophecy picturing the religious system headed by this false prophet - this man of sin. It is pictured in the 17th chapter of Revelation as a great prostitute. In prophecy a woman is a symbol of a church, or religious system. Civil governments are pictured in the male gender.

"This religious system is pictured as sitting upon - in religious authority over - several nations speaking different languages (verse 15). She also sits astride a symbolic 'beast.' This 'beast,'

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tions with ten kings giving their military power to a top Führer.

"Demon spirits impel this religiouspolitical-military system to world war, ending in the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:13-16). They and their armies will fight against Christ at His coming in power and glory, when He comes to set up world GOVERNMENT (Rev. 17:14). The nature of the religious system is described in verse 5 of Revelation 17 - where it is called 'MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS.' In other words, the Babylonian mystery religion grown great.

"This 'beast' remains intact only a very short time; it comes to its end at Christ's coming. So it appears just before His coming.

"Now compare with the eleventh chapter of Revelation.

"Verse 1: The Temple in Jerusalem is being measured.

"Verse 2: There are Gentiles - Arabs and soldiers of this 'beast' - still there, for the outer court is given to them to 'tread under foot' for three-and-onehalf years.

"Verse 3: God will empower His two 'witnesses' to proclaim God's truth for this three-and-one-half years, from the same city of Jerusalem. These two have the same powers that God had given to Moses and Elijah. That is why this Führer and his armies cannot stop them. So they will be two men coming 'in the power and spirit' of Moses and Elijah - just as John the Baptist came in the 'power and spirit' of Elijah, though he was not Elijah.

"Verse 7: At the end of the threeand-one-half years, the 'beast' (compare with Revelation 17:8) will kill them.

"Verse 8: Their dead bodies lie, unburied, in the street of Jerusalem.

"Now notice particularly verses 9 and 10: Evidently they shall not be merely speaking to a few people on a street corner - but broadcasting WORLD-WIDE! For 'the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half;' and 'they that dwell upon the earth' rejoice and shout for joy at their death ---because the TRUTH of GOD which they

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shall proclaim will embarrass, torment, condemn, Godless and sinning people around the earth.

"How could so many people and nations of many languages all around the world 'SEE their dead bodies' lying in a street in Jerusalem? This could never have happened *before Telstar Television*?!! But it CAN HAPPEN NOW.

"This certainly indicates their preaching will be WORLDWIDE — by radio, television, or both. The whole Fascist army will not be able to prevent it. See verses 5 and 6 of Revelation 11. They will have supernatural power. In any event, this shall be the doing of GOD — and if He wants to provide worldwide radio or television facilities for His two witnesses, He will do it and probably in a manner we cannot now foresee.

"At the end of this three-and-onehalf days, these witnesses will be resurrected, and caught up into the air. This is to meet Christ in the clouds in the air, at the precise moment of His coming — along with all of the dead in Christ who will then be resurrected.

"So there will be a Temple built on the spot of the old Temple in Jerusalem. The Jews will again be offering the daily sacrifices. This is shown not only by the fact that the type of Antiochus Epiphanes stopping the sacrifices in 168 B.C. indicates it — but also the prophecy of Daniel 12:11 which is a direct and specific prophecy of stopping the daily sacrifices 1290 days before Christ's coming, and the resurrection of the dead in Christ [and again, you are continuing my May 1 speech].

"Notice the 12th chapter of Daniel a moment.

"It continues without interruption from the 11th chapter. The last verse of the 11th chapter shows this European 'beast' planting his headquarters and palace in Jerusalem, and the sudden END of this Nazi Fascist 'Führer.'

"This is the time when the archangel Michael will stand up for our American and British peoples — and the Jewish people. You will see whom he stands against in Revelation 12:7-9. He stands up against an angry Satan who, at that time, will know he has but a short time left before Christ's coming, when he shall be taken away from humans, and put into the symbolic 'bottomless pit' (Rev. 20:1-3).

"It is Satan, in his wrath, who stirs up the coming 'Great Tribulation' — at that time, as Jesus foretold, (Mat. 24:21-22), more terrible than any world trouble before or after — so great that, unless GOD steps in to STOP IT by supernatural power, 'no flesh should be saved' alive.

"Daniel (12:1) describes this same time of trouble, 'such as never was since there was a nation,' and it is cut short and *ended* by the coming of Christ and the resurrection of the just (verse 2).

"So the TIME is immediately prior to, and up to, this resurrection. And in Daniel 12:11 the taking away of the daily sacrifice will be just 1290 days *before* this resurrection.

"Then, Revelation 11 shows there will be a Temple in Jerusalem, at the time of the two witnesses, who preach for three-and-one-half years, ending at Christ's coming. Also the prophecy of II Thessalonians 2 shows there will be a Temple.

"So putting all these prophecies together, it is plain the Israelis must soon flood over the 'no-man's land' of the divided city of Jerusalem, and take at least the territory where the ancient Temple stood, and then start to build a Temple."

(And here I end quoting from my tape-recorded speech in England, exactly five weeks before the six-day war began.)

I have again returned to our English campus. This is written on Monday, June 12. Last Monday morning, June 5, I was being driven to London Airport, with an airplane ticket to Amman, Jordan, from where I was to go to Jerusalem for the first broadcast of the WORLD TOMORROW from Jerusalem Radio, scheduled for 8:05 p.m., Wednesday night, June 7. En route to the London Airport, by car radio, we received the news that WAR had started. I did not take that plane.

Today, one week later, it appears the war is over, after one of the swiftest military victories in all history. Today, the Israelis ARE IN JERUSALEM — the original "OLD CITY," which was in Jordan's hands. Jerusalem Radio, over which I have a contract with the Jordanian government, was not destroyed. It is still intact, but in Israeli hands. At the moment I do not know what will be decided about it. It is possible Jewish authorities may return it to King Hussein's government, and our contract will be carried out. Of course, we hope so.

I have an indirect and unofficial Jewish opinion that, if the Israeli government retains the radio station, they will be willing to honor our contract. Also that their attitude toward non-Jewish religions is sufficiently liberal that we shall be allowed to proclaim Christ's own Gospel over it. If, indeed, the Living Christ wants HIS message to go, NOW, from Jerusalem, as certain prophecies surely seem to indicate, then NO MAN CAN PREVENT IT! He will give us favor in the eyes of whoever controls that powerful station. If God does not so will, then we surely don't want to broadcast over it.

But be sure time is shorter than you supposed! Momentous prophecies are due for fulfillment, very rapidly, from now on!

There are many other prophecies directly tied to these events — prophecies dynamically affecting the United States and Britain. These will be gone into and explained in the forthcoming new book, a greatly enlarged edition of *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.* It will be offered, free, to all subscribers of *The* PLAIN TRUTH.

I will just say, now, that from those prophecies, it is possible that the taking away of the daily sacrifice in the Temple — the placing of the "abomination" there also — could take place early in 1972. This is indicated by Revelation 12:14 (another three-and-onehalf-year period), by Rev. 3:10; and other facts of history and prophecy connected with Matthew 24:14 — as well as other prophecies in Daniel.

However if you are interested in that, I'll let you read it in the new book in new, additional chapters, that do not appear in the condensed and highly abbreviated booklet we have been publishing the past thirty years or more.

# EVOLUTION ENNESHED...

# IN A SPIDER'S WEB!

Spiders build trapdoors, use block and tackle, skate on water, float in the air, build canoes, weave webs. They perform such an endless variety of equally amazing feats that evolutionists have been forced to make some of their most embarrassing admissions about them! Read, in this informative and challenging article, how evolution finds itself enmeshed in an endless tangle!

\*\* EEEK! Dear, get a newspaper, or a shoe, or something, quick! There's a big *spider* in the bathroom!"

#### A familiar story, isn't it?

Almost as common to our environment as dirt, dust, ants and the common housefly is the spider. They seem to come in all shapes and sizes, and each stirs up grisly visions of horrible swellings, agonizing bites, ghastly, unknown consequences if one is bitten!

So — "squish!" another intruder into the household is quickly dispatched.

Spiders conjure up visions of terror to many a housewife. Recalling, perhaps, chilling scenes from science fiction movies when a gargantuan tarantula wobbled grotesquely over huge buildings, its tremendous fangs snapping up everything in sight, many timorous housewives attack spiders with all the ferocity of a charging rhinoceros seemingly regarding the little beast as a challenge to life and limb.

Spiders and their webs have been used as symbols of evil for as long as anyone can remember. Want to design a book cover guaranteed to symbolize intrigue, mystery, a deep plot? Then

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draw a spider's web on it. Want to symbolize a trapped, hopeless feeling? Then show a *man*, enmeshed in that web.

Almost everyone has found himself snatching at the tenacious little cobwebs left behind by some enterprising spider who found the inside of a tool shed or barn a choice spot for trapping juicy green flies.

Unpleasant though the topic may be — spiders are very much a common part of our everyday environment. But where did they come from? How did a spider learn to spin a web? What ARE they, really? Are they really *dangerous?* Are they the friends, or the enemies of man? And did they EVOLVE?

You'll see, in this article, one big reason why the spider is the symbol of mystery and intrigue — especially to evolutionists! And you'll see the whole theory of their supposed evolution enmeshed in a complex, gummy, sticky web of impossible contradictions and confusion.

#### How Many Are There?

That one spider you found in your bathroom has many relatives. A lead-

ing authority on spiders (and many housewives would think, "Ugh! What a thing to be an 'authority' on"), W. S. Bristowe, calculates there are around two million, two hundred and sixtyfive thousand spiders for every acre of undisturbed, grassy area! And, says another authority, the *average* number of spiders per acre in the grassy areas of England and Wales is not less than fifty thousand. For you people in England and Wales, that means a conservative total of TWO TRILLION, TWO HUNDRED BILLION spiders scurrying across your countryside.

Why England and Wales? Because the spider population of the United States would probably take more space than the remainder of this article to print!

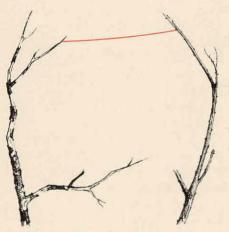
It's no wonder, with so many of the evil looking little beasts about — that spiders have given rise to more legends and superstitions than almost any other living creature.

Spiders are not insects. Even though most people think they are. But then, most people pursuing a spider with a shoe are not worrying about their scientific classification. But spiders are members of the *Arachnid* family — which

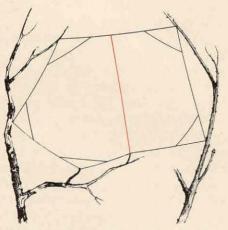
#### The PLAIN TRUTH

## THE ART OF WEB BUILDING!

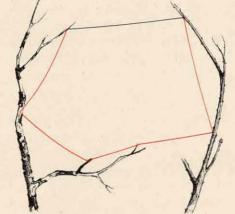
Many spiders cannot survive without webs. Yet, most webs are marvels of engineering. Since spiders cannot survive without webs, what were they doing over millions of years as they "developed" them? The answer is: Web building didn't evolve! Below is a simplified, step-by-step diagram showing how some spiders spin webs.



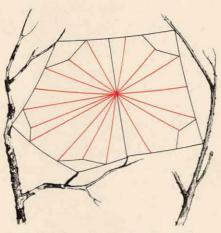
1. Spider lays down bridge line.



 Short line is dropped across the center.



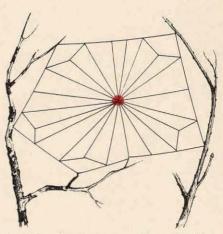
2. Spider builds strong foundational lines.



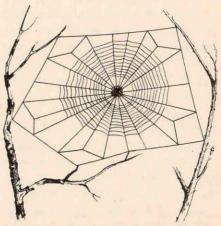
Spider lays down lines like spokes of a wheel.



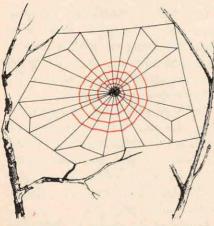
 Short lines strengthen basic foundation.



Hub of web is strengthened with mesh.



Temporary thread cut away. Web is complete.



Temporary thread to hold web in place is strung out.



8. Sticky threads to capture insects are put down.

name, itself, comes from pagan superstition. It derives from the insane notion that Arachne, a girl of Lydia, who was famous as a weaver, challenged Athene, another nonexistent figment of ancient (and fertile) Greek imagination, to a contest. Arachne lost the contest, according to the fictitious story, and hanged herself. Whereupon Athene changed the noose into a cobweb, Arachne into a spider - and condemned her to weave forever. Greek children could then say, "Sure enough" (in Greek!) whenever watching a spider weave - and believe they had found evidence the story was true.

But superstitions — evolutionary or Greek — are not fact! And the spider family is one of the most important parts of the intricate balance in living things scientists like to call "nature."

Many scientists know insect control would be IMPOSSIBLE if spiders did not exist — that the world could enter a time of such insect plagues so as to defy imagination if the busy little arachnoids weren't munching their several billions of bugs for breakfast every day! And these helpful creatures rarely bite a human.

#### Amazing Variety

Spiders have some of the most UN-USUAL instincts and abilities of all living things.

There are spiders that are expert divers — and they take their OWN OXYGEN supply with them. Other spiders actually have ability to *walk* on the water!

Spiders can *mimic* dead fruit and twigs. They can CHANGE COLORS to match the color of flowers they reside in. Some can mimic dead wood or a piece of bark. One variety even is reported to make itself look like BIRD DUNG!

Spiders are among the world's best "quick change artists."

One group of spiders has long been noted for its engineering skill. By using block and tackle methods, it can hoist a much heavier victim into the air. Some spiders make their webs look like landing fields to trap unsuspecting insects.

Some spiders lasso their prey like cowboys. Others throw NETS over their victims like Roman gladiators. Some spit out a gummy ball tied to a thread and hit their victim in the head. They almost always succeed in "gumming up" their insect prey.

The male of one species of European spider presents the female with a wedding gift. Usually the gift is a fly suitably wrapped up for the occasion.

One spider, *Misumenops nepenthi*cola has worked up a neat "deal" with an insect-trapping pitcher plant. (More of that later!) Some spiders actually build rafts to go sailing across the water. Spiders can also catch FISH! Other spiders are excellent carpenters they can make *perfect-fitting* trapdoors.

These are only a few of the abilities that spiders have been endowed with. Could they all have EVOLVED — by themselves? Is it reasonable? But even MORE PHENOMENAL than all these instincts is the spiders' ability to *spin webs*!

#### Masterful Spinners

The English word "spider" is a corruption of a teutonic word, "spinder." It merely means "one who spins." We see the original root in such words as "spinster" and "spinstress."

And if spiders do anything, they certainly *spin silk*!

As any spiderling emerges from its egg sac, it spins a DRAGLINE. This dragline — attached to the spinnerets — strings behind it for all its life. The dragline serves the same purpose as the mountain climber's rope.

All kinds of spiders (except for a small group of the family Liphistiidae) at all ages maintain this dragline.

It prevents falls; it is used as a means of escaping enemies.

Spider silk comes in *hundreds of va*rieties and weaves to serve a multitude of needs.

One thread might be used to fasten webs to a foundation. Another will be used to drop over a cliff. A third may be used to capture insect prey. As a recent issue of *Reader's Digest* brought out, "Webs of spiders are, in fact, their eyes, ears, voice and fingers" ("Wizardry of Webs," August, 1965).

A spider without his ability to produce silk simply CANNOT SURVIVE.

One author admitted, "A vast multitude of sedentary spiders are strongly dependent on silk. Some of them have become SLAVES of elaborate webs and are *nearly helpless* when not in contact with them. For spiders of this type silk is of PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE during the whole lifespan'' (*American Spiders*, Willis Gertsch, page 53).

#### Spider Silk - Stronger Than Steel

A spider can spin a line of silk ONE-MILLIONTH of an inch in diameter! Yet, this single line has such elasticity that it can stretch one fifth of its length before breaking.

Its tensile strength is surpassed only by fused quartz fibers! It simply CAN-NOT BE DUPLICATED in the laboratory. Steel is WEAK by comparison.

Silk from spiders has been chemically analyzed. It is a very COMPLEX albuminoid protein. It is produced as a liquid in the many differing abdominal glands of the spider. As the spider draws out the liquids through the spinnerets, he mechanically stretches the material. Some scientists believe that this mechanical stretching hardens the silk into strands.

Most spider threads are made up of *many* fibers. To the naked eye, however, it doesn't appear to be so. Under ordinary magnification, single fibers appear to be uniform rods.

But when these are viewed under the electron microscope at 35,000 times the actual size, something VERY SUR-PRISING is seen. The threads *are not* completely uniform. Tiny irregularities and enlargements are clearly visible. But even at 35,000 diameters, the electron microscope has not been able to peer into these irregularities to see what other phenomenal things they reveal.

Spider silk, as mentioned, is breathtakingly fine.

One author mentioned in great amazement: "The finest single fibers attain a thinness of 0.03 micron, or about one-millionth of an inch... many *molecules* are LARGER than the width of these spider threads.

"It is possible that the spider can draw out its filaments to a degree equal to the thickness of its protein molecule, and that the finest threads represent A SINGLE CHAIN OF MOLECULES" (American Spiders, Willis Gertsch, page 56).

Because of the quality of spider silk, (Continued on page 41)

# HOW CLOSE IS THE MOON NOW?

Suddenly the moon seems farther away! Tragic accidents in U.S. and Soviet moon programs have pushed schedules behind by one year. What does it all mean?

Will man someday travel to the moon and the planets and stars? Will mortal men CONQUER the universe? This exciting article reveals the astounding answers.

U. S. Geological Survey GOAL OF MOON RACE — Spectacular detail of moon's surface revealed in photos taken by Lunar Orbiter II.

O N APRIL 24, the U.S.-Soviet moon race was dealt another tragic blow!

The first step of a proposed new Soviet space venture turned into a DISASTER as Russian Cosmonaut, Vladimir Komarov, was *dashed to his death*!

Komarov's orbiting spacecraft, Soyuz I, had finally reentered the atmosphere — only to become entangled in its parachute and *plunge earthward at hundreds of miles per hour!* 

It was the Soviet Union's first

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acknowledged space program disaster. It followed on the heels of the flash fire which took the lives of three U. S. Apollo crewmen, astronauts Gus Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chaffee. In that U. S. disaster the three were accidentally burned to death as their moonship was being tested on the ground January 27.

#### Costly Setbacks Delay Lunar Landing

A few weeks before the Apollo disaster at Cape Kennedy, almost everything was going along smoothly and on schedule.

Space agency officials confidently predicted the United States would meet its goal of landing men on the moon by 1969. Privately, some were even forecasting a 1968 lunar expedition!

Then things started to go *wrong!* Not little things, but big things — that cost millions of dollars, lots of time and the lives of our three astronauts.

NASA officials recently stated that the U.S. moon program has been



pushed back *one full year* as a result of the Apollo disaster!

Now it remains to be seen just how long the Russian moon program will be delayed!

Though other tragedies and delays may strike the race to the moon, U. S. and Russian space officials feel certain that men will be walking the surface of the moon by the end of this decade or early 1970's!

## The Moon — "Threshold" to the Planets?

But even as U. S. and Russian space scientists are working feverishly to be first on the moon, tentative *plans* are already being discussed — and LAID for space ventures BEYOND THE MOON!

These plans call for the establishment of lunar bases which could be used as possible *staging areas* for takeoffs to other planets!

The big question raised by all of this ambitious planning is this: will man's ability to reach the moon REALLY become a "stepping stone" to the other planets? — will man eventually "CON-QUER" outer space?

#### We Could Have Known

Believe it or not, we could have *known the answers* to these questions long ago!

We could have *known* whether man will eventually "conquer" the universe.

And science could have learned whether life exists on *other* planets without the Mars or Venus probes.

### **TWO SPACE TRAGEDIES!**

Above, funeral procession with urn containing the remains of Russian Cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov. Above right, Komarov's widow kneels before Kremlin Wall where her husband's ashes were buried. Below, charred Apollo spacecraft in which three U.S. astronauts were accidentally burned to death early this year.

Sovfoto (top), Wide World (bottom)





That precious knowledge is revealed by Almighty God in His inspired Word — the HOLY BIBLE!

The Bible is the *basis* — the starting point — of all knowledge. It is *revealed knowledge* which we otherwise could not know.

Yes, believe it or not, no other book is as *up-to-date* as your Bible. It reveals the answers to the really *important questions* of life which perplex modern man today!

#### It Was Foretold!

Shortly after the Flood — over 4330 years ago — man was attempting to *pool* his limited scientific knowledge and technology. God Almighty foresaw what would happen. He observed man's activities at the Tower of Babel: "Behold, the people is *one*, and they have all *one* language; and THIS *they begin to do:* and now *NOTHING* will be RESTRAINED from them, which they have *imagined* to do" (Genesis 11:6).

Do you understand what this amazing prophecy really means?

God knew long ago that if given enough time, man would eventually be able to *travel into outer space* — to manufacture spaceships for interplanetary travel!

But God *purposely* limited man's accomplishments at the Tower of Babel. He confused the people's speech by giving them different languages, and scattered them abroad upon the face of the earth (verses 7-8).



Today, man is *once again* attempting to amalgamate the races. And through the *pooling* of scientific knowledge and technology, tremendous progress is being made in every field of scientific endeavor.

Witness the *fantastic strides* made in space research and exploration in the last TEN SHORT YEARS!

Yes, it is *now* God's time to allow man's scientific genius to virtually EX-PLODE in every direction! The science fiction "Buck Rogers" era of spaceships and space travel has *now* become a near REALITY!

#### The Great Barrier

Most scientists feel certain that men will land on the moon by the end of this decade, and eventually reach Mars and the other planets — if given enough time and money.

But no MORTAL MEN will ever be able to reach the stars! A great BAR-RIER exists between our solar system and the rest of the universe!

We measure distances in our solar system in thousands or millions of miles. But anything *beyond* our solar system is thought of in terms of "light years" — the distance, scientists say, light travels in one year.

Reflected light from the moon takes about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  seconds to reach the earth, while light from the sun — approximately 93,000,000 miles away — takes about 8 minutes to reach us.

However, the emitted light from the

*nearest* fixed star — Alpha Centauri is thought to take approximately 4 YEARS to reach the earth!

If man possessed a spaceship which could travel at the speed of light, the round-trip journey to the *nearest* star would take nearly EIGHT YEARS!

Scaled down to the "snail-like" speed of today's modern space vehicles of the 20,000 m.p.h. class, the round trip would take nearly 268,000 YEARS!

Comprehensible? It's UNFATH-OMABLE!!

#### Man is Earthbound

We are faced with a great *inescap-able truth* — mortal man is an EARTH-BOUND creature!

Man's very existence depends upon food, water and air. Without any one of these vital elements he would DIE! And so in order to live in space, man must take his earthly environment with him and return BEFORE it runs out!

Even though he may possess the technology to take him to the moon and eventually to the nearest planets, man — in his present MORTAL state — will always *remain* an earthbound creature!

There is a God in heaven Who CREATED man and *purposely* made him earthbound!

Think about this for a moment. Man is shackled to the earth by his mortal body and for a very special reason!

Notice the very first words of your



Earthbound man is not qualified or properly equipped to roam the depths of outer space!

Bible: "In the *beginning* GOD..." (Genesis 1:1).

In the beginning — *before* this material universe came into existence — GOD EXISTED!

Now notice the rest of verse 1. What did God *do?* He "created the heaven and the earth." This includes ALL of the planets and stars in the vast, limitless expanse of the unfathomable universe!

But that wasn't the end of God's creative work. God has also created *all life* that exists on the earth. All plant, animal and HUMAN life!

God had this wonderful truth recorded in the first two chapters of Genesis so that man could know. But today men, it seems, prefer to be agnostics to be ignorant of the origin of the universe and of life.

Concerning man's creation, God says: "And the Lord God *formed man* of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the *breath of life;* and man BECAME a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). Evolutionists theorize that somehow man gradually evolved from "simple life forms" which originally developed somehow in *warm ocean* "scum" over hundreds of millions of years!

What an *INSULT* TO HUMAN IN-TELLIGENCE!!

Reason alone disproves it. And true science IRREFUTABLY DISPROVES IT — if one is WILLING to face the facts!

No — Adam didn't "evolve." The Almighty God *created* him from the dust of the ground! Your Bible reveals God as the Supreme Creator and Ruler of all the universe!

But why did God create man and place him on this tiny speck of "dust" in the great, vast, limitless universe?

#### God Reveals His Purpose

Today the world is caught up in the excitement of man's feeble efforts to "conquer" space. Astronauts' daring exploits in space and the prospect of interplanetary space travel are capturing the human imagination!

But man's ultimate destiny is so great

and all-encompassing, it pales his puny physical efforts in space into *nothingness*! The true reason for mankind's existence is so fantastic and overpowering, it literally *ST'AGGERS* THE IMAGINATION!

God first revealed His great and wonderful purpose for our existence in the Garden of Eden. God said, "Let *us* make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness..." (Genesis 1:26).

In this week of re-creation, God had only BEGUN His master creation. God made man a perfect *physical* creation out of the dust of the ground — a clay model resembling His own outward form and shape and with His potential mind power.

But man was *not* yet a perfect SPIRITUAL creation!

God made mankind for the purpose of being fashioned, by the Spirit of God, into the very *character "image"* of God — into powerful *Spirit-born* sons in God's Family! The astounding truth is that God is *re-creating Himself*!

Jesus Christ revealed a *family relationship* between Himself and the Father — a Family to which God is in the process of *adding many Sons!* 

Christ is called the "FIRSTBORN" the "firstborn among MANY BRETH-REN" in God's Family! (Romans 8:29.)

There it is!

The purpose of life is that in us God is re-creating *His own "kind" reproducing Himself* after HIS VERY OWN CHARACTER "IMAGE"!

Can you really grasp it?

That means being born into — made a *glorified member* of — the very Family of God!

#### EARTH Given to Men

God chose planet earth to begin His Great "project" — His marvelous Plan for mankind.

God also explains, *in part*, why the great "barrier" to the universe exists: "The heaven, even the heavens, are the *Eternal's* [the entire universe belongs to God!] but the *earth* hath he given to the *children of* MEN" (Psalm 115:16).

The Eternal God has in effect put up a "no trespassing" sign in the fathomless depths of outer space! God intended mortal men to *remain* on the

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earth within its life-sustaining atmosphere — not to *intrude* into HIS domain with crude spaceships!

But now notice what *else* God has planned for mankind.

#### To Rule the Universe!

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" the apostle Paul was inspired to ask. "Thou madest him a little *lower* [or, "for a little while . . . lower" — *Moffatt* translation] *than the angels;* thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him *over* the works of thy hands" (Hebrews 2:6-7).

The Eternal Creator has endowed man with the ability to devise, refashion and to create from the material earth under his feet.

Paul goes on to reveal, "Thou hast put *all things* in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left NOTHING that is not put under him" (verse 8).

Do you comprehend it?

Paul says God has put ALL THINGS in subjection under man!

But does this really mean *all* things — all the material creation — including this vast, limitless universe?

Yes, it does!

God appointed Jesus Christ "heir of *all things*," or as the *Moffatt* translation renders it more clearly, "heir of the UNIVERSE"! (Hebrews 1:2.)

We humans, if we become Spiritbegotten children of God, are called co-heirs with Christ — for we are destined then to SHARE Christ's inheritance with Him! "The Spirit itself beareth witness...that we are the [begotten] children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and JOINT-HEIRS with Christ..." (Romans 8:16-17).

Notice it again in your Bible: "He that overcometh shall inherit *all things;* and I will be his God, and he shall be my son" (Revelation 21:7). Can you believe it?

God says there is absolutely NOTH-ING that is not put under him showing that man's ultimate destiny is the RULERSHIP UNDER GOD OF EVERY-THING in His unfathomable universe!

But does all this mean that *human* beings will eventually "conquer" the universe by methods of their own devising? WHEN will man *rule* the universe?

#### Not Yet Qualified

Notice the rest of this revealing scripture in the second chapter of Hebrews. "But *now* we see NOT YET all things put under him" (verse 8).

While it is in God's purpose to eventually put *all things* under man's feet, allowing him even to rule over other planets and the entirety of the universe — God has decreed it is "*not yet*" time for such all-encompassing powers to be given into the hands of man!

At this present time, Almighty God has *restrained* man — placed definite limits and boundaries upon him. God made man an EARTHBOUND creature for a definite reason.

Human beings are not yet QUALI-FIED to roam the universe at will!

Not until we have learned how to *discipline* our minds — to bridle our whole human body with its emotions and drives — will we be COMPETENT to leave this earth and *share dominion* with God over the universe!

God has decreed He will not allow man to "conquer" the universe in his present carnal, physical, *God-rejecting* condition!

Now is not yet the time to be God. Now is only the time of OUR TRAIN-ING to *become* God! And the Earth is the place of training — the *training* ground for entering the God Family.

The universe is the REWARD opened up to us only *after* having successfully completed our training here on earth!

#### Christ Our EXAMPLE

To show mankind how to qualify to be born as a Son of God, the Father sent Jesus Christ — the other member of the God Family — to become a lowly flesh-and-blood human being.

Christ came to lead the way as the "Captain," or the Pioneer — to set us the EXAMPLE we should follow!

"But we see Jesus, who was made a *little lower* than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with GLORY and HONOR; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in *bringing many* SONS unto glory, to

make the CAPTAIN [or pioneer] of their salvation *perfect* through sufferings" (Hebrews 2:9-10).

We must first learn to submit to the rule of God — to *follow the* EXAMPLE of our "Captain" or Pioneer, Jesus Christ. Then, through the power of God's Spirit we will finally be BORN of God!

Only then will we be allowed to explore and rule the other planets and the entire universe — in SPIRIT BODIES which will no longer be earthbound, but *properly equipped* for space travel — just as Jesus Christ was at His resurrection! (Acts 1:9-10.) (Write for the amazing FREE article, "What Will You be Like in the Resurrection?")

Yes, human beings, after total repentance, BAPTISM and the receiving of God's HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 2:38) to enable them to grow and overcome spiritually in this life — are finally to be BORN of God!

Can you really comprehend this amazing truth?

Can you *now* begin to understand that God is offering YOU — by the very power of God and through being born of Him as *His own Son* — *RULER-SHIP* OVER THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE?

#### Space-Age "Pioneers"!

God has been allowing men a small measure of success in their feeble efforts to "conquer" space. But these efforts are about to be cut short. Soon, God *will* intervene in human affairs by sending Jesus Christ to set up God's world government — the "Kingdom of God" — on earth! Then there won't be any foolhardy races to conquer a barren moon or Mars!

You now have an opportunity to become a "pioneer" *member* of that ruling Kingdom, to help rule the Millennial World Tomorrow with Jesus Christ — and then the entirety of the UNIVERSE *forever*!

It's up to you.

Our free booklet, Why Were You Born? makes it all plain. And be sure to enroll in our specially prepared and newly illustrated Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course to learn all about God's coming Kingdom, and how you may qualify to rule with Christ. It, too, is free of charge!



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- 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)
- \*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

#### "The WORLD TOMORROW"

#### West Coast

- KIRO Seattle 710 kc., 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues.-Sat.
- KRAK Sacramento 1140 kc., 10 p.m. daily.
- XERB Lower Calif. 1090 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

#### 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., 7:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m. Sat.
- WSCR Scranton, Pa. 1320 kc., 12:30 p.m., 7 p.m. daily.
- /BRE—Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—1340 kc., 98.5 FM, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 11:30 a.m. \*WBRE-Mon.-Fri., 1 p.m. Sat.
- WCHS Charleston, W. Va. 580 kc.,
- 7:30 p.m. daily. CIR Beckley, W. Va. 1060 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-WCIR-
- Fri., 5 p.m. Sat. WTVR Richmond, Va. 1380 kc.,
- 7:30 p.m. daily. WCYB Bristol, Va. 690 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
- \*WLOS Asheville, N. C. 1380 kc., 99.9 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily.
- WPAQ Mount Airy, N. C. -740 kc.,
- 9:30 a.m. Sun., 1:05 p.m. Mon-Sat. WEVD New York 1330 kc., 97.9 FM, 10 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Tues.-Fri.,
- 10:30 p.m. Sat. WGLI - Babylon, L. I. - 1290 kc., 7 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- WAAT Trenton, N. J. 1300 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- \*WWOL Buffalo, N. Y. -- 1120 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 4 p.m. Sat.
- WHLD Niagara Falls, N. Y. 1270 kc, 6 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
   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 Harowara N. H. 1400 kc.
- 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., 10 a.m. Sun., 6 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,
- -Hyannis, Mass. 1240 kc.,
- 8:30 p.m. Sun. WEIM Fitchbur - 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. ARE Ware, Mass. 1250 kc., 8:30 WARE p.m. Sun.
- WBRK Pittsfield, Mass. 1340 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
- \*WJAR Providence, R. I. 920 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- 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., 9 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat. WSLR Akron, Ohio 1350 kc., 7
- 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.,

- Chicago - 1330 kc., 9:30

7:30

- 960

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Sun., 8 a.m. Mon.-Fri.,

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

WWCA - Gary, Ind. - 1270 kc., 4

\*WJOB - Hammond, Ind. - 1230 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. or after base-

WXCL - Peoria - 1350 kc., 6:30 p.m.

WIBC - Indianapolis - 1070 kc., 10:30

p.m. Sun. KBHS — Hot Springs, Ark. — 590 kc., 1 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KWTO-Springfield, Mo.-560 kc.,

KFEQ - St. Joseph, Mo. - 680 kc., 7

KUDL - Kansas City, Mo. - 1380 kc.,

\*KFSB - Joplin, Mo. - 1310 kc., 6:30

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p.m. Sat. & Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-

kc., 9:15 a.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KFVS - Cape Girardeau, Mo. -

p.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

7:30 p.m. daily. WEAW — Chicago

p.m. daily.

ball Mon.-Sat.

6:30 p.m. daily.

12:30 p.m. daily.

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RADI LOG

- KFDI Wichita, Kans. 1070 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon.-Sat. KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 kc., 100.3
- FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- KGGF 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. KSO — Des Moines — 1460 kc., 7 p.m.
- daily. KMA—Shenandoah, Ia.—960 kc., 8:30
- p.m. daily.
- KGLO Mason City, Ia. 1300 kc.,
- 7:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat. RS Minneapolis 1440 kc., 92.5 FM, 10 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-KORS-Sat
- WEBC-Duluth, Minn.-560 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
- WMIL Milwaukee, Wis. 1290 kc., 4:30 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- WIPG Green Bay 1440 kc., 5 p.m.
- WFG Green Bay 1440 KC, 5 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
   WSAU Wausau, Wis. 550 kc., 7 p.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
   WCOW Sparta, Wis. 1290 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
   KEYR Biemark N Dat. 550 hr.
- 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. WBAP Ft. Worth 570 kc., 8 p.m. Sun.-Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat.
- 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.
- KOME Tulsa 1300 kc., 12:30 p.m., 10 p.m. daily. KBYE — Oklahoma City — 890 kc.,
- 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- \*KXLR -- Little Rock - 1150 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
- KWAM Memphis 990 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat. WMQM — Memphis — 1480 kc., 1 p.m.
- Sun., 6:25 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- WHBQ Memphis 560 kc., 9 a.m. Sun. \*WSHO-New Orleans-800 kc., 12
- noon daily. WDEF - Chattanooga - 1370 kc., 92.3
- FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.
- WBRC Birmingham 960 kc., 106.9 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily. WAAX — Gadsden, Ala. — 570 kc.,
- 12:30 p.m. daily.
- WCOV-Montgomery-1170 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.

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- WMEN-Tallahassee-1330 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 8 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- WFLA Tampa 970 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
- WINZ Miami 940 kc., 9:30 p.m. daily.
- WVCG Coral Gables 1080 kc., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- \*WZOK Jacksonville, Fla. 1320 kc., 12:30 & 11:30 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., 9:30 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., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- KIDO Boise, Idaho 630 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
- \*KBOI Boise 670 kc., 6:30 p.m.
- daily. FI Twin Falls, Idaho 1270 kc., KTFI -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.
- 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.
- KLIQ Portland 1290 kc., 12 noon Sun., 7:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat. Also 6:30 p.m. Sun. March-Oct., 1967.
- 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.-Sat.
- -Hanford, Calif. 620 kc., 10 KNGSa.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- KGEE Bakersfield 1230 kc., 5 p.m. daily.
- KDB Santa Barbara 1490 kc., 93.7 FM, 7 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., 100.3 FM, 7 a.m., 9:30 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. KCKC - San Bernardino - 1350 kc.,
- 9 p.m. daily.
- KOGO San Diego 600 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- \*XEMO Tijuana 860 kc., 6 p.m. daily.
- KALI -- Los Angeles -- 1430 kc., 4:45 p.m. Sun. (in Spanish).

Television

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\*KWHY-Los Angeles-Channel 22, 8:30 p.m. Thur.

#### Alaska & Hawaii

- KFOD Anchorage, Alaska 750 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
- KNDI Honolulu, Hawaii 1270 kc., 6 a.m., 6 p.m. daily.

KTRG - Honolulu, Hawaii - 990 kc., 12:15 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

\*CFBC - St. John, N.B. - 930 kc., 7

CKCW — Moncton, N. B. - 1220 kc.,

CFMB - Montreal, Que. - 1410 kc.,

CJET - Smiths Falls, Ont. - 630 kc.,

\*CKFH - Toronto, Ont. - 1430 kc., 7

CKLB-Oshawa, Ont.-1350 kc., 10:30

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

CJSP - Learnington, Ont., - 710 kc.,

CHLO-St. Thomas, Ont. - 680 kc.,

2:30 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat. CKSO – Sudbury, Ont. – 790 kc., 5:30

CJLX - Fort William, Ont. - 800 kc.,

CKDM - Dauphin, Man. - 730 kc.,

CKRM - Regina, Sask. - 980 kc., 6:30

CJGX - Yorkton, Sask. - 940 kc., 8:30

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p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

CKY — Winnipeg, Man. — 580 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

\*CHIN - Toronto, Ont. -

10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

- Ottawa, Ont. - 1310 kc., 5:30

- 1540 kc.,

-580 kc., 7

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p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.



- 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 p.m. Sat. CKSA — Lloydminster, Sask.-Alta. —
- 1080 kc., 7 p.m. daily. \*CHED Edmonton, Alta. 630 kc.,
- 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- \*CFCW Camrose, Alta. 790 kc., 6:25 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat. CJDV — Drumheller, Alta. — 910 kc.,
- 10:30 a.m. Sun, 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat. \*CKYL Peace River, Alta. 610 kc., 5 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat. CJVI Victoria, B. C. 900 kc., 6
- a.m. Mon.-Sat.
- CKLG Vancouver, B. C. 730 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

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- CFMB Montreal 1410 kc., 5 p.m. Sat., Sun.
- CKJL St. Jerome, Que. 900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- CKBL Matane, Que. 1250 kc., 10:45 a.m. Sat., Sun.

#### BERMUDA

- ZBM 1-Hamilton-1235 kc., 8 p.m. Sun.
- 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-259 m. (1140 kc.) medium wave, 8 p.m.
- daily. RADIO SCOTLAND 242 m. (1250 kc.) medium wave, 7 p.m. daily.
- RADIO 390-390 m. (773 kc.) me-
- dium wave, 6:30 p.m. daily. RADIO 270 270 m. (1105 kc.) medium wave, 6:30 p.m. daily. \*RADIO 355-355 m. (845 kc.) me-
- dium wave, 9 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- RADIO MANX-188 m. (1594 kc.) medium wave, 2:45, 7:45 p.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 89 mc. VHF 7:45 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- In French -
- RADIO LUXEMBOURG 1293 m., 5:30 a.m. Mon., 5:15 a.m. Tues., Fri., 5:10 a.m. Thur
- EUROPE No. ONE-Felsberg en Sarre, Germany — 182 kc. (1647 m.), 1 a.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., 5:00 am. Mon., Tues., Fri.

#### ASIA

- Formosa RADIO TAIWAN "The 3rd Network,
- B.C.C.' BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;
- + For complete Australian Radio Log, write to the Editor.

#### "The WORLD TOMORROW"

- 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 p.m. Sun.

#### Bangkok

- HSAAA Bangkok, Thailand 600 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
  - India and Ceylon
- MALDIVE ISLANDS 3329 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
  - **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.
- Kalibo 1480 kc., 8 p.m. DYKR 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 p.m. daily.
- -Naga City 750 kc., 9 p.m. DZRB-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-910 kc., 9 p.m. daily.
- DXMB Malaybalay 610 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

#### AFRICA RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MO-ZAMBIQUE - 3301 kc. (92 m.), 4925 kc. (60 m.), 10 p.m. Mon.,

- Wed., Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., Fri
- RADIO UFAC, ELISABETHVILLE OQ2AD 4980 kc. (60 m.), 6:30, 10 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
- WNBS Lagos 602 kc., 8:30 p.m.
- daily. NBS Ibadan 656 kc., 3380 kc., si30 p.m. daily. WNBS-
- 6185 kc., 9500 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily. ENBC Enugu, Nigeria 620 kc., 5:30 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.
- 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., 8:45
- 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri. M Tamworth, NSW 1290 kc., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat. 2TM -

- 2AD Armidale, NSW 1130 kc.,
- 8:30 p.m. Sat.-Thurs. 2GF Grafton, NSW 1210 kc., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- 2LM Lismore, NSW 900 kc., 8:30
- p.m. Mon.-Sat. 3AW Melbourne, Vic. 1280 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.
- 3KZ -- Melbourne, Vic. - 1180 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
- 3XY Melbourne, Vic. 1420 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon.-Fri. 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.
- 3MA-Mildura, Vic.-1470 kc., 9 p.m.
- Mon.-Fri., 10 p.m. Sat.
   4AK Oakey, Qld. 1220 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.
   4BV Beichere 1200 he 0:20 p.m.
- 4BK Brisbane 1300 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 Fri. p.m.
- 4KQ Brisbane, Qld. 690 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.
- 4WK Warwick. Qld. 880 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
- 4CA Cairns, Qld. 1010 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-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. 7HT Hobart, Tas. 1080 kc., 7:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
- 7SD Scottsdale, Tas. 540 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

#### LATIN AMERICA

- In English -
- \*RADIO ANTILLES Montserrat, B.
- W. I. 930 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily. RADIO BARBADOS Black Rock, Barbados - 785 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sat. & Sun., 10:20 a.m. Mon.-Fri. RADIO SURINAM — Paramaribo -
- 620 kc., Between 7 and 8:30 p.m. or Noon and 1:00 p.m. daily. 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

HOC21 — Panama City — 1115 kc.; HP5A — Panama City — 1170 kc.;

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# WHEN YOU DIE-THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

My mother died, about midnight. I was holding her hand — praying for her, urging her to "hang on," as she grew weaker. But one moment she was alive — and the next, dead. What HAPPENED at death? What happens NEXT? Did my MOTHER die — or only a PART of her? Is she still CONSCIOUS? Are the dead yet ABLE to see the sorrows and tears of loved ones?

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pelled to ask, "Just what IS death?" And, for that matter, WHAT IS LIFE?

Can ANYTHING, after all, be more singularly *important* than the answers to THESE questions?

You're here. You live. But WHY?

#### Unsolved Dilemma of Centuries

Serious though these questions are urgent though they be — man has not yet answered them! Science does NOT KNOW — says it can't know. Philosophers, theologians, anthropologists, historians, scholars of every stripe have put their minds to these fathomless mysteries for the many CENTURIES now, and have not found the answer!

Today, modern space-age science, and a dazzling array of technological achievements have created an awesome new Dagon for the Western World. The average citizen finds himself continually amazed at all that is accomplished in the name of "science."

He faithfully trusts this false god of science to lengthen his life span transplant his kidneys when they fail, help him reduce or put on weight, change his very personality, and perhaps allow him to choose the sex of his progeny.

The modern world looks to its mechanical god — science — to SAVE it from all its troubles. People look to *medical* science to save them from sickness — to the physical sciences to produce the continual flow of goods and services to make their life one of physical ease and pleasure. They look to the "life" sciences to explain to them WHAT THEY ARE, and where they're going, and the MEANING of life.

But, somehow — DEATH STOPS IT ALL !

At death, science stops its mouth. A doctor, quietly sympathizing with grieved members of the family may say, in a kindly voice, "I'm sorry, there is nothing further medical science can do for him."

Today, the world exalts knowledge. It holds aloft the great institutions of "higher" learning. The leaders of mankind are the PRODUCTS of these same educational institutions — the "educated" men of the world.

But can anyone claim to be truly educated who does not know what HE is? Is "educated" the correct description for one who does not know WHY HE IS ALIVE — OR WHERE HE'S GOING, OR WHAT IS DEATH, and WHAT HAP-PENS AT DEATH??

These men CAN know. They could have understood, LONG ago — had they not rejected the very foundation of *all* knowledge, the revealed Word of God!

But God has said of them, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge [in their education their institutions of higher learning] God gave them over to a REPROBATE mind..." (Romans 1:28).

Death is a fearful, unknown BLANK to the great minds of this world. They simply do NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS!

But YOU CAN KNOW — if you're willing to know! Jesus *thanked* His

DEATH is the ENEMY of man and we all hate it. We hate it most of all when death strikes very close loved ones — taking them away from us; out of our lives; away from our daily routines — just gone.

And most do not UNDERSTAND death.

Why is it that, with all our advancements in science and industry — our accumulation of knowledge, that we STILL do not know the answers to the biggest and most puzzling questions of all — WHAT ARE WE, and WHERE ARE WE GOING?

Millions believe in some kind of life, AFTER death. But no one seems able to PROVE such an assumption. Some believe we NEVER DIE — but go on living, in one place or another, or in one form or another, for *all eternity*. Others believe we have *always lived*. They think life is a strange succession of *different* existences — each in a different form, in a different place.

But no one seems to KNOW for sure!

#### Just How Important IS It?

When public-opinion pollsters ask Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen their opinions about life, death, and the hereafter — they find most simply unconcerned.

They just don't like to *think* about it — *especially* happening to THEM.

But when death strikes — suddenly EVERYTHING IS CHANGED! Suddenly, we MUST pause, in our swiftly moving lives, to face death. And we are comFather that He had "hidden these things from the 'wise and prudent' and RE-VEALED THEM unto babes!" (Mat. 11:25.)

#### YOU Can DIE!

If anything could be called "instinct" in the human creature — perhaps the "instinct" of self-preservation could.

We just automatically seek to PRE-SERVE, to *protect*, to LENGTHEN and HANG ON to our lives! BUT WE CAN-NOT! How FUTILE, how utterly HELP-LESS we feel, when we are urging a loved one to "hang on" — to FIGHT TO LIVE — and see that life ebbing away right before our eyes!

But the average person just never gets around to thinking about *bis own* death.

And I *don't* mean moribundity of spirit — or FEAR of death. I do not mean a constant contemplation of death — but the *knowledge* of how truly MORTAL, how TEMPORARY, how FRAG-ILE this physical, chemical existence really is!

Somehow, the average person feels himself almost indestructible.

He can imagine something terrible happening — to someone ELSE, but it's almost impossible to imagine it happening to *himself*. It's like a fear of the UNKNOWN. Since most people do not know WHAT is life, and WHAT is death — and WHAT HAPPENS at death, they simply prefer not to think about it.

But WE CAN DIE. And we DO. And we SHALL.

But, what happens then?

#### What IS Your Life?

Just what *is* this physical, chemical, brief experience we call ''life,'' anyhow?

Now that you think about it — the words like "life" and "death" are words almost NO one has ever researched, or looked up in a dictionary.

If you *did* try to find some "scientific" definition for life — you would find only some statements to the effect of "the state of being alive," or the ability of a "living" organism to utilize organic life in a living metabolism, and other such "double-talk" which would NOT, in actual fact, tell you WHAT LIFE IS! But the Creator of all life *does* tell you what it is!

And He stresses its source, *and its* TEMPORARY qualities, and its UNCER-TAINTY! Listen!

"Whereas you know not what shall be on the morrow. For *what is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appears for a *little* time, and then vanishes away..." (James 4:14).

Always, God Almighty stresses the UNCERTAINTY of life. He says, "For *dust* thou art, and unto *dust* shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:19).

You are a physical, temporal creature — *entirely* dependent upon a metabolic process of muscles, nerves, sinews and bone — upon blood and air — upon food and water. You are a living organism — a terribly fragile, temporary creature.

You're MADE of the elements of the ground. Perhaps, in our modern societies, of food nicely served on "manmade" plates of fine china — we don't like to think of the fact our food is literally composed of so much "dirt" and that we are, very literally, "dirt." But we ARE!

Your Bible reveals the LIFE of man is a purely CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL existence — that our metabolic process is the same as that of animals! (Eccl. 3:19.) Nowhere does your Bible say man HAS an immortal soul, or that there *is* a "soul" *in* man. Rather, the Bible shows man IS a soul. That is, each soul (*nephesh*, in the Hebrew) is a *person*, and *can die*.

Read Ezekiel 18:4 and 18:20 where God says, "the SOUL THAT SINNETH, *IT* [the *SOUL*] shall die." (If you have not yet read our free article entitled "Do You Have an Immortal Soul?" and want to see this completely PROVED, in your own Bible, then write for it immediately.)

It is true there is a "spirit" in man (Job 32:8) — and this will be explained, thoroughly, in succeeding issues. But that spirit is NOT THE MAN — and is not CONSCIOUS APART from the man. Job, in the same book said, "But man DIES, and wastes away, yes, man expires [original — implying exhalation, or expiration of *air*] and where is he?" (Job 14:10.) In this same passage, God inspired

Job to say, "O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I WAIT, till my CHANGE come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands" (Job 14:13-15).

Job spoke of being KEPT in the grave — and waiting for a CHANGE to take place — NOT of *being alive* DUR-ING DEATH!

#### The Certainty of Death

You know several people who have died. Probably, some were VERY close to you — and you cherish the memory of them — remembering the way they were, the things they said and did their personality and character. Yet, they're dead.

In the modern, "chic," God-rejecting world, death is IGNORED by most people. It's something that "happens" once in a while to soldiers, or victims in automobile accidents, or elderly people, or cancer patients, or those you read of in the newspapers. But most people simply do NOT LIKE TO FACE death. The idea is repugnant to them.

Still, as the old saying goes, "There's nothing surer than death and taxes."

Isn't it about time you WONDERED about death? Isn't it about time you began to ADMIT to yourself there IS such a thing? And isn't it about time you PROVED to yourself the real TRUTH about it?

Remember again — there is NO "dead" person to whom you can talk. Science can't give you the answer. Philosophers say they do not know *what* death is; except that it is not life. There is only ONE source to which you can go to get the TRUE answer, and that source is the inspired Word of your God!

The Bible is, in a sense, the OBITU-ARY of the leading men that GOD USED throughout history. The greatest men of the Bible all DIED!

Perhaps we haven't thought about that. But it brings out a tremendous principle — and should give all of us COMFORT through life!

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David was a man after God's own heart. When David prayed, GOD HEARD. The Psalms are, in many cases, actual prayers David prayed. One of those Psalms bears directly on the subject of DEATH!

#### David Died

David was afflicted — in what exact way we don't know. But he apparently was very NEAR DEATH!

He cried out in Psalm 102:1-5: "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee.

"Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.

"For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth.

"My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread. By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin."

Finally, he cried out in verse 24, "I said, O my God, *take me not away* in the midst of my days . . . "

David cried out to God to *lengthen* his life — to *save* him from death! And God Almighty *ANSWERED THAT PRAYER!* 

David *didn't* die as a *young* man. He ruled Israel for forty years. David lived his full "three score and ten" and *died* at the age of 70.

But the point is that David did DIE!

In I Chronicles 29:28, we read this of David, "And HE DIED in a good old age, full of days, riches and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead."

The apostle Peter was inspired to write: "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is BOTH DEAD AND BURIED, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day ... for David IS NOT ASCENDED INTO THE HEAVENS" (Acts 2:29-34).

David lived a full life; God answered his prayers; he did have the mind of God (Acts 13:22).

But David DIED — and he is still dead. David is NOT in heaven. That's what your Bible says.

But WHY?

Why did David die? Why hasn't he

received his reward? Will David ever be conscious again?

#### The Apostle Peter Died

Peter was one of the leading apostles in the New Testament Church! He was one of the Original Twelve disciples handpicked by Christ.

Peter KNEW he was going to die!

He said in II Peter 1:13-15: "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me.

"Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able AFTER MY DECEASE to have these things always in remembrance."

So Peter died.

Yet, he wrote the book on HOPE. Peter *hoped* for the resurrection and the kingdom of God. But he certainly didn't expect to receive it then. Peter himself said that Christians would not find the praise and honor they sought until the APPEARING of Jesus Christ! He clearly stated in Acts, as we saw, that David was NOT in heaven — but dead and buried.

Yet, God allowed Peter — one of the most important men in God's Church to DIE!

#### The Apostle Paul Died

The apostle Paul wrote 14 books of the Bible. He was the apostle to the Gentiles, held a very important spiritual office, had worked diligently and hard for many years, and appears to have been one of the most truly spiritual men who ever lived.

He was stoned, shipwrecked, put in prison. Paul was certainly tried in every conceivable way.

But he died.

He said: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my DEPAR-TURE is at hand.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me *AT THAT DAY*" (II Timothy 4:6-8).

The apostle Paul isn't in "heaven." He said he won't get his reward until that day — the Day Christ returns! Christ said, in Revelation 22:12, "MY REWARD IS WITH ME!"

But Christ isn't here yet. The apostle Paul is *still* dead and buried.

And did you notice?

The apostle Peter and Paul viewed DEATH rather objectively. Although it was a *sobering* experience, the apostle Paul almost WELCOMED IT! He said in Philippians 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to DIE IS GAIN!"

When Stephen was martyred, he simply said, "Lay not this sin to their charge!" (Acts 7:60.)

Why?

Why in the face of DEATH were these men calm? What is it that they knew about DEATH that didn't frighten them?

#### People of God Allowed to Die

James and John were murdered. God allowed it!

Elisha, who raised the dead to life, and was the greatest servant of God in his day became SICK and died!

You can read it in II Kings 13:14, "Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died."

But, "maybe Elisha lost faith" — you say?

Not at all!

Notice, verse 21. "And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and *touched the bones of Elisha*, HE REVIVED, and stood up on his feet."

God inspired that!

He wanted to get across a great principle!

That is, God's servants — the greatest of them — DO DIE! But God wanted to be sure no one REASONED that perhaps Elisha had lost faith. So He inspired *this account* to occur *after Elisha's death*.

Here was proof that Elisha had NOT lost faith; God had NOT forsaken him.

It merely came time for Elisha to die. He had *served* his purpose on this earth. Elisha became sick and God simply *allowed* him to die. God took him from the evil to come.

God allowed the WIFE of Ezekiel to die. Ezekiel was one of the most powerful servants of God on the face of the earth. He had actually seen the THRONE OF GOD in *vision*. God revealed some of the most detailed and important prophecies ever given to man through Ezekiel.

But God allowed his WIFE to die. And it can be demonstrated that Ezekiel had not yet lived to be fifty — and certainly his wife had *not* lived her "three score and ten."

But God allowed her to die. The account is found in Ezekiel 24:16-18.

"Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of your eyes [his wife] with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.

"Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.

"So I spake unto the people in the morning: and at even MY WIFE DIED; and I did in the morning as I was commanded."

The next few verses explain what her death was to signify to the people at the time. But the point is she DIED.

#### Mrs. Armstrong's Death

My mother, Mrs. Armstrong, was in her seventy-sixth year. She had lived a full life.

Right now, she's in a better condition than any of the living. She'll never have to shed one more tear. She won't feel cold or heat. She won't ever again go hungry.

She's safe. She can't fall away. She'll never again have to *struggle* to overcome this or that problem. She's *SAFE*!

God says, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the DEATH of his saints" (Psalm 116:15). Mrs. Armstrong's death was precious in God's sight. She had lived a life of great service to God's Work; had overcome her human nature; had qualified to have a place in the Kingdom of God.

Mrs. Armstrong is in the grave now. She is waiting for the second coming of Christ; waiting for the RESUR-RECTION FROM THE DEAD, just as are Elisha, and David, and Peter, and Paul.

#### Any LIFE After Death?

Remember what Job was inspired to say? "O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man *die*, *shall he live again?* All the days of my appointed time will I *wait*, TILL MY *CHANGE* come" (Job 14:13, 14).

Job knew about the *resurrection* of the dead. And so does ANYONE who knows the promises of God! Your Bible speaks in both Old and New Testaments of a RESURRECTION of the dead — a RE-CREATION OF LIFE!

Daniel was inspired to write, "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2).

Later, Christ quoted these same words. Read John 5:21 through verse 29! Jesus said: "For as the Father raiseth up the dead ... even so the Son quickeneth [makes alive] whom He will ... Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the DEAD shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall LIVE ... Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (judgment; margin).

Christ spoke of MORE than one resurrection!

Notice the proof. Turn to Revelation, chapter 20. Now read verses 4 and 5. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them [Greek word: "Psuche" — meaning same as "Nephesh" in the Hebrew] that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years"!

And the "souls" John saw in this vision were DEAD! Notice the proof. "But the REST OF THE DEAD lived not again until the thousand years were finished!" (Revelation 20:5.)

John saw a vision concerning the resurrection of the JUST! Christ promises RULERSHIP with Him to those who overcome (Rev. 2:26; 3:21) which He will give at HIS RETURN (I Cor. 15:23; Phil. 3:20, 21).

The RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD was the whole hope - the heart and center of the MESSAGE of the early Church! Notice how it completely DOMINATES the sermons of Peter and Paul in early Church history. Read ALL of the following verses in context in your own Bible! "... have crucified and slain: Whom God hath RAISED UP ...." (Acts 2:23, 24). "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses ... For David IS NOT ASCENDED INTO THE HEAVENS: but he saith himself [proving David, too, expected to WAIT TILL A CHANGE CAME, THROUGH A RESURRECTION !], The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, UNTIL I make thy foes thy footstool" (Acts 2:32-35).

Peter continually emphasized CHRIST's resurrection as proof of the future resurrection of ALL mankind! "And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead..." (Acts 3:15). "Unto you first God, having raised up His Son Jesus..." (Acts 3:26). "... the Sadducees came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD!" (Acts 4:1-2.)

Notice! Peter preached the RESUR-RECTION! He said NOTHING about the completely PAGAN doctrine of any supposed "immortal soul" or going to "hell" or "heaven" when one dies!

Rather, he emphasized how even David, a man after God's own heart, was DEAD AND BURIED (Acts 2:29) and showed the believers that David HAD NOT GONE TO HEAVEN (Acts 2:34), but was waiting in his GRAVE, just as the Bible says, until a RESURRECTION of the just!

#### Meaning of Life

Paul was inspired to write ONE WHOLE CHAPTER on the subject of the resurrection! You need to *study* the whole 15th chapter of I Corinthians!

Notice how Paul was directed of God's Holy Spirit to answer the "let's suppose" and "what if?" kind of questions people would ask!

"But some man will say, 'How are the dead raised up? and with WHAT BODY do they come?'" (I Cor. 15:35.)

And true to that prediction — people ask: "Yes, but WHAT ABOUT THOSE 'VAPORIZED' AT HIROSHIMA AND NA-GASAKI?" People want to know about men buried at sea, eaten of sharks. And what about those CREMATED?

All right - WHAT ABOUT them?

Is it "DIFFICULT" for God because the same BODY no longer remains?

*Ridiculous*! And that's exactly what Christ inspired Paul to write about such questions. "Thou FOOL — that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it DIE...so also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in INcorruption ... it is sown a NATURAL body; it is raised a SPIRI-TUAL BODY!..." (I Cor. 15:36-44.)

Just as Job said, there is a complete CHANGE at the resurrection. A SPIRIT BEING is given life — not an old, disease-ridden, maimed or mangled, shot or burnt, hideously deformed or wasted HUMAN, PHYSICAL, BODY!

"WE SHALL BE CHANGED!" said Paul! (I Cor. 15:52.)

#### Hope of DEAD

Can you see? Your Creator says DEATH IS DEATH — just as you KNOW it is — and that a resurrection FROM the dead is the *whole hope* of a Christian! That's why Paul asks, "Else what shall they do which are baptized for [Greek: "Huper" meaning FOR THE HOPE OF] the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized FOR THE HOPE OF [margin] the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?" (I Cor. 15:29-30.)

The HOPE OF THE DEAD is a RESUR-RECTION FROM the dead! Baptism SYMBOLIZED that resurrection!

"Therefore we are buried [by being immersed completely in water — symbolizing BURIAL] with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of HIS RESURRECTION!" (Romans 6:4-5.)

Your God shows you that those who have truly been CONVERTED, who have utterly *surrendered to Him* — who have GIVEN UP their carnal arguments, their resentment and hostility toward God and His Word, and who have begun to really LIVE by God's Word, will be in the RESURRECTION of the just!

Paul said this was the DRIVING AM-BITION in his life!

"... and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus... that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection... if by any means I might attain unto the RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD!" (Phil. 3:8-11.)

But what about those who have NOT been converted? What if someone dies who never really knew the truth? What about the MILLIONS upon MILLIONS of Asians, Africans, and members of all races right down through history who NEVER EVEN HEARD THE NAME of Christ, let alone had an opportunity to hear and study His WORD? What becomes of THEM?

#### The REST of the Dead

Christ spoke of a resurrection to LIFE, and a resurrection to "JUDG-MENT" (John 5:29). The word rendered "damnation" in the Authorized Version is more correctly translated "JUDGMENT" from the original.

Notice how the *Bible* interprets the *Bible* on this important point!

John was inspired to say, "But the rest of the dead [those NOT included in the resurrection to *eternal life* at Christ's coming!] lived not again UN-TIL the thousand years were finished!" (Rev. 20:5.) The words following this parenthetical statement then refer back to the FIRST resurrection of the dead *in* Christ!

But the REST of the dead — those millions having *never heard;* never having an opportunity for salvation "lived not again UNTIL the thousand years were finished!"

Notice verses 11 through 15! "And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great stand before God; and the BOOKS were opened: and ANOTHER book was opened which is the book of life: and the dead were JUDGED [not sentenced, or "condemned," but JUDGED] OUT OF THOSE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS ACCORDING TO THEIR WORKS....''

Notice what the Bible DOES NOT say! Millions have falsely pictured this event as a great "assembly line" of miserable humans, marching endlessly past a great "courtroom" — each told in his turn, "You go to heaven," "You go to hell!"

Isn't that the way YOU have always pictured it?

But that isn't what the Bible says!

Your Creator says the dead will finally be judged OUT OF THINGS WRIT-TEN IN THE "BOOKS," and that they will be judged by THEIR WORKS!

And what *are* those books? The original Greek word is "BIBLOS." And "Biblos" is translated correctly into English as "BIBLE." Surprising though it may seem, there is nothing "holy" about the word "Bible" when it is used *by itself*. But when the word "HOLY" is added to the word BIBLE, (which merely means BOOKS) then the meaning is HOLY BOOKS!

OF COURSE!

That is exactly how YOU will be judged. God says, "I CHANGE NOT!" (Mal. 3:6.) Jesus Christ is THE SAME, yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). God will judge those people in the future JUST AS HE JUDGES TODAY! And how does He judge HIS OWN

PEOPLE?

"For the time is come that JUDG-MENT must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that OBEY NOT the gospel of God?" (I Peter 4:17.)

JUDGMENT is a "discerning." Those who are members of God's true Church, members of the very body of Christ (I Cor. 12:13) are being judged Now! (I Peter 4:17.)

And how are they being judged? Christ said, "... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4). "Thy word is truth," (John 17:17) said Jesus Christ. The books or "Biblos" which are the laws by which YOU and I are judged are the books of your own Bible! Each Christian is judged, according to his WORKS, based upon the Word of God.

Your God is fair. God does not judge

YOU by one "method," and then judge multiple millions, or even *billions* of other human beings by a totally DIF-FERENT standard. Think about it for a moment.

Does it make sense to you that millions of people could be sent to a supposed "ever-burning hellfire," helplessly and uselessly beating at the flames that threaten to engulf them, shrieking in hideous and all-consuming agony for ever and ever and ever — for all eternity, just because a missionary had a flat tire?

Let's follow it further. Perhaps (and this is not so farfetched but that it could have been true), a missionary was striving to reach a tiny Chinese village. Let's assume the missionary ran into trouble with his ancient old Ford automobile, and received a severe tire puncture on the rough and rocky road. Perhaps the missionary labored several hours under the hot sun to repair his tire — arriving at the village several hours later than he had intended. Meanwhile, the elderly grandfather of the family upon which he was about to call had "passed away." Mind you, this missionary was going to bring the "name" of Christ to this isolated Chinese family.

But the grandfather DIED! All during his lifetime he never ONCE had an *opportunity* to even hear the *name* of Christ — let alone hear *one word* out of the Word of God or one word from a missionary, teacher, preacher, government official, or even a *neighbor* about his responsibilities before God.

Rather, he had been reared in the Taoist or Buddhist religion.

Does it make sense to your rational mind that this elderly Chinaman would then be *doomed* to spend ALL ETER-NITY in an ever-burning *hellfire* because a missionary had a flat tire?

Preposterous!

And so is it preposterous according to your Bible!

No, your God is a *just* God! He treats all human beings *equally*! He deals the same way with Chinese as with Africans, the same with Americans as with Britons, the same with Australians as with Germans, and the same with Asians as with Latin Americans!

Those who have never had an op-

portunity to learn about God's Word and His laws, who have never even heard the only name whereby man must be saved (Acts 4:12) must have that opportunity!

Religious hobbyists, arguers, scoffers, and bigoted antagonists will oftentimes accuse the Great Creator for this masterful plan of offering a so-called "second chance"!

With boiling rage, many a religious hobbyist has shrieked his venom at any supposed "second chance"!

But IS this a *second* chance? When, pray tell, did these millions of wretched, hapless, disillusioned and illiterate souls ever have a "FIRST" chance?

They never did.

But they will.

God says, "But the REST of the dead lived not again UNTIL the thousand years were finished!"

And these will be resurrected to "judgment" which is NOT a sentencing based upon deeds they did in *ignorance*. But is, rather, a period of 100 years duration (Isaiah 65:20) during which every one of these multiple millions, perhaps even *billions* of human beings *must have the same opportunity you* have!

How RIGHTEOUS, how just, how merciful, and how *PERFECT* is the great plan of God!

What happens, then, if a loved one of yours died not having "understood" much of the Word of God?

#### The FIRST CHANCE for Everyone!

Death is DEATH — the complete absence of life and consciousness.

Remember, your Bible reveals the "dead KNOW NOT ANYTHING." There is no consciousness of the passing of time. In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, the rich man "lift up his eyes" in a resurrection — unaware that thousands of years had passed between the time when he died and his yet future resurrection. If you have not yet read the gripping booklet on Lazarus and the Rich Man, then write for your free copy immediately.

The MAJORITY of those dying today in all nations ARE NOT CONVERTED! The *majority* of those having died through past centuries died with NO KNOWLEDGE of Christ, of the Bible, of the way to salvation.

But they are NOT hopelessly lost.

They *must* have their *first chance* for salvation.

Notice what God says about His own specially chosen people, Israel. "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the *rest were blinded* (according as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber; eyes that they should *not* see, and ears that they should *not* hear;) *unto this day*" (Rom. 11:7-8).

Are God's own elect (Isaiah 44:1; 45:4) LOST FOREVER because God Himself has caused them to be BLINDED to His truth?

No! Notice the proof! "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness *in part* is happened to Israel, *until* the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom. 11:25).

God has a TIME SCHEDULE He is working out. He WILL finally give all those ancient Israelites — whose hearts were hardened, who DID NOT KNOW the way to salvation — their FIRST chance!

Notice it. "And so ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED!" (Rom. 11:26.)

He says further, "For God hath concluded them [shut them up in unbelief — original] all in unbelief, *that He* might have mercy on all!" (Rom. 11:32.)

"... God our Saviour; Who will have ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:3, 4).

*Every* human being WILL be given an opportunity to hear, and to *understand* the Word of God. He will then make up HIS OWN MIND; make HIS OWN decision about WHETHER he will obey!

#### What About Suicide?

And what if someone kills HIMSELF? Will he be resurrected?

Of course! Suicide is SELF-murder. God commands, "Thou shalt NOT KILL" and says the wages of *sin*, which is the breaking of God's Ten Command-

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# THE CONTROL OF WEATHER

Weather experts are frankly frightened. Unless BIG CHANGES are brought about in weather patterns soon, scientists fear one third of earth's population will be wiped out by drought, floods and famine in the next ten years! Here are the facts with direct on-the-spot reports from Geneva, Switzerland, on an International Congress devoted to the study of today's growing weather problems.

#### by Herman L. Hoeh

S UDDENLY, weather experts have become alarmed.

A crisis is confronting the world which has scientists — and especially meteorologists — baffled. Something has gone wrong with the weather.

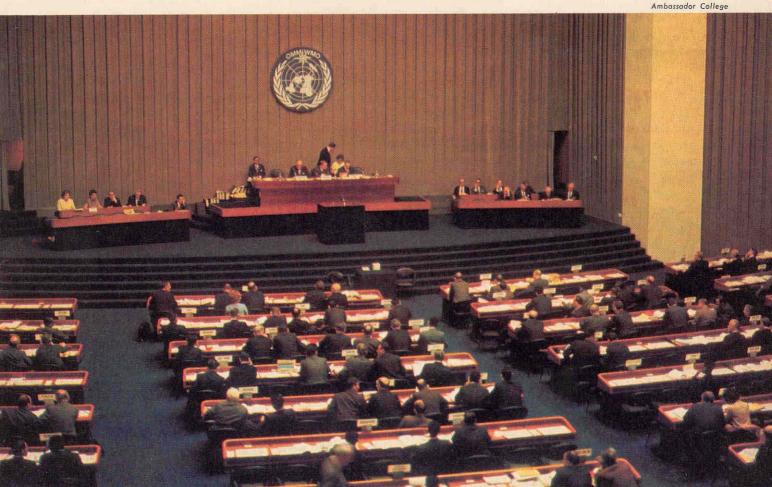
Drought and floods are stalking large areas of Asia, Australia and the Central U. S. A breakdown in the world food supply is approaching. Yet the world's population soars upward. As a result, over 12,000 human beings worldwide are now dying from starvation each day.

#### Why Scientists Worry

In a last-ditch effort to head off this crisis before it is too late, scientists are rushing ahead with special weather studies. To report to you what is taking place behind-the-scenes, we recently sent two of our PLAIN TRUTH staff members — Ernest L. Martin and John E. Portune — to Geneva, Switzerland. They attended the Fifth International Congress of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). They interviewed weather experts from both sides of the Iron Curtain. What they found ought to shake us out of our lethargy.

Here, in summary, is their re-

Fifth Congress of World Meteorological Organization in General Assembly Room, Palace of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.



Ambassador College Essa IV Satellite weather photo received at Geneva, Switzerland during Fifth WMO Congress.

port, together with photographs.

Dr. R. M. White, head of the American delegation, was the first to announce to the assembled scientists in Geneva the latest steps in man's quickening pace to control weather.

For decades, he said, we have only been able to stand back and report the actions of the earth's weather. Man has been without effective worldwide coverage by weather stations and without adequate communication systems. But with the advent of computers and with newly developed techniques of transmitting pictures from satellites back to the earth, the days of the "guessing" weatherman, declared Dr. White, will soon be past.

But are weathermen really happy over these new-found advancements?

#### Not at all!

They are *worried*! Professor Federov, head of the Soviet delegation and newly elected Vice-President of the WMO, warned, in an address before the entire assembled Congress, that man's abilities in the field of weather are now becoming so vast that they are outgrowing his moral capacity to handle them. Federov urged international cooperation in *control* of scientific experiments in our atmosphere as an absolute necessity.

Today man is tampering with the delicate balances of the atmosphere *before* he thoroughly understands the complex laws which govern it. He could well set off "chain reactions which might affect the climate possibly in an undesirable direction," acknowledged Professor Federov.

#### And Now - a "Weather War"?

For a number of years scientists from various countries have been feverishly working on what some have called the "ultimate weapon" — control of an enemy nation's weather!

The idea of waging a "weather war"

Same photo with countries outlined in red to show position of weather fronts.

> is very much alive. In the past it has been openly admitted that both the United States and Russia are hard at work, trying to devise methods to control the weather for military reasons. They are not alone in this race. The West Germans have been developing plans to combine weather warfare with germ warfare. The plans call for sending diseases through jet air streams into enemy lands.

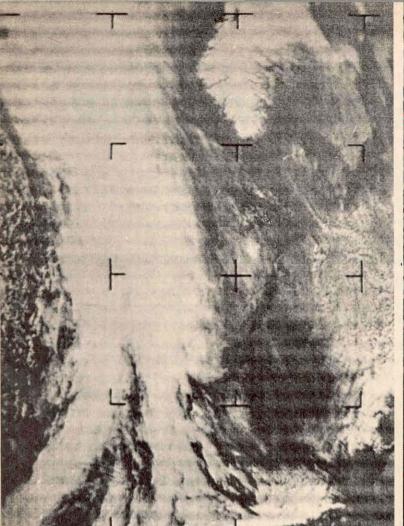
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In 1959, Clinton Anderson of the United States Senate warned: "Who needs to be told how long it would take to bring the United States to her knees if it lay in the power of another country to deny us at will our drinking water or our wheat crop, to alternately freeze us or burn us up; to flood our cities and scorch our farms?"

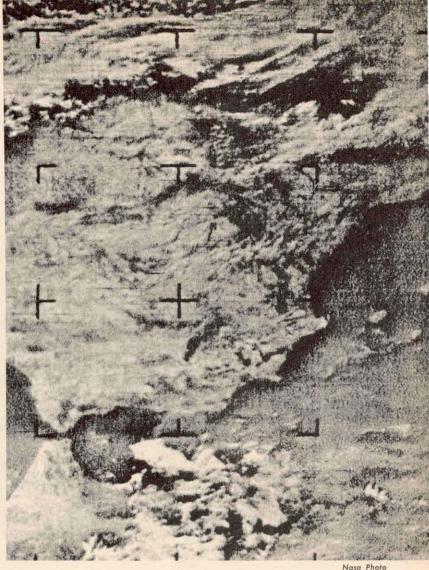
#### New Techniques

The scientific inventions now available to man for peace or for war are

Switzerland during Fifth WMO Congress.







Actual chart for same time, received by radio teleprinter and plotter at Ambassador College, UK weather station. European countries outlined in yellow.

spectacular. Take a look at the new weather satellites which military men have their eyes on.

Two basic types of weather satellites exist - the Command Response Satellites and the Automatic Picture Transmitting Satellites. The first of these is highly technical and usable only for complex research by the country launching it. But the other, which was in operation at the Geneva WMO Congress, has really opened up the field of satellite meteorology.

Circling the earth every ninety minutes from pole to pole, these remarkable assemblages of electronic hardware transmit continuous television-type pictures back to earth of the cloud systems covering thousands of square miles right over the very station receiving the signal. With extremely modest equipment almost anybody, particularly ordi-

nary weather stations, can receive these photographs taken about 500 miles above their own station at that very time. Accompanying this article is a copy of one of the pictures which came in right on the spot in Geneva. Alongside the satellite picture is a normal synoptic chart taken from ground observations. The two charts agree remarkably, but the satellite picture shows far more to the weatherman than does the ordinary old-fashioned surface chart.

Satellites are among the newest facilities being used by meteorologists. But what our staff editors were seeing in Geneva would undoubtedly be outof-date and antiquated by the time the next WMO Congress is held four years from now!

No wonder scientists are worried. Man's knowledge is increasing much faster than his ability to control that

Spain and Straits of Gibraltar show clearly in Automatic Picture Transmission Photo from Nimbus I Meteorological satellite.

> knowledge! Over and over again the major theme at World Congress was a desperate appeal for the control of man's experiments within our delicately balanced atmosphere. If man tampers with this complex creation of God along unknown lines, he risks creating irreversible disasters.

And scientists admit it!

Meteorologists know that weather patterns, which now provide temperate conditions to many areas of the earth, could be dangerously altered by man's experiments. In learning to control the weather, men could mistakenly turn normally wet areas into arid regions, and bring tropical downpours into temperate zones.

A similar fear was sounded a few years ago by an American scientist, Dr. Alan T. Waterman. He warned that careless scientific tinkering with the at-



mosphere "might touch off a catastrophic reaction."

More recently a National Academy of Sciences panel warned that even if man could prevent ordinary hurricanes, the energy bottled up in the tropical seas may then only spawn SUPER ones! ---just as indiscriminate use of sprays has spawned super insects that are now poison resistant. Man has already changed the weather pattern in local areas. The buildup of great cities with asphalt and concrete pavements has altered moisture distribution. So have man's denuding of vital forest areas, and putting to the plow millions of acres which were not meant for cultivation. Remember the Soviet blunder under Khrushchev? Vast areas in Asiatic Russia were wrongly put to cultivation, virtually turning the whole region into a dustbowl! The United States, South Africa, and other nations have affected climate patterns in the same manner.

And don't overlook the activities of

industry — the combustion of fossil fuels like coal and oil — which have altered weather patterns by causing substantial increase in the heating of the lower layer of the atmosphere.

#### The Power in Our Atmosphere

The atmosphere is one of God's greatest gifts to man. Without it, life on earth would be impossible.

Even so, most people take the atmosphere for granted. Few realize what colossal power resides in this canopy of air surrounding our planet. The divinely controlled daily movements of the earth's air involve energy equivalent to the simultaneous explosion of 10,000 of the largest hydrogen bombs. Or, to use Professor Federov's illustration, if man were to gather together in one spot EVERY form of steady energy available today - electric generation plants, engines, motors and so forth - he would not be able to equal the energy of the present movements in the atmosphere over the continent of Europe alone.

Professor Federov (left) Head of Soviet delegation to the 5th International World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Congress chats with Dr. Ernest Martin, of the PLAIN TRUTH staff.

It is this potential energy that man is rushing to direct or to control for his use on earth. But here is the paradox. For all his vaunted knowledge, man still lacks understanding of the most basic laws governing climate!

At Geneva, weather experts confessed to the Congress that man still does not really understand the laws which cause simple rain to form in clouds — despite the fantastic new knowledge which has been gaining in meteorology.

No wonder Professor Federov warned his fellow meteorologists from around the world to be *extremely careful* in the experiments being done towards controlling the weather. Present worldwide weather patterns are at stake!

But now, how will it all end? Will

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men be allowed to use the weather for their own selfish purposes? What does God say about this latest venture of Science? For, after all, there *is* an Almighty God who controls the weather! Though many are willingly ignorant of this simple and obvious truth!

#### The Master Weatherman

Have we forgotten that God controls the weather? That He uses it to bless or punish men and nations? It's been in your Bible all this time. Read it, in Job 37:11-13: "Yea He [God] ladeth the thick cloud with moisture, He [God] spreadeth abroad the cloud of His lightning: and they are turned round about by His guidance, that they may do whatsoever He commandeth them upon the face of the habitable world: whether it be for correction, or for his earth, or for mercy, that He cause it to come" (*Jewish* translation).

U. Thant talks with Dr. Nyberg, President of WMO and Professor Federov (far right), head of Soviet delegation.

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Yes, God is in charge! And it's time scientists and meterologists everywhere listen!

"And I [God is speaking] also have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city; one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered into one city to drink water, and were not satisfied; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord.

"I have smitten you with blasting [due to drought] and mildew [due to too much rain]; the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees hath the palmerworm devoured; Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord" (Amos 4:7-9, Jewish translation).

Men would like to have this prerogative of God without changing their corrupt, selfish ways of living or their evil thoughts. The truth that there is a God in heaven who makes or breaks whole nations may seem farfetched today to most people but it is a living reality. The world wants to hide its eyes from God, and then complain that God is nowhere to be found.

When God, in love, uses the weather to punish men to bring them to their senses, men seem only to curse Him and sin the more. They want nothing to do with His laws, His way of life that would bring us happiness, peace and prosperity. Men want to escape the punishment without repenting of their sins. But God says He will heal our land if and only if we repent: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

God has set before us blessing and cursing. He wants us to choose the blessings. He only "spanks" when we are going the way that is bringing heartache and trouble upon us. We live in a world that is choosing the wrong way. It is a defiant, rebellious age, aptly



prophesied in II Timothy 3:1-5. Is it any wonder that the weather is becoming a curse?

#### What You Can Do

Learning better farming methods applying sound principles of forest conservation — these and other practices need to be done, but *they will* NOT *solve the weather problem*. At most they can only forestall doom! Let's understand *why*.

*First*, the world situation is such that the average man must exploit his land in order to make a living. Taxes — both direct and hidden — are consuming one third of the entire earnings of the average wage-earner. No country can stand such a burden for long.

Second, even if we should practice better methods of conservation, our neighbors will NOT do so. We often have to suffer with them for their mistakes. That is why drought will strike even the best farmlands. This generation will literally REAP THE WHIRL-WIND. There is no stopping it. Humanity will not change its course.

That leaves us only one solution. What we need is protection — DIVINE PROTECTION — in the times ahead.

God has *not* deserted the world. He *can* intervene in nature. God is not only the Creator, He is also the Controller and Preserver of the universe. HE CONTROLS THE WEATHER. And He can intervene *for you* if ...

... if you *do* what He tells you. This is your only chance of deliverance.

God nowhere promises you won't have afflictions, but He has promised to deliver you out of them. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Eternal delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

Drought, floods, famines are the result of man's having turned from the ways of God. Man is bringing these sufferings upon himself. The world is about to reap one final catastrophe as a result of DISOBEDIENCE.

The only way of deliverance is through REPENTANCE — sorrow for having done wrong, and a *determination* to do what is right from now on.

#### The Right Way

God created the world. He owns it. God, then, is the Landlord; we are the renters. Maybe we have not thought of it in that way before, but it is true. And what have we done with His property?

First, we have ruined it by overwork and exploitation. Wherever man has been he has finally turned a beautiful earth into a desolate wilderness or an arid desert. We have not learned to care for God's property. We have taken from the soil and given little to the soil in return. We have never allowed good farmland to rest — until it becomes too late to restore its fertility. What fools we mortals be!

Second, we have not paid our rent to our Supreme Landlord. Yes, you owe God rent, whether you are a farmer, laborer, businessman or housewife. You are using His soil, dwelling on His land, spending His time for your own livelihood. For permitting you the use of everything He created on this earth, He demands only a fraction of the amount which human landlords demand. God gives you 90 percent of what you acquire, and He asks only 10 percent in return. That 10 percent He calls a tithe. The word tithe means a tenth.

Our people have been *robbing* God of His rightful rent. Says the Creator: "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have *robbed* me, even this whole nation. Bring ye *all* the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and *prove me* now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:9-10). This is God's promise.

God promises to bless any nation that trusts Him and faithfully obeys Him. Our nations have NOT done that, and for that reason we face a national catastrophe before 1975!

#### A Two-fold Reward

God promises to bless the individual who pays the tithe. Don't think that God does not notice when you pay Him what is His. He is very conscious of it — especially because so few are honest enough to pay it.

Tithing brings a two-fold reward. God will not only return you added blessings during times of prosperity — which you would not otherwise have received — but He also promises you DE-LIVERANCE during times of economic adversity, as we have read in Psalm 34:19.

You may encounter trouble, but God has *promised* — and He cannot lie to deliver you out of *every* drought, flood, tornado or famine. There is no other way of *protection*. If you value your life, if you value the lives of your family, if you value your property, you had better turn to God, repent of your sins and begin to pay God from now on, the tithes you owe Him.

Your past mistakes God overlooks if you *repent*. He will not send you any bill for your past failure to pay His tithe. But He will expect you to be faithful from now on.

Only remember that if you do not square yourself with the Almighty Ruler of the universe, that He will collect from you all your past obligations by casting you out of your very own home. These are strong words, but they are true.

God Almighty has spoken!

Tithing is God's challenge! Are you going to practice what He commands you?

#### Why Man Restrained

Over four thousand years ago, when men were building the tower of Babel, God knew what man would be able to do: "Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now *nothing* [not even attempts to control the weather] will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do" (Gen. 11:6). God had to confuse their language and scatter them abroad, or humanity long before now would have destroyed itself by abuse of scientific knowledge. And that includes misuse of the weather!

We are now nearing the climax of man's 6000-year time of misrule and injustice. Man is once again reaching into the sky, imagining that he can do mighty things — even control the weather! God is allowing man to dabble in these forbidden projects — but only for a short time. Probably less than ten more years! Then, just before hu-

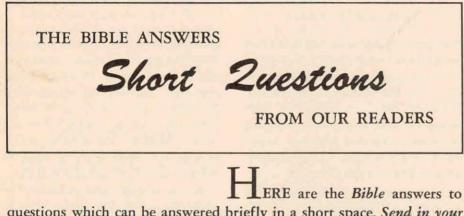
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manity would destroy itself, Jesus Christ will suddenly return to save us all from utter annihilation! (Mat. 24:21-22.) He will intervene in human affairs and destroy those who are destroying the earth and its weather patterns (Rev. 11:18).

But those individuals who remain to live on into the world tomorrow will see a vastly different world from today. They will live in a world at peace, a world filled with happiness and prosperity and uncountable blessings from the God of heaven. Good weather will be one of these superb blessings! Read it in Isaiah 30:23-25.

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questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. Send in your questions. While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

Just what is involved in real, sincere, earnest repentance before God? I've heard some say all you have to do is "accept Christ." Is this all there is to it?

Tragically few today understand what real repentance is — or what it means to "accept Christ."

Repentance means to CHANGE. Any modern dictionary will explain that repent means "to amend or resolve to amend one's life — to CHANGE ONE'S MIND with regard to past or intended action, conduct, and so forth, because of regret or dissatisfaction."

But, the truth is, to REPENT means all that — AND MUCH MORE! Repentance, in the sight of God, is NOT merely temporary sorrow or remorse; it is NOT just an outward show of "changing."

TRUE repentance is OF THE WHOLE HEART, MIND, AND BEING!

It involves your LIFE—LITERALLY! Notice what Isaiah the prophet said: "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked FORSAKE HIS WAY, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him RETURN unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon'' (Jsa. 55:6-7).

Have you ever thought of it that way before?

Haven't you just "assumed" that "repentance" simply meant "accepting" Christ as your personal Saviour, and perhaps attending some church once in a while? Haven't you believed it merely meant living a "decent" sort of life in general?

Repentance includes FORSAKING YOUR PAST WAY OF LIFE—totally changing your life—the very way you have been going—and beginning to start out going GOD's way instead! It also includes forsaking evil thoughts—the very THOUGHT PROCES-SES you used to have—carnally motivated thoughts, selfish thoughts, selfcentered ideas and interests. Repentance involves CHANGING THE WAY YOU THINK, as well as the WAY YOU LIVE!

All this is involved in TRUE repentance!

Instead of being SELF-centered, your

life begins to be GOD-CENTERED! Instead of always asking, "What do *I* want to do, now?" you begin asking, "What would GOD have me do?"

Instead of wondering, "What will *people* think?" you will begin to be concerned about, "What does GOD think?"

YOUR WHOLE LIFE—your whole AP-PROACH to living—WILL BE CHANGED! You will begin studying God's Word daily, fervently, as you strive to LIVE "by every word of God" (Mat. 4:4; Luke 4:4).

You no longer look on your life as your own—to do with as you please. You no longer think first of SELF, in all you do. *All that must be changed!* 

Notice a few scriptures which illustrate this TOTAL CHANGE.

Jesus did not "pull any punches" when speaking about repentance. He explained what it involves literally, vividly—plainly. He showed that it is NOT just a casual "decision" one makes "for Christ."

Jesus told the multitudes of His day, "If ANY MAN come to me, and hate [the Greek word translated "hate" means "to love so much less by comparison"] not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he *cannot* be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross [or burden], and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26-27).

Sounds like STRONG LANGUAGE, doesn't it? What did Jesus mean?

He *meant* what He said. But He didn't say exactly what you probably *think*.

In other words—to be a follower of JESUS CHRIST, a person must be willing to FORSAKE EVERYTHING, GIVE UP EV-ERYTHING! One must LOVE CHRIST SO MUCH that, if necessary, one would be willing to give up one's very family and even one's OWN LIFE! All physical things, in comparison to the love one has for God, must be like so much disgusting "dung"!

The apostle Paul explained it. Notice his attitude toward this present life:

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count *all* things but

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# What Do You Mean... "BIBLE OUT-OF-DATE"?

Why do so few today really STUDY the Bible? Is it an outdated book as critics claim? Read the surprising answer.

**O** VER 1900 years ago, the greatest newscaster the world has ever known *predicted today's present chaotic world conditions!* He foresaw today's scientific discoveries and technological advancements, and the crisis in the Middle East! And He foresaw the outcome!

He *knew* that men would produce the destructive forces that now *threaten* cosmocide — *suicide* of the human race!

This famous newscaster warned today's world leaders: "And except the Lord had *shortened* those days, NO FLESH *should be saved* [alive]" (Mark 13:20).

This great news prophet was *Jesus* Christ! What He foretold has been in your Bible all these centuries. Believe it or not, no other book is as up-to-date as your Bible!

#### Yet Most Christians Ignore It

You would be *shocked* to know the real reason why most professing Christians believe the Bible is outdated. It's explained by this eye-opening example of what is occurring in the churches today, as related by a startled newspaper reporter:

"Some months ago, a Protestant pastor administered a Bible quiz to members of his congregation. The questions were very simple. Anyone with a general knowledge of the Bible *should* have been able to answer all of them easily.

#### "The results staggered the pastor!

"Only five percent of his flock made a commendable grade on the test. Fifteen percent failed to give a *single* correct answer. Sixty percent were unable to name the four Gospels. Seventy-

#### by Richard H. Sedliacik

five percent could not identify Calvary as the place where Jesus was crucified.

"Some congregations might do better than that. But not many. The vast majority of Americans today are Bible *illiterates!* They simply have never read the book which they profess to regard as the 'Word of God.'" (Louis Cassels; *Courier-Times*, 'Tyler, Texas.)

This amazing quotation is *not* an isolated case! Similar quotes frequently come into our News Bureau here in Pasadena, California.

Why are churchgoers and professing Christians so *ignorant* about the teachings of the Bible?

There is a reason.

#### Not Taught to Understand It

This newspaper reporter continued to explain *why* most professing Christians do not read or study God's Holy inspired Word.

"A great many people have turned away from the Bible because, when they do try to read it, they find they *cannot understand it*.... To the modern reader, it has a remote and antiquarian flavor. It is likely to leave him with the impression the Bible is an ancient history book that has *no real relevance* to his life here and now."

So most people think the Bible is merely a dull, dry history of the ancient past — that it has *nothing to do* with today's modern *pulsating* SPACE AGE!

But the TRUTH of the Holy Bible, when *really understood*, is *more modern* and UP-TO-DATE than the most modern textbook ever written!

#### What it All Means to YOU

Today we are living in the *last days* of this age — the time of the death

throes of *man's* civilization! You need to realize you're living in a time when you — yes, YOU — are being threatened with *extinction* at any moment! For only in this present age of hydrogen bombs, intercontinental rockets and orbiting satellites has it been possible to wipe out *entire cities* — even the WHOLE EARTH — OVERNIGHT!!

We are actually *living* in the time of which the apostle Paul spoke when he *said*, "This know...that in the LAST DAYS *perilous times* shall come" (II Tim. 3:1).

That time is now!

You are actually *witnessing* that climactic time of which so many prophecies speak — that time of atheistic, godless, defiant man, trembling on the brink of nuclear holocaust — that time marking the *end of this age*, and the approach of the glorious Utopia of the World Tomorrow!

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ing of today's chaotic world conditions and how you may escape the nuclear holocaust awaiting this present generation!

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zines and I picked up a copy of *The* PLAIN TRUTH of December 1966 and came across the story 'What Do You Mean Salvation?' It so hypnotized me that I spent the next 30 or so minutes reading this story. After glancing over the other stories I decided then and there that this is the magazine for me, as it is what I have been searching for for some time."

#### Willard A. B., Chesapeake, Virginia

• We're sure it grabbed your attention — but ... "hypnotized"?

"Would you please put me on your mailing list for your magazine. I'm a postal clerk and have seen a number come through each month. The titles sound interesting to me."

#### Kenneth L., Spokane, Washington

"The nurse at the old folks' home gave me four issues of your magazine to read. They were very interesting. I want to learn more about the Word of God, put it into practice, and warn others of what is coming to pass."

Woman, Montfermeil, France

#### Never Too Young!

"I would like to start taking your PLAIN TRUTH. My name is Michael. I am nine years old. Sometimes I sit and is to show us whether or not you are interested enough in the lessons to CON-TINUE the course. But you *need not worry* about it! The vast majority who have taken the time to study the first four lessons, pass their exam *very easily*.

But you do have to study your Bible!

So don't put off your request to be enrolled in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. It's like *no other* Bible course you've ever seen! Do it right now *before yon* FORGET! Mail your request to the Correspondence Course, at our office nearest you. You will find the addresses on the inside front cover. We'll rush the first fascinating lesson of this absolutely FREE course to you at once!

watch Mom reading these magazines and I wonder if I can take these books. I enjoy reading about people or people in the Bible. I really would like to take these books."

> Michael H., (age 9), New Castle, Indiana

• Anyone old enough to write your letter is old enough to read The PLAIN TRUTH!

#### "Unpardonable Sin"

"For years I have had many doubts and questions about the Christian religion and the Bible, but today the doubts have been cleared away - and the questions are being answered through your broadcasts and publications. The article 'What Do You Mean . . . "The Unpardonable Sin"' is the closest thing to a design for Christian living of anything I have ever read or heard. You certainly have made a remarkable study of the Bible, and it is most helpful in understanding just how one should live. Thank you, many times over!" Warren J. M.,

St. Petersburg, Florida

#### Freedom of Thought?

"I thought you might be interested to know that my 16-year-old son in grade 11 gave a speech at school on evolution, using Mr. Armstrong's facts about fish and birds. He was told by the teacher that it was an excellent speech but she couldn't agree with the content. However, it must have gotten to her as she went to see the biology teacher after school and he said he didn't agree either. She had promised before the speeches began that she would not comment on the content. His was the only one she did remark on, and while he got the highest mark in the room he was not chosen to speak before the whole school because of the content."

#### Reader, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

• Does she also find she cannot agree the world is round?

#### World Tomorrow

"I have told my Sunday School class about your book entitled 'The Wonderful World Tomorrow.' I told them they should all read it as I feel that everyone who reads it would surely want to be ready for heaven."

> Mrs. Floyd P., Indiana

• Whaaat? Maybe you should read it again??

#### Agnostic

"I have been receiving *The* PLAIN TRUTH for several years now. When I first received it I considered myself an atheist or at best an agnostic and I took the magazine in order to find flaws in the arguments presented. Lately, however, I have begun to think that maybe it all makes sense."

> Roger Z., Richardson, Texas

"I happened to look through a magazine rack at an American Red Cross building over here, and found two February issues of *The* PLAIN TRUTH with unknown address markings. But they seem to have been well read. Thanks again." Sp6 Berwick G.,

50th Med Co (CLR), Vietnam

#### It's Free

"Yesterday, while doing my laundry at our Econo-Wash, I found a copy of your paper. I liked it so well that I borrowed it so I could order it myself. In reading your column I noticed that a year's subscription is free for the asking. Did I understand this rightly?"

Mrs. Alice R.,

Tampa, Florida

• You sure did. Here's the proof.

### Short Questions

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loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the LOSS OF ALL THINGS, and do *count them but dung*, that I may win Christ'' (Phil. 3:7-8).

How plain! Paul looked upon his own things as so much vile refuse so much putrid garbage — he counted his own life as NOTHING — that he might serve Christ and follow Him!

That is the attitude EVERY truly repentant person must have — or else he is deceiving himself and has received a COUNTERFEIT repentance!

The truly Christian life must be TOTALLY DEDICATED to God. It must be WHOLLY DEVOTED to God. No reservations! No strings attached! No if's, and's, but's, why-not's, or conditions!

God demands TOTAL SURRENDER — total obedience! Notice further!

Paul wrote to the Romans *this* striking admonition: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a LIVING SACRIFICE, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be NOT *conformed* to this world: but be ye TRANSFORMED by the *renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God'' (Rom. 12:1-2).

Repentance and surrender to God for the remission of sins involves—did you catch it?—TOTAL SACRIFICE! Literally, you must be willing to give up and SACRIFICE ALL—lay it on the altar give it ALL to God to use as HE sees fit in the future!

Such repentance means you will NOT be a "conformist" to the ways of the world around you. Your whole MIND and ATTITUDE will be changed and TRANSFORMED through receiving the Spirit of God, that you will be able to LIVE according to the divine WILL and WORD of God!

Now everything becomes GOD-CENTERED instead of self-centered! Now GOD becomes the One you strive to obey and please in everything you do, think, and say!

All this is involved in true, sincere, REAL repentance before God.

### WHEN YOU DIE -- THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

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ments (I John 3:4), is death (Rom. 6:23).

In the case of suicide, the penalty is the same as for any other broken law. In the resurrection AFTER the millennium of PEACE on the earth (Rev. 20:5); the resurrection to judgment, any person having committed suicide will learn the enormity of his sin; will HEAR the Word of God, just like the millions of others who committed sins, and who died not having the knowledge of the truth.

#### Is There A Hellfire?

Believe it or not, the Bible shows there must be a THIRD and FINAL resurrection! This time, a resurrection to DEATH — by fire — for those who have deliberately and willfully sinned.

Remember, there are THREE CLASSES OF PEOPLE with whom God is dealing. Those who *have* repented, and, whether living or dead, will rise to meet Christ in the air (I Thes. 4:15-18), coming down ON THAT DAY with Him to the mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4) to RULE with Him for 1,000 years (Rev. 2:26; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4). Then there are the millions of those who *have never* understood — the "REST" of the dead (Rev. 20:5).

And then there are those who WILL not choose to repent — who are finally to *lose out* on salvation.

Notice the Bible proof!

After the millennium of Christ's rule on earth; even AFTER the picture of the Great White Throne resurrection to JUDGMENT (Rev. 20:11-12), God says, "And death and hell [Greek word, "Hades" meaning THE GRAVE] were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death!" (Rev. 20:14.)

A grave is only a grave when it contains a *body*. This scripture speaks of a resurrection to *physical life*, for the incorrigible evil, and a "GEHENNA" fire destroying them!

Read what God inspired the prophet

Malachi to write: "For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall *burn them up*...and ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet..." (Mal. 4:1-3).

The GEHENNA fire of your Bible is MUCH HOTTER than the pagan myth of an "ever-burning" fire. *This* fire *really burns* — it *destroys*!

Write for the booklet about Lazarus and the Rich Man. It explains how the rich man comes up in THIS final resurrection — only to see the advancing wall of flame before him. There is a mighty REAL FIRE revealed in the Bible — GEHENNA (Greek word) fire.

Peter said, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with *fervent heat*, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be *burned up!*" (II Pet. 3:10.)

But *before* giving this awesome warning of impending DESTRUCTION of the wicked, Peter *again* shows the righteous MERCY of the LOVING God, who "... is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that ANY should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance!" (II Pet. 3:9.)

There is the real TRUTH about death — from your own Bible! Death is DEATH — without consciousness. A *resurrection* is the hope of the dead— not living for all eternity in some fanciful "limbo" or compartment of "heaven" or "hell."

The stories you've heard all your life about the boiling pots or the "pearly gates" are sheer MYTH!

But the plain *truth* of your Bible is CLEAR!

What a great *blessing* it is to know the TRUTH about death! And how *especially comforting* is this knowledge when you must literally *see* death come to a loved one!

God's great and merciful PURPOSE in our lives is achieved because *Christ conquered death*! He will soon *release* those who are "waiting" for their change to come — and that day is MUCH nearer, now, than you may think!

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED FOUR

### "I ACKNOWLEDGE MY SIN"

DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL, had allowed himself to fall into a dangerous and miserable state of affairs. He had tried desperately to hide his sins.

But David should have known that God would uncover them. He was astounded when Nathan the prophet told him that God had revealed matters to him, and that he, Nathan, was aware of the wicked things the king had done. (II Samuel 12:1-9.)

#### God Corrects David

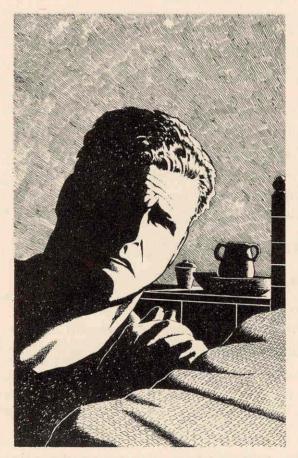
"God further instructed me to tell you what will happen because you have slipped into such deep sin," Nathan went on. "From now on death will be hovering over your house. It will strike at unexpected times. Other evil things will take place in your house. A neighbor will take your wives from you. You did some base things in secret, but the one who takes your wives will brazenly do the same things in the light of day and in full view of the public."

By now David was on his knees. He was bent over, his hands covering his tear-streaked face. Nathan the prophet patiently waited. This was no time for him to step up to the king and pat him consolingly on the shoulder. (II Samuel 12:10-12.) "I acknowledge my sin. I have acted in a depraved and heartless manner," David confessed after a short while. "I have carelessly done these things in God's sight without considering others. I deserve to die!" (Psalm 51 is David's prayer of repentance.)

"Now that you realize how wrong you have been and have repented and made up your mind never to do such things again, God will forgive you," Nathan advised. "He will not take your life. However, because your actions will provide God's enemies with reason to point you out as a favored playboy and a murderer, your and Bathsheba's child shall surely die."

Leaving the shaken and miserable king kneeling on the floor, Nathan walked away to his quarters. David was alone for hours after that. He had, during this period, found relief in heartfelt repentance.

But there was a time of greater suffering ahead. It started to take place shortly after his son was born to Bathsheba. The baby suddenly became very ill. In spite



After having been accused of his sins by Nathan the prophet, David spent the next hours alone in a period of painful repentance.

of Nathan's prediction that the infant would surely die, David frantically prayed that it would live. That night, instead of going to bed, he lay on the stone floor. (II Samuel 12:13-16.)

When servants came to him in the morning, they found him still on the stone floor. They tried to talk him into going to bed, but he waved them away. He refused the food they brought. Days passed, during which his main communication with others was to ask about his baby son. Apparently he didn't intend to give up praying, fasting and lying on the floor until he could hear a good report.

The baby died on the seventh day of his sickness. Servants feared to tell the king. They reasoned that his behavior had been so extreme while the baby was alive that he would do something very desperate if he were told that the baby was

dead. When David noticed them whispering more than usual among themselves, he knew what had happened.

"I can tell by the way you act that the baby is dead," he said, sitting up. "Isn't that so?"

There was an awkward silence for a few moments. Then heads began to nod

slowly. One of the servants spoke out, saying that David had supposed rightly. The king sat and stared at the floor for several seconds and motioned for everyone to leave. After they were gone he struggled weakly to his feet and staggered away to bathe, change his clothes and go to the house of God to worship. There he prayed for a while.

His servants were surprised when he returned to his home in a mood that was almost normal. They were pleased to serve him food after his fast, but they were puzzled because he was in a better state of mind after his son had died than he had been in while he was alive. (II Samuel 12:17-20.)

"How can you feel better, now that your child is dead?" someone asked.

"I don't necessarily feel better," David explained. "But now that he is dead, there's no reason to continue fasting and praying for him. I hoped that he would live, but now that he is gone, there is nothing I can do to bring him back."

After regaining his strength, David went to comfort Bathsheba because of the loss of their son. Bathsheba also realized that she had acted foolishly, and she was regretful.

Later, another son was born to David and Bathsheba. Because they were now free to be married, God looked with favor on their marriage by giving them this second child. Nathan the prophet named him Jedidiah, which meant *friend of God*. David named him Solomon, which meant *peaceable*. (II Samuel 12:21-25.) We remember him today as King Solomon.

Meanwhile, from the time that Uriah the Hittite had been killed till after David repented, Joab and the Israelite army had remained near the Ammonite city of Rabbah, waiting for the besieged natives to surrender. The Israelites took the lower city, which was watered by the Jabok River which ran through it. But the upper city was better fortified. Water was available from a reservoir inside the upper city until the Israelites managed to find the conduit through which the reservoir was fed. Rather than die of thirst, some of the Ammonites emerged to try to gain freedom by attacking the Israelites, who slaughtered part of them before they could get very far. Those near the gate managed to get to safety inside.

Strong walls and sealed gates separated the lower city from the upper part, in which was situated the king's palace and other special buildings.

Joab knew that it would be only a matter of days before this part of the city would have to surrender. Although the reservoir in the lower city was dry, Joab reasoned that a supply of water had undoubtedly been taken into the sealed-off section of Rabbah where the Ammonite king and perhaps the remainder of his army were trapped. Unless Joab successfully attacked at once, the unknown amount of



David's troops rushed at Rabbah's courageous defenders, some of whom raced inside their city and barred the gates.

water in the city would determine when the city would completely fall to Israel.

Later, messengers from Joab came to Jerusalem to tell David what had happened, and to bring a suggestion from the commander that David should come to Rabbah with additional troops.

"Joab thinks it would be wise for the king of Israel to hurry and take the capital of Ammon," they reported. "It would create a good impression among our people, and the nations around us would have even greater respect for you. Besides, if Joab receives full credit for taking Rabbah, the city might be renamed after him. He would prefer that you have that honor." (II Samuel 12:26-28.)

#### Ammonites Finally Subdued

David agreed, and went with several thousand soldiers to join Joab. Now greater in numbers, the Israelites closed in on the fortified section of Rabbah from all sides.

"We know that there are many thousands of soldiers inside," Joab told David. "We got the information out of several prisoners in return for our mercy. If we approach close enough to throw up wall hooks, the Ammonites will probably show up on the walls and send down a storm of anything they can throw, but it's a chance we'll have to take."

On orders from David, volunteers climbed ropes to the top of the wall, as others protected them with a continuous volley of arrows aimed at the top of the wall. Then a few descended inside the second section of the city under protection from others who remained on the wall. They quickly unfastened the locking beams from the heavily barred gates. As soon as the gates were open, David and his men swarmed inside and spread out along the streets leading up to and around the palace and other buildings.

As they swelled in, armed Ammonites, despite hunger and thirst, came at them from all sides, fiercely defending their capital city.

Some of the Ammonites rushed toward Israel's king, fiercely struggling to get close enough to him to send some kind of weapon through his body. Guards swarmed around David, quickly choking off the assault.

Some of the Israelites fell before the desperate, sword-swinging, spear-thrusting Ammonites. But David's forces were greater in number. They met the attack with such power that the Ammonites were put out of action almost as fast as they came forward. It turned out to be a one-sided battle. Soon no more of the Ammonites remained in the battle. The streets were strewn with the bodies of those who had tried to defend Rabbah.

David wasn't convinced that all of Ammon's soldiers had come out in the open. He sent troops to scour every part of the capital to find any more who might be concealed. Some were discovered who were unable to fight. The water supply had run



After much searching, Israelite soldiers finally found the hidden source of water flowing into the heavily fortified upper city of Rabbah. They made sure no more water reached the Ammonite city.

out, and they were suffering from thirst. The long struggle with the Ammonites was finally finished.

This had been a needless war. David had not yet learned that God is not pleased with war.

#### Prophesied Troubles Begin

The Bible doesn't say what happened to the Ammonite king. Probably he was captured or slain. There is a scriptural reference to David's taking the crown off the enemy king's head, but it doesn't mean that the king of Israel walked up to the king of Ammon and snatched off his crown. This would have been quite a feat for both rulers, inasmuch as the crown weighed more than a hundred pounds. It had many precious stones in it, and the gold alone was worth thousands of dollars. Instead of the crown being worn, it was suspended as an emblem of authority above the throne of the Ammonite king.

The crown was only a small part of the wealth taken by the Israelites from Rabbah. There were valuable jewels, objects of gold and silver, weapons of war, livestock, carpets, tapestries, clothing, ornate vases and pots, fur pelts and many other costly things. These were taken back to Jerusalem. Some of it was distributed among the soldiers, and part went into the royal treasury. The heavy crown was hung in David's throne room as a trophy of the victory over Ammon.

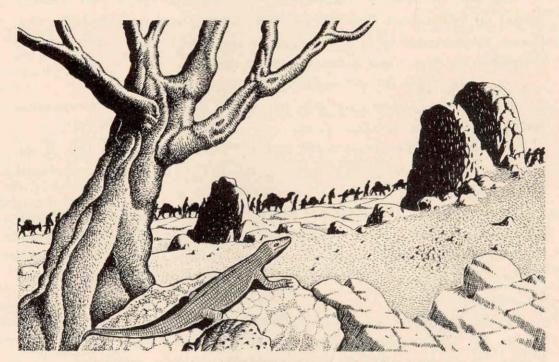
As for the people captured in Rabbah, as well as most of the natives of Ammon, they became subject to the Israelites. Some were used as laborers in Canaan and their own country in mining, handling cultivating equipment, making bricks and cutting wood.

Matters went fairly well for David during the next several months. Then an unpleasant event developed. As usual, it was because of breaking some of God's laws — and was part of the penalty Nathan had foretold. Amnon, one of David's sons, fell in love with Tamar, one of David's daughters, but by another mother. Tamar was therefore a half-sister to Amnon. It was a blood relationship that was so close that it was a sin for either one of them to consider marriage or any of its privileges. Nevertheless, Amnon had a great desire for his half-sister, and brooded about it so much that friends wondered what was troubling him.

One of those friends was a crafty fellow by the name of Jonadab, a cousin of Amnon. When he found what was bothering Amnon, he suggested a scheme by which David's son could be alone with Tamar.

"Go to your home and pretend to be ill," Jonadab whispered, grinning smugly. "When your father comes to visit you, he'll probably ask what he can do for you. Tell him that you would like to have Tamar bring some food and serve it to you. He'll undoubtedly ask Tamar to carry out your wish. What you do after that is up to you." (II Samuel 13:1-5.)

Amnon's desire to be with Tamar was so great that he eagerly put Jonadab's suggestion into action. When David heard that his son was sick, he immediately



A great amount of wealth was taken from the city of Rabbah, capital of the vanquished Ammonites. After Israelite soldiers had been given a large part of it, the remainder was carried to Jerusalem.

went to see him. The king was distressed to see Amnon lying in bed so motionless, apparently weakened by his sickness.

"Would you care to have Nathan the prophet come and pray for you?" David asked.

#### David Is Deceived

"Don't bother him," Amnon muttered feebly. "I can pray for myself. There is something I would like to have you do, though. I haven't seen Tamar for quite a while. I think I would feel better if she would come here and prepare one of her special meals for me. Would you send her?"

"I'll see that she comes shortly," David promised.

Amnon was soon pleased to see Tamar arrive with the food he had requested. Despite his excitement, he managed to appear weak and ill. The girl talked to him while she prepared the special meal he had told his father about. When the food was done, she took it out of the baking pan and put it on a serving plate. But David's son refused the food.

He grunted angrily. "I want Tamar to come in here and serve me! Everybody else get out of the house!" (II Samuel 13:6-9.)

Perplexed by Amnon's rudeness, everyone left except Tamar, who hesitantly entered her half-brother's room with the food. As she placed the plate before him, Amnon jerked himself up to a sitting position and seized her by an arm. The plate clattered to the floor. Tamar's eyes widened in surprise.

"You're not ill!" the girl exclaimed. "You've been pretending!"

"Now don't get excited and raise your voice," Amnon warned. "It was just a little plan to see you alone."

"Let me go!" Tamar murmured angrily. "You're acting like a fool. If you want me for your wife, speak to the king, and he'll arrange our marriage!" (II Samuel 13:10-12.)

Tamar knew that David wouldn't do that. But it was the only thing she could think to say in those frenzied moments to try to persuade Amnon to release her. Like too many girls today, instead of screaming for help, Tamar continued to reason with Amnon — hoping to convince Amnon not to commit fornication. He raped her anyway.

Amnon had hoped that Tamar would have as much ardor for him as he had for her. But when he found that she didn't, his sexual lust for her suddenly turned to hate. To add insult to injury, he demanded that she leave immediately.

When Tamar hesitated, because she didn't want to run out of the house in an undignified manner, he yelled to a servant to get her out of the building and then lock the doors to make certain that she wouldn't return. Obviously Amnon was trying to give his servants the deceitful impression that Tamar had such an attraction to him that extreme measures should be taken to keep her away. To Tamar's great embarrassment, the servant came in and escorted her outside.

God put this experience in the Bible as a lesson for every young person never to get involved in fornication.

A short time later Absalom, 'Tamar's brother, looked out from his home to see his sister approaching. She was trying to hide her face with one hand. As she came to the doorway, he noticed that there were ashes on her head, and that she was crying. He leaped forward to put his arms around her. (II Samuel 13:13-20.)

"What is the matter with you?" he asked. "Where have you been?"

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# **EVOLUTION ENMESHED**

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it has been used for reticules in various optical instruments. Before World War I, spider silk was used for cross hairs and sighting marks in a wide variety of instruments.

Only with the advance of platinum filaments and engraving on glass plates has the use of spider silk in the industry decreased.

#### Did This All Evolve?

Of course, you are asked by scientists and evolutionists to believe that spiders DID EVOLVE.

No one would say steel or platinum wires evolved. No one in his right mind would claim the huge machines that *produce* steel or platinum *gradually* evolved by themselves. This would be sheer idiocy. We can clearly see it took many individuals using their MINDS to produce and construct these machines.

But when it comes to spider silk which in most ways is SUPERIOR to either one — you are told, "Spiders EVOLVED the ability to spin silk!"

We are asked to believe that spiders evolved *extremely complex* silk-producing glands, spinnerets and a host of other organs used in forming silk.

But let's go a little further.

Not only do spiders spin silk, they also produce a fantastic array of SOUNDLY ENGINEERED webs. And as we have seen, spiders cannot exist apart from webs. At least, many varieties cannot.

But how did spiders learn to spin webs? Webs which overwhelm us with their variety; with their quality; with their unusual features.

#### Evolutionists' Approach

Now let's see how all this fantastic ability — this breathtaking array of life and intricacy — is explained by the "no-God FAITH" of evolution. But first, remember a few of the *terms* used by evolutionists in their attempts to keep a great Creator GOD out of the picture of His creation!

To an evolutionist, each life form is either SIMPLE, or COMPLEX, or somewhere in between. That is, a certain *kind* of life may be said to be MORE HIGHLY EVOLVED than another. To the average, unsuspecting student who simply SWALLOWS what his textbooks say — this kind of doubletalk ''sounds'' quite scientific.

But what do they MEAN, "simple"? or "less highly evolved"?

Is a gnat more SIMPLE than a giraffe, simply because it's smaller? Is one kind of fish, which swims more slowly, along the bottom, more SIMPLE than one which swims more rapidly, along the surface?

Aeronautical engineers know the jet engine to be truly SIMPLER than the piston types. Yet, it took MAN, with his combined knowledge and skills, his vastly *superior intelligence*, THOUSANDS of YEARS to DEVELOP (not evolve!) this "SIMPLER" form of engine! No, "simple" is not the word for *ANY* kind of life! Life itself, and all properties of living things are a far cry from SIMPLE.

But now, to the evolutionists' ideas about spiders.

The orb web is one of the most "intricate" webs spun by spiders. Here's what evolutionists say about it. "The orb web is the most highly evolved of all the space webs developed by sedentary spiders. It [listen to this language!] represents a triumph in engineering worthy of GREAT MECHANICAL INGENUITY AND LEARNING; it was arrived at by *lowly spiders*, which even by their most ardent supporters are credited with hardly a gleam of what is called intelligence.

"The ingredients of almost unlimited time, of moderate compulsion to irresistible change, and the stimulus of real advantages gained have contrived to produce the two-dimensional orb web... instinctively and BLINDLY the spider has followed the long path leading to its symmetrical masterpiece" (*American Spiders*, Willis Gertsch, page 2).

#### Whaaat?

Evolutionists admit that the web is a *masterpiece* of architectural and engi-

neering ability! They admit that the spider *doesn't have* anything but instinct and lacks any constructive intelligence!

But then to go on to claim that the ingenious web could have evolved seems almost ludicrous. An idiot or moron COULD NEVER build a building such as the Merchandise Mart or Empire State. Neither could a spider learn by himself — given a HUNDRED BILLION YEARS to produce a web.

This same author admits: "The orb web would seem to stand alone as a GLORIOUS CREATION, an incredible novelty designed by superior artisans"! (*American Spiders*, Willis Gertsch, page 158.)

This author DOESN'T believe that spiders were created. Yet, he's had to admit they *are* a glorious creation. And that they are! Spiders are GOD's glorious creation. *God* was that superior artisan who designed the novelty of the spider web.

#### Proof From the Fossil Record?

Obviously, you can't SEE spiders evolving. The fact that such "dumb" creatures possess such marvelous abilities would seem to clearly show that something is wrong if you believe that all this skill evolved through blind CHANCE.

Yet, strangely enough, the "authorities" claim spiders, spider webs, the ability to spin silk, EVOLVED?

Is there proof in the *fossil record* showing that spiders and webs evolved? Let's see.

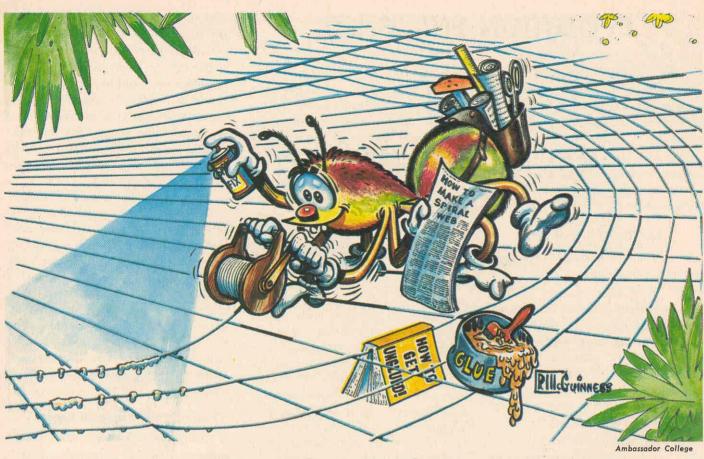
"The evolution of the web, which is NOT PRESERVED in the fossil record, may be reconstructed from the behaviour of existing species.

"Originally the dragline PROBABLY served the single purpose of helping the wandering spider find its way back to its crevice... but a further function MUST SOON HAVE evolved.

"After constant sallies and returns, the draglines formed a dense pattern radiating from the spider's shelter. Should a passing insect touch one of the lines, its vibrations would carry to the silken mat on which the spider rested, and the slight tremor underfoot would stimulate the spider to rush out and secure its prey.

"This proto-web, which EVEN TODAY

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# The First Web - Evolution Style!

is much more widely distributed than any other design, enabled the early spiders to flourish and diversify" (Scientific American, "Spider Webs," Theodore Savory, April, 1960).

Now, let's analyze that statement.

First, there's NO PROOF from the fossil record that spiders evolved the ability to spin and "improve" their webs.

Therefore, after that first statement *EVERYTHING IS SPECULATION*. If there is not proof from the past — and there certainly is none from the present — then it is mere unproven theory.

The words "probably" and "must soon have" merely show that all is speculation.

The idea that the supposed history of the evolution of the web can be "reconstructed" from what we see around us is merely arguing by analogy. And any school boy learns that argument from analogy proves NOTHING unless it is backed up by proof.

Just because you see houses of various sizes and shapes doesn't mean one

house EVOLVED into another. We can see this is sheer foolishness. Why can't evolutionists see that applying the idea of comparison to prove a point in web making is equally foolish?

Notice the author's last statement. This supposed "proto-web" is widespread today. If spiders with "protowebs" can survive TODAY, why did others evolve what wasn't necessary *in order* to survive?

But if evolving *new* webs *was necessary* for survival, HOW have whole populations of spiders survived WITHOUT evolving *more elaborate* webs?

#### Theories, Theories — But No Proof!

Where did silk come from so that spiders could spin webs? Evolutionists *don't know*. They reason:

"Have you ever wondered how the phenomenon of silk use in spiders developed? Of course, we do not know the entire story, but from the studies carried on by many observers, some parts of the TALE can be seen to fit into a pattern. "Here is one clue to our reconstruction...two THEORIES have been proposed for the evolution of silk...it has been SUGGESTED...according to the second POINT OF VIEW...this theory SEEMS plausible."

On the evolution of the orb web, this author ends up saying, "The evolution of orb webs presents the GREAT-EST DIFFICULTY, and the question of HOW the elaborate method of constructing one was acquired by the ancestors of today's orb weavers is NOT EASY TO ANSWER" ("Evolution of the Web," B. J. Kaston, *Natural History*, April, 1966).

We agree.

It is IMPOSSIBLE to answer. Unless you can accept the truth that a Creator God was responsible for spiders.

But these aren't the only problems evolutionists must face.

If evolution were a fact, closely related species should SPIN SIMILAR webs. But it was found that all too often, *the reverse* was true. Closely related species were in the habit of spinning RADICALLY DIFFERENT webs. Out

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the window went the attempt to classify spiders by the type of web they wove.

The reverse is also a problem for evolutionists. Very different species of spiders SHOULDN'T SPIN similar types of webs, if they evolved. If they do, this poses a problem.

Because that means the exact series of very complicated steps that a spider goes through to spin his web would have to be DUPLICATED by another spider at another time.

This becomes rather embarrassing for evolutionists if it happens too often. It becomes rather difficult to explain how the impossible is so "commonplace."

Yet, we see dissimilar spiders spinning SIMILAR webs.

The *Cribellate uloborids* spin a web that is almost an *exact replica* of the orb weavers. Yet, on the basis of classification, they must be placed FAR FROM the orb weavers.

#### An Embarrassing Experiment

E. Petrusewiczowa, a well-known arachnologist, performed a series of experiments that were rather embarrassing for evolution.

Here is the experiment as recorded in a *Scientific American* article entitled "Spider Webs," by Theodore Savory in April, 1960.

"Common cross-spiders were hatched in small boxes and kept there until they were partly grown, and then were transferred to large cages.

"They were IMMEDIATELY ABLE to spin perfect webs. In other words, they *did not begin* their careers by spinning primitive webs or webs of a type from which the full-blown orb web might later evolve.

"The fact that during their 'childhood' they had been fed by their keeper without any need for spinning had not affected their abilities."

The webs of spiderlings are in ALL ESSENTIALS like the webs of the mature spiders. The differences are in degree, *not in kind*, as the above-mentioned author had to admit.

It proves that spinning is INHERITED. It proves that spiders spin even if they DON'T NEED TO.

So there is absolutely NO PROOF that webs or spiders evolved. The fossil

record doesn't show the evolution of the web. Experiments merely *reinforce* the truth. Spiders spin because they *were made* to spin. They can't help themselves.

#### A Multitude of Interesting Spiders

Unfortunately, there isn't room in this article to go into detail explaining the different webs and the *complicated manner* of their construction. But anyone interested shouldn't have too much difficulty finding a spider. It only takes thirty minutes to an hour to watch even an orb weaver complete her nest.

You'll be amazed as you watch the spider spin! As you watch, you'll be convinced that the theory of evolution doesn't have a dragline to hold on to.

But we're going to take a few of the MORE UNUSUAL varieties of spiders and show how ludicrous the theory of evolution is.

For example, there is the bolas spider that throws a ball of gummy "goo" attached to a dragline at an insect. He is almost always successful in lassoing an insect.

In effect, this is the bolas spider's web — simple as it is.

How did this evolve --- or could it have?

Evolutionists admit they don't know!

"The fourth and final modification [of web making] is the ... substitution of other techniques for obtaining prey.

"Perhaps the most remarkable of these is the bolas' throwing behavior ...

"These spiders sit on, or suspend themselves from, a twig. They hold a thread, on the lower end of which is attached a sticky globule of silk, and FLING IT at passing insects. In *Cladomelea* the bolas is held by a hind leg and whirled rapidly in a horizontal plane. In the other two groups, the bolas is held by a front leg and is not whirled.

"Just how this behaviour evolved from ancestors that *undoubtedly* were orb weavers, *I CANNOT GUESS*" ("Evolution of the Web," B. J. Kaston, *Natural History*, April, 1966).

Here is a spider that produces silk in *huge amounts*. Yet, evolutionists would have us believe that at some distant time the bolas spiders gave up their perfect web and based their survival ability on a blob of sticky silk dangling on the end of a short line.

Here is one attempted explanation of this angling habit.

"The habit of angling for prey must be a very old one, inasmuch as it is shared by spiders in such widely separated areas as Africa, Australia and America.

"Just when it arose and what inspired it belong at present only within the REALM OF SPECULATION... the place or origin of this new method is tied up with the origin of the group itself, and of that WE KNOW NOTHING ... WE ARE INCLINED TO BE DOGMATIC IN OUR BELIEF that these spiders were once nearly typical orb-weavers but just how long ago this was we can ONLY SURMISE. It seems reasonable to suppose..." ("Spiders that Lasso Their Prey," Willis Gertsch, Natural History, April, 1947).

Notice!

Evolutionists admit they are "inclined to be QUITE DOGMATIC!" That is — when they're talking about "evolution." But what do evolutionists say about the so-called "dogmatism" of theology?

They impugn it. They loudly decry any "dogmatic" assertions THERE IS A GOD!

But THEY wish to be free to say, over and over again, WE DON'T KNOW — WE GUESS — WE MAY ASSUME — WE SUPPOSE — PERHAPS — COULD BE — MAYBE, and THEN, after admitting they KNOW NOTHING of "HOW" a certain thing "evolved" turn right around and say, "WE ARE IN-CLINED TO BE DOGMATIC!"

Sounds like evolution has trapped itself in its own web.

#### Spitters and Net Throwers

The spitting spider, Scytodes thoracica — a yellowish spider with small black spots — can be found in the northern United States.

When a spitting spider sees a likely meal, its body shakes convulsively. Then, suddenly it squirts a sticky gum usually at a distance of a quarter to half an inch — and ZAT!

Another insect has become a spider meal.

Then, there's Menneus, the net-

throwing spider. This unusual spider has a unique way of finding its food. A description by an on-the-spot observer is quoted in *American Spiders* by Willis Gertsch, pages 148-149.

"Menneus suddenly stretches the elastic snare to its full expansion, which appears to be five or six times its size when closed, and hurls herself forward, THROWING THE NET OVER the moth and closing it down upon it with her four front legs. The moth is helpless and the spider at once bites it.

"After waiting a few moments, she carefully extracts it from the web and the insect does not move, probably because of the paralyzing effect of the poison injected at the bite."

This spider-sized Roman gladiator gums up the theory of evolution.

#### The Spider and the Pitcher Plant

The Malayan spider, Misumenops nepenthicola has a most unusual home. It lives in the inside of an insect-eating plant.

The pitcher plant provides a source of refuge and an abundant food supply for the spider. It is doubtful if the spider produces *anything* for the plant. This pitcher plant is DESIGNED to lure insects into its death trap. At the upper edge, there is a most enticing nectar. Insects converge on this flower-colored area.

But suddenly the insects slip. Because right below it is a most slippery wax. The curious insects lose their footing — and DOWN they go! They tumble into the interior of the plant; smack into a gastric juice that dissolves insects into edible food for the plant.

Here lurks that nepenthicola.

He thrashes around the undigested exoskeletons of doomed insects. But the spider CAN'T be harmed! *Nepenthicola* has an "antibiotic" — a counter enzyme that neutralizes the pitcher plant enzyme.

This spider can even submerge himself in the liquid for short periods of time. How does it survive? Its breathing holes are *special hairs* that trap a film of air.

"Thanks to this property, this dangerous abode becomes the SAFEST PLACE in the world for its occupants, indeed a land of milk and honey, in which other insects, defenseless and half predigested, are supplied direct to their chewing jaws.

"In this way the carnivorous plant is defrauded by its 'sub-tenants,' and WITHOUT RETURN OF PRODUCTIVE SUB-STANCES useful to its own growth and flower formation" (*Mysterious Senses* of Animals, Vitus Dröscher, page 56-57).

Ah, the pitcher plant receives no return for its investment! This is CON-TRARY TO the "struggle for survival." How did the plant KNOW that the spider wouldn't destroy it?

Here is a plant existing for the good of the spider.

Now, how many MILLIONS of years went by before the spiders developed an "anti-enzyme." Of course, they *all died* before they discovered this secret! But they're with us today!

Here is another one of those PARA-DOXES which evolution simply cannot explain on the basis of slow, agonizing change over millions of years!

The spider had to be *created* AS HE IS — to *immediately* withstand the pitcher plant enzyme.

#### Fishing Without a Pole

Some *Pisaurids* are skillful fishing spiders. Although these are not the true "water spiders" (which we'll mention shortly), their specialized hairs allow them to *walk on water* — and also to propel themselves forward. The hairs serve both as ballast and oars.

These spiders can remain UNDER the surface of the water for long periods. Some have been known to submerge for as long as 45 minutes.

How did they do this?

They have tiny body hairs that capture bubbles of air. As the bubbles cover their respiratory orifices, they obtain the oxygen they need.

Whenever these spiders see a struggling insect, they skate out over the water in hot pursuit. Although these spiders generally "fish" only for insects, they don't reject fish. They have been seen feeding on small fish and tadpoles.

As long as size permits, they will eat a variety — insect or fish!

Owners of balanced aquaria have scratched their heads more than once

wondering what happened to some prize fish.

An observer gave an actual account of a spider catching a fish:

"That night about 11 o'clock, when I had finished my day's work, I sat down by the aquarium to watch the spider, with the hope that I might see how the fisherman caught his fish.

"The spider had taken up a position on a piece of stone, where the water was not deep, and had thrown out its long legs over the water.

"After watching for some little time, I saw a small fish swim towards the stone and pass under the outstretched legs of the spider. The spider made a *swift and sudden plunge*.

"Its long legs, head, and body went entirely under water, and the legs were thrown around the fish with wonderful rapidity, and in a moment the powerful fangs were piercing the body of the fish.

"The spider at once brought its catch to the rocks, and began without delay to eat it" (*American Spiders*, Willis Gertsch, pages 209-210).

Another spider, Dolomedes fimbriatus has a slightly different technique.

Dolomedes lives in the marshy areas of England. He sews several leaves together into a RAFT! He drags the mass into the water, jumps into the spidermade canoe and — with wind in his hair — sails the seven streams.

As he sails over the water, he keeps a sharp eye peeled for insects. As he sallies to and fro, he invariably comes upon a potential meal. Then, SUDDENLY — *Dolomedes* springs out of the raft and darts across the water.

Another insect has met its doom! It's rather *humorous*! But not so funny for evolutionists. *After all*, why go to such GREAT TROUBLE to get food? Why struggle for *millions of years* to come up with the raft idea, when other spiders — content to stay on land — have ALWAYS HAD full stomachs?

Why chance drowning because your hairs *aren't developed* enough to give you enough buoyancy, to function as paddles and as a portable aqualung? *All* fisher spiders must surely have DIED before they learned all these complex tricks. But we still have them.

# TRAPDOORS THAT TRAP EVOLUTIONISTS



W. Scott Lewis Photos



Trap-door spider (Bothriocyrtum Californicum) nest. Left, nest door closed. Above, same nest door open. These spiders depend on trapdoors for trapping insects — they spring out of their nests and pounce upon their prey. The trapdoors also serve for protection. Without them trap-door spiders could not exist. To think they evolved trapdoors "gradually" makes no sense.

Again, evolution doesn't have the answer to these SPECIFIC spiders and their humorous antics. But these details reveal that God has a *sense of humor*. Man has a small measure of mind — the same type of THINKING mind as God does. Man builds rafts, oars, aqualungs!

But God took great pleasure in making such creatures that do — by instinct — almost HUMAN actions! These "brainless" spiders had aqualungs thousands of years before man with his intellect invented them. Spiders reveal the humor and balanced mind of GOD.

#### Walking Under Water

Here is another land creature that lives in a medium (water) in which it takes GREAT EFFORT to survive. This spider, *Argyroneta*, lives entirely in the water — but still NEEDS AIR to keep her alive!

Argyroneta lays down a platform of silk. She bridges the web carefully to surrounding plants.

This platform must be so masterfully constructed that NO AIR will escape from underneath it.

Now comes step two.

"This framework finished, Argyroneta swims to the surface for air to provision her unique home. She raises her abdomen and hind legs well above the water, securing a large supply, then submerges...

"She paddles underneath the sheet and *releases the air*, which PUSHES UP-WARD and billows the silk into a small air sac. After many trips to the surface, the silk has been blown into a MINIA-TURE DIVING BELL, open below, which from the outside appears as a silvery drop in the water" (American Spiders, Willis Gertsch, page 215).

As the need arises, *Argyroneta* will bring additional air to the diving bell. The spider spends much of its life around this diving bell. Eating and courting take place in the diving bell. The eggs mature and hatch within this silk-lined, air-filled home.

Argyroneta is an expert swimmer under the water. But even though, theoretically, she could stay submerged for *sixteen hours*, she is TOTALLY DEPEN-DENT on her tiny diving bell.

Could all this have *evolved*? What are evolutionists asking of blind chance? Why build an elaborate diving bell in a medium where you would find it *hard to survive*? Here those landlubber spiders are putting away the

# SPIDER CAMOUFLAGE

Top left, Malayan spider on bark. Top right, a Denopis stick spider mimics a twig. Right middle, ant-mimicking spider. Right below, a Misumenops spider changes color to match apple blossom. Below left, spider from Thailand mimics dead fruit. Right top and right bottom, B. J. Kaston photos







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insects and that poor water spider population has been *drowning* for millions of years — desperately trying to develop a diving bell!

Either the strands don't hold the air; the eggs become waterlogged; the hairs on the legs don't hold air; *Argyroneta* hasn't learned to swim yet! A thousand things go wrong for MILLIONS OF years.

Finally, after millions of generations — a few Argyroneta survive! Evolutionists say they can. But theirs is blind faith!

#### Inventing the Block and Tackle

Theridion tepidariorum, a common spider found in the United States, is known for his engineering skill. And it's a skill in a particular direction. Theridion uses the block-and-tackle method to lift objects of great size.

Some of these spiders are credited with lifting small snakes and mice.

One observer reported this shocking feat.

"Against the wall of the room stands a tolerably tall desk, and under this was a small spider, not larger than a *common pea*, who had constructed an extensive web reaching to the floor.

"The spider had snared a young mouse by passing filaments of her web around its tail. When first seen the mouse had its forefeet on the floor and could barely touch the floor with its hind feet.

"The spider was full of business, running up and down the line and occasionally biting the mouse's tail, making it struggle desperately.

"Its efforts to escape were all unavailing, as the slender filaments about its tail were too strong for it to break. In a short time it was seen that the spider was SLOWLY HOISTING ITS VICTIM into the air.

"By two o'clock in the afternoon the mouse could barely touch the floor with its forefeet; by dark the point of its nose was an inch above the floor. At nine o'clock at night the mouse was still alive, but made no sign except when the spider descended and bit its tail. At this time it was an *inch and a half* from the floor.

"Yesterday morning the mouse was dead, and hung THREE INCHES from

the floor" (American Spiders, Willis Gertsch, page 165).

Again, we ask the question, "Why evolve such a laborious method of getting your meal?" It would be a whole lot easier to come DOWN to the meal instead of RAISING it to *you*.

Besides, spiders are supposed to be dumb. So how could they evolve such matchless engineering perfection?

And the questions are endless. We have only been able to ask a few of them in this article. The abilities of spiders are so myriad BOOKS would be necessary to explain them all.

Evolutionists have no answers for these questions! They are left HELP-LESS to account for spiders in their theories. And, shocking as it may sound, many evolutionists claim spiders "appeared on the scene" long BEFORE INSECTS — their chief means of FOOD! The most liberal "admit" their theory requires only "comparatively few" insects at the supposed "time" the "earliest" spiders "appeared." But this is IMPOSSIBLE!

How did they survive all those thousands — no, MILLIONS of years, WITHOUT ANY INSECTS — or with only a FEW insects among all those TRIL-LIONS upon TRILLIONS of voracious spiders?

It's about time YOU began to AD-MIT - whether stubborn, God-rejecting evolutionists will or not - that YOUR GOD EXISTS! It's about time you saw His loving handiwork all around you; observed His marvelous MIND at work, in the intricate design and colorful harmony in nature. WATCH a spider in her web. Watch her weave watch her skate on water - or swim beneath it. Watch her float through the air; buoyed up by a strand of superfine silk. Watch the marvels of creation all about you, and grow to know more about the great, all-knowing, FATHOM-LESS MIND OF GOD who created all these things!

# POPE PAUL'S PILGRIMAGE

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to woo the Portuguese people, especially Government leaders, back into a closer relationship with the Vatican.

Second, by praying for *peace* at the shrine of Fatima, the Pope was once again able to establish himself in the role of peacemaker.

Third, the Pope wanted to tone down the liberal Catholic faction which wants to de-emphasize Mary in order to woo the Protestants back into the Catholic fold. By his pilgrimage to the Fatima shrine, the Pope stressed the importance of Mary to Catholics.

Fourth, by this pilgrimage to Fatima, the Roman Catholic Pontiff could once again focus world attention on his own office as the leader of 600,000,000 Roman Catholics — the world's largest religious body.

#### Vatican to Be Moved

Three of this world's major religions (Christianity, Judaism, and Islam) claim Jerusalem as their Holy City. Now, that city is in Jewish hands! And destined to be the center of growing political tensions!

In the German Süddeutsche Zeitung

there was an article in which it was revealed that Pope Paul VI had received a message in Fatima through the only remaining shepherd girl (who is now a nun). They were seen quite some time together and it appeared as if she had something to say to him.

When asked in Rome, after his return, if his visit to Fatima was a success, Pope Paul said: "I went to Fatima to pray for peace to the Virgin Mary and I received the answer how to achieve this peace."

There are many rumors that he did receive a message, but he has not wanted to divulge it.

Since the pilgrimage to Fatima, the Pope has spoken out on Jerusalem demanding it become an international city.

What most do not know is that there is evidence the Vatican has plans to move from Rome to Jerusalem in the very next decade! This event will stir the world! It will be the Pope's final effort as the world's peacemaker!

You will not have to wait very long to see this prophecy fulfilled before your very own eyes! PROPHECY COMES alive

# WORLD NEWS

AR in the Middle East erupted once again! For the third time in 19 years Arabs and Jews have engaged in all-out armed conflict.

And while the war raged, members of the United Nations' Security Council argued, harangued, hurled diplomatically couched invectives at one another. "Distinguished representatives" of this and that nation spewed forth naked propaganda, accused others of lying and deceit.

A weak cease-fire proposal was hammered out — and finally adhered to only after the warring parties decided it was expedient to stop anyway.

The U. N. crisis once again illustrates how pitifully weak have been the attempts of man throughout history to create a viable, *respected*, worldgoverning authority, an authority that can secure and preserve peace, an authority that can quickly and forcibly deal with criminal nations.

It was the inability of the predecessor League of Nations to crack down with force upon aggressor members that led to the demise of that organization. The old League did nothing to prevent Japan's invasion of Manchuria in 1931, nor did it stop the Japanese attack on China six years later. It stood helplessly by as invading Italian soldiers stormed into Ethiopia in 1935. In 1936-39 the League did nothing to control the disastrous Spanish Civil War, which finally resulted in the deaths of 1,000,000 Spaniards. It watched meekly as Hitler gobbled up Czechoslovakia in March 1939.

By the time World War II started,

the League of Nations was a helpless, battered cripple.

The peace-keeping record of the United Nations is little better. And it can't be. The United Nations was constructed by its founders with the same inherent weaknesses as the League of Nations. Furthermore, the League, itself, was patterned after man's first attempt at collective international government — the Holy Alliance of the early 1800's in Europe. That futile experiment didn't even last a decade.

Warring mankind is painfully learning the truth that a peaceful world cannot be brought about *apart* from God, His Laws and His revealed WAY to peace. "The way of peace they [the nations] know not," prophesied Isaiah over 2,500 years ago (Isaiah 59:8).

This latest war will not bring lasting peace in the Middle East. The REAL PROBLEM — *batred in the hearts and minds of men* — has only been further intensified. The seeds of a yet bigger conflict have been sown.

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#### Hatred of U.S., Britain

One of the most remarkable outgrowths of the Mideast turmoil has been the eruption of violent anti-U. S. and anti-British demonstrations.

Thousands of American and British officials and civilians have been thrust out of the Mideast war zone as virtual war refugees.

But it's not just in the Middle East that anti-Americanism is rampant. Europeans, more and more, are downgrading the Communist threat. The big bogeyman in European eyes today is America. Deepening anti-U. S. feelings are now "in." And they are worsening day by day. The news media in the United States haven't been emphasizing the magnitude of the growing crisis. Here is what's happening:

• On May 19, thousands of demonstrators filled the streets of five Italian cities protesting American policies in Southeast Asia. The biggest demonstration took place in Rome where thousands yelled themselves hoarse in bitter denunciations outside the U.S. embassy. Two American sailors barely escaped from the enraged mob. "Never saw anything like it," said one.

• Less than a week later, Pope Paul VI called for an end to "all acts of terrorism" in Vietnam. It was his first direct appeal for an end to U. S. bombing of North Vietnam, as well as Red infiltration. A Vatican City official magazine was much more pointed in its criticism of U. S. policy.

• On May 9, more than 1000 demonstrators burned an effigy of President Johnson in Munich, West Germany. Vehemently protesting the Vietnam war, many rioters marched to an American information center and stoned it.

On May 15, Governor Ronald Reagan of California and Senator Robert Kennedy of New York were questioned by European students via communications satellite on a taped "Town Meeting of the World" telecast. The next day Governor Reagan said: "Some of the most violent anti-American diatribes were edited out of the show before it went on the television screens."
Even in Communist East Europe, always-latent anti-Americanism is surfacing anew. On May 26, about 1000 youthful demonstrators smashed most of the windows of the U. S. embassy in Budapest, Hungary. Carrying placards stating "Johnson is a murderer" the ugly crowd burned an effigy of the U. S. President. A few days earlier a Polish Communist Party leader absurdly accused the United States of engineering ten coups d'etat in Latin America over the last seven years!

• Most alarming incident of all was the mock "war crimes" trial, sponsored by Britain's Sir Bertrand Russell, which was held in Stockholm, Sweden in early May. The admittedly prejudiced tribunal found the United States guilty of "crimes of aggression" in Vietnam. President Johnson and Secretary of State Dean Rusk were judged murderers and international criminals.

Most people dismissed the tribunal as being of no significance. Overlooked was the fact that all four members of the Swedish organizing committee were members of Sweden's ruling Social Democratic Party. Some American officials now regard once strongly pro-U. S. Sweden as the center of anti-Americanism in Europe. (Even France's De Gaulle barred the tribunal from meeting on French soil.)

#### **Brickbats Everywhere**

Virulent anti-Americanism is building up not just in Europe, but almost everywhere around the world.

The United States has become the target of a violent hate campaign throughout Brazil. This, despite the infusion of two billion dollars' worth of U.S. aid into the giant South American country over the past five years.

Newspaper correspondents report that anti-American epithets are being chanted across the length and breadth of Brazil and that the U.S. flag is burned regularly in the streets.

Rioting university students decry a new U. S. aid-to-education agreement as "meddling" in Brazilian politics. Totally unfounded charges have been flying that North American missionaries have hatched a birth-control "plot" designed to "depopulate the Amazon region in order to create a pretext for foreign occupation."

Brazilian government officials denounced — belatedly — both accusations as "complete distortion of facts."

In India, left-wing demogogues, with Moscow's open approval, are accusing the much-maligned Central Intelligence Agency of a "plot" to carve up the political map of India. U. S. Ambassador Chester Bowles labelled the charge "international character assassination."

#### Why the Hatred?

The word "America" is a dirty word over much of the globe. Egypt's bellicose President Nasser said recently: "Our *big* fight is with America." He byword among all nations" (Deuteronomy 28:37). The names of both the United States and Great Britain are today ugly epithets in most nations.

No longer are the English-speaking nations feared and respected. The world knows that our lands are filled with all forms of crime, with riots and racial discord, with adultery and sex perversion — that our peoples are engaged in a crazed hedonistic plunge into sensual materialism. Foreigners scorn American pleas for international peace — while domestic warfare runs rampant in many U. S. streets.

The plain fact is God has withdrawn His protection. He has fought our peoples' last war. The English-speaking



Wide World

**VENTING THEIR FEELINGS** — Young demonstrators burn an American flag near the Place d'Iena, Paris, April 7, during anti-U. S. meeting while U. S. Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey attended a ceremony at the Arc de Triomphe.

blamed the whole Middle East crisis on U. S. "counterrevolutionary" policy.

Why all this stepped-up anti-Americanism around the world? What has gone wrong?

Almighty God forewarned that our peoples — the descendants of the ancient Lost Ten Tribes of the House of Israel — would become, *because of the stench of our mounting sins and crimes*, "an astonishment, a proverb, *a*  world is now at the awful mercy of nations who hate and often unjustly accuse.

What will happen from now on? Write for our revealing, free illustrated booklet, 1975 in Prophecy to see a step-by-step analysis of what is destined to occur in the next few months and years. Request also the free article, "If World War III Comes, There is a Way of Escape." It will give you assurance and hope in our troubled times.

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