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It's only a matter of time before the diverse peoples of Europe think of themselves as citizens of a single political entity that is soon to be, briefly, the greatest superpower on earth.

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PERSONAL FROM THE PUBLISHER



He Remembered You

ITH this issue we complete our serialized publication of Mystery of the Ages by Herbert W. Armstrong. Although in declining health, and for all practical purposes blind, Mr. Armstrong persevered during the last year of his life to complete this, his last book. One of his last public appearances was to present it to the students of Ambassador College.

But he also wanted to make it available to a much wider audience. He decided Mystery of the Ages should be published by installments in The Plain Truth—a parting gift to the millions he had served through radio, television and the printed word during his long life.

Mr. Armstrong was not personally wealthy, but he left a wonderful legacy: two colleges, the Ambassador Foundation, the World Tomorrow program, The Plain Truth and the other publications that he founded over the years, and a worldwide organization that supports them. These are the tangible fruits of a life devoted to God and his Work.

What Herbert W. Armstrong valued most, and what he labored hardest to build, was his understanding. In 1926, when his personal religious beliefs were challenged, he embarked on a quest for understanding. All his life, he had wanted more

than just knowledge—he wanted to know WHY. He turned his energy and his formidable ability to concentrate on searching out the answers to some of life's most important questions: Does God really exist? And if he does, what does he expect of us? What was his purpose in creating man? Or is there indeed any purpose?

Mr. Armstrong was not prepared to accept fuzzy and often muddled concepts that masquerade as answers to these questions. He wanted the *truth*.

It came slowly at first. But he had recognized a vital principle: "A good understanding have all they that do his [God's] commandments" (Ps. 111:10). As he pored over the Word of God, he put what he learned into practice. He also realized that education carries with it responsibility, and as God gave him direction he began to share his understanding with others. He was at that time, in early 1934, already midway in his 42nd year.

It was the smallest of beginnings—a weekly half hour on one small radio station and a hand-duplicated magazine. But Mr. Armstrong taught with the flair that had brought him success in the advertising profession in the early '20s. God blessed his efforts and *The Plain Truth* and the *World Tomorrow* program grew in impact until now they reach—and teach—millions around the world.

Herbert W. Armstrong often likened understanding the Bible to putting together a jigsaw puzzle. At first there is a jumble of unrelated pieces. But as you fit them together a clear picture begins to emerge. Over the years, God gave him more pieces of the puzzle, and he never stopped learning. Shortly before he died, he said he had understood more in the last 10 years of his long life than in all the previous decades.

Mystery of the Ages is the product of that understanding. Mr. Armstrong did not underestimate the importance of this last work, for it contained vital keys to understanding the plan of God as revealed in the Bible. Mystery of the Ages in a very real sense was a last will and testament, to be passed on to those who would value it. As we come to the last installment of this remarkable book, we gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to Herbert W. Armstrong, (Continued on page 4)

Five Visions of Europe

by John Ross Schroeder

Many are the ways of looking at Europe. See how three major powers and the Vatican view the European scene. And what about that most important fifth vision?

> On board the Koningin Beatrix en route from The Hague to London.

ow different Europe looks depending on where your two feet are planted. To the United States, Europe looks one way, to the Soviet Union quite another. Not surprising, since America is an ocean away and Russia is attached to the European continent.

How Europe views itself is somewhat different from the conflicting visions of the two superpowers. For Europe looks east at the Soviet Union and west to the U.S.A.

But political geography is not the only factor. The Vatican views Europe in terms of religious geography. The Pope is from Poland. Naturally the Eastern bloc of European nations is indelibly imprinted in his mind.

Why Conflicting Views?

Why these differences in outlook? Anthony Sampson's analytical column in *Newsweek* puts these geographical differences in per-

spective. He wrote: "Despite the ease of jet travel, or perhaps because of it, politicians find it hard to realize how different the world looks from different ends. Europeans can never understand why Americans feel so worried about Nicaragua, while Americans cannot understand why Europeans are so touchy about Libya.

"The answer, perhaps, is that Nicaragua is as close to Miami as Libya is to Rome" (Newsweek, May 26, 1986).

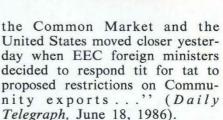
Though leaders fly about the globe, most humans are normally earthbound. It is hardly surprising, then, that various national and cultural populations view Europe differently.

It is so important that we understand these vital differences in outlook. Whose vision is really correct?

A Concerned America

Increasingly, America envisions Europe both as an economic threat and a dependent military partner. For many months now serious newspapers have run stories about a potential trade war between the United States and the European Economic Community.

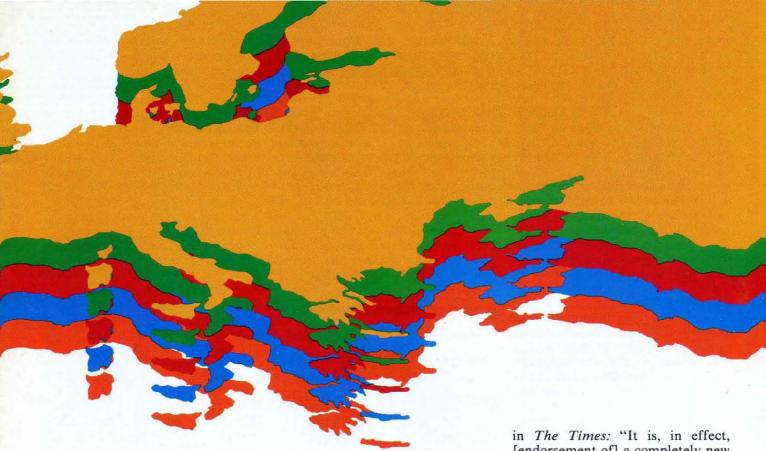
Said a communiqué from Luxembourg: "A trade war between



Militarily the United States has grown weary of footing much of the bill for European defense. There seems to be little European cooperation with the United States. Witness reaction to the Libyan bombing.

Anthony Sampson, himself a Briton and an enthusiastic advocate of European political union, sums up U.S. feelings: "... European disunity is naturally exasperating to the Americans. If Europe doesn't like Washington's policy, why doesn't it offer an alternative? Isn't it time, after 40 years, that the Europeans faced up to their own defense problems?..." (op. cit.)

Never underestimate isolationism in the United States. President George Washington warned Americans about entangling alliances with European powers. President Washington's words sank deep into the American psyche. Only reluctantly did America enter the two major European wars of this century. In both cases Uncle Sam pro-



crastinated for more than two years.

A few American leaders even advocate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Europe. Few events would make the Soviets happier.

Gorbachev's View of Europe

The Russians have long desired to decouple Europe from North America. Their European vision does not include the United States.

The Sydney Morning Herald headlined an article on the Russian leader's visit to East Germany: "Gorbachev Pushes for European Solidarity." The Soviet Union wants European union, but a union that will suit its interests.

Mr. Gorbachev raised the theme of Continental solidarity. Not since De Gaulle has this concept been mentioned so prominently. Said the Australian article: "His main message, in the various speeches during his visit, seemed to be aimed at Europeans in general and West Germany in particular."

Further, Mr. Gorbachev declared that the Soviet Union was ready to develop its relations with West Germany—"a European state of the first importance" (April 23, 1986). A limited rap-

prochement between the Federal Republic and East Germany is not out of the bounds of Russian thinking. But German neutrality is part of the price.

The Soviets envision European solidarity coupled with political neutrality. But Europe does not share Moscow's vision.

How the EEC envisions its own future prosperity and security is really quite different from what most observers think. Even in Britain, only a few external newspapermen have pierced through a thick fog of confusing rhetoric—and put their finger on the true direction in which Europe is moving and what it portends for Britain.

A Future Political Union

In an article published in *The Times*, author and journalist Paul Johnson tried hard to shake Britons out of their lethargic view of the EEC. A fundamental alteration in Britain's relationship to the Common Market is about to happen. It is close to becoming British law. Yet, as he observed: "It has aroused no passion in the Cabinet, in the Commons or the media" (June 23, 1986). He further wrote

in *The Times:* "It is, in effect, [endorsement of] a completely new treaty, which ought properly to have been placed on a level of significance equivalent to that of the original treaty of Rome."

This is no small matter that the British public has chosen to ignore. Says Mr. Johnson of the newly amended treaty: "It will transform relations among the EEC states into a European union and it will invest the union with the necessary means of action."

The British Parliament is going to be weakened. Already European institutions are infringing on English sovereignty on a whole range of subjects from spanking children to women's retirement age. British law is in retreat. Pending parliamentary legislation will intensify and enhance this process.

The Commons has labeled the legislation The European Communities (Amendment) Bill. Paul Johnson would have quite a different title: The European Political Union Treaty. He asks why was the proposed legislation not presented to Parliament as "an act to create a European superstate?"

The answer he proffers devastates: "... To do so would have been to tell the truth; and the EEC establishment, and our own government, know that the truth would be much more difficult for the public to swallow" (op. cit.).

This eminent writer continues: "The essential point of the new treaty is to abolish the national veto over the whole range of social policy. Within the area, Britain will no longer be able to impede further reductions of its sovereignty, however fundamental."

The British are being persuaded to take irrevocable steps in bringing about European political union. A question consequently emerges. Will not religious union follow in the wake of political unity?

The Papal Vision

Do not think that Pope John Paul II is unconcerned about European unity. From time to time he has voiced his views on the European union theme. He did so in Spain in late 1982. And again in the Netherlands in 1985.

Later the Pope said that European identity is incomprehensible without Christianity. He further declared that Europe could become one "and can be so with the respect due to all its differences, including those of diverse political systems."

We ask you: How is that possible without strong church influence on political governments reminiscent of the Middle Ages? Do not ignore the Pope's vision of European unity. It could be the key catalyst in bringing about eventual political union.

A Clear-sighted American Reporter

Why do some human beings see clearer than others? Many factors enter into this question: heredity, environment, education, knowledge of history, opportunity to travel, natural gifts of discernment. Whatever the answer, American correspondent William Pfaff also has emerged as a reporter with vision.

He understands Europe as few

Americans do. He wrote on the editorial page of *The International Herald Tribune*: "What has been striking since 1945 is not how much the world has changed from that Europe-centered one which existed before 1945, but how little has changed, so far as the essential components of power and risk are concerned. That many, perhaps most North Americans fail to recognize this is a further factor of risk" (June 23, 1986).

William Pfaff concedes that West European states are *individually* somewhat behind the superpowers and Japan in economic clout. Then he observes: "Count

How the EEC envisions its own future prosperity and security is really quite different from what most observers think.

France and Britain, or France and Italy, together with West Germany, and you have an industrial agglomeration of Soviet size or bigger, and one infinitely more flexible, innovative and technologically sophisticated. If the European Community is considered all together, it makes up the most powerful economic and industrial combination on earth" (emphasis ours).

Then Mr. Pfaff delivers a blockbuster. He writes: "Common American perceptions of Western Europe as a comparatively weak and declining force in world affairs are justified by neither the indices of productive power nor those of potential military strength. The military capacity of Western Europe, collectively, is equivalent to that of either of the superpowers—should the Europeans wish to make use of it" (emphasis ours).

William Pfaff's insight is almost biblical. He recognizes the Continent's continuing instability. It is still divided by the Iron Curtain. Berlin is rent in two. The two Germanys remain riven. This is not Europe's natural state. Present conditions are inherently problem producing.

He concludes: "What happens in Europe decides the global balance of power. Europe is the pawn capable of becoming a queen."

What God Sees

God sees everything human beings do and much more! His political vision is unfailingly accurate. He understands and sees Europe as no man or nation does. He knows the pawn will become a queen! It is his vision that counts!

Indeed the biblical prophet Daniel foretold future happenings in Europe two and one half millennia ago. There were to be seven resurrections of the original Roman Empire. A final 10-nation superpower will constitute the seventh and last resurrection. That time is just ahead of us. Perhaps at the very end of this century—or at the commencement of century 21.

At that time all nations will be chastened and will finally realize that God is the ultimate ruler among the kingdoms of men. He can make and unmake nations. God himself will then set up his ruling family on this earth.

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and his dogged search for the truth. He freely shared his understanding with us, and we have been privileged to make it available to you. He loved and respected his readers and, in a figurative sense, he remembered you in his will.

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Joseph W. Thach

Britain's Grim Dilemma

BRITISH Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is confronted with the most perplexing dilemma of her often-stormy seven years in office.

On the one hand is pressure on her from the 49-member Commonwealth to agree to trade sanctions—certain to end in economic warfare—against South Africa.

These sanctions could rebound harshly upon the British economy, throwing out of work more than 80,000 people who are engaged in Britain's substantial trade and commercial relations with the former Commonwealth member.

On the other hand, her refusal to agree to such sanctions could cause the Commonwealth to fracture. It is the Commonwealth, successor to the British Empire, that enables Britain to still play a world role, to be more than just a regional power in Europe.

Question of Morality?

Mrs. Thatcher has also questioned the morality of throwing hundreds of thousands of South Africans, mostly black, out of work. She observed the irony of saving people from climatically and politically induced starvation in one part of Africa, Ethiopia, while sending others, elsewhere, to the brink of starvation.

Some of southern Africa's black leaders maintain that their people, deprived of the political right to vote, are willing to sacrifice their jobs and lives for "liberation." But two bloody riots between rival tribal groups in South Africa last winter, primarily over who was to get jobs in a shrinking labor market, showed that jobs are still a most important commodity.

Mrs. Thatcher stresses that by

Empire Gone... Now the Commonwealth?

by Gene H. Hogberg



imposing comprehensive sanctions, unemployment and starvation would spread to untold millions of blacks in the African subcontinent. More than 80 million people in nine different economies depend to varying degrees on South Africa. Air links, roads, rail lines and communications circuits tie the entire region together.

Intractable Issue

Events are thus moving closer to a point of no return.

Regardless of the immediate impact they would have, global sanctions are supported in the white-ruled Republic by the African National Congress and by the South African Communist Party (who would take over from within after an ANC revolution).

Meanwhile, South Africa's whites have moved—late in life—far in the direction of what they hope would work and, if possible,

be accepted in the world: a concept of power-sharing with some of the country's several (and rival) black groups.

But power-sharing rather than black majority rule is considered by many blacks as insulting, indicative of white distrust. However, given the political and economic history of other nations in postwar black Africa, that distrust is real. "Beyond a certain point," notes Bruce Anderson in the July 10 *Times* of London, the whites "will not yield. That is why the two sides are in conflict."

A mood is growing in the Republic of South Africa that the sooner full sanctions come the better; that preparations should be made now for retooling the country's industry for wholesale import substitution.

Small countries in the vicinity of South Africa that cannot afford to impose sanctions, such as Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana and Malawi, would be spared the worst effects. Others, who are trade dependent but may close their borders, will suffer greatly. In desperation they will probably have no choice but to call upon the great powers to bail them out with massive airlifts of aid!

The price of strategic minerals, presently obtained from South Africa, will soar. (The United States has only about a year's worth of supplies of chrome, manganese, platinum and vanadium.)

Some experts foresee the eventual imposition of a United Nations military operation, especially a naval blockade, against South Africa with both the United States and Soviets taking part in the crusade. "That thing is my nightmare and has been for years," concedes South Africa's former ambassador to the U.N. and the United States, Brand Fourie.

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50 YEARS AGO...

by Keith W. Stump

Today, few are aware of the *prophetic* significance of one of this century's pivotal events.

month—October 25, 1936, to be exact—the "Rome-Berlin Axis" was proclaimed. It bound Mussolini's Italy and Hitler's Germany in an "indissoluble" friendship.

The Axis was the nucleus around which developed the military coalition that would oppose the Allied Powers in World War II.

Fewer than one person in 15 today is old enough to have any personal recollection of that historically important occasion. Fewer still are aware of the astounding significance of the Rome-Berlin Axis in the panorama of *Bible* prophecy!

Rise of Fascism

How did the Axis relationship come about?

As an ambitious young politician in postwar Germany of the 1920s, Adolf Hitler had taken Italian dictator Benito Mussolini as his political role-model. Mussolini—known as il Duce, "the leader," of Italy's Fascist Party—had brought down the government in Rome in 1922, announcing himself the defender of law and order. In a throwback to the one-man rule of the Caesars, Mussolini seized power—Hitler's own secret goal in Germany.

On January 30, 1933, Hitler finally attained the long-sought German chancellorship, using his

country's growing economic crisis as a stepping-stone to power. Once in office he proceeded to establish an absolute dictatorship. The Third Reich was born.

The dictators of Italy and Germany did not have their first personal meeting until June of 1934—fully a year and a half after Hitler's emergence as Chancellor. Hitler's admiration of Mussolini, however, was not immediately reciprocated.

Mussolini summed up his initial impression of his German admirer by calling him a pulcinella—buffoon. The older, longer-established Mussolini naively viewed Hitler as his Fascist protégé, someone he could easily manipulate to serve Italy's interests. It would prove to be a gross underestimation of the German corporal-turned-Fuehrer.

No concrete results were achieved in that first meeting. It failed to create the cordial personal relationship for which Hitler had hoped. Relations between the two dictators remained strained, tinged with suspicion and mistrust. But circumstances would soon thrust them into a close partnership.

Crucial Year - 1936

The year 1936 was pivotal in the history of this century.

In June—a few months before the inauguration of the Rome-Berlin Axis—Mussolini had dramatically proclaimed the resurrection of the ancient Roman Empire, in the wake of Italy's conquest and annexation of Ethiopia. From the balcony of the Palazzo Venezia in Rome the Duce had declared:

"Legionnaires! In this supreme certitude raise high your insignia, your weapons, and your hearts to salute, after fifteen centuries, the reappearance of the empire on the fated hills of Rome."

Mussolini's Ethiopian adventure, however, had isolated Italy from the Western democracies. Hitler, too, stood alone, having alienated his European neighbors by his daring military reoccupation of the Rhineland, an area declared "permanently demilitarized" by the 1919 Treaty of Versailles.

Events had thus driven the two dictators into each other's arms. Their mutual lack of foreign supporters and shared Fascist ideology created a common link between their two countries despite historical enmities and differences in national temperaments.

Early in 1936 Mussolini told Hitler that there was a bond between them "dictated by destiny and which was bound to become stronger and stronger." Hitler, too, believed that an alliance with Italy was a fundamental necessity of German policy. It would prove to be a disastrous association that would ruin them both.

First Steps

The first steps toward a closer partnership were taken late in October. Mussolini sent his foreign minister and son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, to Berlin to work out the details of a collaboration. Ciano conferred with Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's special adviser on foreign policy. He also spoke with the Fuehrer, who declared Mussolini to be "the leading statesman in the world, to whom none may even remotely compare himself."

An agreement to coordinate the economic and foreign policies of the two countries was signed on that portentous October 25, providing for joint action in all matters affecting their common interests. The existence of the Axis was formally confirmed. The ancient ties of Italy and Germany—extending back to the days of Charlemagne and Otto the Great—had been reforged.

Both dictators were coming to believe that side by side, Germany and Italy could create a political bloc in Europe that would alter the course of history and shape the destiny of the Western world. In a speech in Milan shortly after

Ciano's return to Rome, Mussolini spoke glowingly of 'an axis around which all the European states may collaborate.' The Duce was becoming increasingly respectful of the new Germany and its Fuehrer.

Nearly a year later, in September 1937, Mussolini traveled to Germany, where the shrewd Fuehrer dazzled him with a well-rehearsed display of German military strength. Visibly impressed, Mussolini publicly pledged to Hitler that Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany would "march together to the very end."

The personal bond between the two dictators was sealed. Mussolini returned to Rome convinced that his destiny lay at Hitler's side.

As the months passed, it became inevitable that Germany and Italy would convert their informal axis relationship into a formal military alliance. And so, because of—

as they saw it—"compelling geopolitical circumstances," the need for closer relations developed.

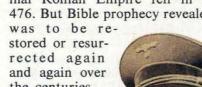
The Italo-German "Pact of Steel," was signed in the Reichschancellery in Berlin May 22, 1939. (Mussolini was persuaded to discard his less-than-diplomatic first choice, "Pact of Blood.")

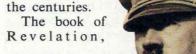
The consequences proved disastrous. In 1940, Mussolini was dragged into a European war. Five years later, the Fuehrer and the Duce died within days of each other, their grandiose visions of empire completely shattered.

Foretold Long Ago

Hitler's dream of a united Europe under German domination failed.

The dream of a united continent has permeated the history of Europe from Roman times. The original Roman Empire fell in A.D. 476. But Bible prophecy revealed it





chapter 17, foretold the last seven of these resurrections in symbolic language, picturing the revivals of the Empire as seven heads of a beast or wild animal.

History shows that from the time of Emperor Justinian's "Imperial Restoration" of the Roman Empire in A.D. 554 to the fall of Napoleon in 1814, the Roman Empire in the West had been resurrected—and had fallen apart—five times. These resurrections had been headed successively by such dominant figures as Justinian, Charlemagne, Otto the Great, Charles the Great and Napoleon.

The sixth head of Revelation 17 began to rise with the unification of Italy in 1861 by Giuseppe Garibaldi. In 1871, "Iron Chancellor" Otto von Bismarck united Germany into a single *Reich* or empire under Prussian leadership. The sixth head culminated more than a half century later in the Fascist rule of Mussolini and the creation of the fateful Axis with Hitler's Germany.

The seventh and last head—with its 10 horns (Rev. 17:3)—is yet to arise! One last restoration of this great political system will come. This revival will be a federation of 10 European nations, or groups of nations, possessing farreaching political power and

United Europe will be a great third force in world affairs—a superpower in its own right!

The stage is now being set for this last, climactic revival of the Roman Empire, this coming "United States of Europe." Europe today stands on the threshold of unparalleled power. Soon it will again find itself in a position to dramatically reshape the geopolitical balance of the world!

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Mystery of the Kingdom of God

We conclude, with this fourteenth installment, the serial publication of Herbert W. Armstrong's last book, Mystery of the Ages.

ow we come to the world tomorrow on the individual level—the Church—the religion—the educational system.

When Jesus Christ returns to earth in the full supreme power and glory of the Creator God, he is coming, this time, to save the world, spiritually.

Education and Religion Tomorrow

When he sits on the throne of his glory, in Jerusalem, all nations composed of flesh-and-blood mortal humans will be there before him. He shall begin dividing the "sheep from the goats." To the sheep, on his right hand, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34).

Those converted, now, are heirs. We shall inherit the kingdom at Christ's coming. The dead in Christ shall be resurrected, rising first—changed to Spirit immortality. We that are then alive, in Christ, shall be instantaneously changed to Spirit immortality, and caught up with the resurrected ones, to meet the descending Christ in the air.

We shall then be separated by

immortality from the mortal humans on earth.

Wherever Jesus is, from there, we shall be ever with him. Where, then, will he be? His feet shall stand that same day on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4).

It is after this that he separates the sheep (those who repent, believe, and receive his Holy Spirit) from the goats (those who rebel). This separation—this educating of converts for God's kingdom—will continue throughout the entire thousand years of Christ's reign on earth.

Christ will give to all nations a new and pure language: "For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent" (Zeph. 3:9).

The pure truth of God will be proclaimed to all people. No one will be deceived any longer. But "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

Christ is the "root of Jesse," father of David. To Christ, then, will the gentiles seek (Isa. 11:10). Christ will set his hand to save all Israel (verse 11). (See also Romans 11:25-26.)

But all this work of world evangelism—of spiritually saving the world (as a whole, not necessarily every individual but surely a majority)—will require, simultaneously, reeducating the world.

One of the great problems facing the returned glorified Christ, will be that of reeducating the supposedly educated. These minds—and they are, indeed, the world's finest and best minds—have become so perverted with false education that they will be unable to accept truth until they first unlearn error. And it is at least ten times more difficult to unlearn error, firmly imbedded in the mind, than it is to start from "scratch" and learn new truth.

It may actually take them longer to come to a knowledge of truth—to become truly educated—than the illiterate of this world.

God's inspired Word, the Holy Bible, is the foundation of knowledge. But they have been trained to hold this true foundation in prejudiced contempt.

Yes, indeed, the educating and reeducating of the world will be one of the most important tasks the kingdom of God will face, after Christ returns to rule. Today people follow the false and deceptive values. Their entire thinking will require a reorientation—a change of direction.

A Headquarters Church

We have seen that the earth, after

this thousand-year period begins, will be as full of the true knowledge of God as the oceans are full of water (Isa. 11:9). How will this be brought about?

The prophet Micah gives part of the answer: "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it" (Mic. 4:1).

Prophecy uses "mountain" as a symbol of a major nation, and "hills" as a symbol of smaller nations. In other words, the kingdom of God, the kingdom of resurrected immortals—the ruling kingdom—will be established in complete authority over the major nations (of mortals) and exalted above the small nations—and people will flow to God's kingdom. Now continue:

"And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion [the Church], and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he [Christ] shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (verses 2-3).

This knowledge—this teaching—and even knowledge of God's law—shall go forth from the Church—and from Jerusalem, the new world capital.

Christ, himself, will be ruling from Jerusalem. Stationed there with Christ, under immediate direction of Elijah, it is indicated, will be those immortals chosen by Christ to constitute the Headquarters Church. Revelation 3:12 indicates those of the "Philadelphia era" will be pillars in that Headquarters Church.

Next, in this all-important Headquarters Church organization, working with and directly under Elijah, it appears, will be the resurrected John the Baptist. He came "in the spirit and power of [Elijah]" (Luke 1:17). Of him, Jesus

said, "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist..." (Matt. 11:11). He was the Elijah prophesied to come (Matt. 11:7-11).

Jesus said that no man who ever lived was greater than John the Baptist. Yet, even the least in the resurrected kingdom will be greater (Matt. 11:11). It is evident that John the Baptist will be placed in very high office. It seems logical that he should be placed with, or immediately under, Elijah.

Elijah to Come in Our Day

Remember, once again, God's principle of duality. As Jesus said in Matthew, the prophecy of Malachi 3:1 applied to John the Baptist in type; but if you will continue reading through verse 5, it becomes very clear that the prophecy is speaking of one to prepare the way before the Second Coming of Christ.

John the Baptist was a voice crying out in the physical wilderness of the Jordan River, preparing the way for the First Coming of Christ, as a physical human being, to his physical Temple at Jerusalem and to the physical people of Judah, announcing the advance good news that the kingdom of God would in the future be established. But also preparing the way before his Second Coming was a messenger of whom Elijah was a type. A voice crying out in the worldwide spiritual wilderness of religious confusion, preparing the way for the spiritual glorified King of kings and Lord of lords to come in the supreme power and glory of God to his spiritual temple, the Church (Eph. 2:21), to actually establish the kingdom of God.

Further, in Matthew 17:1-8, Peter, James and John saw the vision of Moses, Elijah and Christ glorified in the kingdom of God. Then in verse 10 the disciples asked Jesus, "Why then say the scribes that Elias [Elijah] must first come?" Remember John the Baptist had finished his ministry and had been imprisoned before Jesus even began his ministry. At the time the disciples asked this question, John

the Baptist had come and been put to death. Yet Jesus answered, speaking of the yet future, "[Elijah] truly shall first come, and restore all things" (verse 11).

This could not possibly refer to John the Baptist. John the Baptist restored nothing, but called on people to repent in preparation for the First Coming of Jesus as a physical human.

In the first few years of the New Testament Church, Jesus' true gospel had been suppressed and supplanted with a false gospel—not the gospel of Christ (the kingdom of God) but man's false gospel about a Christ who did away with his Father's commandments.

Also Malachi 4:5-6 pictures the Elijah to come at the very end of the Church age—at a time when, if this end-time message were not proclaimed, the glorified Christ would come and smite the world with total destruction. (The word curse in this verse is translated from the Hebrew, which includes the meaning total destruction.)

Education in the World Tomorrow

This Headquarters Church, at Christ's own world capital of Jerusalem, then, undoubtedly will be given the administration of the world's new system of education.

Also the indication is that the teaching of spiritual truth—of the true gospel, the spiritual conversion of the world—will be directed, worldwide, from this Headquarters Church, under Elijah and the overall direct supervision of Jesus Christ.

The principal purpose for which Christ is returning to earth is to spiritually develop in humanity godly character, and to save the world. Most religious people, ministers, and evangelists (fundamentalist) have supposed that this time, now, is the only day of salvation. The verse of Scripture they rely on is a mistranslation (II Cor. 6:2). It should read "a day of salvation," not "the" (quoted from Isaiah 49:8, where it is a, not the). If Christ had been trying to "save" the world, he would have saved the world. It hasn't been "saved." God doesn't use a babylon of confused, disagreeing religious organizations, divided into hundreds of different concepts of theological doctrine, as his instruments.

But the real world evangelism will be administered by this Headquarters Church, composed of resurrected immortals, under direct personal supervision of Christ himself.

One thing there will not be in the millennial Headquarters Church is a doctrinal committee of intellectual "scholars" to decide whether Christ's teachings are true doctrines. There was no such doctrinal committee in the first century Headquarters Church at Jerusalem.

One other tremendous organizational function will be directed from this Headquarters Church—that of direction of all the local churches over the world. These churches will be composed of those who become converted—begotten of God by receiving his Holy Spirit—though still mortal.

Millennial Growth in Knowledge, Overcoming

Just as converted Christians in this present age must continue to live a life of overcoming, and of spiritual growth and development (II Pet. 3:18), so will they in the millennium. Happily they then will not have to overcome Satan. But they shall have to overcome all evil impulses, habits or temptations, innate within themselves.

With only one Church—one religion—one faith—there will be many church congregations in every city, others scattered through rural areas. There will be district superintendents over areas, and pastors, elders, deacons and deaconesses in every local church.

This, then, gives an insight into how the world will be organized.

This shows how a super world government can, and will, be established on earth. The very purpose of the Church of this present time is to provide God's training school or teachers' college to train in spiritual knowledge, education and godly character, to supply all the positions at the beginning of this wonderful 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth.

After the end of this coming millennial rule of Christ on earth, will come the final judgment. I have mentioned in this book that at the time of the first Adam's sin, God closed off from humanity as a whole the "tree of life" symbolizing God's gift of his Holy Spirit and begettal of immortal God-life, until Christ the second Adam shall have replaced Satan on earth's throne and come to reign over all nations on earth.

Meanwhile, we have covered how the prophets were a pre-foundation of the Church of God. And the apostle Peter mentioned (I Pet. 4:17) that the JUDGMENT had begun with the Church. Those God has called to come to him through Jesus Christ during this Church age have been here and now judged, during this life. But judgment has not yet come to the world.

Does that mean the world is freed to commit sin? Not at all. God allows people to sin, but they are not now as yet judged for their sins.

After the Millennium

Following the millennial reign of Christ and the Church on earth, however, shall come the time of God's JUDGMENT on this world. A criminal may have committed a great crime—even murder. But until caught, and brought to trial before a judge, he has not yet been judged or condemned.

In the final judgment, with Christ on the judgment seat, every human who has lived in this world shall be brought back to life (Rev. 20:11-12). They shall then give account for their sins committed in their first life.

The dead IN Christ at the time of Jesus' Second Coming some thousand years previously, shall have been resurrected to immortal God-life, and those who were still living and were IN Christ at his coming and led by his Holy Spirit will have been changed instantly into immortal God-life. They shall rule and teach with and under Christ during the thousand years. But all others who have died shall not live again until the end of the millennium (Rev. 20:5).

The 37th chapter of Ezekiel also shows the resurrection at the time of the judgment. This 37th chapter is the prophecy of the "dry bones."

The Bible itself interprets these dry bones in verse 11 where it says these dry bones are the house of Israel: "... behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost...." Like the prophecy says: "Again he said unto me. Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold. I will cause breath to enter into you, and ve shall live: and I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord" (verses 4-6).

Next this prophecy tells of the Great White Throne Judgment when this whole house of Israel, who sinned so greatly against God, shall be resurrected.

The prophecy continues: "So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

"So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army" (verses 7-10). This shows them brought back to mortal life, sustained by breathing of air, just as in their original life. That is, mortal life-still unconverted. Then God says, "Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel." This is the resurrection in the Great White Throne Judgment. All the ancient Israelites are resurrected mortal, precisely as in their first life. Then what? "And ve shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

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INTERNATIONAL DESK



What Was Missing at EXPO 86?

VANCOUVER,
British Columbia

Y THE TIME most readers read
this, EXPO 86 will be over. Congratulations
to the organizers for one of the most
comprehensive, colorful and well-planned,
upbeat world expositions ever.

Relaxed Canadian hospitality took the edge off frustration while waiting in crowded lines for the best exhibits.

Not many nations could have staged EXPO 86 as successfully. Canada has the resources, and the right credentials. Canadians are thought of as honest brokers on the international stage, and they seem to get along well with almost everyone. So east and west, north and south, friends and rivals, big and small could all coexist along the False Creek exhibition site.

The theme was a "World in Motion—World in Touch" and the exhibits focused around transportation and communication. Each nation put its best foot forward. Europe and the Japanese dazzled everyone with high tech wizardry. The Chinese capitalized on their long history and their exquisite handicrafts.

Unfortunately the shuttle accident cast a shadow across the United States' exhibit, which focused on achievements in space. Equally ironically the Soviet Union chose to feature Kiev as a model Soviet city. They planned it before Chernobyl.

But overall, EXPO 86 was a positive place. Each pavilion tried to capture the atmosphere and ambience of the homeland, and they generally succeeded.

Australians, we could see, are fun loving, but they take their magnificent country seriously. Germans

take their lives seriously until you join them for lunch in the *Bier Haus*. There is much more to modern France than wine and cheese; and Britain, in spite of its problems, still has some bright ideas.

The mini-states of the Caribbean and even struggling nations in Asia and in Africa were there to show what they could do. Their displays had a special charm. At EXPO you realized that every nation has something to offer, and all people have at least one thing they do better than anyone else. It showed the world the way we would like it to be.

In the midst of the optimism, the United Nations pavilion sounded a sobering note. The world organization reminded us that glittering technology is all very well, but before we really have a "world in motion—a world in touch," we have to solve a few fundamental problems, otherwise there isn't going to be any world left.

The U.N. exhibit centered around a poignant audiovisual presentation that explained how the human race is one family living together on a small planet that uniquely supports life.

Leading scientists and futurists reiterated how utterly insane it is to allow a situation where we, the only known life in the universe, deliberately and consciously produce the means to wipe it out.

But that's the way it is. Our real life situation is a long way from being the constructive happy world of EXPO 86. Most of us are realists, and we know this. But do we understand why? Why, when we are surrounded by incredible invention and instant communications, is half the world still trapped in grinding poverty?

Why, when there is more than enough for everyone (there really is, you know), does an African, a Latin American or Asian baby die of hunger every 10 seconds? Why will hundreds of thousands of children go blind this year, for want of a few pennies worth of vitamins? And why, since we all want peace, are about 1,000 lives still being lost through mini-war every day?

What is the reason why the human race, while aiming high, keeps shooting itself in the foot. This is something that scientists, futurists, politicians and others who try to plan the future don't understand. They could, and you can too.

Long ago, God foresaw the condition we would be in at the end of the 20th century. The problems were inevitable, given the direction mankind was heading. Man, made in the image of God, would progress and grow. God knew that progress, without his guiding hand, would be a mixed blessing, and ultimately an

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unmitigated disaster. But man had rejected God's guiding hand. Man thought he knew best. He would have to learn the hard way.

In the Bible, God gave us the key to understanding why we could never make a world that would work through our own effort. He also gave some clear hope, then shows the way out of our dilemma.

Two major powers were not represented at EXPO

86. Both stayed away intentionally.

One knows that it is in its best interest not to publicly display its power. The other is not a part of this world yet, and it is not the right time for it to show what it can do.

The first is a kingdom ruled by Satan the devil. The second is the kingdom of God. These kingdoms are real and they play an important part in the history of mankind. Their influence will make or break the human race. We humans do not control our destiny as much as we might think.

To many today, Satan has become a joke and "the devil made me do it" is a comic catch phrase. Satan is a relic, a superstition, a throwback to the Middle Ages. Fun to have around on Halloween maybe, but hardly a force to be feared in the space age. That is playing right into his hands. He can stay where he works best, lurking behind the scenes.

The Bible blows Satan's cover. It shows that he isn't a harmless figure of fun. He is "the prince of this world" (John 14:30), the one who "deceives the whole world" (Rev. 12:9, Revised Authorized Version). He is the "god of this age," who has blinded mortals from seeing the truth (II Cor. 4:4, RAV), and who even now works in the minds of the "children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2).

If Satan does reveal himself, he pretends to be an "angel of light" (II Cor. 11:14). Jesus knew that Satan and his invisible, but very real, demon cohorts are the de facto rulers of *this* world. They influence decisions, they deceive, they stir up strife and attempt to pervert everything constructive, good, noble and uplifting that mankind accomplishes.

They exploit weak points, amplify negative influences, and nurture quarrels, for the kingdom of Satan has but one goal. It is to thwart the goals of the kingdom of God, and it is to this end that they bend all their efforts.

If the kingdom of Satan had had a pavilion at EXPO 86, what would have been in it? Well, there would have been plenty of communication. Satan knows how to get our attention. The difficulty would have been to arrange an honest display.

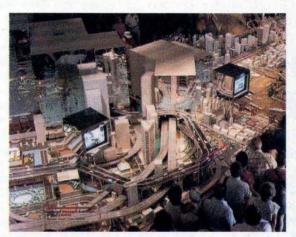
Satan is a master of propaganda and the father of all lies (John 8:44). He would probably prefer to keep up the illusion of being a harmless by-line of history, and sidetrack us with an intriguing but innocuous display of occult phenomena and quaint magic. ("Can you believe people used to believe that stuff?") That's how his kingdom is thought of, isn't it?

However, an honest display would have shown how Satan has goaded and pushed nations time and time again into senseless and suicidal wars. It would show how he has used music, art, literature, religion, science, technology and sports to tear down rather than build up man's potential and greatness.

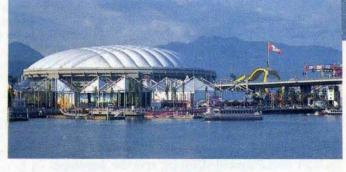
There would be exhibits explaining how he has persuaded us to use our great accomplishments negatively, so that the fruits of progress become weapons of destruction.

A truthful exposition of the kingdom of Satan would go a long way toward explaining why this world does not have the peace and harmony that it so desperately wants. Visitors would begin to understand how the human race has been held captive to work the will of an evil being whose only aim is to cause hurt and destruction.

(Why Satan is this way is beyond the scope of this article. Our free booklet Did God Create a Devil? will help you understand. See inside







front cover for our office closest to you, and request a copy.)

The nations who came to EXPO showed us their plans for the future. What would Satan's kingdom have to show? Well, if he was honest, he would have to reveal how he is waiting for the right time to step out of the shadows for an unprecedented rampage of destruction. He has plans to lead humanity further down the road to ruin than they would dream possible.

Far from being a "world in touch and a world in motion" we are heading for a world that will lose touch and come to a shuddering halt. The United Nations pavilion reminded us that we have developed the means to destroy ourselves. The kingdom of



Satan's goal is to see that we use those means.

A visit to such a display would be an eye-opening, discouraging experience. Sobered, we would make our way thoughtfully to the exhibit of the kingdom of God.

This kingdom has also been widely misunderstood. Jesus said it was a kingdom "not of this world" (John enjoys innovation, and appreciates inventiveness. Just look at the rich variety of things he has made out of the hundred or so physical elements that he brought into existence. Like any parent he will never discourage his children from learning and growing, providing it is along safe and constructive lines.

Perhaps this exhibit would give some hints of things we haven't yet thought of—whole fields of endeavors yet untouched (I Cor. 2:9). God is the author of harmony and beauty. Surely his exhibit would be filled with uplifting music and stunning art. And a wholly new realm of education based on the development of character.

The pavilion of the kingdom of God would be designed to teach us how we could realize our highest aspirations and greatest goals. And then to soar even higher—higher than we have dared imagine. Because that is how he has revealed his kingdom to us—in the glimpses recorded in the pages of the Bible.

The visitor would at last understand how we will have a world at peace. Today, our definition of

"peace" seems to be
"an absence of nuclear
war between the
superpowers."

But is this present state of turmoil (150 wars since World War II) really peace? Jesus said his peace is "not as the world gives" peace (John 14:27, RAV). God would have to explain what real peace on a worldwide scale is like.

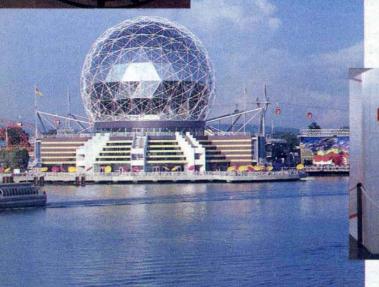
In the upbeat, optimistic world of EXPO 86, this pavilion surely would have been one of the most popular. On the other hand, the kingdom of Satan with its hollow deceit exposed would have struck an incongruous note. But these two kingdoms were not there. Satan prefers to remain inconspicuous, and it is not time for Jesus Christ to show what he can do.

Nevertheless, EXPO was a great exhibition. Canada's Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called it a "happy and historic celebration," and he was right. It left you feeling positive and encouraged. It made you realize how petty and contrived the hard feelings and differences between nations really are. EXPO showed the world the way we want it to be. But it will not be this way while the kingdom of Satan maintains its invisible grip.

Thank God that won't be forever. The Bible tells us of a time when the kingdom of God will no longer be "not of this world." It will be established in a position of influence where nations can come to it and learn how to make genuine, lasting, meaningful progress (Isa. 2:2-4).

Then, and only then, will we have a world that is not just in motion—but going places.

-John Halford



18:36). Many have wondered what he meant by that. Did he mean we only enter it when we get to heaven? Or is he trying to establish it in our hearts?

Presumably, the churches, sects, denominations and cults of "Christendom" would like to lend a hand in organizing this exhibit. The result would be utter confusion. Most of them can't agree about what the kingdom of God is—and when they do agree among themselves they get it wrong.

Jesus knows what he meant. His kingdom is real, and it is destined to become *the* superpower of the future. That will happen after he is sent by God to intervene and rescue humanity from Satan's unprecedented end-time rampage. The last book of the Bible, Revelation, tells you all about that. It also explains how Christ and his kingdom will preside over 1,000 years of peace and harmony *on the earth*.

If the kingdom of God had a pavilion at EXPO, what would it have shown? Progress, certainly, not only in transportation and communication, but in every other field.

The Creator of the human race loves progress. He

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Teach Children the Truth About Advertising!

by Graemme J. Marshall

Children in the U.S. watch upwards of 20,000 TV commercials a year. No wonder children so influenced tell us what they'll eat, wear or play with.

T'S Saturday morning. And half the children in the affluent world are doing what they usually do Saturday mornings: watching TV. The 20th century electronic baby-sitter is exposing little children to sales pitches.

The little tykes in turn will do the job of the advertiser () by haranguing parents to buy, buy, buy! Advertisers, of course, seek to reach through the child's brain into the adult pocketbook.

From the moment children begin to watch commercial TV they are programmed for a life of active consumption. Child-directed advertising encourages children not only to buy, but it also may lead children into potential conflict with parents' values.

Some parents question whether advertisers should be allowed to aim their messages at young children. Many simply allow children to make purchasing decisionslike footwear and clothes—at an ever-younger age.

Parents often feel pressured about products that to them may be of poor quality, nonnutritious or potentially hazardous.

They want their children to learn to see through sales techniques, become less influenced by advertising methods, and be more able to make wise consumer decisions.

Impact of Advertising

We need to understand what advertising is and how to understand

Advertising is a science designed, mainly, to attack people's weak spots. At the very least, children may be presented an incomared foods account for the majority of children's advertising. And researchers say most children cannot see through advertising techniques until they are about 10 to 12 years old.

Beware November and December! That is when half the year's quota for toy



Why are cartoons shown on Saturday mornings? Because they result in the biggest profits for the broadcasters. Saturday morning is prime time for children's programming. They are the only market that can be attracted to the TV screen at that time.

To be fair, advertising that is informative, imaginative, tasteful and appealing can be helpful. But advertising that manipulates the vulnerable minds of young children to accept shallow values is wrong!

Children are reached in ways other than TV. Count the number of advertising pages in a typical comic book. Or read what's on the sides of cereal boxes and on chocolate bar and candy wrappers.

Why Bad Advertising Is Bad

· It teaches false values. By emphasizing a life based on "getting things" through instant gratifica-

tion, there is

an erosion of the true values of outgoing effort and concern, discipline and responsibility.

• It blinds the mind. When we accept the routine use of illogic we allow a powerful, false, educating force to undermine what everyone needs for rational, critical and commonsense thinking processes.

• It encourages selfishness. This fostering of desire for "things" encourages people to want more-instead of trying to be more the way decent people should be.

· It corrupts personal relationships. The sexual exploitation of women in advertising is contributing to the growing failure of true man-woman relationships. To show that "love" is dependent upon some gadget (deodorant spray, soap or toothpaste) is misinformation and a simplification of life's complex interpersonal attitudes.

What You Can Do

1) Talk to your children about advertising methods. Explain what the advertiser is doing in his message. Demonstrate the effect of background music by turning off the volume completely. Show how special lighting and close-up shots exaggerate size. That's why some toys aren't as shiny or as big once you see them.

> chology. Why does an attractive swimsuit-clad girl lean on a car to sell it? Why

2) Explain marketing psy-

5) Teach sources of unbiased information. Some advertising is very informative. Teach children how to recognize useful advertising. Show children the value of checking out consumer magazines, survey reports and

6) Be firm against advertising pressures when you take your children shopping. Don't feel bad about saying no before you go shopping. Know what is in the best interests of your children and your budget. You don't have

put a handsome jean-wearing cowboy behind the wheel of a sporty four-wheel drive? How come actors make out the food they taste is so delicious? Illustrate how everyone appreciates physical attractiveness, fun, friendship and excitement, and that advertisers use these natural desires to sell their products. Clarify that these desires are natural, but the belief that buying the products will somehow also satisfy such desires is wrong.

3) Show the real meaning of words. Children are prone to literally believe what they see, that a certain brand is the "best." "fastest," the "sweetest." Help them see through these claims. Be sure they understand the disclaimers in small print about, "some assembly required," "batteries not included," "parts sold separately." And vague or evasive words that are next to meaningless like "helps" prevent tooth decay, "part" of a nutritional breakfast, chocolate "flavored" ice cream. Children need to know that these words used in advertising sometimes only tell part of the truth, and often induce one to draw wrong conclusions.

4) Think out loud about commercials with which you disagree. Explain why. Since older children can resent being "preached" at, thinking out loud can get your point across without specifically addressing anyone in particular. And don't be afraid to repeat your message often. After all, how many TV commercials are only shown

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special product reviews. You can also obtain useful product information from the experiences of friends. (Continued on page 26)

Kingdom of God

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and shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord" (verses 13, 14).

In other words, in the Great White Throne Judgment after the millennium, Old Testament Israel will be resurrected; then they shall come to "know the Lord." God's knowledge will come to them. The resurrected then will read this: "And there shall ve remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord God" (Ezek. 20:43-44).

Then upon this repentance, notice again in Ezekiel 37:14: "And [I] shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it, saith the Lord."

Thus, in the Great White Throne Judgment, they will come to know that Christ the Savior had come and died for them. And upon their repentance they shall receive the Holy Spirit and with it salvation and eternal life.

All who had lived, previously unjudged, not only Israel, but of all nations, will be resurrected MOR-TAL, physical, as they were in their first life up to the time of death. Those in this judgment will be mortals. They will then give account and be judged. Concerning this Great White Throne Judgment Jesus said: "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here" (Matt. 12:41-42; also in Luke 11:31-32). Also: "But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city... But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you" (Luke 10:12, 14). There will be punishments. Those who have sinned little will be beaten with few stripes, but those who have sinned greatly, knowing God's will, with many stripes (Luke 12:47-48).

But the penalty for sin is DEATH in the final last judgment. Since all have sinned, all shall be judged guilty and sentenced. But they shall learn that Jesus Christ paid their penalty in their stead. And in repentance, demonstrated by performance, they will be given an opportunity yet at that time to choose LIFE, and be made immortal.

What a merciful God is the Creator, whose mercy is as great toward us as the heavens are high above the earth. And he is able to remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west (Ps. 103:12).

BUT THERE IS MORE! MUCH MORE!

Incredible Human Potential Revealed

In the book of Hebrews we read: "For unto the angels hath he [God] not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak" (Heb. 2:5). The theme of the context here is "the world to come."

There is but one earth, but the Bible speaks of three worlds, ages or civilizations on the earth—the "world that then was" (the ante-diluvian world from Adam to Noah); this "present evil world" (from the Flood until Christ's return, yet future); and "the world to come" (which will start when Christ comes and sets up the kingdom of God).

This verse speaks of angels as if the world had been put in subjection to angels; in fact, in the very beginning of this book of Hebrews, the first chapter, it is speaking of Christ and angels and the relation of angels to humans. This was explained in chapter two of this book. But bear in mind the general theme here, or context, is "the world to come, whereof we speak"—not this present age, now coming rapidly to its end! Continue on in verse 6: "But one in a certain place testified, saying..." Then follows a quotation out of the first six verses only of the eighth psalm.

In this psalm, David continued showing specifically that God has now placed in subjection under man the solid earth, the earth's atmosphere or air, and the sea. But now the writer of the book of Hebrews is inspired to expand David's prophecy to add something radically different—something to happen in the world to come!

This revealed knowledge of God's purpose for mankind—of man's incredible awesome potential—staggers the imagination. Science knows nothing of it—no religion reveals it, so far as I know—and certainly higher education is in utter ignorance of it.

Nevertheless, it is what God says he has prepared for them that love him (I Cor. 2:9-10).

I have said before that God revealed necessary knowledge to our first parents, but they didn't believe what he said! Some 4,000 years later, Jesus Christ the second Adam appeared on earth with a message direct from God the Father in heaven, revealing the same necessary knowledge—but only a handful—a hundred and twenty—believed what he said, though many professed to "believe on him" (as in John 8:30-31, 37-38, 40, 45-46).

Today science, religion and education still do not believe WHAT HE SAID.

But now let's see what is said in this passage in Hebrews, beginning where Hebrews leaves off quoting the eighth Psalm: "Thou hast put all things in subjection under his [man's] feet. For in that he [God] put all in subjection under him [man], he [God] left NOTHING that is not put under him" (Heb. 2:8).

Is it possible God could mean what he says ("all things")? Nothing excluded?

In the first chapter, the Moffatt translation of the Bible renders the Greek word translated "all things" as "the universe" (verse 8).

In other words, for those willing to believe what God says, he says that he has decreed the entire universe—with all its galaxies, its countless suns and planets—everything—will be put under man's subjection.

But wait a moment! Before you disbelieve, read the next words in the same eighth verse: "But now we see not yet all things [the endless universe] put under him [man]." Remember (verse 5), this is speaking of the "world to come"-not today's world. But what do we see now, today? "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels [or, "for a little while lower"] for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour." Man, other than Christ, is NOT YET "crowned with glory and honour."

But see how Christ is already crowned with glory and honor. Continue: "For it became him, for whom are all things [the entire universe], and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings....for which cause he [Christ] is not ashamed to call them brethren" (verses 10-11).

In other words, Christians having God's Spirit are joint heirs with Christ to INHERIT all that Christ already has inherited. He is now in glory! He has already inherited the entire universe. He sustains it by his power. Man, if he is converted, having God's Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9), is now only an HEIR—not yet a possessor.

But see now how Christ already has been crowned with glory and honor—and is already in possession—has already inherited. Begin with Hebrews, chapter 1:

"God...hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things [the entire universe], by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding [sustaining] all things [the entire universe] by the word of his power..." (Heb. 1:1-3).

The living Christ already sustains the entire universe by his limitless divine power. The passage

continues to show his superiority over the angels—he is the begotten and born Son of God—angels are merely individually created beings. Angels are now administering spirits (invisible to us), ministering to us—to us who are now in lower status than angels—but who are heirs of salvation, when we, like Christ, shall become born sons of God (Heb. 1:4-14).

Outer Space—Planets Now Dead

Now put this together with what is revealed in the eighth chapter of Romans.

Here it speaks of Christ as God's Son: "... that he might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom. 8:29). Humans, having God's Holy Spirit, are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-who, alone of all humans, has already been born as God's Son by a resurrection from the dead (Rom. 1:4). He is the first of the human family to be born into the family of God-the kingdom of God. He is our pioneer who has gone on before. We shall follow at the resurrection of the just at Christ's return to earth in supreme power and glory.

This eighth chapter of Romans, verse 9, says if we have within us the Holy Spirit of God we are his begotten sons, but if we do not have his Spirit we are none of his—not Christians at all. But verse 11 says that if we have God's Holy Spirit growing within and leading us we shall be raised from the dead by his Spirit—(or if living when Christ comes we shall be changed from mortal to immortal).

Now continue: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God... The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ... also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us..." (Rom. 8:14-18).

Continue, Revised Standard Version: "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation [all the suns, planets,

stars, moons] was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it in hope: because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation Istars, suns and moons now in decay and futility] has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves [we Spirit-begotten humans], who have the first fruits of the Spirit [the very FEW now being called to salvation-the "firstfruits"], groan inwardly as we wait for [birth] as sons..." (verses 19-

What an amazing marvelous revelation of knowledge!

No more amazing, awesome, eye-opening passage could be written!

It is so astonishingly revealing, one doesn't fully grasp it just reading quickly through.

First I quoted from verse 29 of Romans 8 stating Christ was the firstborn of MANY BRETHREN.

In Hebrews 1, we see that Christ, the first human to be born by a resurrection from the dead, has been glorified and now sustains the entire universe. He is our Pioneer who has gone on ahead. At his return to earth in power and glory, those who have been converted and received God's Holy Spirit shall be born into the God family by a resurrection. Then the entire universe will be put into subjection UNDER them!

Then, from Romans 8, if we have and are led by the Holy Spirit of God, we shall be raised to Spirit composition and immortality in the God family even as Christ was in A.D. 31 upon his resurrection.

Now once again from verse 19: "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God" (RSV). This shall happen after the time of the resurrection, when those who are human actually become—by a resurrection or instantaneous *change* from mortal flesh to Spirit immortality—sons of God.

Astonishing?—Entire Universe to Be Renewed

Now understand please. Why

should the whole universe—the creation—be waiting with eager longing for the actual birth and appearing of all these sons of God, to be born into the family of God? The following verses portray a universe filled with planets in decay and futility—yet as if subjected now to this dead state in hope! "Because the creation itself [the universe not now capable of sustaining life] will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (verse 21, RSV).

How did all the planets fall into the bondage of decay? Surely God did not so create them!

Decay signifies a state or condition caused by degeneration and decomposition from a previous undecayed state. God, however, created these planets in a state of NoNdecay.

But something caused deterioration to set in.

What could have caused all this "bondage to decay"?

It cannot be the state in which God created them! Everything we read in God's revealed Word about God's creation shows it to have been a perfect creation. The earth was first created a perfect creation of glorious beauty.

We see that angels inhabited the earth prior to the creation of man. Angels, who were perfect from the creation until iniquity or lawlessness was found in them, caused the whole surface of the earth to turn into a state of decay, confusion and emptiness, as shown in chapter two of this book.

Could the whole universe with its myriad of other planets have been created for the eventual purpose of sustaining life? We are not told specifically by revelation in God's Word whether it was or not, but what we are told throws additional light on why God decided to create man!

Continue this passage in Romans 8:22: "We know that the whole creation [universe] has been groaning in travail together until now." Consider that the creation is compared to a mother about to be delivered of her child. The creation is pictured as groaning in travail in hope (verse 20), awaiting the birth by resurrection to immortality, of

the children of God. It is as if the creation [universe] is the mother and God is the father.

Anyway the whole thrust of the passage is that when we (converted humans) are born of God—then having the power and glory of God—we are going to do as God did when this earth was rendered "waste and empty"—Hebrew, tohu and bohu (Gen. 1:2). Christ, who renewed "the face of the earth" (Ps. 104:30), was renewing what had been destroyed by the rebellion of the sinning angels.

What these wonderful passages imply and indicate goes far beyond the amount specifically revealed.

This passage indicates precisely what all astronomers and scientific evidence indicate—the suns are as balls of fire, giving out light and heat; but the planets, except for this earth, are in a state of death, decay and futility—but not forever—waiting until converted humans are BORN the children of God; born into the very divine family of God, forming the kingdom of God.

Jesus' gospel was the kingdom of God. What I am showing you here is that Christ's gospel of the kingdom actually includes all this knowledge here revealed—even the whole universe is to be ruled by us, who, with God the Father and Christ, become the kingdom of God.

God is first of all Creator, but God is also Ruler. And he is Educator, who reveals knowledge beyond and outside the scope of the human mind of itself to comprehend!

Put together all these scriptures I have used in this chapter, and you begin to grasp the incredible human potential. Our potential is to be born into the God family, receiving total power! We are to be given jurisdiction over the entire universe!

What are we going to do then? These scriptures indicate we shall impart life to billions and billions of dead planets, as life has been imparted to this earth. We shall create, as God directs and instructs. We shall rule through all eternity! Revelation 21 and 22 show there will then be no pain, no suffering, no evil, because we shall

have learned to choose God's way of good.

It will be an eternal life of accomplishment, constantly looking forward in super-joyous anticipation to new creative projects, and still looking back also on accomplishments with happiness and joy over what shall have been already accomplished.

We shall never grow tired and weary. Always alive—full of joyous energy, vitality, exuberant life and strength and power!

Earth to Become UNIVERSE Headquarters

Finally, even God the Father will come to this earth. His throne over the whole universe will be established on this earth.

Notice in I Corinthians 15:24, after speaking of the various resurrections, it is recorded: "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power."

In Revelation 21:3: "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

And further in Revelation 22:3: "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him."

When it speaks of God and the LAMB, the LAMB represents Christ and God refers to the FATHER.

Finally the at-one-ment shall be completed. Both God the Father and the Son Jesus Christ in us and we united with them as the one great supreme God family.

How wonderful beyond the ability of words to express is the glory of God and his wonderful purpose actually now in progress. Praise, honor and glory be to God and to Jesus Christ forever and forever!

With God's great master plan of 7,000 years finally completed—the great mystery of the ages finally revealed, and with the re-creating of the vast universe and eternity lying ahead, we come finally to

THE BEGINNING.

Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

This article is from the script of a recent telecast by David Hulme.

HE legendary Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are one of the Bible's greatest riddles. Nearly 1,900 years ago the apostle John first recorded the details of their grim ride, and ever since scholars and laymen alike have wondered what they represent.

There have been many ideas, but it hasn't been till our age that we've been able to fully understand the significance of these terrifying riders.

But before we turn to the book of Revelation, we first need to set the stage by taking a realistic look at this world.

You and I live in an armed camp. This planet is stockpiled with enough nuclear weapons to destroy every man, woman and child at least 50 times over.

Today, weapons are big business. Arms salesmen travel the world with their wares, often selling to poor nations who can't even afford to feed their own people. We talk about preserving peace by the balance of terror, as the superpowers checkmate each other by having something close to parity in arms. But war is going on all the time despite this so-called balance.

Why do we do this to ourselves? As we've said so many times on this program, God foresaw our present dilemma and spoke to us through Jesus Christ. Two thousand years ago Jesus warned us that we would develop the potential to destroy ourselves. He foresaw what would happen.

In Matthew 24:21 and 22 we

but they were hardly capable of destroying all life. And that brings me back to the book of Revelation, and the four horsemen of the Apocalypse.

In the book of Revelation, John, the last remaining apostle of the



read this: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]...."

When Jesus said that, the weapons of his day were Roman short swords, spears, catapults and siege vehicles. They were effective,

original 12, was given privileged information about the time of the end of this world. He was told to share it with those who would be living at that time. That's you and me. I said it's privileged information, because it's not been possible to fully understand this book until this century.

Now we'll turn to that famous section that shows specifically what

will happen in our time, and already is beginning to happen. It begins in Revelation 6:2:

"And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

"And...there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

"And ... I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand....

"And... I looked, and behold a pale horse... And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

It all seems very strange and hard to fathom, doesn't it? But remember that this book is a book of revelation, not concealing. Remember also that the Bible interprets its own symbols.

Jesus Christ is the one who gave this prophecy to John. It shouldn't be surprising then that Jesus Christ also gave the key to understanding these four horsemen. You'll find it in Matthew 24:3:

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

Jesus' answer to this question is the key to understanding the meaning of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. Both Revelation 6 and Matthew 24 are referring to the same time, to the end of this age of man before the return of Jesus Christ and the establishment of God's kingdom on earth. When you put both passages together, you begin to see what the symbols mean.

The answer Christ gave about the signs preceding his return and the end of man's civilization begins in verse 4: "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you."

He continues in the next verse to warn about religious deception, showing that there would be those who would claim to represent Christ and yet be deceiving people. In verse 5: "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

The horsemen in Revelation 6 are not harbingers of good things. This first horseman may seem at first glance to represent Christ, but he's an impostor. He represents false, deceiving religion, clothed in white, but full of error and deception, and spreading spiritual confusion.

This white horse of Revelation 6 then does not represent Christ, but false religion, the first of the signs that Christ said would lead up to his Second Coming.

Men have appropriated the name of Christ for their activities and have used religion as a cover for their wrong actions. Christ warned that false religion will again play a part in the soon-coming near destruction of man.

Next in this parallel passage to Revelation 6, in Matthew 24:6 and 7, we read this: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

See how this corresponds with the next horseman in Revelation 6.

"And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

War has been a major preoccupation of man in this century—two world wars, and 140 or more lesser wars since World War II.

Another world war would threaten all mankind.

Now let's look at the next sign in Matthew 24, the last part of verse 7: "... and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."

Put that together with Revelation 6:5 and 6: "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

"And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny [or a day's wages back then], and three

measures of barley for a penny; and see [that you] hurt not the oil and the wine."

You have the black horse picturing famine. Millions are already dying of hunger and disease in the wake of natural disasters, in spite of relief efforts. It's going to get much worse.

So finally these horses, symbolizing false religion, war and famine, with accompanying earthquakes, are all combined in the terrible fourth horse—the pale horse—representing pestilences—death itself.

Revelation 6:8: "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell [or the grave] followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."

Fully one quarter of the earth's geography and population will be affected.

When we put this chapter in Revelation alongside Matthew 24 and let the Bible interpret its own symbols, we can see that these horsemen represent the signs that Jesus said were to be the "beginning of sorrows"—the time leading up to his Second Coming.

You need to face it, and then you need to know how to escape. Jesus did say it was possible to qualify to escape what is coming.

In Luke 21:36 we read this: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Here's a warning to stay alert, to watch world events and to start making right choices. We have a booklet, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last*, that will help you get started. This age of man's course is almost run out and you need to escape these awful times ahead. Christ promised a time of protection for those who will heed a way to escape. You need to find out how.

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The Controversy Continues

Evolution vs. Creation

by Paul Kroll

There is only one final answer to the question, How did life originate?

N November 24, 1859, Charles Darwin published his Origin of Species. The book by this self-effacing Briton succeeded in turning the world upside down.

Creation became an outmoded word. The chic, new concept was now evolution.

Of course, the idea did not originate with Darwin. But the clamor

over Origin of Species galvanized those in support of evolution.

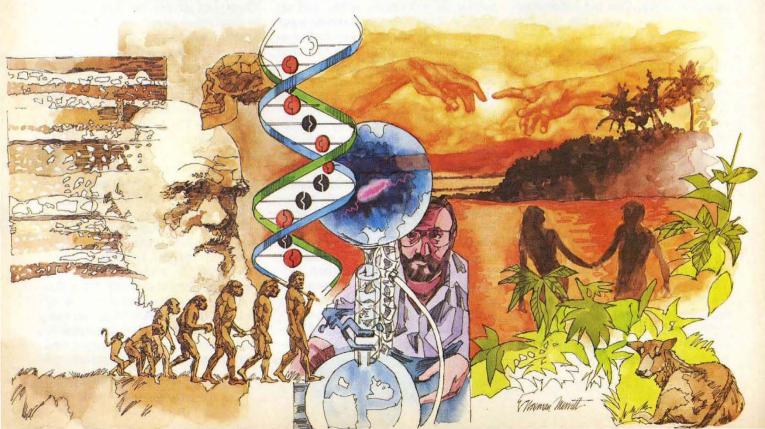
The Darwin Syndrome

Some years ago, American science writer Ruth Moore succinctly summarized the explosive power of Darwin's theory. She wrote: "When he started his career, the doctrine of special creation could be doubted only by heretics. When he finished, the fact of evolution could be denied only by an abandonment of reason" (Evolution,

New York: Time, Inc., 1964, p. 10).

This revolutionary idea—that all living things were the product of unguided evolutionary development—ignited a war between creationists and scientists. It continues to rage today, particularly in the United States.

How did all living things, including human life, really come into existence? Did a Supreme Being create the universe and all life? Or did all living things simply evolve



according to "natural law" without benefit of Deity?

Is God Dead?

If life simply evolved on its own, so to speak, then the very idea of a Creator God is so much excess theological baggage, a concept bouncing around in a sea of living things that can get along quite well on their own.

The central aim of evolution is to erase God from the land of living things. Peter Bowler, lecturer in the history and philosophy of science at Queens University of Belfast, points out:

"The whole thrust of modern evolutionism has been to eliminate the need for a supernatural purpose in accounting for the present structure of living things"; and, it is "intended to exclude any role for supernatural intervention in the world" (Evolution: The History of an Idea, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1984, pp. 5, 6).

To an evolutionist, the theory is the jumping-off point for his world view. It is his final and only explanation for the existence of life.

Evolution is a kind of catechism. It must be recited, accepted and believed by the initiate if he is to gain acceptance as a bona fide member of the scientific community.

But to believe is one thing; to prove another. Can we mere mortals, riveted in time to the late 1980s, really know anything about what may have occurred 10,000 years in the past, or 100,000,000 years in prehistory?

Understand this important fact: For a theory to be proved true, it must run the gauntlet of the scientific method. This means the theory of evolution and its basic hypothesis must be tested experimentally. The scientific method requires that a theory or hypothesis be repeatable or reproducible. Otherwise, the theory can't be verified or falsified.

But how does one test or repeat that which occurred in the past? That is the fundamental problem for both evolutionists and creationists. Neither can see, duplicate, verify, repeat or reproduce the process (either creation or evolution) in the laboratory.

That is the sticking point. If an evolutionary episode or creation occurred at some past time, each would have been unique—an unrepeatable event, forever sealed into the past. Even if scientists could turn one species into another (which they cannot do), it would still not prove that such a similar change occurred naturally in the past.

That is the heart and soul of the matter. We cannot observe the required past evolutionary steps taking place now. Nor can we witness special creation in the very act. There is no video evidence, past or present, documenting the formation of an Adam out of a hunk of clay by a Supernatural Being.

Of course, most scientists claim that evolution can be scientifically demonstrated. They assert that evolution is taking place *now*. So let's look at this aspect of the evolution theory.

It is an observable fact that a great variety exists within a given species. Take man's best friend, the dog. Scientific breeding over many generations has produced the diminutive Chihuahua, the sleek whippet, jumbo-sized Great Dane and the bulldog—to name a tiny portion of the many varieties so familiar to us.

But from Samoyed to Norwegian elkhound and from Scottish terrier to schnauzer—they are all dogs. A dog has never become a cat nor metamorphosed into a horse. This is true for every class of living thing. A rose is still a rose is still a rose no matter what its color or shape.

Variety vs. Evolution

Yet, from Darwin to our time, the fact of variety among living things has been used as the assumed starting point for *unseen* evolutionary change. That is, observed microchanges within species have been touted as the first glimpses of unobserved macro-changes between an "old" and a "new" species.

Scientists themselves often forget the distinction between the two. Microbiologist Lynn Margulis and geophysicist Allen Hammond, writing in the December 1981 issue of the popular magazine-journal Science 81, stated:

"Evolution is not only inferred; it has also been observed, in the laboratory and in the field" ("Farewell to Newton, Einstein, Darwin...," p. 56). The authors then refer to the "fantastic variety of dogs" as one supposed example of this evolution.

Another case of this careless logic is in the book *Evolution* by Ruth Moore. An introductory caption claims, "Evolution takes place most dramatically when man selects traits he likes and breeds them true in his domesticated plants or animals" (p. 75).

But that is not evolution; that is selective breeding. Breeding is merely ferreting out and duplicating already existing traits within a species. The 8,000 plus varieties of roses are still roses.

Evolution demands the coming into existence of a new life form genetically independent of the existing species. Breeding a new variety is merely bringing to the surface that which already exists in the species' genetic range.

Theory in Place of Proof

What, then, have evolutionists used as "proof"? Harvard University's Stephen Jay Gould, a staunch evolutionist, points out that "theories of speciation have been based on analogy, extrapolation and inference" ("Is a New and General Theory of Evolution Emerging?" in Evolution Now, John Maynard Smith, editor, San Francisco: W.H. Freeman, 1982, p. 133).

But analogy, inference and extrapolation—that is, projecting the known (variation) onto the unknown (evolution)—do not constitute proof. They do not measure up to the demands of the scientific method. That is why Dr. Gould says this critical aspect of the theory "is effectively dead, despite its persistence as textbook orthodoxy" (ibid., p. 131).

Scientists have also run into a dead end when trying to reproduce evolution in the laboratory. One example is the *Drosophila melanogaster*, the pesky fruit fly. It has a fast reproduction cycle of 10 to 15 days, so that many successive generations can be rapidly bred. The flies are even bombarded with X rays to greatly increase and

extend their normal mutation rate.

The outcome? Nothing has been produced except more bizarre varieties of fruit flys.

We now leave the laboratory for a stroll into the field. Both evolutionists and creationists claim that the record in the rocks—the fossils—vindicates their point of view. But can old bones really tell us anything much about the creation or evolution of life?

No Bones About It

What do the bones in the geologic column, as constructed by paleon-tologists, tell us? A species appears suddenly in the strata, remains essentially unchanged throughout the strata and disappears suddenly at the end of the strata. If any deduction is to be made, it is that species maintain themselves without significant change (evolution) through millions of years.

In recent years, a number of evolutionists have ceased beating their heads against the rocks. They have altered their theory to "fit" what seems to be observed. Some are promoting "punctuated equilibrium." Evolution is now said to occur suddenly, dramatically, quickly and only among very small populations.

The newly evolved species is then said to remain unchanged for millions of years until it dies out in another sudden, dramatic and rapid evolutionary "punctuation."

That's an interesting theory. But did such evolution occur? We can never know based on the demands of the scientific method. No one observed this claimed "punctuation" in progress and we cannot repeat it in the laboratory.

Beyond that the evolutionists are still arguing from *missing* evidence. We don't have those quarter-winged reptile-bird monsters, for example. But even if we had, we could not *scientifically* verify the quarter-winger as actually being a missing link.

But let's see what the record has said for more than 125 years.

Charles Darwin on fossil bones, 1859. He asked, "Why...is not every geological formation and every stratum full of...intermediate links?" Should they not be? Darwin thought so. But he didn't find

them. Said Darwin: "Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely-graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and serious objection which can be urged against the theory" (*Origin of Species*, Charles Darwin, Harvard Classics Edition, New York: P.F. Collier, 1909, pp. 319-320).

Darwin went on faith, anyway. He hoped that others would fill in all the blanks with bones. Have they? No, indeed. As Stephen Jay Gould says, "The absence of fossil evidence for intermediary stages between major transitions in organic design, indeed our inability, even in our imagination, to construct functional intermediates in many cases, has been a persistent and nagging problem for gradualistic accounts of evolution" (Evolution Now, p. 140, emphasis added).

Scientific Creationism?

We leave evolution for the moment to look at the theory of creation as put forth by "scientific creationists." Generally, modern creationists claim that the earth, all life and the rest of the known universe are about 6,000 to 10,000 years old.

In order to substantiate this claim, they must *unscientifically* contradict various means of measurement of age.

The earth's age, in particular, is scientifically measurable by the decay rate of naturally occurring radioactive isotopes into their stable atomic forms. The decay of potassium-40 into argon-40 would be one example. This decay occurs with a half-life of 1,300,000,000 years. The rub for creationists is that the decay presently occurs at a constant rate over time, unaffected by any external conditions of which they are aware.

To make their theory work, modern creationists must postulate something we cannot discern by the scientific method: that radioactive elements decayed at an incredibly faster rate than they do now. Creationists sometimes also claim that matter was created with the "appearance of age." We cannot substantiate this scientifically. We cannot observe a universe being so created now. Neither can we experimentally prove that the decay rate was different than it now is.

We are at an impasse. Both scientific creationism and evolution are ultimately untestable by the scientific method. If we limit ourselves to science alone, we must become agnostics ("don't know" people) regarding the origin of matter or life.

Every human being, though he or she does not want to admit it, is reduced to one common denominator: believing on faith. The evolutionists' theory of evolution is based on faith; so is scientific creationism. There is nothing wrong with faith. Indeed, it is essential to answer the question of origins. The important question is: What is the source of your faith? Evolutionists must rely on whether their theory is falsifiable, that is, capable of being proved false.

Of course, there can be only one source for revealed knowledge on the question of origins. It must be provided for us by a Being who has always existed. One who was present at Creation. There is only one such possibility; the Personage must be God.

That is why the apostle Paul wrote almost 2,000 years ago: "By faith [not the scientific method] we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Heb. 11:3, all references from the New King James Revised Authorized Version).

A Book of Supernatural Deeds

Now, how would a being such as God go about the task of proving his existence—and his creative acts—to us limited mortals? He could, for example, have a kind of autobiography of his deeds. There is such a book that contains many claims from the one who does call himself Lord or God.

There is a special quality about this autobiographical book, which this God claims is his Word, the Bible. It is made up of a higher order of information—sections of it are totally beyond the ability of the scientific method to analyze.

From Genesis 1:1 ("In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...") to Revelation 21:5 ("Behold, I make all things new...") are recorded those his-

torical and future events that supersede and nullify the so-called natural laws governing the ordinary existence of the physical earth and all living things.

For example, the message of the New Testament is that humans will be changed from flesh to spirit (I Cor. 15:52-53). This process flies in the face of, and is in total defiance of, every natural, physical law and process known to man. It is totally beyond testing by the tools at man's disposal. Such knowledge must be revealed and understood by faith or it cannot be known.

In that sense, the Bible is incomparably more than a "lowly" scientific textbook. It does not deal primarily with the *inferior* physical knowledge that lies within the grasp of science. The Bible is the book on how *super* natural law—as opposed to natural law—works.

No One Like God

In the Bible is a Personage who flatly, unabashedly claims to be like no one else—above all things.

"... There is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me.... For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself" (Isa. 45:21-23).

For those who take issue with his claim, he retorts: "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Ps. 53:1).

This God also claims to foretell the future. "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done..." (Isa. 46:9-10).

He is further extolled as the supreme power of the universe. "Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the balance... All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless" (Isa. 40:15, 17).

This God thunders: "I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God" (Isa. 44:6).

What does God say of the origin of matter and life? Why, that matter and life are his supernatural acts, his creation: • Job 38:4, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding."

• Isaiah 42:5, "Thus says God the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it..."

"In the Beginning . . ."

Now, what is this God? Actually, God is the name of a kingdom or family currently consisting of two spirit beings.

In the book of John, chapter 1, first three verses, we read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."

At that time, before the universe existed, in that ageless, remote past eternity, there were two members of the God kingdom. One was the Logos, the Spokesman—the one who became Jesus Christ. All things—everything from the farthest galaxy to the common fruit fly—were created by him.

Next, come to Genesis 1:1. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." This "beginning" is the transition time between nothing material existing and the coming into existence of the universe and earth.

Now we come to verse 2 of Genesis 1. "The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep." The words "without form and void" are translated from the Hebrew tohu and bohu. Tohu means "to lie waste, a desolation" and bohu means "an undistinguishable ruin." Further, the word was is from the Hebrew verb hayah. In English, the verb means "to exist" and includes the sense of "to become" or "come to pass."

When we read the two verses in Genesis 1, something seems wrong or missing. First, we read that God created the earth. Then, that it is an uninhabitable wasteland. Yet, God is not the author of confusion. Isaiah 45:18 tells us that God DID NOT create the earth "in vain," that is, in tohu, or desolation. Rather,

he formed the earth to be inhabited.

A Question of Time

What is missing here? Time is missing. There is a vast period of time between verses 1 and 2 of Genesis 1! Yes, God did create the heavens and the earth to be inhabited, the first time, and "in the beginning." But the Bible does not tell us WHEN that beginning was.

At some later time, the earth became a desolation. (Why the earth and life upon it were destroyed is answered in the free booklet Did God Create a Devil?) A clearer translation would make the point obvious. "In the beginning God [had] created the heavens and the earth. [Now] the earth became a [chaotic] desolation and an undistinguishable ruin..."

Genesis 1, beginning with verse 3, through the end of the chapter, is describing the re-creating or renewing of the earth, as well as the re-creation of life about 6,000 years ago. At this time, the parent stock of all the variety of life we see today was created.

That is the clear and unequivocal answer, through faith, to the question of the origin of the universe, the earth and life.

Advertising

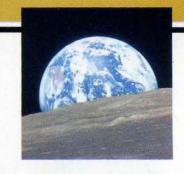
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to have a continuing battle against young wills when they want something you don't approve of. Give short and clear reasons why you will not buy an item both before you go shopping and on the spot where the item is displayed. When adult, your children, too, will have to live within a set income.

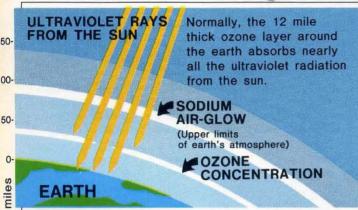
As a society we have drifted almost unawares into a greater and greater commercialization of childhood. We have allowed advertisers to aim their messages at progressively younger potential customers. It will now take a deliberate effort of will on your part as a parent to reverse that trend.

Take the initiative. Reduce the influence that clever advertising has upon far too many young children. And on too many of us adults!

NEWS OVERVIEW



Understanding World Events and Trends



New Worries Over Ozone

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is alarmed. Scientists, in a recent discovery, found a

"hole" over Antarctica in which ozone is severely depleted by man-made gases, particularly chlorofluorocarbons.

The ozone layer of the upper atmosphere protects the earth from the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays.

Scientists predict the increased ultraviolet radiation will result in a significant rise of skin cancer and other ecological damage.

The man-made gases are found in aerosol propellants, refrigerant gas, industrial solvents and occur in the making of plastic foam.

While many aerosol uses of chlorofluorocarbons have been banned in the United States, their use in other applications is increasing, and they continue to be used as aerosols in other countries. In 1984, more than 1,000,000,000 pounds of chlorofluorocarbons—the largest since 1977—were emitted worldwide.

South American Drought

A large area of southern Brazil and Paraguay and northeastern Argentina has experienced the ravages of a severe, prolonged drought since June 1985.

At its worst point in January 1986, local media began calling the drought the worst in more than 100 years. Groundwater has become precious.

Some measure of relief came in February and July with light rains, but the overall picture remains bleak.

Africa's Longest War

Now into its 25th year, the bloody war in Ethiopia's northern province of Eritrea appears to be no closer to a conclusion than when it began.

The protracted conflict pits Eritrean nationalists, fighting to regain their independence, against Soviet-equipped troops of the Ethiopian government.

The predominantly Muslim Eritreans maintain they are ethnically and religiously different from the Christian southerners who comprise most of Ethiopia's population. Also, independence for Eritrea

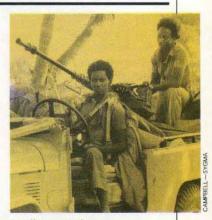
would mean the loss to Ethiopia of a strategic 600-mile coastline along the Red Sea, a prospect the central government in Addis Ababa is determined to avoid at all costs.

Formerly an Italian colony, Eritrea came under British administration in 1941. In 1948 the fate of Eritrea was referred to the United Nations, which voted in 1950 for federation of Eritrea and Ethiopia. The terms of the federation gave Eritrea considerable local autonomy.

In November 1962, however, the late Emperor Haile Selassie announced the end of federation and absorbed Eritrea as Ethiopia's 14th province, asserting full control over the region in spite of the autonomy provisions of the 1950 U.N. resolution. The United Nations stood helplessly by—and the fighting began.

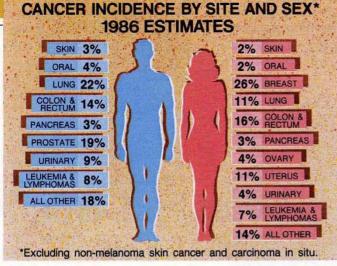
Determined to maintain full control over Eritrea, Ethiopia's Marxist government has incurred a staggering military indebtedness to the Soviet Union, its main ally and arms supplier.

In an attempt to depopulate the troublesome Eritrean region, the government launched a forced resettlement program in 1984 to relocate more than a million Eritrean peasants to the nation's central and



southern regions.

The expressed objective was to move the peasants from famine-prone and "overpopulated" Eritrea into more agriculturally productive areas. Many thousands have died in resettlement camps en route to their new homes.



Cancer Update

During an eight-hour workday in the U.S., cancer will claim 431 lives—one every 67 seconds.

Cancer strikes at any age—it kills more children 3 to 14 than does any other disease, and occurs more frequently with advancing age, according to the American Cancer Society.

According to the 1982-1984 World Health Statistics Annual, the highest incidence of cancer in men occurs in Hungary, Scotland, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and France. In women, highest incidence takes place in Denmark, Scotland, Luxembourg, Hungary and Ireland.

The leading cancer killer in women is now lung cancer, surpassing breast cancer, which for more than 50 years was the No. 1 cancer killer of women. This reflects the rising number of women, especially working women, who have succumbed to smoking.

Most cancer cases in the United States are believed to be environmentally related, that is, associated with physical surroundings, personal habits or life-styles. Cigarette smoking contributes to lung cancer in 83 percent of cases and most skin cancers (400,000 new cases annually) are triggered by frequent overexposure to direct sunlight, said the cancer society.

The American Cancer Society publishes Cancer's Seven Warning Signals. They are (1) a change in bowel or bladder habits, (2) a sore that does not heal, (3) unusual bleeding or discharge, (4) thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere, (5) indigestion or difficulty in swallowing, (6) obvious change in wart or mole and (7) nagging cough or hoarseness.

For those without cancer symptoms the American Cancer Society recommends a cancer-related checkup every three years for those ages 20 to 40, every year for those 40 and over.

Melting the Iron Curtain

inks between Eastern and Western Europe are growing stronger.

In Budapest, Hungary, in June, the Soviets called for mutual cuts in land and tactical forces by 25 percent in the early 1990s with further cuts later.

Earlier, on a visit to East Germany, Mr. Gorbachev said that the proposed cuts in conventional armaments should cover a territory

Religious Tensions in Israel

Vandals smeared swastikas on walls, ransacked two religious schools, then torched a Jewish synagogue. The work of some isolated anti-Semitics?

No, these incidents involved recent actions of secular Jews against ultra-Orthodox Jews within Israel.

The former were reacting, they claim, to actions by a vocal minority of the ultra-Orthodox who had burned or vandalized more than 100 bus shelters displaying ads they consider offensive (pictures of women models wearing swimsuits or standing together with men).

President Chaim Herzog described the incidents of both groups as "violent and ugly."

Some experts on religious affairs go so far as to describe the violence as the opening skirmish in a "cultural war" between religious and secular Jews.

The two communities

—the secular and the highly

"stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals." In choosing such words, the Soviet leader was appealing to a sense of continental solidarity, employing a theme raised by the late General Charles de Gaulle of France.

Soviet efforts on the economic front are equally impressive. The Kremlin appears ready finally to normalize relations with the 12-member European Community, the world's largest trading bloc comprising 320 million people. Until now, Moscow has refused to deal with the EC as a unit, only its



religious—hardly mix at all. The ultra-Orthodox consider the secular Zionists as godless Jews, or heretics who have attempted to resurrect the state of Israel through their own human efforts. The Zionists, in turn, look upon the ultra-Orthodox as backward, or fanatics.

For years each generally left the other alone. They tolerated each other by mutually adhering to a loose understanding known as the Status Quo. Under its terms Israel was designed as a nation based on traditional Orthodox values, but with safeguards for the rights of the non-Orthodox.

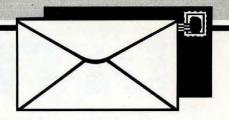
Some Israelis fear a polarized society.
Polarization potentially poses a grave threat to the internal stability and unity of Israel.

individual member states. But the EC, which expanded in January to include Spain and Portugal, is simply too formidable a power for the Kremlin to ignore any longer.

In turn, the European
Commission, heading the
EC, has expressed definite
interest in closer bilateral
relations between it, the
Soviet Union and the
individual members of
Comecon, the Eastern
European equivalent of the
EC.

In fact, the Commission has hammered out a trade proposal between the EC and Romania. A similar relationship between Brussels and another Comecon country is expected soon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Changed Outlook

It is with a great sense of anticipation that I take up your offer and make my request for a copy of Mystery of the Ages. I cannot explain the difference in my 'outlook' to nearly all things that receiving The Plain Truth and various booklets has had. Saying thank you is inadequate, but I say it anyway.

A. Tucker Sussex, England

Prejudice More Than Skin Deep

Just looking at the cover made me want to sit right down and read the article by Jeff Zhorne on "Prejudice More Than Skin Deep." That article alone says it all. It stated the problem, gave the cause, showed the solution and left you with hope. It made me want to pass out this issue of *The Plain Truth* to every student on the school bus I drive.

At first one may think that prejudice is just one of the many problems in this world, but after reading the article one can come to understand that ALL the problems of this world stem from one basic cause.

Becky Harding Hallsville, Texas

Pygmies Now "First Citizens" of Zaïre

(Editor's note: For more than a decade we have published occasional articles on the achievements of The Pygmy Fund and its founder Jean-Pierre Hallet. Mr. Hallet recently sent to the editors of The Plain Truth the following translation of an official letter received by him from the Chief of Beni, who has jurisdiction over the entire area where The Pygmy Fund is now in operation.)

"Dear Mr. Hallet,

"I have the honor of expressing to you personally and officially my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the generous and constant aid that you have offered to our First Citizen [Pygmies] brothers for a number of years with so much devotion.

"The quantities of hoes, machetes, axes, seeds, and medical care that you provided for them has up to now most effectively contributed to their survival and general well-being.

"I am also grateful to you for having introduced the winged bean in my Collectivité [territory] with such an amazing success not only among the Pygmies but also among the other Zaïrians. Having myself tried to introduce new food crops in order to aid the population, I realize even more so the merits and difficulties of your efforts. I particularly appreciate the fact that you have chosen the garden of my residence (and yours at the time you were our agronomist) in order to establish one of your model family plots for the Seeds of Hope.

"Realizing that your aid is not only important but costly, I thank the contributors of your organization and encourage them to be as generous as possible so that this highly philanthropic work [mission] can keep on with continued success.

"May you accept, Dear Mr. Hallet, the expression of my best sentiments."

President of the Popular Committee/"Collectivité" of Beni Atshongia Mutombo Kasereka

The above letter is of very special meaning to the Pygmies and me. It is the first time, since the independence of the country, that I have received written recognition for the most significant work of The Pygmy Fund. Second, and

much more important, this letter confirms the most appropriate and significant appellation—"First Citizens"—for the Efé Pygmies.

Most of my efforts have been devoted to creating a better acceptance and respect for the true "original, first people in the area." To now have an official document declaring them "First Citizens" and even "brothers" is proof enough that my 30 years' labor of love has borne its fruits...

Mission 1986 was highlighted by not only the realization of all planned programs but by sudden official recognition, climaxing with the March 29th visit of the Governor of the entire Province of Kivu, Citoyen Mwando Nsimba, who came to greet me and witness The Pygmy Fund's remarkable work.

I have also just been informed that here in the United States, The Pygmy Fund has been nominated in the category of a private voluntary organization for the "Presidential End Hunger Award"!

Jean-Pierre Hallet The Pygmy Fund Box 277 Malibu, CA 90265 U.S.A.

Grim Dilemma

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"Only massive outside intervention on behalf of the ANC could conceivably tilt the balance," adds Mike Hough, director of the Institute for Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria. The ANC, largely dominated by members of the Xhosa tribal nation, would need the full support of the Communist world just to subdue their arch-rivals the Zulus, much less resisting whites.

In the end, chaos, bloodshed, famine, disease would befall the land, fulfilling, in this tortured part of the continent, end-time Bible prophecy (Matt. 24:6, 7).

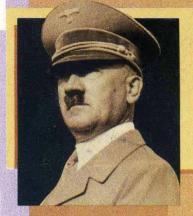
Peril to Monarchy?

In the meantime, what is more at stake is the future of the Commonwealth rather than the fate of southern Africa if key members should decide to leave the world body. Queen Elizabeth II, as head of the Commonwealth, is known to be deeply concerned over the drift of events.

The Commonwealth could be rent beyond repair with an impact this time on the monarchy that holds much of the Commonwealth together. It would be another indication of Britain's fading glory, as foretold in Bible prophecy, in such passages as Hosea 7:8, 9 and 13:3.

Be sure to write for our free book, *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, to get the full story of Britain's rise to glory—and her fall from the pinnacle of world power.

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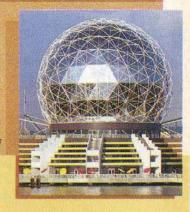
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