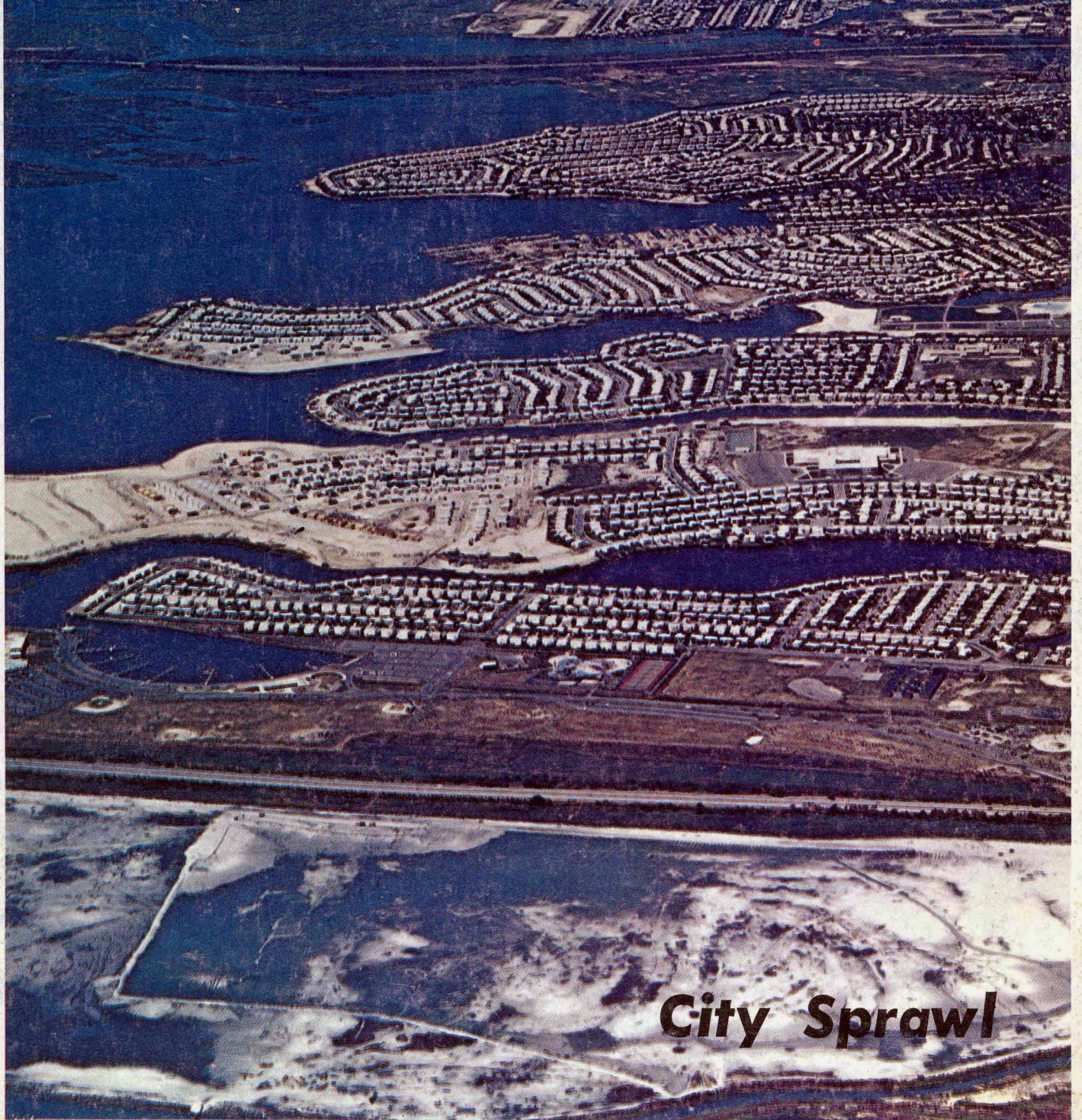


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**TOMORROW'S
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City Sprawl

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More About Our Cover:

Like some gigantic science-fiction monsters with an insatiable, voracious appetite, our cities are mushrooming beyond all bounds. Gobbling up everything in their paths no matter what the price. Building on garbage. Destroying nature. Packing houses together like bristles on a brush. Jamming the roads with more foul-tempered commuters. Overloading the schools. Overpopulating everything. Making life absolutely miserable.

Pictured on our cover is part of Nassau County — a Long Island suburb of New York City — the fastest growing county in the United States for many years. From 1950 to 1970 its population more than doubled from 672,000 to 1,445,000. Nassau County used to brag about its housing boom. Not any more. Now there are problems. And the boom is over — there's no place left to build. Except into the bays, rivers, inlets, marshlands and swamps.

Spreading human pollution. That's what our cover pictures — the grasping tentacles of a city, randomly sprawling out in all directions without any conscious consideration whatsoever, like the pseudopods of some giant blob of a shapeless amoeba. That's today's cities. But there's good news ahead — Tomorrow's Cities will be different. Beautiful and functional, they will enrich the human experience. Read about them beginning on page 15.

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Personal from the Editor

SPECIAL NOTICE

FOR the next six months TOMORROW'S WORLD and *The PLAIN TRUTH* will be issued bi-monthly. Important developments have led to this temporary change.

It is due largely to unexpected and unprecedented GROWTH in the circulations of these magazines. This very success evidences the fact that people worldwide are HUNGRY for the priceless things we are able to give. This is fulfilling the GREATEST NEED in the world today!

I'm going to take you into my confidence, and inform you of the facts. Beginning July, 1968, we launched a worldwide circulation drive for *The PLAIN TRUTH*. At the same time, we changed the editorial format. It became secular in appearance and language. Yet *still* giving out the wonderful knowledge of the true values and goals in life, the WAY to the better, richer, fuller, more abundant life.

In President Nixon's 1970 "State of the Union" address, he recognized, and stressed the NEED of a better QUALITY OF LIFE. But he did not tell the nation HOW! For 36 years *The PLAIN TRUTH* has been emphasizing that *need* — and we have been telling the people *HOW!* That's what our Message *IS* — *the way* to a better, fuller LIFE — here and now — AS WELL AS THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE! We have been pointing out the TRUE VALUES, helping hundreds of thousands to quit pursuing FALSE values. This, of course, is revealed ONLY in the *Maker's Instruction Book*.

But theologians have failed to *give* the world this PRICELESS KNOWLEDGE. The churches have not taught it. Science does not know it. Education does not disseminate it. It seems religion has used only *parts* of the Bible, glossing over almost entirely the secrets of THE QUALITY LIFE — the WAY that is the CAUSE of happy living, as well as the gift of eternal life.

Since these vital parts of the Bible are taught

almost not at all in the churches or religions of the world, few people recognize that this precious knowledge comes from the Bible! If they did, most would refuse to listen!

We had learned through more than forty years of experience that in general only a truth-loving minority will listen, when the message is given in *religious-sounding* or Bible-sounding language.

Since the injection of the theory of evolution into the educational bloodstream, it has certainly been true that "they did not like to retain God in their knowledge" disseminated in the schools, colleges and universities. Belief in God has all but disappeared among those affected by this rapid increase in the diffusion of knowledge — knowledge in which God has no place. At the same time the trend has been toward a rapid increase in prejudice against God, religion, and the Bible.

Prejudice is a positive BARRIER to the entrance of truth to the closed mind. We do not and cannot adjust, adapt, and change THE TRUTH or true BELIEF to fit changing conditions. But we must adapt our METHODS of proclaiming that truth according to changing conditions and attitudes.

We do still proclaim the same unchanging TRUTH in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. But, due to this changed attitude of the vast majority of the world's peoples, we now say it in THEIR LANGUAGE, not in Biblical or religious-sounding language.

Still, even so, there is much Biblical teaching that is too spiritually deep for unconverted minds to comprehend. So the necessity arose for the creation of ANOTHER MAGAZINE for those who *DO* comprehend, and hunger and thirst for these DEEPER TRUTHS. It therefore became necessary to begin publication of this NEW magazine, TOMORROW'S WORLD. *This* magazine, we fully realize, *isn't for everybody*. *The PLAIN TRUTH is!*

So, as stated above, beginning July, 1968, we

launched a worldwide circulation-expansion drive for *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

In the United States we purchased full-page advertising space in several issues of LIFE magazine, one in LOOK, and we purchased advertising space in many issues of TV GUIDE (largest mass circulation in the United States). Our ads offered trial subscriptions to *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Also we purchased regular two-page space for the same ads in *Reader's Digest* in many of their foreign editions around the world — in several languages — English, German, French, Spanish, Dutch, etc. In addition we used full pages in the London Sunday Times and other media in England, besides the largest-circulated magazine in Germany, and other countries.

The response was OVERWHELMING — far in excess of expectations. At the end of the three months' trial subscription, these subscribers were offered a year's already-paid subscription. An astonishingly high percentage renewed for the full year's subscription.

Let me give you one example. Our first two double-page ads in the *English language* edition of *Reader's Digest* in India brought us 20,000 new subscribers. We had expected only a thousand or so from India, since it was the English language edition. We were not prepared to get SO MANY copies mailed to subscribers in India. We ran into complications getting such huge shipments of magazines into India for mailing.

The PLAIN TRUTH is printed on our own huge web-fed magazine presses, full color, at Pasadena, at North Sydney, Australia, and at Radlett, England. The shipment to India had to go from our Sydney plant. We had to send our manager from Australia to Bombay to investigate regulations by which this might be done. We had to fly him, then, all the way to Pasadena to go into conference with executives at Headquarters to plan ways to accomplish this. It was going to mean at least a two-month delay getting in the first shipment of magazines.

So I wrote a new ad, rushed it to *Reader's Digest* to be published in the third issue of our campaign in their magazine. The two-page headline said: "WE APOLOGISE — but you swamped us!" Thus we EXPLAINED to *Reader's Digest* subscribers in India why the magazines would be late in arriving. The *Reader's Digest* people were so elated that their magazine brought such an overwhelming response that they

made a special brochure — or leaflet — reprinting our ad — to be sent to advertisers.

But all this overwhelming response did TWO THINGS:

1) It shot *The PLAIN TRUTH* circulation from a little over one million to more than TWO MILLION COPIES. That was FINE — GREAT — GOOD. BUT —

2) This sudden jump in circulation of *The PLAIN TRUTH* forced us to buy additional huge 4-color web-fed magazine presses — build larger printing plants — increase number of employees in these plants — increase number of personnel on staffs in offices around the world. We had to immediately open new offices in New Zealand, and in Mexico City. In Sydney and in Vancouver, B. C., Canada, we had to move into much larger quarters. We had only recently moved into larger quarters in Johannesburg, South Africa. BUT — we were not able to build fast enough!

RESULT? We had to build an entirely NEW printing plant in England, and in Pasadena, and also move our presses into larger quarters in North Sydney. But these plants *already are outgrown!* So in both Pasadena, and at Radlett, England, we are proceeding to DOUBLE the size of these plants. But it will take time to build!

We have to get along meanwhile in our new overcrowded plants. With circulations expanding, we simply cannot handle additional expansion UNTIL the new plants and additional presses and equipment are installed.

THEREFORE we are forced to SLOW DOWN operations in the meantime UNTIL our expanded facilities are ready. WE KNEW we probably would have to build bigger than we did. These NEW EXPANSIONS were planned — but we did not want to spend the money to build bigger than the need. So we did not build the maximum size at once.

We are MORE THAN DELIGHTED at this overwhelming GROWTH and SUCCESS. We are SORRY we have to ask you, our readers, to receive TOMORROW'S WORLD only every two months temporarily, instead of monthly.

BUT — on the month you do not receive TOMORROW'S WORLD you will receive *The PLAIN TRUTH*. And on the month you do not receive *The PLAIN TRUTH* you will receive TOMORROW'S WORLD.

Also, the savings in cost of production will ease the load of paying for the new expanded facilities. To

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Why Christ Died — and ROSE AGAIN!

IT IS revealed that Jesus was "Emmanuel" — that is, "God with us" — GOD in the human flesh. He was both God and man; divine, as well as human. Can God die? Was Jesus really dead, or did only His body die? Was Jesus the Divine One alive during the three days and three nights a body was in the tomb? What, then, is the NEED of the resurrection? Here is a brief, pointed answer.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THIS is a question that has perplexed millions. It is an enigma that has never been made clear and plain to many minds.

Yet the Scriptures give us a clear revelation, in plain, simple words — if we can believe the Scriptures — which is to believe they mean *exactly what they say*.

We read: "Christ *died* for our sins according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3).

"Christ" means "Anointed," or "Messiah"; and while the name "Jesus" may be used to denote the human man, the title "Christ" certainly refers to the Divine One — the One who was GOD with us. This Scripture says He died, and was buried. And it was He — the CHRIST — the Divine One — who ROSE FROM THE DEAD. He did not rise from life or a living state, but from DEATH!

"For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living" (Rom. 14:9). There is the answer. Through His death and resurrection Christ became Lord of the dead as well as the living. He paid the penalty for our past sins. He made possible the way so that both the dead and those now living might have life eternal — not mere temporary existence, but life everlasting.

When Christ rose, He was *revived*. When a boxer is knocked unconscious, the attendants work over him to *revive* him. The expression "He was revived" indicates Christ had been unconscious — that He was dead — not that He

rose from a state of conscious mental activity.

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ *died* for the ungodly. . . . while we were yet sinners, Christ *died* for us" (Rom. 5:6, 8).

God in the Flesh

Notice again: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word *was God*" (John 1:1).

The Greek word is *Logos*. It means "Word," or "Spokesman." This is referring to the One who co-existed with the Father from eternity — who always existed — who is one with the Father, yet, as He Himself said, His Father is greater than He.

Always He referred to Himself as One *sent* by the Father. He said that the words He spoke were not spoken of Himself, but the Father who sent Him gave Him a commandment what He should say and speak. The one who gives the orders and sends another is in a position superior to the one sent, and who obeys the orders. A husband is set by God in a position superior, in the family relationship, to that of the wife. Yet they are both human — both on the same level — and they are ONE. Not one God, but *one flesh*.

In the Church, or local congregation, an elder is in authority during a service that all things may be done decently and in order, and he has the rule over the congregation. Yet Christ prayed that the Church would be kept as ONE, *even as* He and the Father are One. The Church is composed of many members, yet ONE

BODY. And its members, more than one, are to be kept ONE in the sense of harmony and unity in love and purpose, as Christ and the Father are One — and they form ONE CHURCH, even as the Father and Christ form ONE GOD — yet more than one member, or one person.

Christ the Everliving

In the Old Testament the *Logos* is called by different names. God calls people and beings *what they are*.

There was an archangel, perfect in beauty, full of knowledge. He was named what he actually was — LUCIFER, which in English means "Shining Star of the Dawn" — or Lightbringer. But when through pride he decided to compete against God for supremacy of the universe, and to take possession and rule from God, his name was changed to what he now was — SATAN, which in English means "Adversary," or rival, or competitor.

Therefore the names of Christ have always been — whether names or titles — words which describe *what He is*. Most frequently He was called *Yahweh*, erroneously translated in the American Standard Version "Jehovah." In the King James Version it is rendered "LORD."

Today we do not know either the correct spelling or pronunciation of this name — it was regarded as so sacred it was never pronounced in ancient Judah, any more than a son who properly honors his father would call him by his first name. Yet we know its MEANING — *it means* "The Eternal" — or the



GOLGOTHA—
The Place of the Skull

Golgotha — the place of the skull — where humanity crucified and murdered Jesus Christ. In the general area of the trees on top of the rock is the place where the gruesomely disfigured body of our Creator and Saviour was nailed to the stake, contemptuously hung and publicly displayed for all passersby to see and ridicule (Mark 15:29). (The above picture is the cover of an Ambassador College publication which details the circumstances surrounding this most critical event in human history. We'd be happy to send you one — free, of course.)

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One in whom is inherent LIFE. It signifies One who possesses life inherent from eternity to eternity — life-source! He also was called *Yabveh-rophehcha* — God your healer. He gave His name to Moses as "I AM." That is, the One who IS — who EXISTS — who has life inherent in Himself!

He also is the Word, or Spokesman. God is Creator — but the Father created all things by, and through, Christ the WORD.

He (Christ) is the One who "SPOKE, and it was done." He is the One who said, "Let there be light" — and the Holy Spirit (the spiritual essence or power which emanates from both Father and Son) moving upon the face of the

water performed the command, and "there was light."

Yet Jesus spoke, or commanded, only what the Father had commanded Him. Father, Word, and Holy Spirit combined in perfect harmony in Creation!

Now, the *Logos* — the WORD — was God. "The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him. . . . In him was LIFE. . . . And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:2-4, 14).

Christ Was CONVERTED Into Flesh

Notice, the "WORD," who was the ETERNAL — the EVERLIVING — in whom was LIFE — eternal life — by whom all things were made and created — the very

GOD Himself — HE WAS MADE FLESH.

Notice, He did not merely enter into some mortal fleshly body — the body of another. He was not separate from the flesh, as One inside the flesh. It says in plain language — IF we believe the Scripture — IF we believe it means what it says — *it says He was made flesh!*

That is, He who had existed from eternity — He by whom God created the worlds and all things therein, He who *was* and *is* LIFE, He who was GOD — He *was made flesh* — converted INTO flesh, until He *became* flesh; and then He *was* flesh!

And, being flesh — being human — He divested Himself of inherent immortality for the time being. He gave

up immortality for us — that He might *die* for us — pay the penalty of our sins in our stead.

But, though human, He did have from birth, what we *may* receive as God's GIFT, by GRACE, the indwelling of God's Spirit — that He, even as we, might be resurrected from the DEAD, and given by the Father immortal life — that is, *converted* back into spiritual immortality so that He by the resurrection once again *became* divine Spirit — or very GOD! Thus He made the same resurrection possible for us — that *we* may also become divine Sons of God.

Yes, Jesus was a fleshly MAN. He was God come in human flesh. And, when converted into human flesh, the LIFE that kept Him alive resided IN THE BLOOD, as in all who are *flesh* (Lev. 17:11). The breath oxidizes the blood and is called the "breath of life" — of animal, or human life.

Jesus was also GOD — He was both human and divine. But He was not GOD inside of, yet separate from, the body of flesh — He, God, was MADE FLESH, until He, still GOD — God *with us* — became God IN (*not* inside of) the human flesh — God manifest IN THE FLESH (I Tim. 3:16) — "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same" (Heb. 2:14).

That is, as we humans are partakers of flesh and blood, Jesus Christ, also, in exactly the same manner, was partaker of flesh and blood.

And why? Why, in order that He *might* DIE! — "that through *death* he might destroy [annul] him who had the power of death, that is, the devil. . . . for verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. . . . made LIKE unto his brethren" (verses 14, 16, 17).

Jesus came, NOT in the nature of angels — that is, spirit nature. He was a human being. He was MADE FLESH — made HUMAN — He took on, at birth, HUMAN NATURE. He was tempted in all points like we are. He suffered as we do. He was forced to resist the pull of human nature, even as you and I. He, God, BECAME MAN — man so that He

COULD DIE for us, that our sins might be erased and forgiven!

It Was CHRIST Who Died

Jesus DIED! Jesus WAS DEAD!

And for three days and three nights the Second Person of the Godhead — EMMANUEL — GOD with us — GOD *made* human flesh — was DEAD!

And dead matter cannot impart life. Life can come only FROM life. As a human, Jesus was the Son of God the Father. God was His only Father. Mary was His mother. He became the SON OF man at His human birth. And now He was DEAD — yes, DEAD! If He was not DEAD, then the penalty of *your* sins is not yet paid. You are yet in your sins. You are without hope! But Jesus was DEAD!

If there were no other Person in the Godhead, then the Giver of all Life was dead and all hope was at an end!

If there were no FATHER in heaven while Jesus Christ lay dead — His blood in which resided His LIFE, shed from His veins, given for you and for me — then all human life everywhere had come to its doom.

But the Father still reigned in high

heaven! And the FATHER had LIFE INHERENT IN HIMSELF!

Life can only come *from* life! And Christ Jesus was now DEAD! *His* life had gone from Him — poured out on Calvary's cross — poured out from His veins! That's where His life resided — in His BLOOD, not in spirit! He did not shed *a spirit* to save us from our sins; He shed His BLOOD, and in so doing GAVE His LIFE.

But, "as the Father hath life *in himself*; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself" (John 5:26). *God the Father raised Jesus from the dead!*

Not Resurrected in Same Body

Now notice carefully. God the Father did not cause Jesus Christ to get back into the body which had died.

Some seem to believe that it was only the *body* which died — that Jesus Christ never died — that Christ was alive,

and preached to "spirits in prison" during the three days and nights His BODY was dead. What they believe is that a BODY Christ lived in died, but CHRIST HIMSELF never died. Christ was God, and, they argue, God could not die!

They do not realize that Christ had given up His immortal life inherent in divine glory and been converted into human mortality for the purpose of DEATH.

If they are right, they are lost and doomed to eternal punishment! *If Christ* did not die for their sins — if it was only a mortal *body* which died — then we have no Saviour, and we are LOST.

What happened is that the *Logos* — the WORD — the Eternal — was MADE FLESH. He was converted into, CHANGED INTO, *flesh*. Now He *was* FLESH AND BLOOD, exactly as you and I.

His *life* was in His blood, and He

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong points out the Garden Tomb — where Jesus Christ fulfilled the most important prophecy in history. It was here that the God of Israel was resurrected from the dead after *precisely* three days and three nights — unequivocally proving that He was indeed the Messiah (Matt. 12:39-40).

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The Mount of Olives — the setting for the most awesome, cataclysmic occurrence in the history of mankind, the Return of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. Today a modern hotel stands at its summit. Tomorrow the Feet of God! (Zechariah 14:4.)

gave His LIFE by the fact His blood poured out while He was on the cross! He had taken on a HUMAN nature. He was God — but now God changed INTO flesh and blood — God WITH US — Emmanuel!

Yes, the Word was MADE FLESH, and He WAS flesh and blood, not just an immortal spirit IN a body of flesh and blood.

We may argue that God is immortal and could not die. But the Scriptures reveal that GOD SO LOVED US *that while* we were yet sinners, The Eternal, the Logos, who was with God and who *was* God in the Second Person, permitted Himself voluntarily to be CHANGED INTO a flesh and blood MAN, until He BECAME a human who could and did DIE. But God the Father — God in the First Person — still reigned in High Heaven; and HE RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD, not from life.

It was CHRIST HIMSELF who was DEAD. He was REVIVED. Nowhere does the Scripture say He was alive and active, or that God had Him get back into the human BODY that had died and was now resurrected.

Jesus Christ was DEAD. He was as

much "out" as a boxer knocked senseless — much *more*, for the boxer usually is not dead but only unconscious. Jesus was DEAD — but was REVIVED!

And the resurrected body was no longer human — it was the Christ resurrected IMMORTAL, once *again* CHANGED! As He had been changed, converted INTO mortal human flesh and blood, subject to death, and for the PURPOSE of DYING FOR OUR SINS; now by a RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD, HE WAS AGAIN CHANGED, CONVERTED, INTO IMMORTALITY — and He is alive forevermore! Now a LIVING Saviour, not a DEAD Saviour. He *was* dead — but only for three days and three nights.

Now, How About YOU?

Do you realize WHAT a tremendous price was paid that you might be released from the death penalty of YOUR SINS? The very Eternal — the Spokesman of the Godhead, and very GOD Himself — permitted Himself to be changed into a mortal human — stepped down, descended to the human plane, suffered, was tempted, persecuted, despised, rejected of men, crucified!

If Jesus had been *only* human, His death could have paid the penalty for but *one* other human being who had incurred that penalty by transgression of God's spiritual Law (Romans 6:23). Since God the Father created all things by Jesus Christ (Col. 1:16), and since all things, including man, were made by Jesus Christ, He is our Maker and therefore God; and His life which He gave was of *greater value* than the total of all human beings (John 1:1-3).

He died and for three days and nights WAS DEAD! He who was IN THE BEGINNING, and WAS GOD! He stooped to human level, submitted to DEATH — trusted the Father to restore Him to life! *That* is the PRICE paid for you and for me. He GAVE Himself for YOU — and in so doing bought and paid for you! And therefore, *you* BELONG TO HIM! Will *you* GIVE YOURSELF to Him?

That is the only way of salvation — the only way this GREATEST PRICE EVER PAID IN THE UNIVERSE FROM ETERNITY can save you, great as it was.

You must GIVE YOURSELF up! GIVE yourself TO HIM! Give Him your life — *yourself*. Let HIM come into your mind and heart, through His Spirit, and live His LIFE IN YOU!

It means full, complete, utter, unconditional SURRENDER. You are no longer your own, you are His. Give your life to HIM, and see what great usefulness and accomplishment He will put it to! See what great joys will be yours as a result of the great GOOD He can and will do through you — IF you are His, wholly IN HIS POWER, wholly subjected to His WILL!

Yes, Jesus Christ died and was dead! But God the Father RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD. HE LIVES FOREVERMORE!

You are already dead in trespasses and sins unless, or until, you REPENT of sins, surrender to God, GIVE YOURSELF to the LIVING SAVIOUR who died for you, but was RAISED to become your High Priest and coming King! We have to DIE in order to LIVE. Give YOURSELF to Christ, and He will give *you* ETERNAL LIFE!

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this LIFE is *in* His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son hath not life"! (I John 5:11-12.) □

Don't let life HAPPEN!

Too many people stumble **PURPOSELESSLY** through life. Without realizing it, you may have been the victim of circumstances! Read, in this article, how to **LIVE** life, not just let it "happen."

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“WHAT a pity youth has to be wasted on *children*,” say the middle-aged.

“If I had only known at age twenty what I know at *fifty*,” laments the portly businessman. Complains the humorous placard: “Ve ist too soon oldt, und too late schmart.”

But *why* these nostalgic complaints? *Why* are so many dissatisfied with the way their lives have gone? **WHY** are so many filled with feelings of bitterness, hopelessness, frustration?

How Many Happy?

How many **HAPPY** people do you know?

Probably not very many. Take the bank president in Nebraska. He had what appeared to be a good job — a fine living — plenty of security. Yet he embezzled over one and one-half million dollars from his own bank. His life was not happy, in spite of his apparent “success.”

Today our people are **SICK**! Our jokes are sick, our “music” is sick; we’re victimized by sick art, sick literature, sick entertainment.

And *no wonder* — when you consider the millions of *sick minds* and *sick bodies* in our societies.

Think about it. You can probably count the number of people *you think* are “happy” on the fingers of your

hands — but it would take a lot of hands and feet to count the number you know are not.

Centuries ago, Paul told Timothy, “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a *form of godliness*, but denying the **POWER** thereof: from such turn away” (II Tim. 3:1-5).

What a prophecy!

Read it again. It describes the *precise conditions* within our nations right now!

Divorce continues to fill the courts — countless homes being wrecked and smashed — lives filled with hate, jealousy, fear, disappointment, restlessness, anxiety and frustration.

Juvenile lawlessness stalks the land as *never* before — and, as so clearly proved by so many authoritative sources, out of all proportion to the population increase.

Are our frustrated youths happy? Are the millions of divorcees happy? Are our over-age, “successful” businessmen, executives, officials, **HAPPY**?

Are **YOU** happy?

What IS Your Life?

How is it that life becomes such a **BURDEN**, such an empty, hollow, useless, frustrating thing that literally **THOUSANDS** attempt to **KILL THEMSELVES** each year?

What *is* your life?

Let God answer. He is the One who **CREATED** life, who **PUT** mankind on this earth, and who reveals the **REASON** He gives you every breath of air you breathe.

“For what *is* your life? It is even a *vapour*, that appears for a *little* time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14).

God shows the **TEMPORARY** span of existence we have, in His Word. He reveals of what materials we *are made*. What kind of a **NATURE** we have within us. What kind of **LIVES** we ought to live — and **WHY**!

The Bible is the handbook about life. It tells *what man is*. **WHERE** he is headed. **WHY** he is. It reveals God’s great **PURPOSE** in the creation of human life, and tells us how to get in harmony with that purpose!

The Bible reveals the *laws* that **GOVERN** and **PRODUCE** the *real* thrills, pleasures, satisfactions, successes, triumphs, joys and fulfillments we seek.

You are exactly like Adam was. Made out of the same materials. You have the same nature — and you have the same possibilities. Further, **YOU HAVE THE SAME GOD WHO IS YOUR RULER!** And that God places before *you, right now*, during *your* short span on this earth, the **SAME SERIOUS CHOICE!**

What Was Adam?

Adam was no myth! He was a **HUMAN BEING** — a **MAN!** His Maker was God.

God said, “Let *us* [there was **MORE**

than One Great Being involved in the creation] make man in OUR *image*, after OUR LIKENESS" (Gen. 1:26). But to Adam He said: "DUST thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Gen. 3:19).

God made man in the physical form and *shape* of God (Gen. 2:7), to *look* like God. But He made man out of *totally different material!*

"God IS A SPIRIT," said Christ (John 4:24). But man IS FLESH! He has *no* eternal life abiding *in* him.

God revealed to Adam, speaking to the *conscious man*, NOT just to his "body," "DUST THOU art, and unto dust shalt thou return." So Adam was made of RED MUD (original Hebrew) — of the elements of this earth. He was EARTHY (I Cor. 15:47). God *revealed* to Adam what he was. He *told* Adam that he was a temporal, physical, fleshly, earthbound, temporary, transitory, HUMAN *being* — WITHOUT ETERNAL LIFE ABIDING IN him. He was not an immortal soul imprisoned in a body!

If you have not yet seen the real PROOF about the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, then write for our article, "Do You Have an Immortal Soul?"

What Are You?

YOU are, unless you have repented and received of the Spirit of God, just EXACTLY like Adam was. You're composed of the same elements — you're just as *earthy*, just as *temporary* — and just as CARNAL.

But there was a PURPOSE God had in mind for making man carnal. The whole story of the Bible tells you WHAT YOU ARE — WHY YOU EXIST — and WHERE YOU OUGHT TO BE HEADED!

God COMMANDED Adam to live happily! Adam wouldn't do it. He wanted to conduct the first "scientific" experiment.

When Eve, right in Adam's presence, began to *postulate* or *speculate* concerning the lies of the devil — she wanted more and more to *experiment*. She wanted to learn from EXPERIENCE, rather than from the *revealed* knowledge that came from God. The devil had appealed to her vanity.

He had said, "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

He *knew* better. He was *lying* (John 8:44) and he *knew* it. But naïve Eve, like so many women today, felt she ought to *explain*. "Oh, it's not as bad as all that," she might have reasoned — "God hasn't told us not to eat ANY of the fruit — it's just that *one* tree He won't let us have." About this time, she probably began to reason, "Well, after all, He *did* give the garden to us — and it is *ours*, isn't it? Then WHY should God be so UNFAIR," she reasoned, "as to withhold the very BEST one, and the MOST desired one for HIMSELF!"

Whatever her thoughts, her *actions* are clear. "And when the woman *saw* [lust of the *eyes!*] that the tree was good for food [lust of the *appetite!*] and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise [lust of the *intellect* — intellectual vanity and conceit!] she *took* [STOLE!] of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband WITH her [Adam was standing docilely by, while his *wife* made the single most important decision of their entire lives — and a most disastrous one. But like a "clod" who allowed his wife to *wear the trousers*, to RULE OVER HIM, he meekly *followed* her in her rebellion], and he did eat" (Gen. 3:6).

What were her motives?

They reveal a lot about YOU!

Her motives were *lust, covetousness, vanity, greed, selfishness*. Further, she evidenced a hard core of *rebellion* in her human heart. And the man? Why, he *shared* all these emotions — but, unlike the woman, HE KNEW BETTER! (1 Tim. 2:14.)

Eve was *deceived*. Satan appealed to her basic NATURE, which perfectly embodies all these motives. Adam's *mind* was not deceived — but HIS BODILY DRIVES were just as strong as Eve's — and so he allowed his lusts to rule *over* his mind.

It was an impulsive, *emotional* decision they made that day. And it set the pattern for all of humanity!

God Says Choose

You have the same human NATURE Adam and Eve did. It's a nature that is NATURALLY and AUTOMATICALLY against God, and His perfect laws! "The heart is deceitful above all things,

and desperately *sick* [margin], and who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9.) "Because the carnal mind is *enmity* against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

God is the RULER. He is the boss. He gives you ORDERS you are to obey! But He does *not* force you to obey! He merely points out the terrible *penalties* for disobedience, and allows you to make *your own choice!*

Too many people have confused ideas about free moral agency! To a person I know very well, the very fact God COMMANDS us through His laws meant, to her, that God was trying to take away her FREE CHOICE!

She labored under the delusion that God had left mankind free to choose WHAT is the *right way* to live (when nearly 6,000 years of human history have proved irrevocably man is *unable* to do so), instead of WHETHER one will live the only right way.

God allows you a CHOICE! But few are *making* any choices — few *think problems through* — weighing all the facts. Instead, like Adam and Eve, most leap into situations IMPULSIVELY, emotionally — allowing circumstances to RULE OVER them!

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil. . . I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you *life* and *death, blessing* and *cursing*: therefore CHOOSE LIFE, that both you and your seed may LIVE" (Deut. 30:15-19).

God URGES us to CHOOSE LIFE!

God is our Heavenly FATHER. He loves His frail children on this earth with a full, swelling, boundless, all-encompassing, limitless love that transcends *any* human comprehension!

Let's understand. Suppose *you* have a little, sweet, precious young son. He is only two years of age, and you love him with all your heart!

Suppose you see him perched precariously on a window ledge, high above a street. He sees you enter the room, and stands up — grinning at you with a mischievous look on his little face. You are horrified. You know a slight misstep could mean his instant

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Build *joy* into YOUR MARRIAGE!

Here are keys to make your marriage live and grow! Here are practical, usable guidelines to help you BUILD your marriage into a precious relationship of JOY and beauty.

by Roderick C. Meredith

WE LIVE in a *sick* society! There is more filth than ever before being shown in the movies, on television, and in hundreds of books and magazines!

Our society is truly *sick* in many ways. The divorce statistics bear this out. Most American marriages are frustrated and terribly unhappy. They are literally ripping apart at the seams! It is a statistical fact that almost *one in three marriages is breaking up in divorce!*

And it's all because the inherent corruption, tension, competition and filth of our *sick society* is pouring over into millions of marriages.

The Loose Marriage

Recent articles show this is not even the beginning of the story. For you see, this is the age of the "*loose marriage*" where mates go out and cheat on each other — where husbands have their mistresses and wives have their lovers.

Thousands of couples are even *wife-swapping!* This way they can avoid going through divorce proceedings, and save lawyer's fees and court costs, as well as retain income tax deductions.

Yes, they'll legally stay together in most cases. But their marriages are like being in an armed camp with an armed truce!

Our Marriages Affected

Most laymen don't fully realize how widespread these marriage problems are, and how many *millions* of marriages are affected.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of our readers' marriages are affected to some degree. This is the underlying problem in many of *your* frustrations — *your* unhappiness and lack of joy and well-being.

An unhappy marriage is also the underlying cause of *many child-rearing problems*. If you are not happy in your marriage, that affects your children. They're not deaf, dumb and blind. They can see your unhappiness, squabbling and hate. They can see the selfishness on the part of each mate, and they realize that you are not practicing what you preach.

Yet many *pretend* to be "happy" and "successful" while this filth and hate — this arguing and constant bickering — exist in their marriages!

Marriage Problems Revealed

Covetousness is the root of many marriage problems. Paul said: "The love of money is a root [as it ought to be translated] of all evils" (I Tim. 6:10). When people lust for and covet

more and more material things, they usually go into debt. The resultant frustrations can and do cause serious marriage problems!

On the other hand, some wives have inconsiderate husbands who are not able to get a right balance. The tendency of some men is to be inconsiderate and overbearing toward their wives and children.

Then there are some rebellious wives whose husbands may be sincerely trying to do the right thing, but are a little too meek or mild. They've let their wives get a head start when they were first married, and now these wives won't "let" their husbands take the lead as they should. Such a rebellious wife tries to hold her husband down. Some would literally break up the marriage, if the husband ever did try to dominate.

This is a *STENCH* in the nostrils of God — if it exists in *your* marriage!

I'm not saying that these problems affect the majority, but they do affect a *significant minority*. And they undoubtedly affect *all* of our marriages to some extent, because none of us has a perfect marriage.

Do you realize there has never yet been a "perfect" marriage? So far, there has never been a perfect marriage,

because there have *never* been two perfect mates.

Although none of our marriages has been perfect, we should all sincerely STRIVE to have more *warmth, happiness, kindness, joy* and *exuberance* in our marriages than most of us have had thus far. For a happy, balanced, wonderful marriage is the very BASIS of all decent society. It is also the FOUNDATION of *happiness, joy* and SPIRITUAL PRODUCTIVITY as a servant of the living God.

God Is the Author of Marriage

God the Father is the Author of marriage. In Matthew 19, Jesus gave us some principles concerning marriage. The Pharisees tried to trick Him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" (Matt. 19:3.)

In other words, "Can a man put away his wife for just any reason?" They magnified what Moses had said in the Old Testament about putting a wife away, and would even use a pimple, a wart or almost anything as an *excuse* to put their wives away.

"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them *at the beginning* made them male and female, and said, for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall CLEAVE to his wife: and they twain shall be *one flesh*?" (verses 4-5.)

God made the man and the woman *for each other*. He created the man and his wife to *complement* one another physically, psychologically, emotionally and mentally so they could live a balanced and happy life TOGETHER.

Jesus taught that a man should *leave* his father and his mother and CLEAVE TO HIS MATE. Yet millions of people still haven't learned that! They still want to be too close to, or actually *live with*, the in-laws.

That is *not the right approach!* IT JUST WON'T WORK! It will *not* produce the happy marriage that everyone wants. God Almighty said a man should *leave* his father and mother and CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE!

If you do have to bring back senile or infirmed in-laws to your home *later*, after the marriage is *firmly established*,

then that's different. But at the beginning, and certainly for the first several years, normally, you're to leave relatives and *cleave* to your wife or your husband.

A Sharing Institution

God intended a husband and wife to be one flesh in *every* way — not just sexually. God designed marriage to be a great "sharing" institution!

Marriage brings out the *utter selfishness* in people perhaps more than anything else. This is because married partners have to SHARE so many things — including the *same* bathroom. They also have to go to bed about the same time normally, and get up about the same time. A happily married couple must also share the same food, budget, house, and the same *way of life*. Sometimes they may even have to share the same toothbrush or comb when on a trip. And they're either going to share with *good grace*, or they're not!

A lot of bachelors are *afraid* of marriage because they know, deep down in their hearts, that they are SELFISH! They're *afraid* to take on the responsibility of supporting a wife and sharing their life with someone else.

Many eligible young men don't want someone else to find out they're not the "gay blade" they want other people to think they are. They're *not* the great success, the happy-go-lucky, good-time-Charley — the good, friendly Joe — that they would like to convey as their facade and image to the rest of the world!

It's easy to pretend something, if you can stay away from people, and then just appear at the proper time when you're feeling good. But you have to be with your wife *all the time!* She knows your faults, mistakes and habits.

Everything about a person is on trial before his or her mate. We all need to realize that. Yet we must learn to *grow closer* to our mates — to love and respect them, and to CLEAVE TOGETHER!

Cleave Together in Love

Cleaving together is *not* just something that somehow automatically happens. It is not just sex either, although it does include that. Sex is perhaps the

culmination of this cleaving process. But everyone who has been married for a few years knows very well indeed that it is just a *minor part* of all the routine day-in-and-day-out process of marriage.

Cleaving together requires a lot of *kindness* and *patience*, completely apart from any romantic feelings.

Your marriage won't be a success unless Jesus Christ is living His life in you and manifesting the *love* of the Holy Spirit through you. You've got to ask God to help you and give you the power of His Holy Spirit to have a happy, wonderful marriage. And you must learn to ACTIVELY CLEAVE TOGETHER IN LOVE BY REALLY WORKING AT IT!

You young people who aren't married yet can learn a lot from this, too, because many of you will be married someday. These principles also apply to all the older people who are widows or widowers. They need to learn these lessons in their lives, perhaps in another way, if they're going to have the opportunity for *service, responsibility, glory, power* and *majesty* in the coming Kingdom of God.

We all have to OVERCOME the kind of selfishness, temper, impatience, hatefulness, vanity, strife and egotism that can wreck our lives — whether married or not — if we are all going to *live forever* in God's Kingdom. We must become *humble, submissive, yielded, kind* and *loving* toward our great Creator and toward one another.

Cleaving Together at Home

In marriage, the two individuals are to be like *one* person. There is to be a *oneness* of mind, body, emotion, attitude and of sharing physical things in EVERY aspect of life.

This doesn't mean that a man can never play basketball, handball, pool, or cards with other men *occasionally*. Good masculine companionship once in a while helps a husband to be more of a man. This gives him more confidence and more of a release for a particular part of his nature that ought to be expressed *with other men*.

But if a husband is *always* playing cards, basketball, baseball, or pool with other men, then this takes him *mentally*,

emotionally and physically AWAY FROM his wife and children. A CONTINUED PRACTICE of this is an absolute WRONG! It is *breaking* the commandment of Christ that a man is to *cleave* to his wife.

A husband and wife should try to spend most of the time after work and before bedtime *together*. If those hours are *wrecked* by his going off "with the boys," by other interests, or by grabbing a beer and just plopping himself down in front of the TV, then he is slowly but surely DAMAGING HIS MARRIAGE!

Such an inconsiderate husband is going to have trouble in the future because he isn't taking the time to *share* his life with his wife — to rejoice *together*, read things *together*, listen to music *together*, take walks *together*, just plain talk *together* and do other things *together*.

This kind of marriage lacks mutual empathy, understanding and meeting of minds. Such a "busy" husband is NOT *actively cleaving to his wife* as his Creator intended.

Every married man has the God-given *responsibility* of spending time at home with his wife and children. Is this where a considerable amount of your time and interest lies? Or is it always somewhere else doing something else?

Where is your "heart"? *How* and *where* do you spend your TIME?

Happy Marriage KEY to Success

Spending time with your family is a real criterion of *success* or *failure* in life! It determines whether or not we'll have juvenile delinquents, rebellious children, or rebellious wives whom we cannot reach mentally, emotionally and psychologically. This is the inevitable result for a husband who *doesn't take the time* and put out the EFFORT to *actively cleave to his wife*.

Such a husband has probably only tried to cleave to his wife *physically* — but not mentally, emotionally and psychologically. He has tried to be faithful to her, but hasn't done a very good job of anything else — and probably hasn't even done a good job of that either.

For, if a man isn't spending time with and focusing on his wife *mentally* — even though he may remain faithful *physically* — his mind will wander to

other women and other things as they come along. This is so because he *hasn't spent the time* to cultivate that mental and emotional attachment to his wife which is *real love*.

Love Is Outgoing Concern

We need to understand that love is *not* a mechanical act performed once, twice, or three times a week. Love is *constant, outgoing concern, affection, sharing and empathy*.

You married people need to *understand this* — especially you men. This is where husbands fail even more often than their wives.

However, wives sometimes contribute to the problem. If their husbands do try to spend time with them, love them, help them, fellowship with them and encourage them, some wives *start an argument right away!* They should *appreciate and respond* to this *outgoing concern* the husband is trying to develop — even if he does stagger around like a little child learning to walk while gradually learning to express his concern properly. A wife should *appreciate* her husband's desire to build a happy marriage and to have the right kind of *love, empathy and closeness together*.

God Almighty will create a beautiful union — if a husband and wife will yield themselves to Him and let Him do it. This God-created union will make a happy home, since it will be based on *love, joy, peace, mutual consideration and concern* for one another — and for the children.

Curses of an Unhappy Marriage

A happy marriage at home will help you have more personal happiness, balance and contentment. But a man becomes edgy, rebellious and temperamental even on the job if he fights with his wife at home. Many companies are forced to terminate employees because marriage problems at home result in psychological "blow-ups," heavy drinking or carelessness on the job.

Yes, an unhappy marriage can break up a person's job. It may eventually break up the home and separate the parents from their children as well.

So it behooves all married couples to really WORK at *cleaving together*.

Spend Time Alone With Your Mate

Husbands and wives should just be TOGETHER — sometimes apart even from the children. Get a babysitter, if you can, and go out to dinner, or to a concert once in a while. You can, hand in hand, be like you used to be when you were courting and dating. Dance together, talk together, walk together and fellowship *together*.

You can even take short trips together. Then you will appreciate the children more, because you've been away from them for a *few days* (not several weeks or months) perhaps two or three times a year. This doesn't hurt them at all, *if* they are properly trained and your family is emotionally "close" as it should be anyway.

Look at some examples in the Bible. You'll find that men like Abraham, Isaac and Israel were away from their children far more than many of us today. It's a matter of training the children rightly *while you're with them*, and giving them a stable atmosphere and foundation for the remainder of their lives.

Of course, many don't have much opportunity to go someplace together, or can't afford it. But there are other ways you can be alone *together*. You can begin by sending the children to bed by eight or eight-thirty in the evening. Then you will have an hour and a half or two hours *together* — before you go to bed.

You can listen to music together, read the Bible together occasionally, and do other things together. Sometimes you can have a babysitter watch the children while you and your wife take a long walk together.

Just that much can help a great deal!

Many of you men who have marriage problems should "court" your wife like you used to. Practice the art of trying to CLEAVE to her, and spend time *together*. Then you will really understand your wife, and she will feel close to you mentally and emotionally. You both will have more of the mutual *understanding and affection* you used to have when you were first married.

Woman Was Created for Man

After God created the first man, He put him in the Garden of Eden to dress

and keep it. Then God said: "It is not good that the man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18).

You men need to fully comprehend the fact that, normally speaking, it is NOT GOOD for you to be by yourself. You're *not* really the "strong, silent type" you might think you are. You're *not* the great "shining hero" who would charge on through the night — if you weren't "burdened down" with a wife and crying little children.

You wouldn't "charge on" *anywhere* — except to the *corner bar*, probably in utter *frustration*. You know it and I know it! Most of you would be *empty, unbalanced and frustrated*. And you would be an "oddball," in many cases. Let's *realize* and *understand* that it is NOT GOOD for a man to be alone throughout his entire life!

So God said, "I will make an *help meet* [fit, or suitable], for him." Men should really *appreciate* the fact that God did make a companion and helper for them.

And every little girl ought to be taught that — *with some notable exceptions* — women's *purpose* in drawing breath and being created was to be a *help to their future husbands*. A young woman should NOT be taught to *compete, fight and argue with men*, and say, "I'm as good as he is."

It's not a question of being "as good" as a man. It's just that women were created to *help* men — *not to compete with them*. Yet many women will say, "Well, I can get a job easier than my husband." Sadly, in our *sick, mechanical, clerical, computerized society*, sometimes they can. A woman who learns to be a typist, stenographer, bookkeeper, or secretary can quite often land a job easier than her husband or boyfriend.

Why?

Because men have already *conquered* the wilderness. They've *built* the bridges, highways and cities. They discovered and learned how to use electricity, made possible central heating and air conditioning, designed and built computers, manufactured typewriters, etc. — so women could come in and wait on, help and serve *men* 99 and 44/100ths percent of the time!

In most cases, women work as secretaries, typists or stenographers. And *what are they doing?* Although they're not alongside their husbands, they are helping *other MEN!* Yet, they say, "I'm independent."

Independent of *whom?* Independent of *men?*

Who is the president of the bank? Who's the boss over the big department store, the gigantic office complex, the manufacturing plant or scientific laboratory?

A *MAN!*

They're just *servicing* and *helping other MEN*. That's all.

Generally, women are NOT building and creating new things. Men do practically all of that, and *always have* since the beginning of time. A woman simply was not created with those particular abilities to the same degree.

On the average, women *cannot* normally do as well as men in the fields of science, technology and management!

To Be Homemakers

The reason *most* women haven't been out building bridges, designing and manufacturing jet planes and rockets to the moon is not because men prevented them. It is because God created them with the intuition, mind, emotions, capacity and tendencies to want to *help and supplement* a man, and to *SHARE HIS LIFE WITH HIM*.

And what a tremendous *BLESSING* to both man and woman! Especially the *man*, who *NEEDS* a woman's help!

God designed and *created* women to make a house a home, to make it and keep it beautiful, to have children — to have the patience, kindness, understanding and perception to work with, teach, train, help, protect and nurture *potential sons of God!*

God has given every woman a *TREMENDOUSLY HIGH CALLING!*

A woman should never forget *why* she was created by her Maker. She should never try to argue with her husband, usurp the leadership of the home, or unnecessarily go outside her home and compete with men in jobs she was not meant to perform.

Of course, it is NOT WRONG for women to be secretaries, typists, etc. Those jobs are the best for women to

have, if they're *not* married. However, most married women — particularly young mothers — should *stay at home and be "homemakers."* There can be some RARE exceptions — but they should be indeed, *very rare!*

Woman Made From Man

Notice the rest of the account in Genesis 2:21-23: "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh."

That was a wonderful event — when you understand it. There was Adam all alone in the garden — with only cows, horses, lions and tigers around him. But who could he *talk* to? Who could he *share* his life with?

If God had put another man in the Garden of Eden, Adam would have been in trouble. Besides not being able to reproduce, they would have been utterly frustrated because both of them would have wanted to be *IN CHARGE!* They would have had *competing*, instead of *complementing*, natures.

So God put a *woman* in the Garden to be with the man. Then Adam said: "She shall be called woman, because she was taken *out of man*. Therefore," said God, "shall a man *leave* his father and mother, and shall *cleave to his wife*: and they shall be *ONE FLESH*" (verses 23-24).

This is a very *beautiful* story. But we all need to know and really understand what goes into making a married couple *happy* in *CLEAVING TOGETHER*, and realizing that they *need each other*.

Men and women are not as happy and balanced if they do not have a mate. Neither will they be as happy or balanced if they don't *cleave together PROPERLY*. *They have to really WORK AT IT!*

God doesn't say "*float together*." He said "*cleave together*." But it's *MORE THAN* worth all the effort *to have a happy marriage*. So let's realize this. Let's really *appreciate* and *CLEAVE to our mates!* (to be continued) □

An Exciting Preview of **TOMORROW'S CITIES**

by Eugene M. Walter

Tomorrow's Cities will be like sparkling jewels on the landscape — filled with radiant beauty, with peace and prosperity, with happy, healthy people. Mankind will never have seen anything like it! Sound too good to be true? Sound impossible? It isn't. Such cities ARE COMING — and that before the end of this century! But WHERE will they be built? And WHO will build them — and HOW?

BASIC plans for these fabulous cities have already been drawn up. All the necessary resources to see this entire plan through to successful completion are available.

The plan is already so far along that a select group is right now being given topflight training to qualify for future responsibilities as administrators of these cities.

Everything is being carefully worked out. Nothing is being left to chance.

The major problems of today's cities will be completely solved in advance before construction on Tomorrow's Cities ever begins.

Problems That Need a Solution

Today's cities are a mess. And the bigger the city, chances are, the bigger that mess is.

Today, city air is laden with every kind of foul pollutant imaginable. Noxious soot, dust and chemical debris from industry. Toxic monoxide fumes and lead from hundreds of thousands of motor vehicles. Stale, filthy smoke from the millions of cigarettes smoked daily. In some big-city areas multiple tons-per-square-mile of such refuse and waste float down every single month!

City water has frequently been reused oftener than anyone cares to remember. The water being used in one city today has often been flushed down a commode and into the sewer in another city just a few days before.

The food eaten by city dwellers — probably grown on depleted soil to begin with — has been waxed, polished, colored, pasteurized, homogenized, taken apart, preserved and

chemically "enriched" until it contains pathetically little nourishment.

The noise level is right on the brink of what the human mind can tolerate and still remain sane.

The normal working day's routine for many begins and ends with a nerve-racking fight through miserably congested traffic. And what are the sights along the way (besides the back end of the car in front of you)?

A miserable jungle-like labyrinth of steel, glass, wire, asphalt and cement — of streets, supermarkets, shopping centers, housing tracts, office buildings, railroad tracks, electrical lines and industrial smokestacks. A helter-skelter conglomeration of unsightly billboards and gaudy neon signs. A sickening bluish-yellow haze called smog.

Small wonder so many people seek escape!

But these are by no means the only problems.

Personal Safety and Crime

In today's cities personal safety is almost nonexistent. Without God's protection you aren't safe anywhere — not

even in your own home. Not even with an elaborate system of locks.

And on the street? Anything can happen! Day or night.

The danger on city streets is no longer confined to traffic accidents. Today, the "normal" street dangers include the possibility of being robbed, assaulted, stabbed or murdered. They include the constant danger of someone suddenly going raving mad and shooting everyone in sight.

In certain areas, especially at night, the streets have plenty of motor traffic, but the sidewalks are empty. And if you do see an occasional person on the sidewalk, you immediately wonder whether he is about to commit a crime or if he has lost his mental balance.

This is the shocking point to which we have progressed — or retrogressed — in this "enlightened" 20th century!

Huge sections of cities are designated as "crime containment zones." Poverty, unemployment, overwhelming welfare loads, wall-to-wall children, illegitimacy, looting, riots, racial tensions, savage gangs, and schools called "blackboard jungles" are the trademarks of these areas. Here crimes of every description run so rampant that the police hope, at best, merely to keep this "excessive" crime from spilling over into other areas.

Farther downtown there is the bowery or skid row. Its trademark is cheap hotels and saloons, filled with hopeless derelicts, dope addicts, prostitutes and similar types of degenerate humanity.

And out in suburbia — in the nice part of town? Well, the problems of today's society are here, too.

The houses out here may have two-car garages, boats and double ovens. But they also have family strife, broken homes and divorce. The fear of not being able to meet next month's payments on the house, car, boat, stereo and color TV. Envy at the neighbors next door who just installed a backyard swimming pool and are planning a trip to Europe.

Bored with the blessings of life — but coveting more — many of the inhabitants of suburbia seek escape in the excitement of wild, permissive par-

ties — replete with alcohol, drugs, and sexual debauchery.

And the younger suburbanians, with too much free time on their hands and with too little parental supervision, run the usual gamut of licentiousness from vandalism and crime to promiscuity and LSD. At every level of city society and in every part of town, we see serious problems in need of a solution.

And we have yet to mention the matters of corrupt business practices, bribery, cheating, bitter labor disputes, organized crime, payoffs, weak and ineffective city government and exorbitant taxes.

Add all these problems together and you can begin to comprehend what a tremendous top-to-bottom CHANGE is necessary for our cities to become decent places in which to live.

But thank God, such a change is coming — and soon!

But HOW? WHO and WHAT will bring it about? Where would you *start* if YOU were responsible for undertaking such a gigantic project?

Biggest Problem Solved First

Today men seek to solve the problems of our cities by money, schools, integration, night lights to deter criminals, new laws, more police, etc.

But all these methods ignore the basic reason today's cities are the way they are.

What is the *biggest* problem in cities today? What makes cities so bad?

It's *people!*

It's the fellow who takes off for work in the morning with his eyes filled with smog and other depressing sights, a hostile look on his face, the din of traffic in his ears, his lungs and nostrils full of foul air and cigarette smoke, his stomach full of nutritionally raped food, his veins full of drugs and tranquilizers, and his mind filled with the violence of the previous night's TV programs or his plans to beat the other guy out of as much as he can when he gets to work. HE's the problem in today's cities — along with millions of men and women just like him.

And what is it that makes *people* so bad? It's their unconquered HUMAN NATURE. This nature is a nature of vanity, jealousy, lust and greed.

In Tomorrow's Cities, this basic cause of human suffering is going to be solved first.

Human nature will be changed.

But HOW?

Through the prophet Ezekiel God gives us the answer: "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put *my spirit* within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. . . . I will also cause you to dwell in the cities and the wastes shall be builded" (Ezek. 36:26-28, 33). See also Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 8:10.

Human nature will still exist in Tomorrow's Cities. The inhabitants of these cities will still be physical, flesh-and-blood human beings. But God is going to give these people His power — His Holy Spirit to resist and overcome the downward pull of their human nature. They will be able to direct, control and guide their lives into constructive channels. They will obey God's laws. They will live in the way that brings peace, happiness and prosperity for all.

God's Holy Spirit is available today. But mankind as a whole is not interested in God's Spirit. Man is by nature hostile to God and thinks he can solve his problems without God's help. He won't submit to God's way unless he is forced to. And that is where Tomorrow's mayors come in.

Tomorrow's Mayors

The mayors in today's cities are little or no different from those over whom they rule. They, too, have human nature. They, too, are subject to vanity, jealousy, lust and greed — all too often increased because of their position.

Mayors often must ignore urgent problems because to bring them out into the open and to suggest a concrete solution would offend a certain bloc of

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House upon house, block upon block, here a lot, there a lot. This is living? Only upper-class style. For the rest, it's far worse.



voters and wash their whole political career down the drain.

And when a mayor does make a sound proposal for getting rid of some evil in his city, it often gets bogged down or lost entirely in a mountain of bureaucratic red tape or in political haggling. Meanwhile the city suffers on.

Many mayors are mere figureheads. Their office sounds important and impressive, but in actual fact it is weak and rather powerless.

The mayors of Tomorrow's Cities will have no such problems. They will possess the power they need. And they will not be motivated by greedy, selfish desires in using this power. They really WILL have the interest of their people at heart.

The rulers of Tomorrow's Cities, as shocking as it may seem, will be divine Spirit Beings. They will be members of the God-Family, the Kingdom of God — immortal SPIRIT BEINGS ruling in God's Government on this earth under Jesus Christ!

God has promised a position of rulership in the soon-coming World Tomorrow to ALL who by their lives in this present age — the world today — meet the conditions which God has laid down.

“And he that overcometh [and that includes human nature] and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give *power over the nations*: And he shall *rule* them with a rod of iron” (Rev. 2:26-27).

For some, this “power over the nations” is going to involve *rulership over cities*. This is shown by the parable of the pounds in Luke 19. In this parable example, rulership over five or ten cities is given to those who qualify. Those who overcome and produce more are given the greater rewards (verses 16-19). Those who fail to produce anything receive no reward (verses 20-27).

God is going to appoint as Tomorrow's mayors those who qualify for positions of rulership over cities. For more details about the entire pattern of God's Government as it will be in the World Tomorrow, write for our free booklet, *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*.

Tomorrow's Cities will be ruled by



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THE CITY — the great sophisticated metropolis — filled with towering skyscrapers of marble and glass, sculptured by gleaming tree-lined avenues, repository of the arts and sciences, the center of cultural opportunity, the magnificent home of an urbane people, the very pinnacle of human achievement ——— Ooops — wrong pictures.

Spirit Beings who are God. And *how* will they rule? Why, with all the resources of wisdom, understanding, love, might and POWER of the God-Family!

How These Mayors Will Rule

These rulers won't cater to some groups and individuals at the expense of others. They won't be influenced in the least by petty politics. Their rule will be *just*.

They won't fear being thrown out of office by unruly troublemakers. They will possess the power to swiftly put down any self-exalting, rebellious elements.

Neither will these rulers tolerate filth, shiftlessness and degeneracy. Today when the lower classes are put in new apartments and schools by the government, what happens? Do these people appreciate what they are given? In many cases, NO! In a period of

months many new facilities have fixtures stolen, doors and windows are broken, the smell of urine may even be detected in halls and elevators and the whole place is a *wreck!*

In Tomorrow's Cities people will be taught that this is not the way to live. They will simply not be *allowed* to be low class and degenerate. Those who *insist* on being that way will be punished so swiftly and surely that they will learn very quickly. And all will hear and fear!

Yes, Tomorrow's mayors are going to *force* their subjects to obey God and to receive His blessings. They will impose a warm and merciful rule that will bring *compulsory joy!* They will *insist* on happiness for their citizens. They will *demand* plenty and goodness in their lives. And they will **COMMAND** them to be healthy, and filled with a sense of well-being and contentment!

And most of these subjects will



quickly learn that God's way is best. They will *want* God's Spirit to lead and guide them. They will *desire* to obey God's Laws. They will be converted, cooperative people.

With this kind of rulers and this kind of subjects, the rest is a sheer joy to think about.

Can Cities Be Clean, Beautiful, Safe and Inspiring?

Why can't city streets be clean, broad, tree-lined avenues interspersed with sparkling fountains, interesting malls and imaginative sculpture? Why can't the city's conglomeration of "bright lights" be arranged in beautiful, artistic schemes and designs? Why can't unsightly poles, conduits and wiring be universally hidden from view? Why can't gaudy neon signs be toned down and ugly billboards be *eliminated*? Why can't necessary information on buildings be done in neat lettering with good taste?

Why can't city buildings have appealing architectural flair and design — complementing one another in an aesthetic, harmonious whole? Why can't public buildings, schools and churches be devoid of pagan symbols and be kept undefaced and unmarred?

Why can't city air and water be clean and pure? Why can't dumping unnecessary soot, waste, refuse and chemicals into city air and water be stopped? Why can't industry be located in a separate part of the city, where its natural noise and dirt wouldn't affect the homes, schools and stores?

Why can't cities have adequate parks and playgrounds with trees, shrubs, flowers, birds, animals, lakes and streams?

Why can't cities have fast, efficient systems of transportation which will whisk people downtown without having to clog the street with their cars? Why can't cars be built so that they don't pollute the air?

Why can't cities be *safe*? Why can't elderly people go for an evening stroll without being assaulted? Why can't children play without fear of being molested? Why can't people go shopping without fear of being robbed —

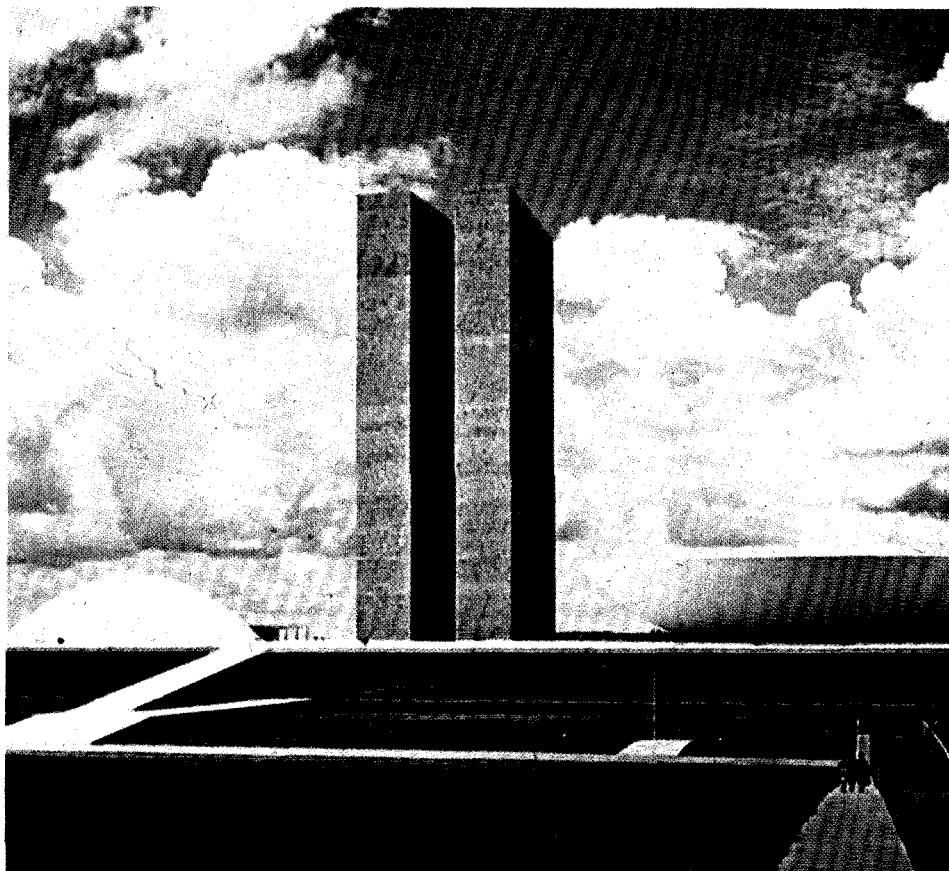
either by a pickpocket or by the cheap, shoddy, misrepresented products they buy?

The answers to all these questions — and dozens more like them is — **THEY CAN!** Cities CAN be clean, beautiful, safe and inspiring.

But about the only hope of ever achieving these things in today's cities is to *start from scratch!* And that is exactly what is going to be done. But *how?*

Today's Cities to Be Destroyed

As we have already shown, in Tomorrow's Cities God is going to



establish a program to *rehabilitate human nature*. As this program gets into full swing, the sociological problems — the problems of crime, violence, immorality, divorce, delinquency, etc. — will be solved.

Then it will be possible to go to work on the *physical* aspects of the city — the streets, buildings, parks, homes, schools, transportation, etc.

Here, too, God will start from scratch. But *HOW?* How can you start from scratch in cities like Chicago,

New York, London, Sydney, Toronto, Johannesburg, Tokyo, or Manila?

In the same way that Berlin, Warsaw, and other European cities started from scratch after they were destroyed in World War II!

Yes, shocking as it may be, Bible prophecy reveals that our present-day cities are going to be devastated with all the destructive force of modern warfare! But *WHY?*

WHY Our Cities Destroyed

God is going to allow our cities to be destroyed for the very reason that they are festering sores on the earth's face to

begin with — and that reason is **SIN!** Our cities are full of sin. Of course all this could be avoided.

Speaking to the United States, the British Commonwealth peoples and the democracies of Northwest Europe, God warns:

"For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this

place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt: then will I cause you to dwell in this place, and in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever" (Jer. 7:5-7).

If you do not yet recognize the application of Bible prophecies regarding "Israel" — such as this one from Jeremiah — to Britain and the U.S.A., please write immediately for our free book *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.

Yes, if we as a people would *even now* QUIT SINNING and turn to God, our land and cities could be spared from the catastrophes shortly to come. If we were

shall be laid waste, . . . And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth. . . The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. . . They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord . . . Make a chain: for the land is full of

them that dwell therein. *And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate, and ye shall know that I am the Lord"* (Ezek. 6:6 and 7:9, 15, 19, 23, 24; and 11:12 and 12:19, 20).

What a terrible time of destruction that will be. But, thankfully the story doesn't end here!

The Joyous Rebuilding

An All-wise God will have to deal with us in the only language we understand — PHYSICAL FORCE and PUNISHMENT.

But once He has dealt with us in this way, and once we have learned our lesson, then Jesus Christ will return to this earth to set up God's Government. And then our cities will be rebuilt — this time GOD's way.

Notice the loving tone in which God comforts those whom He has had to punish:

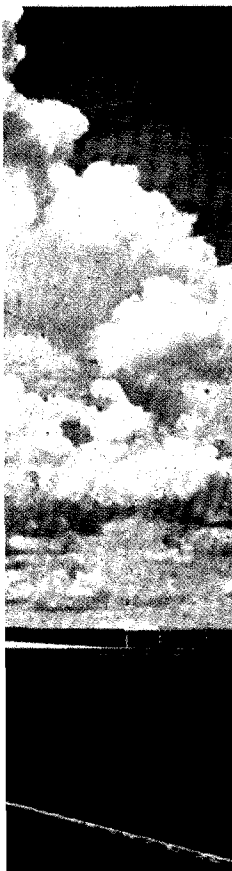
"For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer . . . For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and *make the desolate cities to be inhabited*" (Isa. 54:7, 8, 3).

"For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein" (Psalm 69:35-36).

When God sets His hand to build Tomorrow's Cities with the help of His Spirit Servants, how fantastic do you think those cities will be? They will be beautiful beyond description!

And they will be filled with joyful, thankful people:

"I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and *will build them, as at the first* . . . Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without



Above: Ambassador College Photo

People point to Brasilia as an example of Tomorrow's Cities in today's world — spaciouly designed, thoroughly planned and built from nothing in the interior of Brazil. An example of Tomorrow's Cities? Maybe, except for one thing — *TODAY'S* people. Brasilia was beautiful — until people moved in. Then came shacks, slums, garbage and filth. Tomorrow's Cities need **TOMORROW'S** people!

Left: King Leopold Photo

willing to cooperate with God, He would make our cities decent places in which to live — without having to suffer the ravages of war. But human beings refuse to do this (Jer. 7:8-10, 28; 8:5-6, 9:5-6, 8).

Yes, it is because of SIN that God is going to punish us and destroy our cities. Whole chapters and books of the Bible are devoted to warning us of this sobering REAL fact.

Notice Ezekiel's dire prediction:

"In all your dwellingplaces *the cities*

bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the *worst of the heathen*, and they shall possess their houses . . . And ye shall know that I am the Lord: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you . . . They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all

man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, the voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good, for his mercy endureth for ever" (Jer. 33:7, 10, 11).

A city can only be as prosperous as the hinterland upon which it depends for its food and raw materials. In the World Tomorrow this problem will be solved, too. Agricultural prosperity will be unbelievably great in all rural areas. "And the desolate land [most of today's earth] shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited... I will increase them with men like a flock" (Ezek. 36:34, 35, 37).

In the World Tomorrow, city dwellers aren't going to be crowded into small, crackerbox apartments with no backyards and almost no privacy. Instead, "They shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and *they shall plant vineyards*, and drink the wine thereof; *they shall also make gardens*, and eat the fruit of them" (Amos 9:14).

Imagine! Gardens in the city! — actually growing food! And imagine people interested in *having* a garden and working in it! With good food and sufficient exercise, fresh air and sunshine, city people will be robust and healthy instead of pallid and sickly.

Yes, the cities of the World Tomorrow are going to be far superior to anything on earth today. God promises: "And I will multiply upon you man and beast, and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and *will do better unto you than at your beginnings*: and ye shall know that I am the Lord" (Ezek. 36:11).

Jerusalem the Capital City

In just a few short years Jerusalem will be the *showcase* city of the whole world. In the World Tomorrow it will be the world capital and the model city

from which all other cities will get their example. It will be fabulous beyond description.

Jesus Christ, as Chief Ruler, will make His dwelling there. With Him will be many other high-ranking Spirit Rulers and assistants who will help Him administer God's World Government.

Here are a few highlights of what Jerusalem will be like then:

"*Beautiful for situation*, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion [a part of Jerusalem], on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge" (Psalm 48:2-3).

"Out of Zion, *the perfection of beauty*, God hath shined" (Psalm 50:2).

"Jerusalem shall be *safely inhabited*" (Zech. 14:11).

"Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls [without the need of armed defense] for the multitude of men and cattle therein" (Zech. 2:4).

The gates of Jerusalem will be open day and night (Isa. 60:11) so that the various peoples and nations can bring gold, silver and valuable materials into it. They will be richly blessed for doing this, and those who refuse will be "utterly wasted" (verse 12).

All kinds of rare woods will be brought "to beautify the place of my [God's] sanctuary, and I [God] will make the place of my feet glorious" (verse 13).

Jerusalem will be called "The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel" and it will be made "an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations" (verses 14-15).

"For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise" (verses 17-18).

"Thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city" (Isa. 1:26).

Truly, "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God" (Psalm 87:3)!

Delegations from all nations will go up to Jerusalem to worship, to offer praise and thanksgiving, to be spiritually uplifted and inspired, and to receive instruction from God and His servants.

"Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together [skyscrapers]: whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces" (Psalm 122:3-7).

"It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord" (Zech. 8:20-22).

This is what Jerusalem will be like in just a few short years!

Tomorrow's Cities and YOU

There is much, much more that could be said about Tomorrow's Cities. They will have for visitors delightful restaurants cheerfully and courteously serving sumptuous meals — *without* a sickening pall of cigarette smoke hanging heavy in the air. They will have no obscene and violent movies — only clean, wholesome, entertaining, educational films — all under the supervision of God's government. They will present thrilling musical productions. They will have exciting recreational centers. They will have interesting, scintillating museums of art, science and natural history.

Cities ought to be places where people go to be intellectually challenged, to be mentally stimulated, to be socially invigorated, to be culturally enriched and to be spiritually inspired!

In the World Tomorrow, cities **WILL** BE this way.

The big question for you is, will YOU be there to enjoy it? Will YOU have a part in making these cities fabulous places for people to live? □

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CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX

EVEN PROPHETS AND KINGS MUST REPENT

ON THE crowded streets of Nineveh, Jonah the prophet proclaimed that destruction was coming to that city in forty days. (Jonah 3:1-4.) Some of his startled hearers moved menacingly toward him. Others advised them to use caution.

A Gentile King Listens

News of this strange man with his disturbing message quickly spread through the city. As the crowd increased, Jonah repeated his warning, which was having an increasingly troublesome effect.

There were jeers and angry retorts, but most of the people refrained from speaking out because of the miraculous report of Jonah's coming out of a fish's mouth!

Suddenly two stern-faced officers emerged from the crowd, strode up to Jonah and informed him that they had orders to take him to the king of Assyria for questioning. The prophet was dismayed.

He reasoned that if he weren't put to death, he would probably be imprisoned and die in the destruction of Nineveh.

Matters appeared grim for Jonah, but he was about to learn that his fears were unfounded and that the Assyrian ruler was considerably different from what he imagined him to be.

"I know about what you've been telling the people," the king said to Jonah after the prophet had been escorted to the palace. "Now I want to learn from you what this is all about."

Jonah explained who he was, why he was in Nineveh and that he completely believed what he had been telling the people.

"Many reports about the great power of the God of Israel have come to me over the years," the king observed. "I have heard what happened to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah a thousand years ago. Perhaps I am foolish to believe that it happened, but I

want no part of the wrath of your God. I can't change the ways of my people overnight, but I can decree that they fast for the next few days and cry to your God to change His mind and spare us."

"How can you force people to be repentant?" Jonah asked the king.

"I can't," was the reply. "My people may be a wicked lot, but they do have a certain respect for authority and usually follow their leader's example. My mistake has been in not exerting enough authority and good influence over them. Therefore I shall be the first to put aside my robes, dress myself in sackcloth and pray to your God in public to spare us. Those who refuse to follow my example will surely be the first to die."

The People Repent

Jonah was surprised that the king of this pagan nation was affected so strongly by the prophet's warning. The ruler of Assyria immediately ordered that all the Ninevites, including their animals, refrain from eating and drinking.

Furthermore, animals as well as people were to be dressed in sackcloth. The Ninevites were also com-

manded to forego their regular pursuits and spend their time seriously calling on the Great God of Israel, possessor of Heaven and Earth, to not destroy Nineveh.

The people willingly obeyed the king's orders because they were fearful of what would happen to them. Within hours the tempo, mood and outlook of the people of this vast Gentile city were abruptly altered. The people had changed from their wicked ways. (Jonah 3:5-9.)

By this time the forty days Jonah had mentioned had almost expired. Tension and fear mounted rapidly.

Jonah was free to go where he pleased. He left, but only to go a mile or so from the east wall to take up a temporary residence with his burro in a rocky spot from which he could command a good view of Nineveh but could take safety behind boulders if the annihilation of the city came about by some exceedingly violent means. (Jonah 4:5.)

An ominous, nerve-racking silence came over Nineveh as the hours dragged by. The fortieth day dawned. Thousands fearfully wondered if the end



Many of the inhabitants of Nineveh were so troubled by Jonah's warning that they fled from the city and rushed to the mountains to find places of refuge.

would come through an earthquake, a hurricane or by fire from the sky.

As the day drew to a close, Jonah stared from behind a boulder, waiting in wearing apprehension for the terrible thing he hoped for God to do. He firmly held the tether of his burro, lest the animal bolt and run at some sudden loud noise or light. The prophet shivered with suspense as the sun disappeared behind Nineveh's walls and sank beyond the horizon of the distant western desert — the fortieth day was over and God had not sent the evil Jonah so expected.

Those were supposed to be the fatal moments, but nothing happened except the advent of darkness. Jonah was puzzled. All night he kept a vigil beside the boulder. By the time the sun came up over the eastern mountains, the prophet's perplexity had turned to disappointment. He was resentful and even angry because God had failed to do what He had threatened to do. (Jonah 3:10.)

"Back when you first told me to go to Nineveh I was afraid that this thing would happen," Jonah said aloud irritably, intending that God would hear his opinion. "That's why I took a ship to the west. I knew that You are merciful, kind and slow to anger, and that You very likely would decide to spare the Ninevites if they showed any desire to repent. They did and You changed Your mind. Now the Assyrians will think of me only as one who has deceived them. When they find me, they'll kill me. I want You to take my life. I would rather die by Your hand than by the bloody weapons of Ninevites who are angry because I caused them so much fear and terror." (Jonah 4:1-3.)

Jonah's Resentment

Jonah continued to kneel for a time, expecting God to snatch his life from him at any moment. But as in the case of Nineveh, nothing happened. Instead, the prophet was startled to hear a distinct voice. He looked quickly around him, but the only living thing he could see was his burro. It obviously heard nothing.

"You are angry with Me, your God," the voice uttered. "Do you consider that wise? Why are you disappointed because the people of Nineveh are still alive? Do you think that they are more concerned with you than with knowing that they have been allowed to live?" (Jonah 4:4.)

"I dare not show myself to these men who will become the enemies of Israel as soon as they conquer the Syrians," was Jonah's bitter answer.

"The Israelites have refused to repent after I warned them through you what would happen to them if they continued in idolatry," God pointed out. (II Kings 14:25). "They don't have as much respect for their Creator as do the Assyrians. Then why should I not use the Assyrians to punish them?"

Jonah was miserable. Besides his mental distress, a physical problem was rapidly developing. As the sun went higher, the heat became very intense. Jonah tried to produce some shade by constructing a kind of booth out from the boulder. All he had to use were rocks and dried weeds and branches, and he wasn't very successful. He feared to move elsewhere lest he be discovered and attacked, though his fears were ungrounded. All he could do was sit with his coat over his head and hope that he would survive the almost unbearable rays of the blazing sun.

Next morning Jonah was startled to find that he was in the shade of a large plant that overnight had sprung out of the ground. Broad, green leaves were spreading themselves between him and the sky, shielding him from the hot solar rays that had plagued him earlier. He realized that this was something that God had miraculously prepared for his relief. He was pleased and thankful, but his unhappy attitude concerning Nineveh continued to gnaw at his mind. (Jonah 4:6.)

Next day dawned hot again, but Jonah remained comfortable under the wide leaves of the unusual plant. Then, as suddenly as it had come up, the plant withered and its leaves shriveled. Again the prophet was exposed to the almost unbearable heat. As he sat staring at the remains of the plant, he even felt sorrow for it because it had lived for such a short period of time. He was concerned mainly about his comfort, but besides that he regretted to see the beautiful plant die. He didn't know that God had purposely caused a large, voracious worm to consume the vine's roots.

A hot wind came up from the east to add to the prophet's distress. That and his gnawing resentment were too much for him. He fell into a state of unconsciousness. When he regained his senses he was even more miserable than he had been before. He desperately wished (for the third time) that his life would

come to an abrupt and merciful end. That was when the voice came again to him.

Jonah Learns His Lesson

"Do you feel that you have good reason to be troubled because of the gourd plant?" the voice asked.

"I have plenty of reasons to be troubled," Jonah answered. "I'll be troubled until the day I die, and I hope it's soon!" (Jonah 4:7-9.)

"You had nothing to do with causing the plant to grow," the voice said, "but you had a feeling of sorrow for it because its life was so brief. You believe that I was unmerciful in allowing the plant to die so soon. If I should have spared that plant, shouldn't I also have spared the great city of Nineveh, with its thousands upon thousands of men, women, innocent children and helpless animals?" (Jonah 4:10-11.)

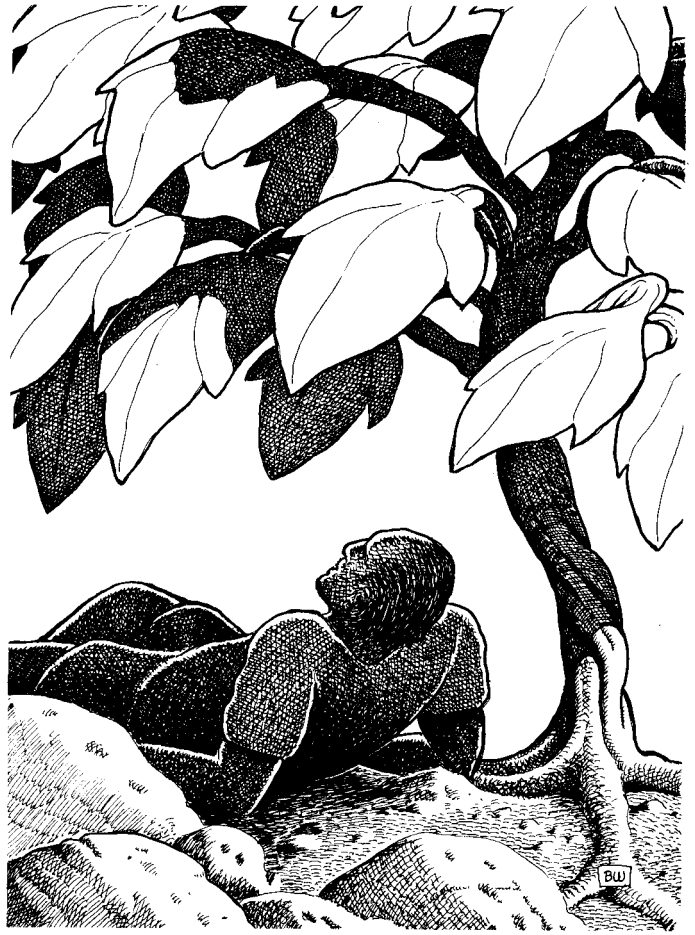
There is no record in the Scriptures of what happened next to Jonah. There is strong evidence that a monument uncovered in the ruins of Nineveh in recent years had been built to honor this prophet. Evidently he turned out to be a national hero or at least an object of great respect by the Assyrians of that time.

Eventually, in later years, as Jonah feared and as God indicated would happen, the Assyrians did come against Israel because the Israelites wouldn't turn from idolatry. That invasion meant the end, for many centuries, to the combined nationality of ten tribes of Israel, most of the people God had chosen for a profound purpose in this world and the world to come. (Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 14:2; 26:18-19; I Peter 2:9.)

Results of Justice

During the reign of Jeroboam, king of the ten northern tribes of Israel, the son of Amaziah began to rule the kingdom of Judah. His name was Uzziah, also known as Azariah. (II Kings 14:16-21; II Chronicles 26:1.) He was only sixteen years old when he became king, but because he looked to God for direction, through Zechariah the prophet, he developed into a wise, courageous ruler whose ambition was to strengthen his kingdom and improve the welfare of the people.

God prospered Uzziah and gave him success in battle. Even with his relatively small army the king overcame the Philistines, who had been a growing



Jonah looked up to discover that he was being protected from the hot rays of the sun by a plant that had suddenly sprung up beside him.

threat to Judah since the invasion of the ten tribes of Israel. The fortifications of Philistia's major cities were destroyed, including those of Gath, Ashdod and Jabneh. Uzziah's men then built towns near those cities, so that the Philistines could be kept under control through garrisons established in the new towns.

Before long the king's army had grown to 307,500 stalwart, well-trained, splendidly equipped troops under the command of 2,600 able clan chiefs. (II Chronicles 26:11-15.)

To prevent trouble from the south, Uzziah's growing army swept over territory as far as the border of Egypt, depriving hostile Arabians of the means of making serious attacks on the towns of Judah bordering the desert of the Sinai peninsula.

Many miles to the southeast, at the northern tip of the Gulf of Aqaba of the Red Sea, Uzziah's men took over the seaport town of Elath, which had formerly belonged to Judah. The port was rebuilt and equipped for a continuance of the sea commerce Solomon had started from that gulf on the east side of

the Sinai peninsula. (II Chronicles 26:2-7; II Kings 14:22.)

Moving in separate bands spread over wide areas, Uzziah's army marched to the southeast and up around the south end of the Dead Sea. There was little resistance until reaching the country of the Ammonites, who met the invaders and were defeated. Instead of destroying his victims, Uzziah demanded that they bring a regular tribute to Jerusalem. (II Chronicles 26:8.)

Convinced that his nation was at least temporarily safe from attack from three directions, Uzziah set about improving conditions for raising sheep and cattle. Large flocks and herds were raised on the plains bordering the Paran desert in the northern part of the Sinai peninsula. In this lonely region shepherds and herdsmen had often lost their lives and their animals in surprise attacks by Arabians. To prevent this, fortifications were established at various places throughout the grazing frontier. These included high towers from which watchmen could see for miles over the plains and spot approaching marauders in time to prepare for defense. Wells were dug as close as possible to the fortified shelters and towers, so that men and animals wouldn't have to move long distances to water, previously available at much fewer locations.

Wells were also dug in areas where farming could be developed and expanded. Although he had made war and defense first in the order of things, Uzziah was far more interested in agriculture. He felt that everything possible should be done to balance agriculture and to get the most good out of the soil of all regions — mountains, valleys and plains. (II Chronicles 26:10.)

Having established strong projects of food production and commerce, the king of Judah turned his attention to repairing the aging walls of Jerusalem. Towers were built at various locations along the walls. Special movable platforms were constructed on the wall tops for the placement of extraordinary defense machines, some to shoot clusters of giant arrows and others to hurl heavy stones with tremendous force.

Such outstanding devices, never known before, were invented and built by men who were very skillful, ingenious mechanics. These unusual engines of war, generally powered by the sudden release of tension in cables and springy planks, were objects of

wonder to all who saw them or heard of them. (II Chronicles 26:9, 15.)

Luxury Breeds Conceit

Over the years Uzziah became powerful, prosperous and quite respected because he had honored and obeyed God. Unhappily, there came a time when he began to think of himself as a very special person. In spite of the wisdom he had used for so long, good judgment began to fade the more he thought of himself as greatly superior to other men.

One day when there were special services at the temple and many worshippers were present, Uzziah decided that the congregation would take more interest in the ceremonies if he were to take over some of the functions of the priests. After making a dramatic entrance up the steps to the temple, he turned to the crowd.

"Inasmuch as this is a special day, your king will assume the responsibility of burning incense on the incense altar," he announced.

There was a murmur of approval from those in the audience who weren't aware that only a priest was to burn incense at the temple. (Exodus 30:7-8; Numbers 16:1-40; 18:1-7.) Those who were aware of it only stared and probably thought that Uzziah had made some special arrangement with Azariah the high priest. But Azariah, standing off to one side, was surprised by the king's words. His surprise gave way to grave concern as Uzziah strode into the temple and toward the sanctuary.

"He must be stopped!" Azariah exclaimed in a low voice to one of his assistants. "Bring all the priests to me at the entrance of the sanctuary immediately!"

Moments later the priests gathered around Azariah, who hastily walked into the sanctuary with his men.

"Leave this room at once!" the high priest firmly called out to the king, who was standing by the incense altar.

Uzziah, holding a smoking censer, slowly turned and glared at Azariah.

"The king of Judah does not jump at the command of a priest!" he muttered angrily.

"Then I beg you to leave here before God shows His displeasure!" the high priest implored Uzziah. (II Chronicles 26:16-18.) □

(To be continued next issue)

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More than seven million copies sold last year. Forty different companies print this Book and the total number of hundreds of millions of copies printed and distributed is impossible to estimate. It has now been translated into over 1400 different languages. Consistently every year's best seller by a very wide margin, the Bible is the most printed, most purchased, most freely distributed, LEAST READ book known to man! Bruce Barton referred to it as "The Book Nobody Knows." You need to know this Book; to know it you have to read it.

by David Jon Hill

WHY are there so many Bibles? If you could make a survey of the *use* of the myriad millions of Bibles that have been printed, the results would astound you. Think about it a minute — what *are* all those Bibles being used for?

Traditionally every family has its Bible. Many a person has been able to trace his ancestry, perhaps establish the date of his own birth, from the records kept in the pages of the Family Bible. Long before governments required record-keeping for their citizens, the Family Bible was the depository for the statistics of marriages, births and deaths — and in many instances that Family Bible was passed on from generation to generation.

Every preacher has a Bible, or Bibles. Bibles are used, or at least *appear*, at marriages, funerals and church services. Bibles occupy lonely vigils on the mantelpiece, the coffee table, the bedside light stand or somewhere else where it would *appear* that they are in daily use.

Many a Bible lies in lonely isolation in a hotel or motel room — its cover stained with coffee or highball rings, its pages never opened!

In the courts of the land (which cherish the principle of the separation of church and state) Bibles are part of the legal paraphernalia of every trial. Witnesses are required to place their

hands on this black Book, raise their right hands toward the ceiling and swear: "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God." Strangely enough, inside the covers of that Bible, the One who inspired all of its 33 major authors over a period of about 1600 years, that One we call Jesus Christ of Nazareth, is quoted as commanding *His* followers, "But *I* say unto you, SWEAR NOT AT ALL! . . . But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these *cometh of evil*" (Matt. 5:34-37). Perhaps the people who devised this procedure never *read the Book?*

Jesus had the same problem with the lawyers and preachers of His day. They were supposed to be great students of the Book, disciples of Moses, sons of David, followers of Abraham. They had spent great portions of their lives poring over manuscripts, learning by rote the more than a million words of tradition *attached to* the Book by their venerable fathers. They knew Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Chaldean and probably Egyptian hieroglyphics inside out and upside down. But somehow they missed the point. They couldn't see eye to eye with the One Abraham, Moses and David worshipped and wrote about so prolifically. Therefore Christ's constant advice to these great scholars was sim-

ply to "*Read the Book.*" (Matt. 12:3; 12:5; 19:4; 21:16; 21:42; 22:31; Mark 2:25; 12:10; 12:26; Luke 6:3.)

"The Simplicity of Christ"

Another friend and worshipper of Christ — Isaiah — summed up the problem that seems to face mankind in every generation. Mankind, presented with the instruction book from His Creator is reluctant to apply its principles. The wise, educated and learned men from the depths of their book-lined studies look down their erudite noses at the One who says, "Please read this Book," and respond to Him, "I can't read that book because it's sealed — it wasn't meant to be understood or applied literally. It's just an archaic collection of superstitions whose meanings have been lost or are hidden from us today." Take the same Book to the man in the street, ask him to read the Book and he replies, "I haven't got any education. How can I understand what's in the Book?" (See Isaiah 29:11-12.)

"Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their *heart* far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men . . ." (Isaiah 29:13). People like to give the *appearance* of being religious. They like to have their pomp and ceremony — they like to have their *ceremonial* Bible — but they don't want to apply it to their own lives. The same God who inspired Isaiah, inspired Paul to write, "They profess that they know God, but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (Titus 1:16).

People who are in control of the ecclesiastical and political machinery want to impress upon the masses the opinion that the Word of God cannot be understood, and certainly not by any layman. If this impression were not

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given and the Bible were read as the plain-spoken instruction book from God to man, then people would soon see that there were many things being done in high places which were in *direct contradiction to the Word of God* taken plainly for exactly what it says! This would never do!

The average fellow on the street doesn't want to bother to read the Book from his Creator for at least two reasons:

1) He feels that the professionals in the field of religion should be able to read and interpret *for* him whatever message God might have.

2) Deep down he may be afraid that he would discover something in the message of his Master which would require him to *change his mode of living!*

Therefore, almost everybody overlooks the simple request of Christ — "Read the Book!"

A Good Example

Perhaps the best example of this reasoning applied is regarding the book of Revelation. We are told by clerics and scholars that the book of Revelation is rife with symbols, allegories and similes — weird visions of beasts of fantasy — hidden in deep meanings which cannot be understood. We are told the book of Revelation is veiled, hidden and sealed — that *nobody* can really understand it — and that certainly it couldn't be applied to anyone's personal life or Today's World! Therefore it is recommended that you not bother to read it as it will just confuse you. Some even go so far as to claim that too much Bible study will drive you insane! And certainly the adherents to this general belief about the book of Revelation would agree that the book of Revelation fits this statement more than any other Bible book. In addition, the comments *men* have added to your Bible will probably show this last book as being titled, "The Revelation of St. John the Divine."

Now let's try an experiment. Let's just follow the instruction of our Saviour and "read the Book." Sure enough, my King James translation of the Bible says on page 326, "The Revelation of St. John the Divine." However when I "read *the* Book" I discover that chapter one, verse one — which is the inspired Word of God and not some title man has placed upon it — *it* says, "The Revelation of *Jesus Christ!*"

Now think just a minute. We only read the first *part* of *one* sentence of the Book and it has in plain, straightforward language contradicted the opinion of the scholars. 1) It is *not* the revelation of St. John — he is merely the scribe of the One who is giving the revelation — Jesus Christ. 2) It is however, called, "Revelation." Now, this is a correct translation of the original Greek so let's check our dictionaries and see what the title of this book means. According to *Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary*, "revelation" means "An act of *revealing* or communicating divine truth; an act of revealing to view or something that is revealed, especially an enlightening or astonishing disclosure."

Isn't that amazing? No definition given to indicate veiled, hidden or sealed!

Let's read this book some more. In verse three it says, "*Blessed* is he that readeth"! Your Creator Jesus Christ pronounces a direct *blessing* on you if you read the words of this book — and indeed the same blessing applies to every other word which He has written (Matt. 4:4; Luke 4:4). It would seem that Jesus had some reason for advising scholars and laymen alike to simply read the words which they professed they held as their Holy Book — to simply read those words, believe them and do them! Let's read the rest of that third verse and then continue, "Blessed is he that *readeth*, and they that *hear* the words of this prophecy, and *keep* those

things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

Something Old and Something New

The great body of "believers" in the Old Testament will try to inform you that the New Testament is of no value. The great body of "believers" of the New Testament will tell you the same thing about the Old.

DON'T BELIEVE EITHER!

When Jesus Christ was being tempted by Satan the devil, all His answers to that wily, subtle being came straight from the Word which He had inspired His holy men of old to write. The very first statement that He countered Satan with is recorded in Matt. 4, verse 4. "*It is written*, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Christ was always using this expression, "*It is written*." This particular statement, which is New Testament to the core, came from the heart of the Law in the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 8, verse 3. Read *that* Book!

Jesus' simple advice to the supposed religious ones of His day was, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. . . . For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me" (John 5:39, 46).

Besides all these reasons direct from our Creator, there are many other reasons to read this Book.

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It stands unique among all books for its historical value alone.

It is at least *claimed* as the basis for all Judeo-Christian societies and so involves all Western civilization and much of the rest of the world.

It has contained within its pages

THE BIBLE SAYS

March-April, 1970

"The SOUL that sinneth, it shall DIE!" (Ezekiel 18:4, 20.)

"If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him." (I Corinthians 11:14.)

"Ye shall NOT surely die!" (Genesis 3:4.) That was Satan talking to Eve — and most of Eve's children have believed that Bible-recorded, Satanic lie of an "immortal soul" ever since!

"The Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." (Mark 2:28.)

Jesus Christ said: "NO MAN hath ascended up to heaven!" (John 3:13.)

Jesus Christ said: "Think NOT that I am come to send peace on earth . . ." (Matthew 10:34).

The Apostle Paul kept the seventh-day Sabbath as a Christian custom (Acts 17:2).

Christ said He spoke in parables to HIDE "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 13:10-13.)

The first time Jews are mentioned they are shown as being at war with Israel! (II Kings 16:6.)

THE BIBLE NOWHERE SAYS

The soul is immortal — the words "immortal soul" are not found in the Bible.

That Jesus Christ came to bring peace. "I came NOT to send peace, but a sword." (Matthew 10:34.)

That the heavens and the earth are only 6,000 years old.

That heaven is the reward of the saved.

That Sunday is "The LORD'S DAY."

"Adam fell" nor does it use the expression "The fall of man" — but Jesus said, "I beheld SATAN as lightning FALL from heaven." (Luke 10:18.)

Birthdays should be observed. At the only two birthday parties mentioned in the Bible — Pharoah's and Herod's — someone was decapitated at each event!

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

"Spare the rod and spoil the child."

The sinful dead suffer for eternity in the burning fires of hell.

many straightforward, plain, practical, simple pieces of advice on the conduct of daily life that are priceless.

Famous characters from history comment:

"Give me liberty or give me death!" said Patrick Henry. Patrick Henry also said, "The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed."

The Father of the United States of America — George Washington — bluntly stated: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

Queen Victoria, at the helm of Great Britain when it became Great, stoutly claimed, "That book accounts for the supremacy of England!" And only by reading deeply in the pages of Scripture can you fully appreciate the truth of *that* statement!

Horace Greeley loudly proclaimed, "The principles of the Bible are the ground-work of human freedom."

Sir William Herschel put it this way: "All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths contained in the Sacred Scriptures." Ambassador College has inscribed in stone at its Academic Center a motto which echoes this in different words: "The Word of God is the foundation of all knowledge." Lord Tennyson stresses it this way: "Bible reading is an education in itself."

Also about Bible reading, John Quincy Adams claimed, "I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible *once every year*."

How to Read the Book

Before you can read the Book, you have to *have* the Book. Just in case you do not have a Bible available, let me point out that you can purchase one of fine quality for less than a dollar from your local Salvation Army depot. Used Bibles are inexpensive — and as books go, used Bibles are very little *used*.

Silly as it may seem, I suggest that you begin reading this Book with the first chapter on page one. "In the beginning God created . . ." (Genesis 1:1). To begin reading any book which contained 1,189 chapters by beginning on chapter 930 (Matthew) would seem rather strange, wouldn't it?! So, casting

all prejudices aside, how about beginning to read at the beginning like any other book and just read it through as rapidly as you can — don't bother about studying now — don't bother about solving problems now — just "read the Book."

If you read at a bare minimum of slightly over 200 words a minute, and if you spend just ten minutes a day in this reading of the Bible, you will have completed your reading from Genesis through Revelation — you will have read the 773,746 words of Scripture by this time next year!

Of course as you read, you may get quite interested and spend more than ten minutes and therefore finish the Book sooner! There are all kinds of interesting things in the Bible, and as you get into it, you'll find it just as hard to put down as any gripping novel any author might put together. History, intrigue, sex, violence, poetry, logic, reason, prophecy — all march with quick tread through the pages of the Bible.

You'll quickly become acquainted with the main characters — Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Moses, David and Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Malachi, Matthew, Jesus, John and Paul! These and many more we have no space to mention here (Hebrews 11:32). All these people living through events that seem so ancient will have direct meaning for you. All those events which occurred to those men in the distant past happened, and are written and preserved for us to read, so that we would profit from reading their examples in this last day of mankind before the intervention of Jesus Christ! (I Cor. 10:6, 11.)

Surprises in Store for You

You'll discover that the Old Testament is neither done away, dead, or for that matter even "Old"! You will discover that there is a tremendous amount of New Testament in the Old Testament and an amazing amount of Old in the New Testament! You'll run across many statements, perhaps some in every chapter, which in plain, simple Bible language (like we read in Revelation) will contradict what you have always believed the Bible said. Just because some preacher pounds the pulpit and says, "The Bible says . . .," doesn't mean

THE OLD TESTAMENT SAYS

The Lord will give grace and glory — Psalm 84:11.

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your HEART — Deuteronomy 10:16.

I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord — Genesis 49:18.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself — Leviticus 19:18.

And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness — Genesis 15:6.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might — Deuteronomy 6:5.

Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant — Jeremiah 31:31.

What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God — Micah 6:8.

THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS

Christ judges and makes war — Revelation 19:11.

Think NOT (Christ said) that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets — Matthew 5:17.

There remaineth therefore a keeping of a Sabbath to the people of God — Hebrews 4:9.

Out of his (Christ's) mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God — Revelation 19:15.

The doers of the law shall be justified — Romans 2:13.

If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments — Matthew 19:17.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? — James 2:20.

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What sort of lives did they live so you could hold in your hands this God-inspired volume? Read it for yourself in Hebrews 11:33-38. They through faith "conquered kingdoms, ruled in justice and proved the truth of God's promises. They shut the mouths of lions, they quenched the furious blaze of fire, they escaped from death itself. From being weaklings they became strong men and mighty warriors; they routed whole armies of foreigners. Women received their dead raised to life again, while others were tortured and refused to be ransomed, because they wanted to deserve a more honorable resurrection in the world to come. Others were exposed to the test of public mockery and floggings, and to the torture of being left bound in prison. They were killed by stoning, by being sawn in two; they were tempted by specious promises of release and then were killed with the sword. Many became refugees with nothing but sheepskins or goat-skins to cover them. They lost everything and yet were spurned and ill-

treated by a world that was too evil to see their worth" (Phillip's Translation.)

Jewish scribes carefully and faithfully preserved every "jot and tittle" of the Hebrew record, as did Greek scribes for the New Testament. Never was the task easy.

Periodic Roman persecutions against Christians were directed also against this book. Diocletian, in perhaps the most severe attempt to destroy Christianity, ordered the burning of all its sacred books in the year 303 — yet the Scriptures survived.

After Constantine, imperial attacks against the Bible came to an end, and Jerome's Vulgate translation into Latin at the end of the Fourth Century became the accepted standard of the Western World. But the day of persecution was not over.

In the 1500's, Tyndale was forced to go to Germany to do his translation of the New Testament from the original Greek. Church authorities in England had prohibited a new English translation. In 1536, only eleven years after he finished the first printed English New Testament, Tyndale was strangled and burned at the stake for his efforts after a year's imprisonment at Vilvorde.

Others also found it dangerous to be too closely identified with the translation or circulation of the English Bible. Coverdale narrowly escaped with his life; Crammer and Rogers were brought to the stake; many others sought safety in flight. Even men who bought or sold these early English Bibles were threatened, sometimes tried for heresy, sometimes put to death.

Many were martyred to give us the book we could so carelessly lay aside. Their sacrifice becomes worthwhile only if we make it worthwhile by learning its lessons through diligent study!

that the Bible *does* indeed say that. Jesus' admonition to anyone like that is the same as it was to the Bible pounders of His day — "Read the Book!"

As you read along, there will be questions that come to mind. I suggest that you take a pencil and draw a faint line in the margin where the question comes, so that later you will be able to go back and begin solving some of these

questions. However, many of those questions will be solved by simply reading *through* the Book.

If you determine to read the Book, it will be the most rewarding thing you've done in a long time. Every article that you read in TOMORROW'S WORLD, *The PLAIN TRUTH* and other literature you receive from Ambassador College will come alive more than ever before. You

will for the first time be *able* to follow the example of the Bereans as mentioned in Acts 17:10-11, where they listened to what Paul had to say when he preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then they were able to go home and search the Scriptures *daily* to confirm the things he said.

You will experience a special joy that comes from realizing that the most simple mind, guided by the Spirit of God, *can understand* God's plain-spoken, simple, straightforward Truth! You'll begin to feel like King David who said, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me *wiser* than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have *more understanding* than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I *understand* more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:97-104).

Even if you have read *parts* of the Book before, I still suggest that you read right through from the beginning to the end as rapidly as possible. Get the flow and the feeling of the Book your Creator wrote to you.

One personal request — I would appreciate very much hearing from you to know whether or not you are indeed going to read the Book. And when you *finish*, I would very sincerely appreciate hearing that you have *accomplished* what you set out to do.

One more, and *most* important thing. God tells us through Isaiah the *attitude* we should have as we read His Book: "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and *trembleth at my word*. Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed" (Isaiah 66:2, 5).

May God richly bless you as you READ THE BOOK! □

Don't let life HAPPEN!

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death. You try your *best* to GET HIS ATTENTION, to keep his eyes FOCUSED ON YOU — and to plead, to urge, to gently lead, to somehow *convince* your precious little son that he should come *forward*, back into the room.

How would you feel? Wouldn't your very BEING be crying out for him to OBEY what *you* know is the sudden difference between HORRIBLE DEATH — and continued *life*? Wouldn't your very heart be in your eyes, in your voice — in your deepest emotional *concern* for the precious young life hanging between life and death?

But what if, just before you reached out to save your son — he *rebelled*?

What if, in his infantile mind, he decided to find out what one step BACKWARD would be like? What if he decided to make up his OWN mind about which way he would go — and, being naturally rebellious (as the HUMAN HEART IS), and since you had already so urgently told him what you EARNESTLY, LOVINGLY, PLEADINGLY *wanted* him to do — what if he decided to step backwards?

Can we get the point?

God *knows* WHAT IS BEST FOR US!

But headstrong, self-willed man just CAN'T BELIEVE it! We have *refused* God's LOVING concern for us and decided to go the way of our carnal, vanity-filled, lustful human nature.

Some decide to choose evil. That is, to choose the way of *society*, the way of their friends, their neighbors, their relatives, their own environment. Others simply decide NOT to choose God's WAY, not realizing they *have* made a choice and the wrong one.

God says, "Because I have called, and ye *refused*; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof" (Prov. 1:24-25).

Are YOU one of the mixed-up, miserable, frustrated, empty people who make up the majority?

NATURALLY, you are! But it's UNNATURAL to be happy. It's UNUSUAL to be joyful. It's RARE to have *real* peace of mind, security, a sense of purpose and direction.

Let's understand why.

We've seen *what human nature is*. It is vanity, lust and greed. It is SELF. It is *totally* ingrown, introverted, inward, self-centered, egoistic SELF!

And that's the very REASON *human nature is unhappy!*

What are the "fruits" produced in the lives of all the people you know who are living in the way that just comes "naturally" to them? "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [lawlessness], idolatry [covetousness, lust], witchcraft, hatred, variance [instability], emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like..." (Gal. 5:19-21). Sound like anyone you know?

These are the *natural* outcome of a way of living that is MOST appealing to carnal human nature. They're the things that will just seem to automatically "HAPPEN" to you. You may not always INTEND it that way — but somehow, all those horrible "works of the flesh" just seem to HAPPEN to most people.

Why?

Because they DON'T HAVE THE ONE MISSING INGREDIENT THAT WOULD CHANGE THEIR WHOLE LIVES!

You are NOT "all there"! You're NOT COMPLETE — unless you have received of the MISSING INGREDIENT that changes your very nature.

God MADE man — and He made man to *need*, and *need desperately*, God's Holy Spirit!

Without it, it is utterly IMPOSSIBLE for any human to live a happy life!

With it, life can become full of *meaning, bountiful, beautiful, harmonious, joyful, happy, successful, purposeful!* But this is not all!

God says, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9).

You were BORN to be BEGOTTEN! That may sound a little strange to some of you who are *new subscribers* to TOMORROW'S WORLD. But it's true!

You are only PARTLY THERE until you have REPENTED, been baptized, and, by the laying on of hands by God's chosen servants, received the Spirit of God. In the book written from *man's* point of view, Ecclesiastes, Solomon views life. He surveys *all aspects* of life — every gamut of human emotion, each experiment, every pleasure, every lust and vanity.

Finally, disgusted with the sum total of it all, he says, "Therefore I *hated life*; because the work [the way of life] that is wrought under the sun is grievous to me, for *all* is vanity and striving after wind [margin]" (Eccl. 2:17).

Yes, even Solomon became a potential suicide!

But at the conclusion of this important book, he was inspired to write, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: FEAR GOD, and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, *for this is the whole of man*" (Eccl. 12:13). Translators *added* the word, "duty," which appears in *italics*, indicating it was not in the original.

But the intended meaning is clear. It is the knowledge of God, the fear of God, the *obedience* to His COMMANDS (which is only possible by the receiving of His Holy Spirit) that makes you COMPLETE!

It changes your whole perspective. It changes your outlook, your point of view, your opinions, your very thought processes, your reasoning. It changes your *attitude*, it *lifts* your spirit, it *enlivens, energizes, vivifies*. It's the most precious, priceless, bountiful blessing a loving Father could EVER *give you* — a part of His own LIFE!

You need to *thoroughly understand* WHY YOU WERE BORN, and what you ought to be *doing* about it. Send for the booklets, *Just What Do You Mean, Salvation?* and *All About Water Baptism!*

Personal Counsel

One way we are prepared to serve YOU that many of you new subscribers to TOMORROW'S WORLD may not realize is this: As a part of the ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, we now have TRAINED MEN — graduates of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE — available in all parts of the United States and in many

parts of the world, ready to counsel with you PERSONALLY — to answer questions — to help you with any spiritual problems — even to baptize any who are ready for it, if any should, voluntarily, and with no solicitation from us, so desire. Please do not construe this announcement as an “invitation” of any sort — but from time to time, people write to us, wanting to know if a *personal* visit is possible.

Because we say in literature, and you hear on radio, “there is no follow-up — no one will call on you” — many may have MISUNDERSTOOD. What we mean to say to the public is that there will be no follow-up trying to sell them something, or trying to talk them into becoming a “member” of anything. We

have NOTHING TO SELL. Giving us your name and address for requested literature, or a subscription (free — already paid) to any of our literature does not mean someone will come knocking uninvited on your door.

We WON'T send anyone to see you, UNWANTED. Not unless you REQUEST IT! But, if you would like one of our trained men, graduates of AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, to call and counsel with you about any problems, answer any questions — even explain anything in the Bible, there is such a man NEAR YOU! So please feel free to invite such a visit. That's what they are there for. And of course you know they have nothing to sell. They won't ask you for money. They won't plead with you —

or even urge you — to “be converted” or baptized, or to join anything. Of course, if you WANT and request help in finding God and letting Christ REALLY come into your heart and life, they are fully qualified to HELP. But they will not try to shove anything on you. They are qualified to EXPLAIN the Bible if you ask but never will they argue. Actually most of them are consecrated and ordained ministers. They, and we here at the Headquarters of this great Work, want only to HELP — to SERVE. We count it a PRIVILEGE to do so.

Remember you NEED God's Holy Spirit. Without it, life will just “happen” to you.

With it, YOU will happen to life! □

Personal from the Editor

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this end, further, we will, until October, reduce the broadcasting of *The WORLD TOMORROW* on many stations to once a week. However, on most of the larger, more powerful stations, the program will continue through the summer daily.

We started this magazine — TOMORROW'S WORLD — with the June, 1969, number, with a circulation of 125,000. This current issue has grown to almost a HALF MILLION copies in ten short months — actually 475,000 copies!!!

REMEMBER — our temporary bi-monthly plan does not shut off receiving NEW SUBSCRIBERS. It merely reduces the frequency of issue until new facilities and increased revenues make possible monthly issues once again.

But I must take you into my confidence one step further.

These cutbacks in publishing and broadcasting *alone* do not solve the situation.

This Work is the Work of the living God. It is directed, headed, guided (and blessed) by the living Jesus Christ. We are His instruments. As such we must be wise stewards. The moneys that come to supply the needs of this Work are GOD'S. We are

His stewards, and must give account. We cannot handle God's funds carelessly, as many in this world who are right now going under. Cutbacks in the government's space program and in Vietnam are forcing many firms, giant and small, into deep financial trouble and even failure.

So, although we DO NOT solicit new Co-Workers to join those who do support this Work financially with their tithes and offerings, it is necessary to explain that there is *need* to increase revenues. This very GROWTH and SUCCESS of our circulation-expansion plan has increased operational expenditures.

Therefore it is incumbent on me to make a frank and candid STATEMENT of the circumstances that led to the temporary bi-monthly policy in regard to the magazines, and temporary summer reduction in frequency of broadcast on many radio stations.

This is the first time such a statement has been made in this magazine. It is not a request — we want new Co-Workers to *become* contributors voluntarily — unsolicited. But when additional ones do wish to have part in this great Work, in *whatever* amount, they are welcomed gratefully. (Incidentally, there is nothing to join, never any obligation.)

TOMORROW'S WORLD was designed, originally, to serve the 125,000 Co-Workers who, of their own volition and initiative, have become regular con-

tributors to the financial needs of this Work. But by the time of issuance of the first number, we felt that many others — readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* or listeners to the *WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast — would also want to share in reading this magazine of Biblical understanding. So we offered it to PLAIN TRUTH readers, and made — I think it was TWO announcements of it by radio — and now the circulation has grown to nearly a half million copies.

And I felt, personally, that this complete frank and candid announcement should be made to our entire readership, and not to our family of Co-Workers only.

This expansion program has proven an overwhelming SUCCESS. It has, it is true, brought problems. We know they will be solved, and the Work of the living God will leap on to constantly accelerating GREATER success, serving and helping EVER-INCREASING MILLIONS!

The world is HUNGRY for what we have to give. NEVER has it been so vitally NEEDED. I repeat — the overwhelming SUCCESS of our new circulation drive demonstrates it! It's the GREATEST NEED in the world today! But we have to slow down temporarily, for we can GIVE only as we receive and as facilities permit.

I guess I have to end this SPECIAL NOTICE by saying, “WE APOLOGIZE — BUT YOU SWAMPED US!” □

Letters to the Editor

True Gospel

I also received Saturday the January copy of *Tomorrow's World*. I have completely read it from front to back pages. I have never found a magazine so packed with dynamite. You two had better be right... though what you say literally scares me half to death on first impact. I have read the definition of the Gospel as you gave it in the article "What is the True Gospel?" in January *Tomorrow's World* at least a dozen times, but it eluded me somehow till that last time around and then the glimmer, so I am going to work on that glimmer until it gets to be a bright shining light of understanding. I have heard "believe the gospel and accept Christ as your Saviour" all my life. I didn't have any trouble believing about Jesus Christ and His mission, but that gospel bit eluded me. Your definition is far different than what the conglomeration of ideas I received along my life way gave to me. Again, you two had better be right! I have lived the better 2/3's at least of my life, and the mess the world is in and what you are predicting will come about, doesn't leave me much left to be SURE I AM ON THE RIGHT PATH.

Blanche G.,
Arcadia, Cal.

• *God is right. His Truth is in the Bible. We urge you to prove us by that Book. You're on the right track, Blanche — just keep that open mind and straightforward approach your letter indicates — it's a Berean attitude (see Acts 17:11).*

The Bible — A New Dimension

The Dec. 1969 issue of *Tomorrow's World* article by Ronald Dart: The Bible opened a new dimension for me. As a past master of a Masonic Lodge I had used the first 3 verses of the Bible many times, without really understanding them — I'm not sure if I do now — but I'm closer. After reading Isaiah 45:18 several times I think I got the drift. I think every Biblical quote used is taken out of context to apply to any situation the writer or speaker intends to emphasize, or corroborate. Would appreciate receiving the two articles "Did God Create a Devil?" and "Dinosaurs Before Adam?" Your article about money in the same issue is also very thought-provoking. You have told it like it is.

Ray A.,
Campbellsport, Wis.

Let's Get Down to Business

I have just finished reading your magazine — *The Good News of Tomorrow's World* (Dec. 1969). In the article "Why Does God Hide Himself?" on page 33, there are two paragraphs beginning with the words "Let's get down to business." That is exactly what I would like to do so I am requesting a special, private appointment. Thank you for the opportunity.

Jean W.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

I have just finished your article "Why Is God Hiding?" in December's *Tomorrow's World*. I was brought up in a major denomination and have just completed a Bible course with another denomination and felt these teachings were lacking something very important, something that I am happy to say I have found through you. I have started tithing (to support the Work of Ambassador College) and have begun a study of the Bible like no other study I have ever undertaken. I must admit I was for almost 2 years using drugs like grass and LSD and thinking I was really experiencing God. Boy, was I ever wrong. After a short exposure to your magazines and booklets, I can truly say I am on my way to becoming God's servant as I was meant to be. I feel very sad that many very young people like myself were, and some still are, hung up on drugs instead of God... I would like a private interview about baptism.

J. J.,
San Bruno, Calif.

• *We agree with your sentiments 100%; thank you both for an open mind. The private interviews you request are certainly happily granted.*

Holidays, Headaches and Hangovers

Your January issue opened my eyes to much and I am grateful. I appreciate knowing about Christmas and the genuine conditions and circumstances concerning my fellow man. I will begin immediately with God's help to be faithful with my tithes and will try to really put into my daily life the teachings of the Lord. You are correct in stating the world rejects all correct knowledge if it is different than the way a man desires to go. I know my decision about Christmas will be met with anger and rejection by my relatives since I have four children. However, if it's in the Bible — it is the right way, and I thank you for printing the scriptures so that I could look it up for myself. I'm enjoying my Bible lessons very much but in all honesty, after reading the articles in this month's *Tomorrow's World* they will hold more meaning for me.

Barbara Z.,
San Bernardino, Cal.

• *Talk it over with the family. Prove what you read in the reference books of your local library. Make a family project of it — ask them to write up the pros and cons of the subject. You'll probably be surprised to see the kids may be as eager to quit the hypocrisy of Christmas as you are — the truth really does set you FREE!*

I have no words to express just how much I enjoyed reading this month's *Tomorrow's World*. My husband and I especially enjoyed your article "Holidays, Headaches and Hangovers — Why?" and as

a result of reading this we plan to drop our Christmas celebrations altogether.

Mrs. Elmer C.,
Annona, Texas

"God So Loved the World..."

Please send me *Tomorrow's World* and *Famine — Can We Survive?* About the latter question I would quote "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Jesus Christ). God did a beautiful job of caring for 3 million persons (Israelites if you will) for 40 years in the Arabian desert and I think He will take care of His Israelites in any case. As far as the Gentiles and the unthankful in general, they do not deserve anything but the reaping of what they have sown. Right?

F. Maison M.,
Cantrill, Iowa

• *Wrong!! God is the Father of all men (Malachi 2:10). He would not that any man should perish (II Peter 3:9). It is His desire to give mercy to all (I Tim. 2:4). Anybody can become a Spiritual Israelite (Gal. 3:29). Our Father is NOT an exclusivist — and soon He'll send His Son to save the whole world from committing suicide — that's why we call this magazine The Good [not the BAD] News of TOMORROW'S WORLD!*

Tithing

I have just finished reading my first copy of *Tomorrow's World* and have found it extremely interesting and educational. It answers so very plainly the many questions which have been on my mind for so many years; that I have accepted as those which you have to digest, assuming there are no positive and concrete answers. I should like to inquire as to where and to whom one might send his 10% tithe. I should like very much to contribute to spreading God's Word.

Dan S.,
Downey, Calif.

Enclosed is a check for \$37.50 — this is my tithe for January. After reading the December *Tomorrow's World* I realized I was stealing from God and I think your work is the best place to put God's money.

Frederick M.,
Birmingham, Ala.

It has been a real pleasure tithing to this great Work again this year. A man I used to borrow money from to finance my livestock operations said to me recently, "You never borrow any money from me anymore." Others borrow from me now. Surely tithing is an active law!

L. P.,
Bland, Va.

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