

Education: What does God expect?

By Aaron K. Dean

PASADENA — About this time each year, the Ambassador College Admissions Office begins receiving hundreds of applications from prospective students. By the time the last applications come in during the spring, the admissions committee will have reviewed between 700 and 1,000 applications.

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Out of these only about 100 to 150 students can be accepted each year. Since Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong announced the planned closure of the Big Sandy campus in his Dec. 9 member letter, many may have wondered whether they will be able to — or should — continue their education after high school.

Mr. Armstrong and I discussed the actions that students should consider if they are unable to attend Ambassador College. The following article embodies the main points of that discussion and has Mr. Armstrong's approval. Mr. Armstrong asks that it be read carefully — especially by prospective college students and parents.

Obtaining an education

As Mr. Armstrong wrote in *The Seven Laws of Success*, the second law of success is receiving a proper education. But the problem is that every field of study in the colleges of this world reflects the way of get, instead of God's revealed way of give. Ambassador College is the only institution of higher learning that is founded on God's way of life.

But if you, as a prospective Ambassador student, apply for the Pasadena campus and then are not accepted, what is your next step? You may feel so discouraged that you don't even want to finish high school.

The following steps should be carefully analyzed and thought out — you are making decisions that will drastically affect the rest of your life.

God's expectations

God expects you to grow — to acquire useful skills and knowledge that will make you a more valuable Christian (III John 2). Jesus used many parables — particularly the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) — to illustrate the requirement of growth.

But growth needs to be viewed from the proper perspective. Your education should be in the right direction and for the right purpose.

Remember that your ultimate potential is to become God. Consider that God is the great Master Mind, He is the Designer and Creator of the whole universe (Ephesians 3:9).

With His awesome ability, do you think that He would want potential members of His family to be ignorant and uneducated? Consider the command God delivered through the chief apostle Peter to "grow in . . . grace and knowledge" (II Peter 3:18, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

As God has revealed through Mr. Armstrong, we know that humans have a spirit that imparts intelligence (Job 32:8). This spirit gives people the ability to work

with material things.

But as Mr. Armstrong has taught us, this spirit in man lacks the capacity to forge good relationships with fellow men and God. That requires God's Holy Spirit.

Schools in this world completely lack this vital knowledge. They possess great facilities to teach people how to earn a living, but are helplessly unable to provide the knowledge of how to live.

What, then, is the key to achieving a balanced life? God expects you to learn how to live (Matthew 6:33), but He also expects you to be responsible and earn a living (I Timothy 5:8).

You should be educated

If you are a high school student, you should not drop out except under extreme circumstances, and

then not without first receiving wise counsel (Proverbs 24:6; Hebrews 13:17). Without mastering the basic fundamentals taught in high school you will be ill equipped to understand the knowledge God gives through His Church. A high school degree (the corresponding level of education varies from country to country) is the minimum requirement for many adult jobs.

Some will want to take college classes to qualify themselves for better-paying jobs. These classes may not teach God's truth, but taking them can be useful, especially if you have a strong foundation in God's truth and obtain proper guidance.

The basic problem of modern education is that it often fosters intellectual vanity. Education wrongly viewed can lead to the erroneous

thought that you are superior to others. As the apostle Paul rightly declares, "Knowledge puffs up" (I Corinthians 8:1). Education sought solely for the sake of education can corrupt our minds "from the simplicity that is in Christ" (II Corinthians 11:3).

Fix firmly in your minds what Christ taught: "Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant" (Matthew 20:26). Satan tries to tempt you with the opposite concept. He wants you to think that you must be served, instead of being the servant. Once consumed with the attitude that you are something great, you become useless to God.

One field analyzed

Let's assume you've decided to take some college classes. You want

to be an accountant. "What could possibly be wrong with this field?" you may ask. "Accounting doesn't deal with people, it deals with numbers."

Consider that God's accounting system is simple. He merely requires 10 percent of your income — and He bases it on the give principle.

However, accountants in this world try to get as much as possible — to shield profits from taxes, to juggle figures to take advantage of financial loopholes and to comply in general with the letter of their country's laws and not the spirit or intent of what was meant.

The bottom line of accounting is that it is an artificial need created by man's governments. Since the clumsy and complicated tax laws of this age will not exist in the Kingdom of God, there won't be much need for accountants then.

It is not wrong to become an accountant in this age if you have a strong foundation in God's law. If you are planning a career in this field, you simply need to realize why the profession exists, so as to not become intellectually vain.

God teaches His people to be honest. This includes being honest with money (see Exodus 20:15-16). When God's system is fully installed, there won't be a need for auditors and checks and balances — money won't need to be wasted on checking up on other people.

Seek counsel

The above example illustrates the need to seek proper guidance before embarking on any career. The Church, Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and your family should be involved in your educational decisions. Again, each step you take should bring you closer to God's Kingdom. If it doesn't, you should re-evaluate your decision.

Recall Mr. Armstrong's example. As a young man he conducted an intensive analysis of his strengths and weaknesses, and then sought the counsel of a qualified professional — his uncle, Frank Armstrong, who was a prominent advertising man. (See chapter two of *The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong — The Early Years.*)

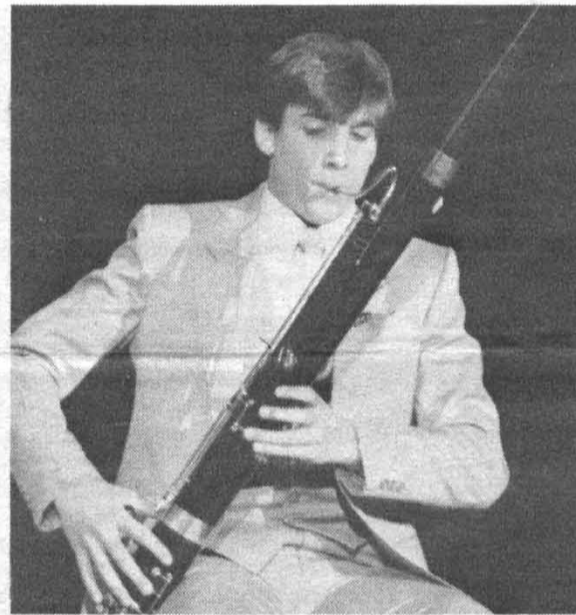
When you make your career decision, think also how this knowledge could be used in the Kingdom of God. Your responsibilities in the Kingdom will be varied. Much work will be needed to repair a wasted planet. Flawed human governments will have nearly destroyed this earth.

In the rebuilding process, God will need architects, engineers, designers, carpenters, plumbers, farmers, agricultural experts and people who know how to clean up the environment. Computer programmers and systems analysts may even be involved.

Of course our most important job will be teaching and expounding God's way of life (Isaiah 2:3-4). You must therefore choose a field that you can apply God's law to today.

Fields to avoid

For this reason, there are fields that you will find difficult to reconcile with God's way of life. These fields generally deal with people, and the knowledge taught often contradicts the Bible. As God commands (See EDUCATION, page 8)



TALENT CANADIAN STYLE — Lonnie Katai (left) placed first in the junior division, and Darryl Hartshorne placed first in the senior division of the Canadian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) National Talent Contest Dec. 1. [Photos by Robert Ausma and Mike Guidolin]

YOU member wins AC scholarship

Canada conducts talent contest

By Joel King

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Darryl Hartshorne of Didsbury, Alta., took first place in the senior division of the annual Canadian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) National Talent Contest Dec. 1.

Lonnie Katai of Vancouver was first in the junior division.

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Darryl performed a bassoon solo, "Allegro Conspirato" by Johann Christian Bach. He received a \$1,500 scholarship to Ambassador College and a trophy.

Lonnie performed a piano solo, "Etude Allegro," by Yoshinao Nakado.

Mary Morrison of Red Deer, Alta., placed second in the senior division with her flute solo, "Minuet and Badinerie," by Johann Sebastian Bach. Third place was awarded to Jim Lucas of Stroud, Ont., for his vocal solo, "A Little Good News," by Anne Murray.

Carmen Rabey of Victoria, B.C., placed second in the junior division with a piano solo, "Alla Turca," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Third place went to Tammy Rawnsley of

Brampton, Ont., for a vocal solo, "Swinging on a Star," by Johnny Burke and Jimmy Van Heusen.

Judges for the contest were John Dyck and Bryon Tosoff, who attend the Vancouver church, and Julie Hope, who attends the Abbotsford, B.C., church. Master of ceremonies was John Stryker, associate pastor of the Courtenay, B.C., church. Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada, presented certificates, trophies and awards.

Mr. Adair said that he is pleased to see continual improvement of musical skills. He said that all contestants were winners and that judging is more difficult each year.

The seven senior and nine junior division contestants arrived at the Church's regional office here Nov. 29. All YOU regions in Canada were represented.

Other senior division contestants were Yvonne Acheson, Stroud, Ont.; Petrina Crompton, Victoria; Tammy Levitt, Saskatoon, Sask.; and Paul Messier, Langley, B.C.

The junior division also included Kelly Adolfsen, Anola, Man.; Karen Hamilton, Brandon, Man.; Rick Little, Prince George, B.C.; Karen Savoy, Fredericton, N.B.; Gregory Stimson, Burlington, Ont.;

and Ian Wachowicz, Youngstown, Alta.

When the contestants arrived they were given a tour of the Vancouver Office and were honored at a reception. They were picked up by their hosts for a Sabbath meal and accommodations.

The contestants were treated to a Sabbath brunch Nov. 30 at the Salmon House restaurant. Mr. Adair, his wife, Margaret, and area ministers joined the group.

At Sabbath services William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay churches, spoke on the give way of life. He explained how musical skill can be an excellent way of giving to many.

After services, dinner was served at the Harbour House, a 480-foot revolving tower restaurant with a view of the harbor and city lights. Then the group took a guided tour of Vancouver's Orpheum Theatre. The tour was given by Mr. Dyck, house manager of the Orpheum and Queen Elizabeth theatres and the Vancouver Playhouse.

Sunday the group attended a planetarium video production about Halley's comet.

The talent contest was Sunday evening.

Britain's decline: resistance to change

PASADENA — "Six years after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher took office determined to promote recovery, proud old Britain — birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, master of a third of the world in the 19th century, a Great Power only four decades ago — remains a nation in decline."

So summarized R. W. Apple Jr. of *The New York Times* Oct. 9 after an 8½-year assignment as the *Times* bureau chief in London.

Mr. Apple is far from alone in drawing such conclusions. None other than Prince Charles warned that the British people must change their attitudes toward enterprise and industry. "Otherwise," he said, "we are going to end up as a fourth-rate country."

The prince said he detected a culturally deep-seated refusal by the British public to face the facts of the nation's relative economic decline.

Those facts became more evident in 1985. The International Monetary Fund revealed that Italy has overtaken Britain in its standard of living. Indications are that in 10 years Spain and communist East Germany (West Germany caught up 25 years ago) could also pass Britain.

'Not so Great Britain'

One journalist who repeatedly addresses Britain's decline is Peter

Jenkins, political columnist for *The Sunday Times*. Mr. Jenkins wrote a piece for the Dec. 23 *New Republic*. His article and those of two others were headlined on the cover: "Not So Great Britain."

Mr. Jenkins drew attention to a parallel between Britain and the collapsed great empires of the past. "To the ancients it seemed natural that empires would fall and that the cause would be failure of a moral kind... [In] Gibbon's view of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire, moral degeneracy was at the root of economic failure and military defeat. The analogy between moral decline and physical disease... is with us today. In the late 19th century there was 'the sick man of Europe' (The Ottoman Empire); today, the 'English disease.'"

There is nothing inevitable about national decline, emphasized Mr. Jenkins. "Nations with a capacity to adapt can overcome the fateful blows of war, trade diversion, or technological advance — but history suggests that they seldom do. In maturity, habits become set, institutions tend to ossify, and interests conspire against change... Economists today talk about 'mature' economies or 'institutional sclerosis.'"

What worries Mr. Jenkins is that the British apparently have "failed

to seize the last chance provided by the providential boon of North Sea oil... Wondering how Britain will support itself when the North Sea oil runs out, a committee of the House of Lords recently warned: "... The nation at large appears to be unaware of the seriousness of its predicament."

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asks, 'Don't you think your behaviour is irresponsible?' But if you speak the truth... they'll try to destroy you. The paternalistic state has reared a country of scroungers and the workshy who manipulate the system while those genuinely in need and defenceless usually get kicked in the teeth..."

Journalist Lee said, "We're no longer shocked, and God help us if we're not."

No help from clerics

Prime Minister Thatcher, the strongest leader Britain has had since Winston Churchill, wants desperately, wrote Henrik Bering-Jensen in the Dec. 9 issue of *Insight*, "to change the face of Britain, to transform it into a nation in fighting trim," to readopt her own values of "thrift and self-reliance."

Putting her values into practice, she has embarked on a program of privatization — selling off to private interests unprofitable state-run enterprises. She has also taken on growth-snuffing labor unions.

One would think that the prime minister's program would receive the widest possible support of Britain's religious leaders. But such (See DECLINE, page 5)



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

How similar is this report to the prophecy concerning Ephraim — modern-day Britain — found in Hosea 7:9: "Yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it" (Revised Authorized Version throughout).

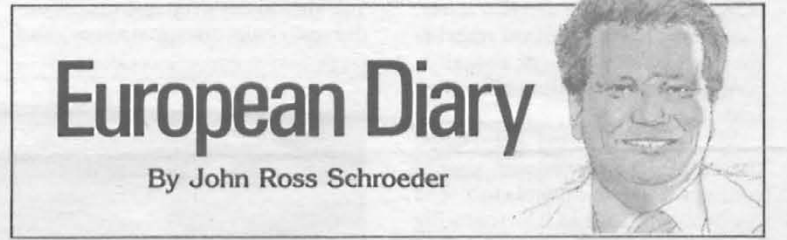
More than economic decline

To journalist Lynda Lee-Potter, writing in the Nov. 27 *Daily Mail*, the "English disease" involves far more than economic stagnation. It is symptomatic of a whole range of national ailments.

In a blistering attack on Britain's welfare-state mentality and paucity

of moral values, she wrote, in a column titled "This Land of the Lax and Lazy": "At times it seems Britain will have to be bankrupt, wrecked and on its knees before any of us stand up and say that we are on a collision course to wrecking our country's economy, independence, strength and morality. We've been brainwashed into believing, in today's Britain, that if you're unemployed you're always 'a victim,' if you're on strike you're always 'a hero,' if you're black you're always oppressed [referring to racial unrest in several British cities]..."

"If you're an 'unmarried' mother with four illegitimate children you get a free flat, a salary and nobody



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

The shadow of Milan

BOREHAMWOOD, England — European Community members were thought to be headed for a huge success in Milan, Italy, last June. My advance article title was to be: "Milan — a Turning Point for Europe."

But hard facts soon replaced wishful thinking. There was no success story at Milan. Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called

Milan a "lost opportunity."

Milan conference

Here's what happened. The British took advantage of a temporary Franco-German cleavage in the wake of the Bonn, West Germany, economic summit in May. London put forward some concrete proposals to bring its own brand of unity to the Common Market.

But the prospect of British leadership soon glued West Germany and France together again. They quickly came up with a draft proposal of their own. The haggling had begun.

What the Milan meetings ended with were two independent proposals to improve the unity and efficiency of the European Community. Result? Nothing concrete. (See SHADOW, page 5)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Feast reports

While the glow is still upon me, I feel I must write and tell you how much I appreciated and enjoyed reading all the descriptions of the Feasts held throughout the world. I realise the tremendous amount of thought and work it required to put all that information together. I thank you and your staff very sincerely.

I find the section on "Iron Sharpens Iron" always very inspiring and challenging. In this issue [Nov. 4] the thoughts expressed by Mr. Mario Seiglie on each part of the Tabernacle representing a spiritual step to gain a closer relationship to God, has helped me to be more realistic in my prayer approach to God, and I am very grateful for that too.

Then there is your [Dexter Faulkner's] "Just One More Thing," which always seems to be just what is needed to help us grow... In fact just about the whole of *The Worldwide News* gives us specific areas and people in God's Work to pray for, and I thank our Eternal Father for using you and all the other writers, not only in *The Worldwide News*, but in all the other publications, to give us encouragement, help and guidance in our spiritual lives.

You are all continually in our prayers over here in South Africa.

Elsie Tout
Johannesburg, South Africa

I received my issue of the latest *Worldwide News* (Nov. 4, 1985) a few days ago and have "gobbled" up the news of the happenings at each of the Feast sites.

Just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you very much for all the interesting and thought-provoking articles in this paper.

With hearing about the brethren (See LETTERS, page 7)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Attitude is all important

Our attitude is how we think, act or feel toward something — God, a person or a thing.

Our lives are shaped by our attitudes. We translate into physical (or spiritual) reality the thoughts and attitudes we hold in our minds, no matter what they are.

If we have a good, positive attitude we will accomplish much. Over the years we have tried to teach this principle to our children: If you take the attitude that you cannot do something, you generally will not do it. With an attitude of failure you're defeated, whipped before you start.

On the other hand, whenever you find a person doing an outstanding job you'll find a person with a right attitude. These people take the attitude that they can accomplish whatever they set out to.

Take on Christ's attitude

Paul wrote about attitude in his letter to the Philippians. "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:4-5, New International Version).

I think it is safe to assume that the little group of saints at Philippi had their share of conflicts, that they fell short in vital spiritual growth at times. Paul's letter was to help them catch up. One reason we need to study his letter is that we have some of the same problems they had — attitude problems.

We might well ask ourselves: What is my attitude toward my brothers and sisters in the Church? Is it positive or negative? Does being a Christian give me an optimistic outlook on life in general? Is God's Holy Spirit growing within me? Am I helping others to grow?

It's seldom comfortable to answer such sticky questions, but it's good to face the facts. If we're right with God, we should be right with

God's people. We should even be right with ourselves.

Our actions can be motivated by pride. Our actions and attitudes can be prompted by personal ambition, greed, vengeance or some other unworthy motive. These ungodly characteristics do creep in, and we must be on our guard against them.

Esteem for others

That's why Paul exhorts us to do a little self-study and check out our true motivations. How can we tell when we're on Christ's wavelength? The answer: When we consider others better than ourselves. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself" (Philippians 2:3, Revised Authorized Version).

Carnally speaking we might react: "Better than myself? You mean that lamebrain who contradicts me every time I open my mouth in Spokesman Club meetings? Or that holier-than-thou couple who want to spoil everybody else's fun?"

"Are you referring to that superhero who grabs the credit for everything the rest of us do? Where do I find what it takes to think of people like that as better than me? I don't even want to think that way!"

Now that's an attitude tester, right?

Paul doesn't mean that we should become incapable of discerning others' weaknesses or overlook our own strengths and abilities either. Paul's next statement explains: "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4, RAV).

He is saying we shouldn't be so wrapped up in thinking how great we are that we have no time to be concerned about others. We should be other-centered, not self-centered. This is the right attitude of a true Christian.

That doesn't come natural to hu-

man beings, does it? But it's worth working at — and with God's Holy Spirit it can be done.

Attitude of Christ

The King James Version uses a word in verse 5 that gives us additional insight on our attitude.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Every time I read that scripture I put my name in place of *you*. It makes me stop and think before I act or react to any given situation.

The mind is where the whole personality is formed. Our decisions are made and our priorities are established in our mind. So to have the mind or attitude of Christ we need some input on what and how He thinks about things.

There's plenty of input in the verses that follow. He "did not consider it robbery to be equal with God... made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant... he humbled himself" (verses 6 to 8).

Do we follow Christ's example and attitude?

This is the kind of attitude we ought to have, and need to be developing daily.

But it's easier said than done, I know.

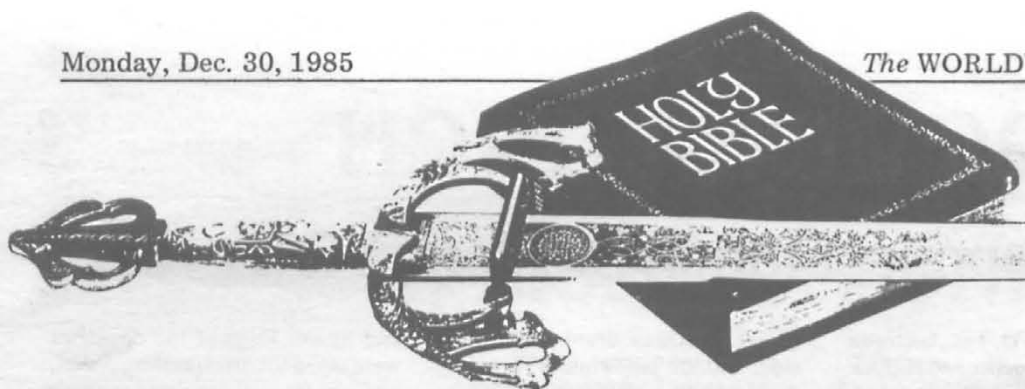
How often do you succeed in putting yourself last? Do you usually consider the welfare of others more important than your own? Half the time? Twenty-five percent? Even 10 percent? If you're like most of us it's about as often as gooney birds fly in formation.

It would do us all good to read and reread Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Every day we face choices. In our choosing, our exercise of our will, we shape our character. We develop positive or negative attitudes. If we choose to follow Christ's example, He will honor our efforts and with God's Holy Spirit help us become more and more like Him. It's worth the effort.

Read how Peter explained our calling: "Finally, all of you be of one mind [Christ's attitude], having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing (I Peter 3:8-9, RAV).

How is *your* attitude today?



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Faith fosters positive relations between husbands and wives

By K. Neil Earle

Acute marital strains can build up when husbands and wives do not share the same religious beliefs.

"We ought to obey God rather than men," the Bible teaches in Acts 5:29. Yet the inspired apostle Paul commanded, "As the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing" (Ephesians 5:24).

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Is there a contradiction here, especially for those wives whose husbands hold religious beliefs different from theirs, or who are not religious? Not at all. Scripture never contradicts itself, but it does take wisdom and faith to learn balance in applying God's Word.

No wonder many women in God's Church find this to be one of the greatest challenges of their Christian lives! So where to turn for help and advice?

"Unless thy law had been my delight," counseled the psalmist, "I should then have perished in mine affliction" (Psalm 119:92).

Of course! God's Word gives help and comfort in these sensitive areas.

Invisible laws

The Bible chronicles the lives of godly women, seasoned spiritual veterans who submitted to and worked alongside strong male leadership without compromising the highest standards of womanhood (I Peter 3:1-6).

These women were burning beacons of the best in femininity and womanhood. They learned to blend their feminine strength and perception with tact and godly submission. They saw God's invisible laws at work in family government and rejoiced.

God's women knew there was more to male leadership in the home than met the eye (II Corinthians 5:7). They learned that male authority was not instituted to harm them but to solve problems. They knew that while the head of the woman is the man, the Head of the man is Christ (I Corinthians 11:3).

A few of them faltered at times, of course. They were human.

But overall, these women pioneered the key lesson in family government: That is, family government depends on faith, the faith to believe that the wife's wholehearted submission to her husband's leadership makes her husband more accountable to Christ, be he a believer or unbeliever. The wife's sincere submission gives her favor with God, even when her husband isn't converted!

Surprised?

One woman's experiences help prove it: "I came into the Church in December, 1976. At that time my life was a shambles. I was on the verge of leaving my husband. I was so selfish I didn't care if I took the children with me.

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in the home. God's government, even under an unconverted husband, really does work!

"My husband has always made the major decisions in family finances. Once I submitted to this wholly and absolutely, a tremendous burden was lifted from me. I know I don't have to worry: God holds *him* responsible. What a relief to be free of that pressure. If I need more money, I simply ask him. Even if the answer is no, which it seldom is, he is still responsible for the consequences.

"Our early child-rearing years were a mess. I was immature; he was an ambitious, career-oriented man. Any spare time was devoted to pool-hall buddies or relatives. God removed us from an unpleasant and interfering family situation by causing my husband to be transferred in his job [to another city].

"There, my husband had few longtime friends and no relatives. When he was home, we stayed home. From someone the children scarcely knew, God caused a direct reversal.

"I know for certain that God caused this to happen. God has really turned the heart of this father to his children, and he's not even in the Church!"

It takes faith

Simple, but true: It takes faith to live the Christian life (Hebrews 11:6). We need faith in the miracle-working, sovereign God, the God who gives us this strong encouragement in Isaiah 41:10-13: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee . . . all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded . . . For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand." God can change things dramatically. Remember: The Head of the man is Christ!

God has preserved ample case histories in Scripture to give us wise counsel. And one difficult circum-

ous intent and attempt on the part of the nonmember mate to perpetuate a decent family relationship. The converted mate's religious beliefs should not become a source of unbearable tension and conflict in the home.

God doesn't require His people to remain chained to inconsiderate mates who regularly threaten them, beat them or try to suffocate them spiritually. This is not what it means to be "pleased to dwell" with them. Danger to life and limb or slow spiritual strangulation by making it almost impossible to worship God — having to endure these physical and mental aggressions is not the intention of the scriptural teaching: "Submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord" (Colossians 3:18).

When Colossians 3:18 is added to the equation, Christians with nonmember mates have a little more room to maneuver. It is not "fit in the Lord" for Christian men or women to endure constant threats, sneers or harassments about their religion from their mates. But — a word of caution — neither is this an excuse to end a marriage relationship on flimsy grounds and self-centered reasoning.

Qualified, consecrated ministers of Jesus Christ can give valuable counsel in these thorny areas (Hebrews 13:17), but thankfully, such cases are in the minority. Rather, for most Christians with nonmember mates, the challenge is to apply God's principles of family government in complex areas like family discipline, finances and potential alienation.

Let's take a look at some overall answers.

How to reduce friction

The watchwords here are *respect, tact and wisdom*. Study the examples of wise Esther and shrewd Abigail (I Samuel 25). These inspire anyone in tense marital situations. Then meditate on the suggestions listed below to sublimate strife in

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stance in marriage is clearly explained in I Corinthians 7:12-15. When Paul, under inspiration from God, laid the ground rules for marriages where one mate is a Christian and the other isn't, he spelled out definite guidelines:

"If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him . . . But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace."

What does this mean?

Simply put, there must be a seri-

ous relationship. Be sure to study the scriptures quoted.

(1) *Let the man lead.* With your children, it means saying "Ask your dad" a lot more.

(2) *Give him your opinion (kindly) only once.* See Proverbs 18:21, 19:13, 21:9.

(3) *Back him completely.* (Unless, of course, his decision violates God's laws!) Disagreements or questions about the man's decision can be brought up later in a calm, unemotional way. Let time elapse. Make your comments succinctly and privately, then forget it. It's his responsibility. The Bible calls this discretion (Proverbs 1:1-4). Let God police the consequences.

(4) *Never rub it in if he fails.*

Don't say "I told you so!" if his decision backfires. Let experience do the teaching. Let a man save face. Be kind (Ephesians 4:32). It sows peace.

(5) *Timing* — important when giving advice or asking for favors. Plan your strategy carefully (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

(6) *Submit cheerfully, in faith.* Be zealous about following through on your husband's suggestions or requests, not to mention his commands. A real man automatically feels more tender toward such a woman (Proverbs 31:28-29).

(7) *Keep at it.* Human relations take work and skill, but right principles pay off in the long run. Make Psalm 34:8 a reality in your life.

One woman reported, after successfully applying these principles over a six-month period:

"I am embarrassed to think that it took me so long to hear what you were saying about us changing our attitudes if things are going wrong. I was listening but I wasn't hearing! I couldn't change the situation or [my husband], and so changed my own approach.

"Some of the attempts were pretty feeble. It wasn't until the blessings began to appear that I realized I was doing something right! I'm so grateful I didn't have to understand everything first. I'd be ut-

Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in the November-December *Plain Truth* or the December *Good News*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses after each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

(1) Why were angels created? (November-December *Plain Truth*, page 10)

(2) What might the two legs of the prophetic image of Daniel 2 symbolize in terms of Europe today? (November-December *Plain Truth*, page 17)

(3) What two sources could soon cause the world's worst economic crisis since the Great Depression? (November-December *Plain Truth*, page 22)

(4) True or false: Christians should "let their lights shine" to others by their good works rather than by their good arguments. (December *Good News*, page 1)

(5) True or false: The Catholic Church attempts to justify keeping Sunday on the basis of what the Bible says. (December *Good News*, page 9)

(6) What do some experts feel is about to become the single biggest problem facing the Western world? (December *Good News*, page 21)

(1) Children learn lack of respect for the father's authority. This blinds them to the godly purpose of the family.

(2) Children become almost impossible to discipline as they get older. They learn to apply the "divide and conquer" strategy.

(3) Disrespect for men jeopardizes a daughter's chances of a happy marriage. She'll want to dominate. "Like mother, like daughter."

(4) Husband withdraws, loses masculine pride.

(5) Children get confused: "Who's in charge?" They become prey for negative peer pressure.

(6) The woman compromises her feminine charm (Proverbs 11:22). Without discretion she fails to act with a "meek and quiet spirit" (I Peter 3:4).

(7) Role confusion spans generations and in extreme cases sows the seeds for latent homosexuality, which 1980s society surely nurtures.

Yes, the difficulties associated with faith are many. What we need to remember is that the penalties of disbelief are greater still!

"But I have to take charge — my husband just won't lead!" some will say. Yet surely by now we have learned to let God handle the consequences. There are unseen force fields built around the key office of the husband. God's principles of family government work for all people at all times. We violate them at our peril.

Qualifying with Christ

Even Jesus Christ was under authority (Hebrews 5:8). And Christian women are qualifying for a high position in God's government along with Christ. Wives and mothers struggling with the peculiar trials and adjustments of life with a nonmember mate are tried just as Christ was tried. They, like Christ, are second in command in the family. They, like Christ, have access to the same God.

So wives and mothers, take heart. You can be like Christ. You can qualify for God's government by loyal submission, trusting your Father in heaven to work out the details (Hebrews 10:35-38).

Take God's challenge: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). God's way works! Family government is designed to teach women the Christlike attitudes of trust and submission. And those attitudes guarantee you safe passage into the Kingdom of God!

Penalties not worth it

Ponder the consequences of not doing it God's way:

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



ON THE ROCKS — Singles practice rock climbing Nov. 3 during a weekend of activities in Normandy, France.

Singles hosts to outing, camp

Singles from the **SAN JOSE**, Calif., church were hosts for a get-together Nov. 23 and 24. One hundred forty singles from 18 California and Nevada church areas attended.

Activities included a Bible study conducted by Leroy Cole, pastor of the San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches, a variety show and dance, a champagne breakfast, another variety show and a square dance.

Forty-five singles from the **PARIS, ANGERS** and **STRASBOURG**, France, churches attended a singles camp at the Lery-Poses water sports complex in Normandy, France, Nov. 1 to 3.

The event, organized by the Paris church, consisted of lectures, Sabbath services and sporting and cultural activities. Lectures given by Samuel Kneller, pastor of the Paris church, emphasized God's support for singles and the role of singles in God's Church today. He also spoke of the need for leaders who are humble servants.

After lunch Friday, Nov. 1, activities included cycling, archery and tennis. That evening the group participated in Bible quizzes.

Folk dancing, coordinated by Vincent Lesy, took place the next

Deacon receives send-off

After Sabbath services Oct. 19 **CROYDON**, England, brethren said farewell to Andrew Patey, a deacon who served in southeast England for 10 years, and his wife, Vivian. The Pateys and the Dunns, another Croydon family, moved to Brisbane, Australia.

John Meakin, pastor of the Croydon, Brighton and Maidstone, England, churches, presented the Pateys with an inscribed silver tray, and a cake was served. *David Patey.*

evening. The group tried French, Antilles, Hebrew and American dances.

Sunday's activities included rock climbing, canoeing, exploring a cave and sailing.

Mike Light, and Jatindel Sehmi and Tony Gallagher.

Youths stage talent contest

The Region 5 YOU talent contest took place Nov. 24 in **EL DORADO**, Ark. Thirteen contestants in the senior division and six in the junior division participated.

Contestants were from Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma.

First place in the senior division went to Donessa Washington of the Dallas, Tex., West, church; Greg Eavenson, Laurel, Miss., placed

Areas sponsor family, seniors, YOU events

About 120 **WACO**, Tex., brethren attended a square dance and potluck barbecue dinner Saturday evening, Nov. 23. Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley of Salado, Tex., were hosts for the event.

Harold Finney of Waco was caller and instructor for the square dance. Clyde Ferrell provided music to conclude the evening's entertainment.

KINGMAN, Ariz., brethren attended a Western family night Nov. 23. Ernest Prociw, a Kingman local church elder, conducted a Bible bowl.

Mr. Prociw and Ed Kofol, who attends the Las Vegas, Nev., church, served seven degrees of hot chili from a chili wagon.

After a hayride through the

desert, brethren drank hot apple cider and ate pie, while YES children recited a poem about God's Holy Days and sang, "It's a Small World."

Winners in a musical hay-bale contest were Lisa Messer and Mr. Kofol. A cookie in the shape of a baby was presented to Mike McCann and Clint Hailey for identifying the most adult baby pictures, and Pamela Todd won in the children's category.

About 100 **SANTA FE**, N.M., brethren took part in an international potluck Nov. 16 after Sabbath services.

Twelve countries were represented: Austria, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Norway

and Spain. Flags of the countries were taped to corresponding dishes, and recipes were available to those who wanted them.

Music from several countries was played during the dinner.

Golden Ambassadors of the **IOWA CITY**, Iowa, church were on hand for a dinner at Montgomery Hall Saturday evening, Nov. 16.

Tables featured white tablecloths with a purple velvet covering and "Golden Ambassadors" in gold lettering, gold napkins, place cards, china, crystal and silver.

The dinner included tossed salad, Swiss steak with onion and mushroom sauce, potatoes, peas, whole wheat rolls, desserts and beverages.

Eight YOU members served as waiters and waitresses. They also provided an entertainment program called "Down Memory Lane," which included a piano solo, two skits, a Charleston dance and a sing-along.

Max Albee and Joe Rehor are coordinators for the Golden Ambassadors.

The **OKLAHOMA CITY**, Okla., YOU sponsored a wiener roast and hayride Nov. 9 at the Danny Manek farm northeast of Harrah, Okla.

One hundred YOU members and parents from the Oklahoma City, Enid and Ada, Okla., churches ate wieners, chips and beans and drank hot cider and hot chocolate.

Mr. Manek hitched two wagons to his tractor and pulled hayriders about 10 miles on dirt roads, while others kept warm by a camp fire. Henry Mez led a sing-along during the ride.

KLERKSDORP, South Africa, brethren were hosts to more than 30 Johannesburg, South Africa, YOU members and singles, who joined them for a barn dance and *braai* (barbecue) at the home of Piet and Annatjie Pretorius Oct. 19.

Sunday, Oct. 20, Johannesburg won a soccer match between the two church areas. Afternoon activities were swimming and fellowshiping on the banks of the Vaal River.

More than 400 **HOUSTON**, Tex., WEST brethren gathered Nov. 16 at the Village School for a Hawaiian luau.

The hall was decorated with flowers, plants and a mural of a Hawaiian volcano. Tables were accented with tissue-paper flowers made by YES members. Each guest was given a lei.

YOU members served the main course of island chicken, punch and coffee.

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Brethren serve at state event

Forty-four **GAINESVILLE**, Fla., brethren served as waiters at a \$100-a-plate dinner roasting John Mills, Florida's speaker of the house, Nov. 30.

The dinner took place at the University of Florida's O'Connell Center Athletic Building. The purpose of the dinner was to raise funds for the university law school. Some of the 500 guests were Bob Graham, Florida governor, and Marshall Criser, president of the university.

The catering supervisor asked Stephen Brown, associate pastor of the Gainesville, Ocala and Jacksonville, Fla., churches, if brethren would be available to serve at other functions at the university. The group raised \$800. *Fred Chapman Jr.*

District events take place

The **TOPEKA**, Kan., church was host to brethren from Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas for the District 45 family weekend Nov. 16 and 17.

After Sabbath services Nov. 16 and a covered dish meal, teens participated in a Bible bowl. Topeka placed first after breaking a tie with St. Joseph, Mo.

Sunday 17 YOU teams participated in a volleyball tournament at Washburn University. First place in boys class A was Kansas City, Kan., South; boys B, Omaha, Neb.; girls A, Omaha; and girls B, Kansas City South.

The second annual District 14 volleyball tournament took place in **GERMANTOWN**, Md., Nov. 24.

The first place boys team was Baltimore, Md., coached by Martin Collins. In girls division A, the Hagerstown, Md., team, coached by Judy Peters, placed first. In division B, the Norfolk, Va., girls, coached by Charles Crabtree,

placed first. The sportsmanship trophy went to the combined teams from Norfolk.

William Pack, district YOU coordinator and pastor of the Hagerstown and Cumberland, Md., churches, organized the event. Boys and girls teams from Delaware, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia played.

A district family weekend took place in **PERTH**, Australia, Nov. 16 and 17.

Activities began with a Bible study about growing in the love of God, conducted by Robert Regazzoli, pastor of the Perth and Bunbury, Australia, churches.

Sabbath services began at 2:30 p.m. with a sermonette by Kenneth Murray, assistant pastor of the Perth and Bunbury churches. Before the sermon certificates were presented to 133 children from the two churches, who completed their levels in the YES program.

Evening activities Nov. 16 included a bush dance with music by the Fiddlers' Green, folk dancing and dinner.

Sunday a miniolympics took place between Blue, Gold and Red teams. Refreshments were served from a kiosk and included hot dogs, tea, coffee and other drinks.

At the end of the activities the group participated in a garbage-collecting contest. Results of the olympics were announced by Mr. Regazzoli, and individual winners in each category received a plaque.

Terry Swagerty, Jon and Ginnie Cook and Leone Schreuders.

second; and Katy Kendall, Big Sandy, placed third.

Tammy Talley of Tulsa, Okla., placed first in the junior division; second place went to Minette Burks, Shreveport, La.; and Roxanne Cafourek, Tupelo, Miss., placed third.

Judges for the event were Ann Elliot, Mrs. Bobby Jones, Laurie Carson and Peter Arnold. A reception took place after the contest. *Tunney Thompson.*



FAREWELL — The Patey and Dunn families cut a cake Oct. 19 as Croydon, England, brethren bid them farewell. Both families moved to Brisbane, Australia. [Photo by Arnold Bearman]

Pennsylvania elder takes part in Statue of Liberty restoration

By David H. Evans

LIBERTY ISLAND, N.Y. — "It is an honor and a privilege to be working on the symbol of America," said George H. Evans, a project manager for the Statue of Liberty Restoration Project here.

David H. Evans is an assistant to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

Mr. Evans and his wife, Betty, have been members of God's Church since 1957. They attend in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he serves as a local church elder.

The statue, "Liberty Enlighten-

ing the World," was presented to the United States by France Oct. 28, 1886. It was a centennial gift in recognition of the friendship between the French and American peoples. It was dedicated as a symbol of freedom and liberty throughout the world.

Broken chain

"At the feet of the statue is a broken chain, which visitors are unable to see, symbolic of the bondage that people who came to America were seeking freedom from, and attained," Mr. Evans said.

After 98 years of existence, interior structural damage was noticed in the most important part of the statue: the iron armature bars.

"These are the 'ribs' supporting the skin of the statue," Mr. Evans said.

The restoration was organized by the Statue of Liberty — Ellis Island Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for raising money and overseeing the restoration of the statue and Ellis Island, entrance point for more than 12 million immigrants from 1892 and 1954. Lee Iacocca is chairman of the board. (Mr. Iacocca is chairman of the board of Chrysler.)

The foundation hired GSGS & B, the firm Mr. Evans is employed by, to oversee the project.

"Some ask if we are removing the green coating on the copper, so the

statue will shine like a new penny," Mr. Evans said. "The green coating, known as patina, is actually a protective covering which naturally formed on the statue. It is not an oxide, as many believe. We are trying to maintain and keep the green coating."

Original design

The upper part of the torch and flame are also being replaced, according to the original design by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, and engineering by Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, who designed the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.

"One-hundred-year-old photos are being used to copy their design as closely as possible," Mr. Evans said.

4-year-old spared injury when run over by auto

By Craig Jackson

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Jeremiah Frederick, 4, was spared when he was run over by a car here Nov. 14. His parents, Jim and Marilyn Frederick, are thankful that God's angels were "on the job."

Craig Jackson is a member who attends the Bakersfield, Calif., church.

The accident took place while Mrs. Frederick was dropping off their two oldest children, Angela and Joshua, at school. She parked in front of a driveway to let the children out, while Jeremiah sat in the backseat, strapped in.

As Mrs. Frederick looked for milk money to give them, another car drove up. The driver honked, needing to get into the driveway. Mrs. Frederick looked to her right and saw that the children were clear of the car.

Thinking that Jeremiah was still sitting in the backseat, she backed up. The next thing she heard was her daughter screaming "Jerry!" Jeremiah had unbuckled himself and had climbed out of the car. When the car moved, Jeremiah fell down and the 2¼-ton Cadillac El-

dorado rolled over his legs.

Mrs. Frederick quickly stopped the car and ran to her son. As she carefully picked him up, she knew immediately that God had intervened, because Jeremiah's legs appeared uninjured. She laid him on the trunk and checked him over. Jeremiah didn't scream or cry.

Knowing that her son was not seriously hurt, Mrs. Frederick took him home and called Camilo Reyes, pastor of the Bakersfield and Mojave, Calif., churches. Mr. Frederick was working out of town at the time and could not be contacted.

Mr. Reyes arrived within a few minutes and anointed Jeremiah, who was then taken to an emergency medical center to be checked. Two doctors examined him and found no bruises or swelling — only tread marks on his pants.

After hearing how the car had rolled over Jeremiah's legs, one of the doctors said it was a miracle he was not seriously injured.

Jeremiah had sore shins for a few days and got around by crawling. He said later that he didn't even feel the car going over his legs.

When Mr. Reyes told the incident at services, brethren realized how God had protected the boy.

Decline

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is not the case. Britain's politically active clerics issue pronouncements about social policies and economic issues. But their views are secular and decidedly leftist, invariably espousing more government funding, welfare and income redistribution.

As Paul Johnson wrote in the May 11 *Daily Telegraph*, the bishops do not speak out where they really should. "One of the curious things about our very verbal political bishops is that they appear to have absolutely no sense of Christian priorities. That is, they pronounce constantly on matters which are not really of immediate concern to the episcopate, such as the details of economic policy, while remaining totally silent on issues which are, or certainly ought to be, their particular province . . ."

"In both the United States and Britain, the biggest single cause of poverty is the one-parent family. It is far more important and pervasive in its effects than unemployment . . . This gigantic social evil, proba-

bly the biggest and intractable social evil we face today, is itself a direct product of moral evil. These children of teenage girls are born as a result of fornication."

The circumstances in which these children grow up, continued Mr. Johnson, "make it extremely unlikely that they will become useful members of society, and more than likely that they will lead lives of deprivation and misery, with little education . . . vulnerable employment or no jobs at all and a strong possibility that they will become criminals or drug addicts or both." These results, Mr. Johnson wrote, are the consequences "of the defiance of moral laws and contempt for the institution of marriage."

"Now here is an obvious instance where the Churches, and the bishops in particular, ought to be exerting all their energies and eloquence to hammer home Christian teaching, which is directly relevant to this problem. After all, the avoidance of sexual sin, the centrality and sanctity of Christian marriage, are basic to the moral theology of all our Churches. Yet oddly enough it is a

long time since I have heard any clergyman, let alone a bishop, preach a sermon on the evils of fornication. You can listen to them denouncing the sins of Mr. [Ronald] Reagan in Latin America any Sunday. But the more elementary and deadly sins of the flesh nearer home — the sins that lie at the root of our problem of poverty — remain uncastigated."

What an eloquent description of the shepherds of Israel described in Ezekiel 34!

With little support from the religious leaders, with only a handful of journalists crying out as secular prophets, there is little that can be done, despite Mrs. Thatcher's valiant efforts, to halt Britain's continual relative slide downward.

In his article in *The New Republic*, quoted earlier, Mr. Jenkins admitted that "an almost superhuman adaptation would be required to reverse the path of relative decline . . . something in the nature of a cultural revolution." Such a transformation, he noted, does not seem likely because of "resistance to change all around."

Seeing Britain's pride and stubbornness, God asks, "O Ephraim, what shall I do to you?" (Hosea 6:4).

Marriage classes presented

Brethren from the TORONTO, Ont., EAST and WEST churches met Nov. 17 at West Humber Collegiate for marriage classes organized and presented by the Toronto ministry.

Brethren chose from lectures including: Every Wise Woman Builds Her House, What Husbands Aren't Told, For Single Women Only, For Single Men Only, Family Financial

Stability, Children — the Preschool Years, Helping Children in School, The YES Program, The Teenage Challenge, Marriage at Midlife and Beyond, and a taped message for singles by Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College. *George Merritt.*

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Fred Redd was master of ceremonies for entertainment, which included a seven-member band playing medleys of island-style music, vocal numbers and hula and stick dancing. The band later provided music for dancing.

Harold Treybig, a local church elder, organized the event. Twenty people served on the setup and cleanup committee, 30 on serving food, 20 on decorations and 20 on entertainment. YOU and YES members also helped.

Jo Gail Fry, Carol Prociw, Rebekah Trujillo, Geraldine Tenold, Mike Crist, M. Naude and Ron Davis.

For the record

MANILA, Philippines — The 20th anniversary celebration of the Manila church took place Sept. 8, not Sept. 16 as reported in the Nov. 18 *Worldwide News*.

Shadow

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except majority agreement to have an intergovernmental conference in Luxembourg. That conference took place in early December.

Ten nations find it difficult to cooperate — "iron mixed with miry clay." Britain and Denmark often differ with the Continental heartland. Again the British were at odds with majority feeling in Milan. The Channel gap is an old, old story.

The British decision to opt out of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) is another case in point. France and West Germany tried to persuade London to remain a member of this troubled international body. But Mrs. Thatcher was resolute. Predictably, a resulting headline was: "British Dismay E.C. by Leaving UNESCO."

Remember that Bonn and Paris voted against Britain on the Falklands issue in the UN. And, of course, England remains hesitant about joining the European Monetary System (EMS). The examples are endless.

Enter Luxembourg

The Luxembourg summit of the EC nations has come and gone. This time the advance billing was cautious and muted. Some observers talked about "the shadow of Milan" hanging over Luxembourg. Milan had become a symbol for EC inertia. Expectations were gloomy.

The consensus calls these meetings a modest success. Flora Lewis wrote in the Dec. 7 and 8 *International Herald Tribune*: "The European Community has finally decided to make a serious effort to pull itself together. After the Luxembourg summit last Monday and Tuesday [Dec. 2 and 3], the government heads, who usually crowd loudly when they have produced practically nothing, are being untypically modest about their agreement. It is a good sign."

Reported the Dec. 5 *Financial Times*, "The most significant fact about the package of reforms hammered out in the early hours of yesterday morning at the European Community's Luxembourg summit is that a general agreement was reached, subject to reservations by Italy and Denmark." This time Britain wasn't the odd man out.

But the reforms themselves were far from radical. The gains were modest indeed. The main breakthrough involved an expansion of majority voting, rather than requiring absolute unanimity. This decision should help the EC move forward more quickly. It's difficult to get all 10 — to say nothing of all 12 — to agree on any single issue. (Spain and Portugal join the Community Jan. 1.)

Another modest move forward is the slight strengthening of the European Parliament in policymaking. That's about it in terms of importance.

We simply cannot report that a United States of Europe is all but a reality because of yet another EC

summit meeting. Probably it will not happen that way. Undoubtedly some form of catastrophe will play a significant role in fusing Europe together.

Historical perspective

Some secular observers also predict a kind of political and economic combine in Europe. Walter Lacqueur is one such observer. In 1969 he published a book titled *Europe Since Hitler*.

In the preface to the revised edition, published in 1981, Mr. Lacqueur said this about Europe: "My conclusion [in 1969] was too optimistic. I referred to the great progress Europe had made after the second World War, and if I mentioned the lack of political unity, the continuing dependence for its defence on outside military aid, signs of demoralization and decay, and various destructive impulses, I also believed that there was a good chance that these problems could be overcome." (*Europe Since Hitler*, page 9, Pelican).

Mr. Lacqueur continued, "It is difficult to envisage the emergence of a new sense of purpose until the societies of Europe awaken from their present stupor and much that is rotten is swept away."

Events are putting pressure on the Common Market nations to come together. The pope wants it. Europe's declining economic position demands it. But the present inertia is a hindrance.

Only a crisis in one form or another will speed the unification process.

Thanksgiving dinner dance takes place

BROOKLYN NORTH and SOUTH and QUEENS, N.Y., brethren attended a Thanksgiving dinner and dance Nov. 10.

Preparations for the event began at 8 a.m. The women prepared turkeys with all the trimmings, goat, peas, rice and salads.

The singles, under the direction of Walter and Kathy Dolengo, decorated the hall with autumn colors. A floral committee prepared centerpieces for each table.

The event, which began at 1 p.m., included brethren from New Jersey and Manhattan, N.Y. Earl Williams, pastor of the Brooklyn and Queens churches, made a tribute to the senior citizens, and brethren danced to the music of the City Lights Band. *Barbara Francis.*

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

UPDATE

PASADENA — More than 740,000 copies of *Mystery of the Ages* have been requested since Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** announced the book's completion in September, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

More than 640,000 subscribers have requested the book, including about 220,000 requests in response to a letter sent to *Good News* subscribers, a 46 percent response. The rest were responses to Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letter.

One hundred thousand copies were sent to Church members and co-workers. These figures do not include bookstore sales.

This is the largest number of Mr. Armstrong's books to be distributed in such a short time period. The record for the most books sent out in a year was 635,000 copies of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

One reader wrote, "It seems to capulate the purpose being worked out here below in the most meaningful and profound way." Another wrote, "It is the most amazing book I have ever read."

PASADENA — God's Sacred Calendar for 1986-87 will be mailed to English-speaking heads of households worldwide by the end of January, according to **Dexter H. Faulkner**, managing editor of the Church's publications.

The theme for the calendar will be Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** as an ambassador for world peace, featuring photographs of Mr. Armstrong's meetings with world leaders and heads of state.

The 32-page, full-color booklet was printed with the basic four colors "plus a fifth color of metallic gold that is used throughout," said **Greg S. Smith**, art director.

Mr. Faulkner said an updated pocket Holy Day calendar will be included in the mailing.

PASADENA — Fifty-five percent of all *Plain Truth* subscribers are renewing their subscriptions, according to **Ray Wright**, director of the Church's Publishing Services Department.

"These are the highest renewal rates we have ever experienced for

The Plain Truth," said Mr. Wright.

"The best barometer of how valuable a magazine is to a specific reader is the magazine's renewal rate," he explained.

Forty-three percent of first-year subscribers renew their subscriptions, compared to 20 percent in 1977, he said. Seventy-five percent of the readers on file for more than a year renew, compared to 65 percent in 1977.

PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* program *The Plain Truth About Christmas*, which aired Dec. 21 and 22, brought in 21,749 calls, the third highest response in the Church's history, said evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC) here. That figure represents "a 51 percent increase over the year-to-date average of 14,400."

"This same program set the all-time record of 26,020 calls during the first weekend in December," said Mr. Rice. The two airings of the program have exceeded 50,000 responses, including calls received later in the week.

Mr. Rice said that more than 100,000 copies of Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** booklet *The Plain Truth About Christmas* have been requested this year.

"The origin of this holiday is often startling and eye-opening to our readers," the evangelist said. "A number have written that they are no longer going to keep Christmas and are thankful to know the truth."

PASADENA — The Mail Processing Center's terminal section processed 296,359 pieces of mail Dec. 17. The stack of mail, which was eight feet high, 10 feet wide and two feet deep, was more than double the section's previous record for one day.

About 60 percent of the mail was requests for *Mystery of the Ages*. The rest was renewals for *The Plain Truth*, *Good News* and *Youth 86*.

PASADENA — Increasing numbers of people who come in contact with the Church's work seek comfort and encouragement and re-

talking with your minister, brethren and friends in YOU should provide a restful haven against the continual onslaught of wrong peer pressure.

You need this haven throughout your college life. Except for Ambassador College, the Church does not recommend that you live in a college dormitory away from your family. On campus, strong negative influences can weaken and pull you away from principles you've learned through the Church.

What would you do, for example, if you shared a room with someone who took drugs and kept them in the room you shared? What if he (or she) insisted on smoking? How could you properly keep the Sabbath while a full-blown party was raging?

You need to counsel with your minister and parents before moving away from home. Again, for emphasis, realize that God's Church does not recommend moving onto a campus.

On the other hand, there are thousands of colleges and universities worldwide that allow a student to take classes and live off campus. You can take classes that provide you with good skills and live at home — away from negative influences. This way you can spend a few hours a day on the campus, and still

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CANADIAN AD — The above advertisement offering a one-year subscription to *The Plain Truth* appeared in the December edition of *Reader's Digest* in Canada. [Photo by Warren Watson]

quest prayers for God's intervention, said **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC) here.

"Many who write or phone headquarters are facing devastating trials and problems," said Mr. Rice.

Those seeking help include people with terminal illnesses, people with marriage problems, the unemployed, prisoners, homosexuals, senior citizens who have been deserted by their children, and parents seeking help for their alcoholic or divorced children.

"These requests are sent to our Personal Correspondence Department," Mr. Rice said. "Each person receives a letter of encouragement based on his circumstances, which points him toward God and gives assurances from the Bible."

"We also offer the services of the local minister to those who are interested," he continued. So far in 1985 "nearly 3,000 prayer requests have been handled by this department."

PASADENA — The Ambassador College 1985 *Envoy* received a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association

(ASPA), according to **Aub Warren**, *Envoy* editor.

The New York-based ASPA judges 1,300 yearbooks from around the country each year, breaking down entries, by enrollment, into five categories. The *Envoy* received the award in the 500 to 1,000 enrollment category, receiving 915 points out of a possible 1,000. It was the first time a student staff produced an award-winning book, Mr. Warren said.

More than 3,000 copies of the *Envoy* were ordered by Feastgoers. Copies of the *Envoy* will be mailed during the first week in January.

INTERNATIONAL DESK
 A WORLD VIEW
 FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — "God has been granting encouraging growth to the English Caribbean churches," said **Stan Bass**, regional director for the English-speaking Caribbean.

"The work in Trinidad has been especially challenging and exciting," Mr. Bass reported from the San Juan, Puerto Rico, Office. "After years of trying we were able to buy an excellent time slot on TTT-

TV in August, and the *World Tomorrow* program began airing at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings shortly before the Festival season."

The regional director said the added time produced "an overwhelming response, with over 1,200 people responding in the first month alone."

He said that the channel reaches most of Trinidad and Tobago.

Currency devalued

"The challenge of this growth is that Trinidad devalued its currency by about 50 percent Dec. 17, which instantly increased our costs of printing *Plain Truths* and other literature by the same amount," Mr. Bass said.

"The unexpected cost was so great we canceled one Trinidad station, which we were planning to do anyway."

Mr. Bass said that the Church's office in Trinidad was relocated to St. Augustine in November. "The new facilities have ample office space on the ground floor and room upstairs for Bible studies, Spokesman Clubs, YOU meetings and choir practices."

He said that a computer-controlled telephone system allows more callers responding to *The World Tomorrow* to reach the office. "The dramatic difference was underscored on a recent Sunday morning when more than 150 calls were fielded in the two hours following the program," he said.

Two hundred twenty-five calls were received that Sunday, he continued. "Previously the office only received about 400 calls a month."

Scandinavian ads

A series of advertisements that ran in the fall in Scandinavian newspapers "brought us excellent re-

sponse rates," according to evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director for the British Regional Office.

The about 1.9 percent response was "higher than any we have ever had in Scandinavia," Mr. Brown said.

Combined Norwegian and English circulation of *The Plain Truth* for the January issue is 44,619, up 39.6 percent over the same issue in 1985.

Mr. Brown, who also oversees the Church's work in East and West Africa from the British Regional Office, reported that **Elijah Chukwudi**, a local elder serving churches in Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, is ill.

"He appears to be getting weaker and suffers from swelling in both legs and feet, headaches and a persistent cough," Mr. Brown said.

"He very much needs the prayers of the Church," the evangelist said.

Education

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 mands through Paul, we are to avoid "profane and vain babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge" (1 Timothy 6:20).

These areas generally include psychology, sociology, theology and much of law. This does not mean you must be ignorant of these subjects and strictly avoid them. But it is important that they *not* be your primary areas of study.

Again, each subject and career must be analyzed on an individual basis, using the principles of God's revealed way of life as the measuring rod. Not all subjects can be dogmatically labeled as good or bad. Seek counsel from your minister.

College life

If you've decided to take some college classes, there is one final important consideration — college social life.

Remember the pressure you faced (or now face) from your peers in high school? Most of you have probably resisted pressure to have premarital sex, start smoking, consume illegal drugs and participate in other evils of this world.

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