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When a Volcano Erupts—



Mt. Irazú, Costa Rica, Central America, erupts. This photo, sent by a Costa Rican professor, was taken when the volcano first began to spew its ugly clouds and lava. Within a few hours hundreds had to flee. A vast area was devastated by hot ash. Read, in this issue, what's behind the new explosions along the volcanic "Ring of Fire."

What our READERS SAY

Response to "Crisis in Farming"

"Being a farmer of Pennsylvania soil all my life, I was very much interested when I saw the article 'A New Crisis in Farming.' We farm 80 small acres, so in order to make a fair profit we retail chickens and eggs. It is amazing how many people ask if we feed drugs or commercial feed. When we say we feed only 'God-given grain' to our livestock they will pay any price to get our product."

Man from Pennsylvania

• *More and more people are becoming concerned about pollutants in our food.*

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"Recently a friend offered me a copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH* (March issue). I read your article 'This is the Life—Real Abundant Living' every day and I am more inspired by it each day. May I be on your mailing list so that I can read *The PLAIN TRUTH* when published?"

Woman from California

• *Yes, you may!*

"Dear Sir,

"I am ten years old and listen to your program on three stations—San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle. I heard about a booklet 'How to Have a Happy Marriage.' Please send it to me because my mother and father might be separated, and I want to read it and try to help them stay together. Also send me 'The Devil's Religion,' and 'What Is Faith?"

Boy, Oregon

• *That's a lot of wisdom—and some big problems for a boy of ten. May God save his home.*

Lazarus Again!

"My grandmother and I take the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. We don't go to church

any more because the church out here doesn't teach the truth. The preacher will preach about Lazarus and the Rich Man. He says Abraham's bosom is a part of heaven and then he leaves off there and says he will continue from there next time (but he never does). I hope some day to attend Ambassador College, but that will be a long time from now because I'm just 13."

Young man from Louisiana

• *Have you read the truth about Lazarus and the Rich Man? We have a free booklet on the subject for you.*

It Pays to Tithe

"After 24 years, water has come back into our well. God promises to bless the tither and I believe it, for each one in our household tithes."

Lawyer from Kentucky

"Holy Ghost" or "Holy Spirit"?

"Why don't you quote the Bible like it was wrote down? When the Bible reads Holy Spirit, say Holy Spirit, and when it reads Holy Ghost, say Holy Ghost. I don't want to read no more of your PLAIN TRUTH until you start saying Holy Ghost instead of Holy Spirit."

Woman from Kentucky

• *The translators of 1611 rendered the word "pneuma" as "Ghost" because of a prevalent superstition about ghosts. But God's Spirit is not a "Ghost," but the very mind, power, and energizing life that comes from Him. We use the word "Spirit" because it conveys the real meaning of the word as it was originally written in the Greek.*

"Some of your ideas are so enlightening. I wonder why my pastor has not touched on that, since he says he preaches the whole Bible."

Woman, Ohio

• *And they're not even our ideas, but the truth from the Word of God.*

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Personal from the Editor

LOOK at what is INCREASING today! Knowledge is *increasing*! But so are troubles in the world! Tooth-paste production is increasing. So is tooth decay.

In cities everywhere child-welfare organizations are springing up. So, likewise, is illegitimacy.

The number of psychiatrists shows a rapid increase. But mental cases increase *more* rapidly.

Scientific and technological know-how mushrooms. So does the threat to the existence of human life on this planet.

Peace Conferences are occurring more frequently than ever before. But world violence, cold war, and threat of world cosmocide mount even faster.

The INCREASE in man's plans and efforts toward peace, human welfare, good health, are *not* bringing the world closer to these desired ends. Rather, as man's efforts for peace and for GOOD increase, chaos and EVIL and threat of the total annihilation of mankind increase *faster*!

YOU LIVE IN THIS WORLD!

Yes, but *for how long*?

It's time we gave heed. What are the *causes* of this unprecedented condition? Where is our deliverance? How is it all going to come out?

I have said before: this world is what its *leaders* have made it. The leaders are the *educated*—not the illiterate. And *they* are the product of their environment—their EDUCATION. That adds up to this: the frightening state of world-chaos and threat of extinction *is the result of this world's system of education!*

Take a quick look at it. Is it *right* education? Are the children and young men and women really *getting* the education, such as it is?

Recently the North American Newspaper Alliance gave a test to 5,000 college students. The test revealed that the students are abysmally uninformed

about the world, and even about their own country.

On world geography, the composite score was 25%. These college students knew little more about their own country. Less than 50% had even the vaguest notion of their own country's population. Only 4 out of each 100 could give the *approximate* population of the world. Some thought there were ten million people on earth. Guesses went up to five hundred thousand million. Two thirds thought that Castro's Cuba was a trust territory of the United States, under U.N. trusteeship. 35% of the students did not even know that U.N. is the abbreviation for the United Nations.

The University of Iowa ranks high in scholastic standards among United States universities. Yet an average of one in five of its senior students flunked a freshman-level test in English Composition.

But WHAT KIND of education is being disseminated?

In Communist Russia today a very high percent of children and young people of college age are in school. The Russians have *learned* how to fly into outer space—how to make hydrogen bombs. Yet a Moscow Christmas radio broadcast blared out to the world: "Our rocket has bypassed the moon. It is nearing the sun, and *we have not discovered God*. We have turned lights out in heaven that no man will be able to put on again. We are breaking the yoke of the Gospel—the opium of the masses. Let us go forth, and Christ shall be relegated to mythology."

A graduate of Oxford said he devoted three years to acquiring DEAD knowledge he could do nothing with, and false knowledge it took another three years to unlearn.

What if you saw a man out in an arid desert, trying to build a house on shifting sand, without any foundation
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OUR COVER

The recent sudden eruption of Mt. Irazú, Costa Rica, Central America, was photographed especially for *The PLAIN TRUTH* by a Costa Rican professor at La Universidad de San José. Irazú volcano, one of many in Central America, is 11,200 feet in altitude. During periods of inactivity its crater becomes a vast lake. On one occasion—1732—its flooded crater burst and nearly overwhelmed the city of Cartago perched at Irazú's southern base.

Personal from the Editor

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under it, and with no knowledge of carpentry or experience in building. Would you think him a fool?

Today millions of scientists, doctors and educators are doing that very thing in building their superstructure of KNOWLEDGE. They have rejected the very FOUNDATION of knowledge. They consequently lack the right *approach* to the acquisition of the additional knowledge to build on the foundation that is not there. They are building a house of cards doomed to topple.

Then WE come along. The only true and solid FOUNDATION of knowledge is revealed to us. We accept it, and start building on it. This very revealed basic knowledge provides the only right *approach* to the acquisition of additional *discoverable* knowledge. Utilizing this approach, proving all things before we accept them, we *build* on our firm FOUNDATION. And what do the "educators" of this world say of us? They put on an assumed wise and dignified expression, and say contemptuously that we are crazy!

They remind me of the insane man in a mental institution who pointed at the warden and giggled, "Tee-hee! You're CRAZY!" They are about as truly sensible as the inebriate who, when told he was drunk, grinned and said, "I know it—hic! *Sho'm I!*"

God Almighty says the inhabitants of this world are spiritually DRUNK on the wine of false doctrines—*false KNOWLEDGE*. This spiritual wine has emanated from paganism wearing the false label of "Christianity," and from a false science and error-infused educational system. Their spiritual eyes are out of focus, like the physically intoxicated man who was "counting the moon."

Are they, despite their proud and dignified looks, any more sober and truly rational than the drunken bum who staggered across the street, accosted a man and asked, "Hey Mishter—hic! Could y' tell me whisch ish th' other

side of the street?" On being told, "Why, that side over there, of course!" the drunk replied, "You're CRASZHY! I waszh just over there, an' *that* man said *thish* wuz osher side of ' schreet!"

I have written before of how I have known men of all walks of life. I have found the idle rich, who inherited their money, the most bored; the hard-working rich, who build their own fortunes, the most dissatisfied; the highly educated, the most empty; and the ignorant, illiterate, totally uneducated southern Negro of 50 years ago in the United States, the most happy-go-lucky and contented.

WHY? Ignorance is not THE WAY to happiness!

Then WHY are the unlearned of this world happier in their ignorance than the educated in their *knowledge*? The reason is that there is so much that is *false* in what has been built into the structure of KNOWLEDGE being disseminated today.

The baby five seconds old has not as yet acquired *any* knowledge. Whatever is stored in your mind today—everything you believe to be fact—has entered your mind since birth. You start out about where the ignorant Negro of post-slavery days ended up. You are starting, at birth, from scratch. The more *false* knowledge, erroneous assumptions, untrue ideas you crowd into your mind, the farther away you are traveling from TRUE EDUCATION.

Jesus Christ said, "Ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall make you free." TRUTH will free one from fears, worries, emptiness, boredom, discontent, unhappiness—yes, even from ill health, poverty and misery, when rightly and diligently applied.

There are inexorable spiritual LAWS that govern good health, happiness, success. But these laws are invisible. Man cannot see them. He cannot feel, smell, taste, or hear them. And all the knowledge that has come into every human mind, naturally, has come through one of those five senses.

The knowledge of these laws, which are in themselves THE WAY to peace, to health, wealth and happiness, is a knowledge that must be REVEALED!

What I am saying is that the BASIS—the FOUNDATION—of all useful knowl-

edge is REVEALED knowledge. And the self-professing "wise" and "educated" of this world long since *rejected* revelation.

What is the FOUNDATION? It is the true knowledge of PURPOSES, of CAUSES, of BEGINNINGS, of the TRUE VALUES, of invisible SPIRITUAL LAWS.

Doctors treat physical diseases with drugs. But do they tell you how to *prevent* these diseases? Do they know the laws that govern HEALTH? They ignore the CAUSE, and treat the *effect*. Psychiatrists strive in vain to treat neuroses and mental illnesses, while they stumble all around, disagreeing among themselves in their various theories as to the CAUSE, and way to *prevent* such unhappiness. Universities teach students how to produce more terrifying weapons of mass destruction, in the mad race for survival against the enemy. But they cannot teach the way to PEACE, for of that important knowledge they are IGNORANT! They teach men how to earn a living, in a profession, a science, a technology, or a trade. But they can't teach what they themselves do not know—*how to LIVE!*

What is the FOUNDATION of knowledge?

It is to know the TRUTH about origins, purposes, causes, and ways. What is the true *meaning*—the REAL PURPOSE of life? WHY was humanity put here on earth? HOW did the earth get here, and WHY, and WHEN? What are the *real facts* of origins and developments, of geological formations and biological organisms? Science has ideas, theories, postulates. But the "science" accepted as "fact" today becomes the laughing-stock of tomorrow.

What are the TRUE VALUES of life? WHERE is the knowledge of HOW to LIVE? Are there living, yet invisible, LAWS that govern relationships? What is MAN? Is he flesh, or is he spirit? Is he mere animal, or immortal soul in a material *body*, or is he neither? Is he the product of blind, purposeless evolution, or is he a *created* being, made in the very image of God?

WHY is man? Is there some PURPOSE for his tenure here on earth? Is there real *meaning* to life—and if so *what is it?* You won't learn the answer in the college or university of this world! Does

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CARIBBEAN EXPLODES!

And now—*tension in the Caribbean!* All of a sudden, Americans find *another* potential powder keg on their front doorstep! What's GONE WRONG in the Western Hemisphere? Why so many problems—SO CLOSE? You need to know where it's taking us—and what *prophecy* says about increasing troubles around the world!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

“OUR GOOD NEIGHBOR policy ISN'T PAYING OFF!” I said, in an article published in *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, October 1954. I had written that article from Bogotá, capital city of Colombia, in South America!

Since that time—much has happened! Richard Nixon, former Vice President of the United States, was spit upon in several South American countries; American prestige has continued down; violent overthrow of several governments has occurred; unheard of natural calamities have struck; intrigue, murder, plotting have taken place in country after country south of our borders; Castro took Cuba behind the Communist curtain; and America suffered a stinging defeat in the now infamous Bay of Pigs' invasion.

And that's a lot to happen!

I said, in that article, “The one most striking thing during our trip through the Central American countries and into Colombia, was the *evident, easily visible* manifestations of a fervent HATRED toward Americans!” That, at least, hasn't changed.

Cuba, Then the Caribbean!

Cuba is now just so much disgusting history. “Not in nearly 100 years has the Monroe Doctrine been so flouted,” exclaimed the *U.S. News and World Report* (September 10, 1962). With a supposed “victory” over Mr. Khrushchev in the withdrawal of Soviet missiles (we said, in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, that the Russian build-up would CONTINUE, nevertheless!), even recent events, such as Castro's May Day visit to Moscow, have served to illustrate the festering sore of Communism on our doorstep is by no means a healed wound!

And now, the large, neighboring island to the southeast of Cuba ex-



Wide World Photo

Demonstrators throw rocks at police in Caribbean riot. Unrest is universal in Latin American nations. Citizens want progress and prosperity, do not know how to obtain either.

plodes into headlines, with far more serious consequences than another mere “border incident” at stake!

Between Communist Cuba to the west and the history-rich island of Hispaniola (with Haiti and the Dominican Republic the two political entities on the island) to the east, lies one of the most important sea thoroughfares in the world! It's the Windward Passage, that major gateway from the United States' Atlantic, Great Lakes and gulf ports to the Caribbean, the *Panama Canal*, and the Pacific Ocean!

And it's a busy channel! The actual amount of goods in dollars flowing through this 30-mile-wide, deep-draft channel is almost incalculable! Ships from almost every country in the world traverse this busy sea lane at an annual rate of almost one every hour!

And now this busy channel, one of the *main arteries* of United States trade goods, appears to be seriously threatened!

Entirely too many Americans, naive to the point of gullibility, are assuming the United States to be almost self-suf-

ficient—utterly independent of other nations for raw materials, and the items of world trade. Nothing could be further from the truth! Taking defense materials alone—the Atomic energy program—a very frightening picture becomes clear. The United States depends upon foreign sources for 19 per cent of its beryl, 90 per cent of colombita and tantalite, 23 per cent of nickel, 80 per cent of thorium, 41 per cent of zircon, and about 25 per cent of uranium. The other raw materials, coming to our Eastern and Western shores, oftentimes through this important sea lane, and absolutely vital to our defense program, are entirely too numerous to mention here.

To give you a brief statistical picture; in 1960, almost 157 million long tons of dry cargo were carried world wide, over what are classified as “essential” foreign trade routes by ships engaged in U.S. foreign trade. Approximately 63 MILLION TONS, or *forty per cent*, of this cargo went through this same Windward Passage!

And now, HAITI, flanking the Windward Passage, erupts in violence! U.S.

citizens, wives and families of military and political personnel, have been evacuated. The United States made a show of military force, sending an aircraft carrier and numerous other ships, with a large contingent of marines, close inshore to cover the departure of American nonmilitary personnel.

A smuggled cable from Haiti (almost all reliable sources of information were cut off) said, "*Fear walks the streets of this capital city of Haiti (cabled from Port-au-Prince). It is reflected in the rabble-rousing, nearly hysterical speeches of President François Duvalier and in the faces of the people. Reports of wholesale murder and mass arrests are rampant. Haitians willing to talk remind you that they do so at peril to their lives . . . strict censorship has been imposed on the foreign dispatches by cable . . . cables are delayed by the censors for three to five hours*" (by George Natanson, whose dispatch was smuggled out of Port-au-Prince and cabled to the United States from outside Haiti).

This frightening turn of events in yet another Caribbean area nation led Bill Henry, staff writer for the *Los Angeles Times*, to say, "We don't just have a Cuban problem—the *whole Caribbean area is a powder keg in our front yard.*"

Representative William C. Cramer, of Florida, said *many* of the Caribbean's Leeward and Windward islands are heavily infiltrated with Russians! He said the Russians were in the islands of St. John's and Barbados (British-held islands in the Caribbean) and added that the Russians were also reported to be on the Dutch island of Curacao and in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Mr. Cramer said, "The Russian buildup is *extensive and ominous*. The obvious aim of the Soviets is to establish beachheads throughout the Caribbean, *an area considered the solar plexus of the Western Hemisphere!*"

Representative Cramer warned that Communist control of Haiti would give the Russians potential control of the Windward Passage—an area absolutely VITAL to U.S. trade.

What Caused the Strife?

But what REALLY happened in Haiti and the Dominican Republic? Why the

threat of WAR in this little-known area?

Few areas of the world have been bloodier in their history! Scene of rich historical events (Columbus landed on Haitian soil originally) and also *violence* to rival that of any nation, the two countries of the island of Hispaniola have not led much of a peaceful existence. The Dominican Republic, ruled for 31 years by the most ruthless and bloody dictators in the Western Hemisphere, has had a wretched past in recent times. Haiti, under the strong hand of dictator François Duvalier, has become increasingly a nation of fear and terror, living in the shadow of a dread "secret police," Duvalier's personal organization for keeping iron control, made up of "goon squads" and thugs.

The trouble started when Duvalier tried to use his "Gestapo tactics" on the Dominican Embassy in Port-au-Prince. Duvalier's guards broke into the embassy in search of anti-government Haitians, who had sought political asylum there.

For as long as anyone can remember, it has been a time-honored tradition among the oft-revolutionized countries to the south that the embassies of other countries are a political NEUTRAL territory—and many an exiled ruler owes his own life, and that of his family and friends, to this mutually accepted international agreement!

Dominican President Juan Bosch became enraged. He charged invasion of Dominican territory (since all embassies are actually considered the PROPERTY of the country they represent), called out his tiny navy, and sent tanks and troops rumbling off to make a show of force at the two countries' mountainous borders.

For well over 100 years, the two countries have not gotten along together. During the 1930's, Dictator Trujillo of the Dominican Republic ruthlessly slaughtered some 15,000 Haitian citizens who had taken up residence in the Dominican Republic without government authorization. Now, it's Haiti's turn.

But *what is really behind* this swagging show of force in the small nation of Haiti? Even with U.S. ships visible on the horizon, a noise bomb has been exploded in front of the U.S. Embassy, the wife of a United States soldier was detained and grilled for over two hours

at a police station, and a secretary in the embassy was stopped and searched at gunpoint! It's *not* just the *Dominicans* coming in for blows, but the U.S.! WHY?

As I reported in articles written after returning from Central and South America in 1957 (a second trip with Dr. Benjamin Rea, head of the Spanish Department at Ambassador College and Dean of Instruction at Bricket Wood, England), "For years we have struggled through conferences, trade agreements, peace treaties and loans, to keep Communism out of the Western Hemisphere! We have NOT struggled, however, to keep a far more *dangerous* enemy [even though Communism IS a frightening and *dangerous enemy!*] out of the Western Hemisphere, simply because we do not yet recognize who the enemy is!

"We have assumed that our 'good neighbor policy' has captured life-long friendship for us from our South American neighbors . . . South American countries are awakening to a new age of industrialization, of trade and commerce! They are no longer the sleepy, drowsy, 'quaint little countries' that beckoned the typical gum-chewing, picture-taking tourist in the loud sports shirt! Many of the countries here in South America present quite a different picture to the discerning eye than formerly.

"And, believe it or not, FOREIGN influences in South America, and especially *foreign capital backing development of*
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Flames and smoke rise from burning American-owned warehouse in Venezuela. Terrorists—Communist-inspired—hurled incendiary bombs, destroying over four million dollars worth of property.

Wide World Photo



VOLCANIC DISASTER— A Prophetic Reality

Volcanic activity is a present threatening danger around the world. Thousands have perished this year in fiery agony! Here's what prophecy reveals—together with an eyewitness account of a presently erupting volcano!

by David Jon Hill

THE "Ring of Fire" is aflame again! Over THREE HUNDRED presently active volcanoes hiss and steam in a smoking, belligerent watch on the circle of the Pacific Ocean! Other fire-belching giants around the earth bring the present total of ACTIVE volcanoes to a frightening four hundred plus!! The history of death and destruction meted out by volcanoes is exceeded only by the death-dealing record of earthquakes—and many times these twin giants of natural catastrophe strike hand in hand.

ONE Volcano's History

Mount Etna on the island of Sicily in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea has been observed by mankind ever since its first eruption—which is rare, since volcanoes are usually longer-lived than empires—two thousand four hundred years ago. During these years Mount Etna has erupted five hundred times or more and taken a death toll of ONE MILLION PERSONS!

Continuously active since its first recorded eruption in 475 B.C., it has been both a tourist attraction—as in 1955 when it even went so far as to blow smoke rings—and as a stark monster of death spewing out truck-sized, white-hot boulders into the air and sending panic-stricken peasants fleeing for their lives! This venerable volcano's worst eruption in thirty-two years occurred in 1960 when its atomic-style mushroom cloud of black smoke blotted out the noonday sun and rose to 30,000 feet—a beacon of death visible as far away as Reggio, Calabria, a town on the mainland of Italy!

Warning Goes Unheeded

Although Mt. Etna's accumulated

record of death is astounding, no record of volcanoes can be written without the mention of Krakatoa. This famous volcano lies in the shallow waters of the Sunda Strait between the islands of Sumatra and Java in the East Indies. It began to telegraph its danger with smoke signals and numerous earth tremors increasing in power and frequency about March of the year 1883. Since few people—even in that volcano-strewn section of the world—pay attention to forewarnings, nobody gave Krakatoa any heed.

Early in the morning of August 27, 1883 the earth's crust was wrenched open near the base of this mountain—under water! Millions of gallons of cool ocean water poured into the white hot bowels of Krakatoa. The resultant explosion was heard literally *thousands of miles away* as if cannons were going off just over the horizon. Nearly two *cubic miles* of earth were immediately vaporized in a natural catastrophe that dwarfs mankind's hydrogen weapons to insignificance.

A 100-foot tidal wave swept the shores of the nearby islands and destroyed *thirty-six thousand lives!* "The immediate fall-out from the explosion also was intense. At 7:00 A.M. the sky at Batavia [Djakarta] began to darken; by 10:15 it was a lurid yellow. At 11:20, the city was plunged into complete darkness; lamps were turned on at midday!" (*Los Angeles Times*, August 21, 1962). So much dust and ash were cast into the upper atmosphere—*fifty miles high*—that the sunsets around the world were red-hued for six months!

Just as nobody paid any attention to the warning Krakatoa gave before its explosion in 1883, so it seems that today nobody pays heed. Nor is it reported, nor

generally known that there is a *present-day, active volcano* located on what is left of the island of Krakatoa called Anak-Krakatoa, which means "child of Krakatoa"! Anak erupted in 1928, 1950, 1953—and there has been *continuous and increasing activity reported from this volcano especially since 1960!*

One-fifth of the entire population of Iceland perished in 1783 when an entire chain of volcanoes erupted. Mount Tomboro on the island of Sumbawa in Indonesia erupted in 1808 and took *fifty-six thousand lives!* Mount Pelee on the island of Martinique in the Caribbean snuffed out forty thousand lives in 1902.

Nearly Twelve Thousand Perish This Year

In this day and age we are *accustomed* to death by violence. Yet it does seem unusual that the death of so many thousands would go almost unnoticed by most of our news media while an air crash bringing death to fifty or sixty persons finds front-page headlines!

On the lovely island of Bali—again in Indonesia—the volcano Mount Agung erupted in the latter part of March 1963 and took *over eleven thousand lives* (by International Red Cross count) and left more than two hundred thousand others homeless!

This volcano had been dormant for a century! The followers of the Balinese religion worship this 10,000-foot mountain as a home of the gods. They referred to it as "The Navel of the World," and have built a temple halfway up its slopes.

Mount Agung spewed out warning blasts of ash and mud on March 17, but hundreds of priests, gathered for a once-a-century festival to placate the gods of this inferno, did not heed the warning.

While they ignorantly and innocently knelt in prayer of devotion and supplication to their unhearing god, his black mouth belched out monstrous clouds of ash and gas which destroyed his kneeling worshippers in a 230° HURRICANE OF STEAM!

Hundreds died instantly!

Great tongues of lava lashed down the mountain at *fifty miles an hour*, causing rivers to *boil* on contact—boulders the size of houses spewed forth by the thousands—one hundred thousand acres were buried feet-deep in volcanic ash—thirty-five thousand cattle died.

Take Warning!

"Such catastrophes needn't recur, Ault says, [Dr. Wayne Ault, a scientist with the United States Geologic Survey] if the world would cock an attentive ear to its volcanoes. A volcanic eruption is preceded by ample warnings of tremors or escaping steam" (*San Diego Union*, August 28, 1960).

This advice is well-founded, but history proves that it has never been followed! Human beings are an odd mixture of curiosity, independence and rebellion. In the case of Mount Pelee in Martinique where forty thousand perished—rather than take the long and early warnings the volcano gave and flee the island for safety—the island's inhabitants *advertised* it and *conducted tours* of thousands of tourists to the *very lip of the crater*! Even today, ignoring a history of one million deaths attributed to Mount Etna, there is a railroad to the very top of this mountain for the sole purpose of looking into the throat of death!

Everyone ignores the child of Krakatoa. If anyone raises a voice of caution, he is labeled an alarmist!

Or perhaps it is that people think, in the ignorance of human vanity, that they themselves as individuals could never be the victims of such a catastrophe. Volcanoes erupting and thousands dying in faraway places such as the island of Bali do not trigger any concern in the minds of those living in the United States or Great Britain or Australia.

"Eruptions of volcanoes are not necessarily limited to exotic, faraway lands like the island of Bali in Indonesia



WIDE WORLD PHOTO
VOLCANO DEBRIS CLEARED IN BALI—Workers clear 10-inch deep pile of ashes and stones, debris from the recently erupted Agung volcano on a road to the Temple of Besakih in Bali, March 26. The temple is about four miles from the volcano which is regarded as dwelling place of the Javanese god!

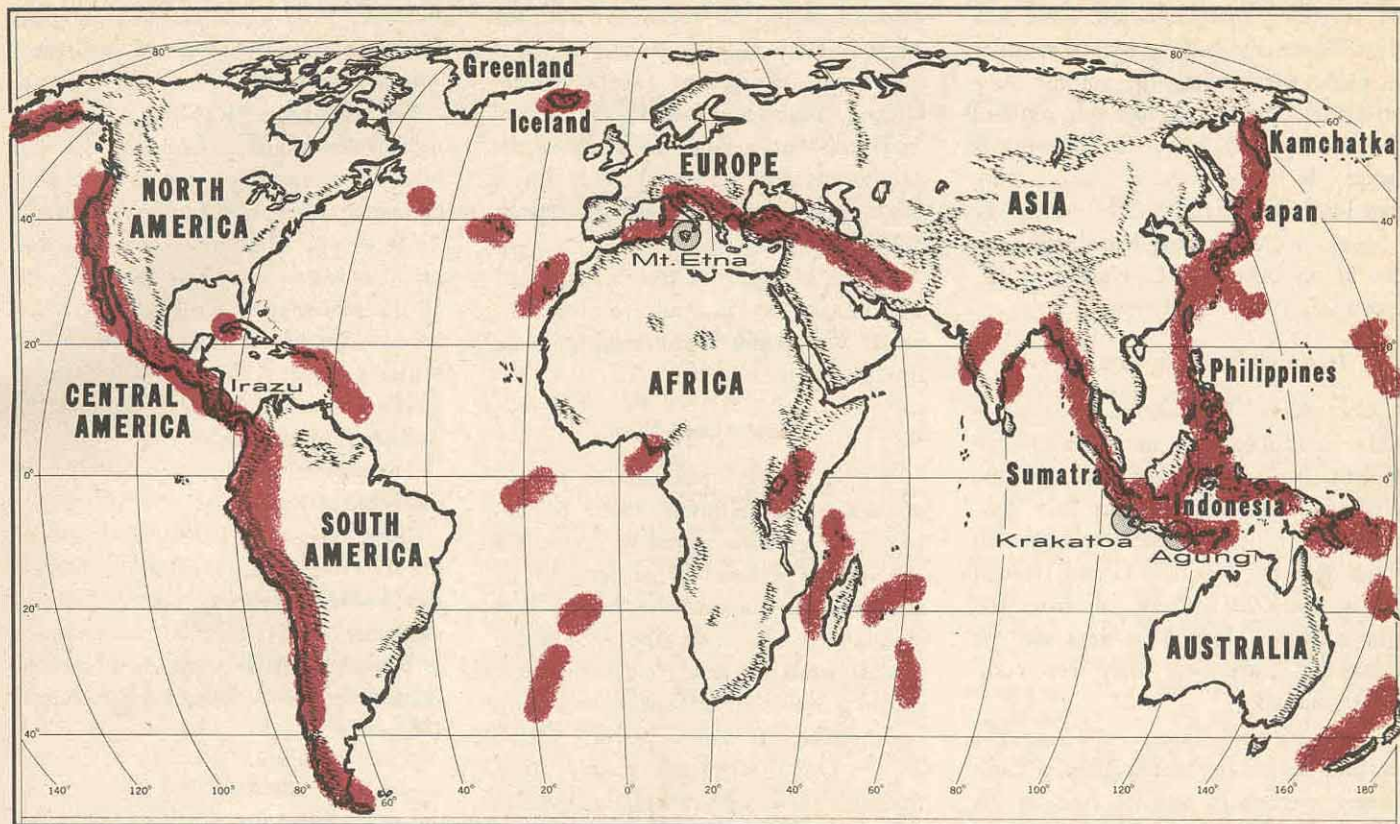
where thousands of persons perished last month as quiet Mount Gunung Agung suddenly became active.

"Oregon's 'volcanorability' was spelled out by a pair of geologists . . . 'Renewal of volcanism in Oregon could well begin next month—this year—next year—or thousands of years hence,' wrote Norman V. Peterson and Edward A. Groh" (*The Oregon Journal*, April 5, 1963). Again these knowledgeable scientists pointed out the principle that there is no cause for alarm. They explained that in every case volcanic action was signaled by many earth tremors of moderate to great intensity long before there is an actual

eruption. But remember the tragic record of history shows that none of these warnings are ever heeded.

Americans and Britons Don't Fear Volcanoes

To most Americans and Britons it seems as if volcanic destruction only comes on people in very faraway places. Mankind in his stumbling, "seventy years" feels very old and wise in his own eyes. Most people who have not *seen* a volcano feel safe and secure, assured that they themselves will never see such a disaster. Little do most Britons realize that there are ancient volcanoes by the



The volcanic "Ring of Fire" that surrounds the Pacific contains astonishing groupings of active volcanoes: Kamchatka—18; Japan—33; Philippine Islands—100; Sumatra—90;

Aleutian Islands—32; western coast of North and South America—40. Over THREE HUNDRED active volcanoes in all! (Information Please Almanac, 1963.)

score on their little island. Little do most Americans realize that great, vast regions of the entire continent were originally produced by volcanic activity—or that a volcano was last seen erupting in California as late as 1917!

Mount Lassen erupted on and off through the years 1914 to 1917. Mount Saint Helens in Washington, erupted as late as 1843 and there was volcanic action in Oregon in 1800!

This may seem like a long time ago, and that these volcanoes are now dead. But remember—the mountain that just destroyed nearly twelve thousand lives on the island of Bali had been silent for a century! A hundred years is like a week in the age of a volcano!

Eye-Witness Account

Here, from one of our own PLAIN TRUTH readers living in Central America in the country of Costa Rica, is an eye-witness account of the *presently erupting volcano*, Irazú. Even though this volcano has not been, so far, as destructive as the

volcano in Bali, the account that Mrs. Manolo de Rojas gives, and the on-the-spot picture that she sends, as well as clippings from the local newspapers, describes for us the *multiple problems* of volcanic eruption. Not all suffering is caused by being burned to death by hot lava!

Here's the report in Mrs. Rojas' own words: "You mentioned the volcano. Please! I don't even want to think about it! I'm so sick of that monster that I don't know what to do—life is impossible as a result of its constant eruptions of ash and sand . . . San José is *literally buried under it*—and San José is only a mile or two away from where I live.

"Here are some facts in regard to it: The volcano began erupting about a month and a half ago, about the beginning of March. [Shortly before Agung on Bali erupted.] It wasn't much at first and *nobody paid much attention to it*. But then it increased in intensity, and the pasture lands for dairy cattle located near the volcano were being destroyed.

The day President Kennedy came to Costa Rica, ash began to fall. It was impossible to go outside, because the stuff filled your eyes, nose and mouth. *It made the whole air smell like sulphur*. That day I closed the windows and doors but still it got in. I cleaned the house four or five times that day.

"About two weeks ago it started erupting in such a way as never seen before. As many as *twenty-five eruptions in one day*, casting ash and rocks and sand thousands and thousands of feet into the air!"

The newspaper, *La Nación*, in Costa Rica confirms this statement made by Mrs. Rojas—it states that on *one day*, April 26, there were seven eruptions each of which sent up ten-thousand-foot clouds.

Our Spanish Department here at Ambassador College translated the articles Mrs. Rojas sent us, and the essence of the news we found was that the eruption of the volcano Irazú is presently threatening the economy of the entire nation!

By April 23 three hundred cattle had died. There is a *death zone* twenty miles in radius surrounding the volcano, covered with twelve inches of volcanic ash. "Very frequently, now, the following is heard: 'If this continues, I am leaving San José with my family. I can no longer endure the cloud of ash. It is driving me out of my mind!'" (*La Nación*, p. 21, April 27, 1963, translation).

Personal Account Continues

Continuing Mrs. Rojas' account—"The eruptions get more and more violent. And about three days ago, the volcano began spewing out fiery substances. San José is one big mess—in three days the National Guard cleaned up *six hundred tons* of ash from the streets of San José. You can't see the sidewalks downtown, they are completely buried.

"The ash is seriously affecting the people's health. In areas near the volcano almost everyone is very ill. And in the area of San José, there have been many cases of serious bronchial and skin afflictions. Practically everybody is complaining either of headaches or sores or coughing.

"When you wash your clothes they come in dirtier than before you washed them, and the ash *rots the clothes*. How long a person can go on breathing in such quantities of volcanic ash containing sulphur and magnetic particles I don't know. If it eats clothes what must it do to a person's lungs?

"You can see the volcano very clearly from our house. This morning at 6:00 I was watching it erupting. It is very beautiful to see the big cloud coming out of it, it looks like *an atomic explosion!* The question everyone is asking is, '*¿Hasta cuándo?*' (How long will it last?)

"It is seriously affecting the economy of the country; much farm land has been lost; many cattle have died; the dairy industry is greatly in danger.

"Only God knows when this will end, if it ends. There are experts who say it could easily go on for a year or two. If so *it could ruin this little nation*—may God have mercy on us."

La Nación goes on to describe how beautiful botanical gardens with trees

from all around the world have been destroyed. How pasture lands, vineyards and coffee plantations have been destroyed, business affected because nobody wants to get out and shop in the sulphurous atmosphere—nobody leaves his house—things are nearly at a standstill in San José!

Yet if it were not for the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH* would you hear this news? Would you be watching for these things yourself?

How About You

Will you take measures to protect yourself? God Himself warns of unparalleled volcanic action to take place *within your lifetime!* When Jesus Christ answered the question concerning what signs and events would take place before His return to this earth, one of the main warning events He gave was concerning "earthquakes in divers places" (Matt. 24:7). Other scriptures plainly show that *with* these earthquakes, there would also be volcanic action unparalleled in the memory of mankind! Earthquakes have certainly been increasing with intensity and number in just the last few years; if you don't have our booklet on earthquakes write immediately for it; it's absolutely free!

"Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with *earthquake*, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and *the flame of devouring fire*" (Isa. 29:6).

Even Moses, speaking prophetically, forewarned of this time—"They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities . . . For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and *set on fire the foundations of the mountains!*" (Deut. 32:21-22).

The inhabitants of all the earth for nearly six thousand years have rejected the God Who created them and refused to obey His commands and live as He required. Their sin—the transgression of the basic laws of life and happiness—has caused them *individual* untold pain and grief and suffering. Their collective sin has caused the very earth itself to

suffer, and the whole creation to groan and cry out for the return of its Creator (Rom. 8:22).

The day of Jesus Christ's return is marked by political, ecclesiastical and physical catastrophes. He is returning to restore peace, the Truth, and safety!

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and *sound an alarm* in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for *the day of the Lord cometh*, for it is nigh at hand; *A day of darkness* and of *gloominess*, a day of *clouds* and of *thick darkness*" (Joel 2:1-2).

This general time is again described in the book of Revelation.

"And I beheld when he had opened the *sixth seal*, and, lo, there was a *great earthquake*; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood . . . And every mountain and island were moved out of their places." (Rev. 6:12, 14.)

Be Prepared

In the book of Luke where the same warnings are given regarding the return of Jesus Christ, a direct admonition is given. "*Watch* ye therefore, and *pray* always, that ye may be accounted worthy to *escape* all these things that *shall come to pass*, and to *stand* before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36). Your merciful Creator has given you adequate warning of these catastrophes to come.

Break the record of history—and heed the warning!

There are many theories as to what causes volcanic action, but no scientist understands or knows the principles that cause volcanic action any more than he knows the principles that cause earthquakes! In the case of the recent eruption of the volcano on the island of Bali, the natives fell down and worshipped the very mountain itself—importuning it to cease its eruptions—and the only answer they got was sudden, *hot death!* The One responsible, the One who causes these things to happen, is the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth! That Creator at His return to a rebellious earth is going to seize the entire globe and shake it like a terrier shakes a rat! (Isaiah 2:19.)

God's warning is to *watch*. And He

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The "Beast" of Revelation Rears Up Its Head!

An UGLY system of men is shaping up in Central Europe. Your Bible calls it the "Beast" and reveals its effect on major events in YOUR FUTURE!

by Roderick C. Meredith

STARTLING developments to affect YOUR FUTURE LIFE are now under way in Europe. As always, the world as a whole remains asleep to their significance until AFTER the next "Pearl Harbor" incident is over!

Tying in directly with the political and military revival of Germany and a united Europe, a sinister *religious movement* is beginning to affect the destiny of Western Europe—and *your life*. For the God of Heaven has prophesied for our day a political-military-religious system of *awesome power and proportions!* A fearful omen to the future of America and Britain, this prophesied "Beast" is now beginning to take shape in *specific detail*.

To know *what* lies ahead, to grasp the *significance* of current news, you need to UNDERSTAND the ultimate goal of this system—and then WATCH IT DEVELOP *before your very eyes just as God prophesied in advance!*

The Fate of Our Nations

As our long-time readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* all know, we have for nearly thirty years—through the pages of this magazine and over *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast—warned America and the British Commonwealth nations of a coming national PUNISHMENT and SLAVERY on an *unprecedented scale* unless we REPENT of our national sin and *rebellion* against the laws of God.

Our people are definitely identified as the descendants of the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes of Israel," and the prophesied *future punishments* upon Israel apply to *our nations NOW!* If you do not yet understand this *vital truth*, write *immediately* for Mr. Armstrong's free booklet, "The United States and British

Commonwealth in Prophecy."

In a long-range dual prophecy extending to *our day*, God prophesied in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 of the coming national PUNISHMENT to be meted out to *His chosen peoples* because of our *refusal* to carry out the responsibilities which He gave us.

After promising to make modern America and Britain the GREATEST nations on earth—which *we were for over 150 years*—God declared that if we broke His laws and despised His covenant: "I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass" (Lev. 26:19). God also promised *plagues, or disease epidemics*, to come upon us in such a manner that the doctors, drugs and medicines will be of no avail (Verse 21). He prophesied increasing national weakness, *mental disease*—which now accounts for fully ONE-HALF of our hospitalized patients in *all institutions*—and ultimate SLAVERY in a foreign land (Deut. 28:34-36).

A "Yoke" of Slavery

God prophesied a definite "yoke" of slavery would be placed upon the neck of His people Israel at the end of this age just before Jesus Christ's second coming (Verse 48).

Any legitimate Bible commentary or dictionary will show you that the Prophet Jeremiah wrote *over 100 years AFTER* the ten-tribed "House of Israel" went into their ONLY national captivity. Yet, in his prophecies—Jeremiah definitely spoke of a FUTURE captivity coming upon OUR PEOPLE—America and Britain today—at the time of the end. Notice Jeremiah 30:4-10. God prophesies a coming time of national fear and dread for our peo-

ples! He states: "Alas! for that day is GREAT, so that NONE IS LIKE IT: it is even the time of *Jacob's trouble*; but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass *in that day*, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his YOKE from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: But they shall serve their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them."

This is the time just preceding the *resurrection from the dead*—when David is RAISED UP! At that time, the peoples called "Jacob" or Modern Israel are going into the GREATEST national captivity ever experienced by any peoples! As prophesied in Leviticus 26, a great YOKE of slavery will be placed on our necks until we repent. Finally, our people will be *saved and delivered* from this yoke through the *second coming of Jesus Christ as King of kings!*

After describing how the rescued Americans and Britons will go back to Palestine and be blessed under Christ's rule, notice Jeremiah's statement in Verse 24, ". . . in the LATTER DAYS ye shall consider it." This is a prophecy for *our day, NOW!*

Then Chapter 31 continues the theme of how God will rescue modern America and Britain from SLAVERY in concentration camps in the "North Country"—Central Europe and nations in the communist orbit with whom they have *traded slaves*—all lying to the *north of Palestine!*

This Is BEGINNING to HAPPEN

Skeptics can scoff if they wish—*especially since they won't have much time left in which to do so*—but the facts certainly prove that the PRIDE of

power of America and Britain is certainly being **BROKEN** by the God of Heaven who controls the rise and fall of nations and empires!

Of the former British Empire and its greatness, India with its four hundred millions of people is **GONE**. Pakistan is **GONE**. The most vital "gate" of international trade and commerce on earth today, the Suez Canal, is **GONE** from the British Empire—*taken by Nasser's Egypt!*

The island bastion of Cyprus is **GONE**. The Union of South Africa is **GONE**. Now Britain's other important sea gates in the Middle and Far East are in *serious* TROUBLE. The recent revolts in Yemen, next to Aden, threaten this important naval base at Aden—Britain's *most important overseas base* outside of Singapore. And increasing pressure in Spain is building up for the British to be ousted from Gibraltar. Before too long, it will probably be **GONE** from the British Empire!

In Southeast Asia, the red tide of Communism moves irresistibly south toward Malaya and Singapore—Britain's last great centers in that part of the world.

Australia and New Zealand may be next!

Meanwhile, in Central America, quiet "deals" are *already being discussed* which will involve the easing out of American control over this *most vital* sea gate in the Western Hemisphere! Within a few years, probably, the Panama Canal will be **GONE** to modern Israel!

Vital link in U.S. military preparedness is Panama Canal. Here an American atomic sub passes through locks of canal. Every year demands grow louder that Panamanians want full control of canal.

Wide World Photos

Also, the recent troubles in Cuba and Haiti bring to mind a frightful possibility of which most Americans are virtually uninformed. This involves our present control of the *Windward Passage* between these two nations—a *vital* sea passage through which over three and one-half billion dollars in cargo passes yearly including forty per cent or nearly **ONE-HALF** of United States foreign shipping! If these nations fall to Communism or other dictatorial powers, American control over this strategic sea gate will be **GONE**.

At the same time, within our borders, the most frightful **RACE RIOTS** of our national history are now taking place. This is in direct fulfillment of the prophecy of Deuteronomy 28:43—"The stranger [Gentile] that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low."

Here is something that is already affecting *you personally*. America's *financial power* that enabled her to give away **BILLIONS** to foreign nations since the Second World War is virtually **GONE**! The *U.S. News and World Report* magazine in its issue of February 11, 1963, reported that the U.S. gold supply is now *under* sixteen billions. Required gold reserve equals *twelve billions*. Excess above required reserve—*four billions*. **BUT**, foreign claims on

our gold equal *21.5 billions*! These claims above our free gold amount to 17.5 billions of dollars. And, interestingly enough, the *key nations* in the now forming United States of Europe—Germany and France—hold between them *four billions* of these claims. As the *U.S. News* reported: "There's not much freedom of maneuver if somebody should become interested in putting on pressure."

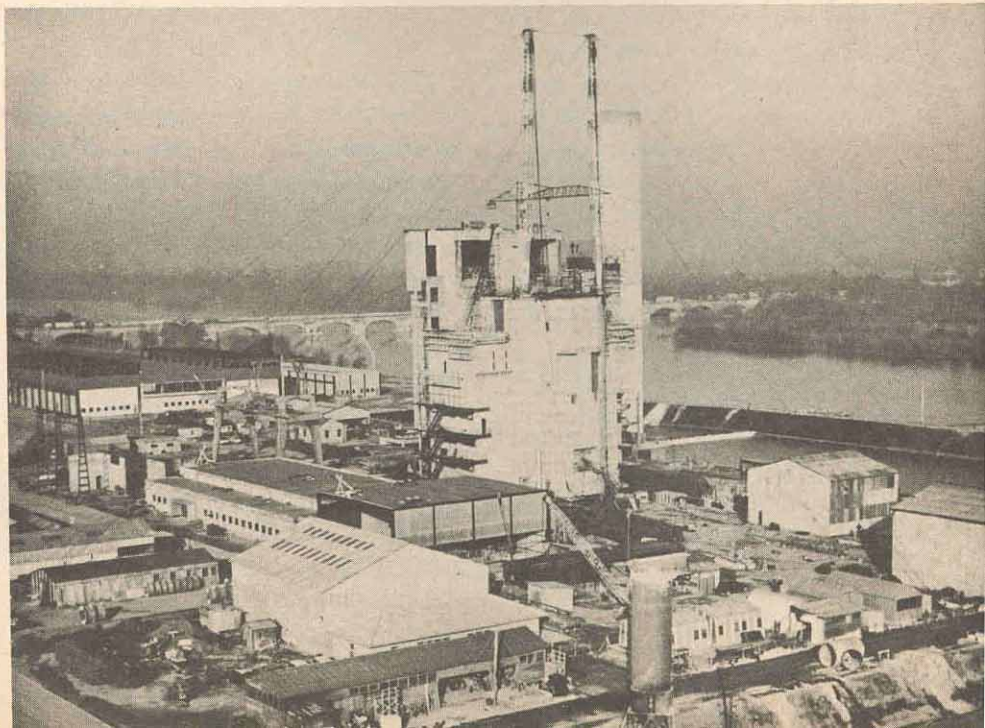
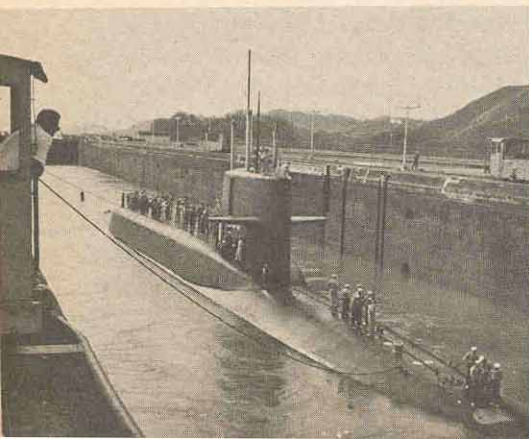
But WHO Will Place the "Yoke" on America and Britain?

For years we have been warning you of a German-dominated *United States of Europe* prophesied to become our *mortal enemy*. As the bombs rained on Hitler's Germany, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong over *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast stood **ALONE** in prophesying that Germany *would rise again!*

And now, it is **HAPPENING**! Most news correspondents see it and admit it, but they still do not realize what it portends for the future.

However, notice this recent statement published only a few months ago in *Die Welt*, one of the most respected newspapers in West Germany today: "De Gaulle, so conclude the newspapers, is today more popular in Germany than
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President Charles de Gaulle demands that France be treated as a great power. To make France be heard he is putting heavy pressure on French economy to build atomic plants and atom weapons. One of France's new plants is this one built on the Loire River.



The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

We come now to the supreme CRISIS—the turning point—of Mr. Armstrong's life. The new Ambassador College "folds up" before it gets fairly started—only Mr. Armstrong refuses to believe it.

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NOW CAME the *real* troubles! In an event-filled life, we now reached the crossroads. This was to be the real test.

WHICH WAY—From Here?

Ahead, now, was the possible transition from a small, struggling, virtually one-man work to a major-scale organization exerting a powerful influence on humanity the world around! Ambassador College was to provide the only possible means. It was to be the recruiting and training center, integrating into effective organization those whom God would call to become this Christ-led and Spirit-powered organism.

But lying in wait, poised to spring at us in satanic fury, was a succession of such seemingly insurmountable obstacles, diabolical plots, persecutions and oppositions as I never dreamed of facing. As I think back, now, I realize, as I did not then, how these efforts to thwart the founding of the college seemed to come from all directions—and from within as well as without.

It was as if the Irresistible FORCE met head-on with the immovable obstruction.

But these two forces had met head-on before. This Work was not mine, but God's. His was the Irresistible FORCE. Satan provided the seemingly immovable obstructions.

Personally, I could never have forged past these oppositions. But it was God's doing. He had called, beaten down and conquered me, until I became willing to submit, be converted and consecrated, and to become dedicated. I was merely God's instrument. The real opposition was neither people nor chance circumstance. Ephesians 6:12 explains it. The struggle of God's begotten is not against flesh and blood, but against the *spirit-*

forces of evil, the demoniacal Authorities of the dark present. In other words, the *real* opposition was coming from Satan and his demons!

I didn't realize the *real meaning* of this crossroads crisis at the time. Of course God did, and He saw us through.

I did know that one of the crucial laws of success is *staying power*—refusal to quit or give up. As long as there is life, there's hope. And also I knew well that the most important rule of all is close contact with, and the guidance and help of GOD. I did seek divine guidance, earnestly and continually. And I did *rely fully* on God. In all that was to hit us, I never once doubted the outcome.

Yet I did not really comprehend what tremendous stakes hung in the balance or *why* these things were happening. I do now. It is much easier to view happenings and causes, purposes and meanings, in retrospect than during the thick of battle.

The Colossal Stakes

At the time, I simply knew that I had been called to proclaim Christ's true Gospel. I could not understand why all the ministers professing to represent Christ were not preaching it! But I was grateful that my own understanding had been opened—that God's wonderful TRUTH had been revealed.

And I realized fully that the Work could not continue to grow without the college. I knew it was God's will that His Work GO FORWARD—*never backward!!* Always we must rely on HIM—and *never quit!* Jesus Christ had promised, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you." To His people carrying on God's Work, He had said, "Lo, I am with you *always*." I *knew* He would see us through!

Astounding knowledge has come to light since then. Today, 16 years later, we can see clearly how colossal were the

real stakes. It becomes crystal clear, now, why even Satan was *so concerned* that he threw at us everything possible to STOP the founding of the Ambassador Colleges.

I think it pertinent to give here the briefest explanation.

WHY did Jesus Christ come into the world in the likeness of human flesh? For more purposes than one. The angel of God told His mother Mary before He was born that Jesus was to be *Great*, the Son of GOD, and a KING ruling *forever!*

Jesus told Pilate, while on trial for His life, that He was *born* for the purpose of becoming a KING—not of *this* world, but of the WORLD TOMORROW! Jesus Christ is to come to earth *again*, this next time in all the super POWER and GLORY of God Almighty, as KING of Kings, ruling the coming GOVERNMENT OF GOD, in complete *world-rule—world government*, over ALL NATIONS!

But to really grasp what was happening, take a quick flash-back.

Did God Create a Devil?

The present invisible and unrecognized ruler and god of *this* world is Satan the devil. How did he get such power?

Originally, God had populated this earth with angels. God created—and rules—the entire Universe. God Almighty is Supreme Ruler over all that exists. The Supreme GOVERNMENT OF GOD, controlling the entire Universe, is a miracle of efficiency and perfection, only partially revealed for human comprehension. It is administered through archangels of various ranks, of which the Cherubim are highest.

Over God's Government on this earth, the Eternal set the Cherub Lucifer as

local Executive Ruler. His commission was to administer as chief Executive, locally, GOD'S Government on earth. Lucifer had been created perfect in wisdom, knowledge and beauty.

But he became vain over his beauty, then jealous of God's superior power and jurisdiction. A third of his angels followed him in a rebellion. He formed them into an army of aggression, swept on up toward the Throne of the Universe to unseat God Almighty and take over all power to himself.

I have learned, in my experience, that one of the tests of fitness for any office is ability to maintain one's authority against those who would usurp it. God would not *be* God unless He had that power. The rebellion was defeated at once. And this ambitious Lucifer, his name now changed to Satan (meaning Adversary), was immediately cast back down to the earth where God had set him. As a result of this sin of angels (II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6), the very earth suffered physical violence and chaos—the condition described in Genesis 1:2.

In six days God *re-formed* the surface of the earth, creating upon it the present plant, animal, and human life. The first man, Adam, was put to the test. Had he obeyed God, proven his loyalty to GOD'S Government, resisting Satan's temptation, he could have qualified as Satan's successor in office, displacing him as RULER over WORLD GOVERNMENT.

The "second Adam"—Jesus Christ—was called on to meet that same TEST.

Qualifying for Office

It is a principle of God's Government that no office to which God has delegated AUTHORITY may ever be without a head. God had delegated to the cherub Lucifer AUTHORITY as world ruler. That AUTHORITY was established by GOD ALMIGHTY. Satan stood disqualified. Yet he *must*, by the very principles of GOD'S GOVERNMENT, and HIS delegated *authority*, remain in that office *until* a successor is qualified and inducted into office. Therefore Satan wields the power and authority of that office to this day!

One of the purposes of Christ's coming to earth more than 19½ centuries ago was to QUALIFY to wrest the power of the great office of WORLD RULER from Satan.

Satan twice struck in satanic fury to destroy Christ before He could even get started toward inaugurating the Work of God.

First, he put the impulse in the mind of King Herod to slay all babies under two years of age. He tried to kill the infant Jesus before He could grow to manhood.

Second, Satan attempted to destroy, spiritually, the MAN Jesus, at 30 years of age, before He had started on His mission of establishing the WORK OF GOD in this world. This was the terrific battle of the temptation, after Jesus had fasted 40 days. Jesus Christ was depleted of physical strength—but He relied on GOD for strength in this battle. Jesus proved LOYAL to GOD'S GOVERNMENT, completely submissive and obedient, rejecting Satan's most cunning temptations. Thus Jesus Christ qualified to displace Satan, administering the GOVERNMENT OF GOD on earth.

Relentless Opposition

Next, Jesus Christ plunged immediately into the business of starting in motion the WORK OF GOD in this present world. *That Work is the proclaiming of the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD*—that is, the GOVERNMENT of God, soon, now, to replace Satan's rule over ALL NATIONS, and to bring us WORLD PEACE!

Jesus chose and called His Disciples. The word "disciple" means a student or learner. For 3½ years, He taught them this Message—this Gospel—this GOOD NEWS of the WORLD TOMORROW.

After His death for the sins of the world, His resurrection to make possible eternal life for us, and His ascension to the THRONE OF THE UNIVERSE, where He has since remained as our High Priest, Christ sent the Holy Spirit to fill and empower His Apostles and His CHURCH.

Jesus had said: "I will build my CHURCH."

This WORK OF GOD was *started* in and through the individual personal human body of Jesus Christ. He had said that He could do *nothing* OF HIMSELF—it was the power of God's Holy Spirit dwelling in Him that did the WORK. Now that SAME POWER entered into the COLLECTIVE BODY of Disciples, forming

the New Testament Church of God.

Thus this Church became the BODY OF CHRIST. Its number one Commission was to carry on THE WORK OF GOD—that is, proclaim to the world Christ's Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD. In other words, the GOOD NEWS of the WORLD TOMORROW—Christ's WORLD GOVERNMENT, replacing today's world, invisibly governed by Satan.

The Church, surcharged with the mighty POWER of God's Spirit, mushroomed and multiplied in growth and power. Its influence was soon felt.

But the GOOD NEWS (Gospel) the Church proclaimed was BAD NEWS to Satan! Twice he had savagely tried to kill off this Message by his attempts to destroy Christ Himself. Now Satan began to hurl at the CHURCH every diabolical opposition.

First, the opposition came through Christ-rejecting Jews. That opposition was against the NAME of Christ. That opposition was short-lived. By 60 A.D. it had largely disappeared. At first, in every community, a minority of Jews was converted, forming a foundation for the local Church. But soon, in every locale, the Jewish opposition crystalized. After that, no more Jews came into the Church. From that time the converts were Gentiles or Proselytes.

Second, the opposition came through Christ-accepting Jews and Proselytes. This opposition was JUDAISM! Not realizing that the physical rituals and animal sacrifices of Moses were temporary SUBSTITUTES for the REALITY which had come, they clamoured for MORE LAW!

Judaism was *not* the religion of Moses! Judaism was the tradition of the Jewish elders. It was actually a *pagan form*. No religion, until Christianity, had ever offered FORGIVENESS OF PAST SINS. The pagan religions practised penance—doing irksome or self-punishing penance to make up for past sins. Judaizers adopted this pagan principle, construing the physical rituals of Moses as penance, justifying their guilty past.

But the Apostles of Christ powerfully answered this opposition, showing that no man can be JUSTIFIED of past guilt by the rituals of the Law—but *only* by the BLOOD OF CHRIST.

Then came the third and MOST EF-

FECTIVE OPPOSITION!

This was Satan's *MASTER CONSPIRACY!*

This was a pure PAGAN opposition. Satan's instruments were the priests of the Babylonian mystery religion. It did not oppose the NAME of Christ—it *appropriated* it! It did not demand MORE law—it claimed to ABOLISH Law! It *opposed* all Law.

This was Satan's COUNTERFEIT "Christianity," palming itself off as the true, original CHURCH founded by Christ! By it Satan has DECEIVED THE WHOLE WORLD! It was his MASTER-PIECE of cunning and craftiness!

The Great Conspiracy

There is a LOST CENTURY in the history of the Church. In the Book of Acts, and other New Testament writings, we have the history of the Church—the original, true Church founded by Jesus Christ, up to 69 A.D. In Revelation 12 we find a description and briefest prophetic history of this Church—as an opposed, persecuted, small Church, suffering the wrath of the devil. In Revelation 17 we have the account of a *different* Church—a false, Gentile Church, falsely posing as "Christianity"—a GREAT and POWERFUL Church, ruling over the civil governments, guilty of the martyrdom of saints, having deceived the world.

In profane history, you may search the libraries of the capitals of the world in vain for any trustworthy history of the Church from 70 A.D. until about 170 A.D. It is a LOST CENTURY!

The curtain is rung down on that history around 70 A.D. When it finally is lifted, around 170 A.D., it pictures on the stage of world action a "Christian Church" which, in most important respects, is the very antithesis of the Church of Christ and the original Apostles.

What happened?

That LOST HISTORY at last *has been found!* God HID IT! He hid it in His own BIBLE. The keys have been discovered. They unlock the riddle! Today the whole shocking story stands revealed! The plot—the date—the very man Satan used in starting it—all are now revealed!

There is not space for that dumb-founding, shocking revelation here. We

shall publish it and shout it to the world in full POWER at the proper time! You'll be astonished and amazed!

Suffice it here to say that, as Jesus and Paul and Peter foretold, pagan "WOLVES" disguised in "sheep's clothing" ENTERED *IN from without*, in order to steal and claim a right to possession of the NAME of Jesus Christ. But they came in, and then went out, with a PAGAN religion.

They also stole the doctrine of GRACE—but they turned grace into LICENSE (Jude 4). But, most important of all, *to Satan*, the god of that counterfeit religion, *they did away with Christ's MESSAGE*—His GOSPEL—the advance NEWS of Christ's coming as KING of Kings, and the coming world-ruling KINGDOM OF GOD, to depose and replace Satan and his present world system! They substituted a gospel *about* the *person* of Christ.

Asleep on the Job!

In 69 A.D., in face of advancing Roman armies, the people of God's true Church at Jerusalem and in Palestine *fled*. For two 19-year time-cycles they had proclaimed Christ's Message.

But they had expected His imminent return—in *their generation!* They had grown discouraged. Now, in 69 A.D., they were scattered. The great false COUNTERFEIT movement was becoming well organized. Everywhere it persecuted them. It had set up an anti-Semitism prejudice. It called them by the hated epithet, "*Jewish!*"

Discouraged, scattered, disorganized, persecuted, this TRUE CHURCH now *went to sleep on the job* of carrying on THE WORK OF GOD! The MESSAGE of the coming GOVERNMENT OF GOD, with Christ as returning KING, to bring us PEACE in the world tomorrow, was no longer being proclaimed in an organized manner to the whole world!

This, Christ Himself had foretold in His parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25). These virgins, of course, represented His CHURCH. They had expected Christ's return as conquering KING, even in the very year 31 A.D., before the Church was actually founded! (Acts 1:6.)

In this parable of Matthew 25, Jesus explained, prophetically in advance, that when the returning Christ "*tarried*"—*delayed* His coming beyond their erro-

neous expectation—"they all slumbered and slept."

The WHOLE CHURCH OF GOD WENT TO SLEEP ON THE JOB assigned to it! For more than 18½ long centuries that vital Gospel Message of coming WORLD GOVERNMENT was not proclaimed, in organized power, to the world.

But Jesus also had declared, prophetically: "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Mat. 24:14). This proclamation was to be the SIGN of His coming!

Just before the END of Satan's present evil world, and the coming of Christ to set up GOD's world-rule, this very same Gospel once again was to GO TO THE ENTIRE WORLD IN POWER!

There is a brief prophetic history of the true Church in Revelation 2 and 3. The very *last* of these seven successive Churches is to be the self-sufficient, lukewarm, Laodicean group. But just before it is the Church which carries this endtime vital Message! It is small. It is weak. But it is faithful, as few have been, with GOD'S WORD! It rises at the time Daniel prophesied, when "*knowledge shall be increased*" (Dan. 12:4).

Because of its lack of strength within itself, the living Christ, HEAD of God's Church, opens before it a mighty DOOR! By comparing II Corinthians 2:12 with Acts 16:8-9, you will see how God *opened A DOOR* through which Paul was enabled to carry the Gospel into EUROPE for the first time.

This was, to the very day, 19 years after the first founding of the Church! Paul's first sermon in Europe was on the day of Pentecost, 50 A.D.! The Church had started on the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D.! 19 years is a cycle of time. The sun, moon and earth come into conjunction every 19 years. The organized proclaiming of the Gospel *ended* in early summer, 69 A.D., at the end of a second 19-year time-cycle!

God does things ON TIME!

On the first Sunday in 1934, Christ opened *A DOOR*—the mighty door of radio and the printing press—by which an insignificantly small, persecuted, pitifully weak Church began proclaiming THIS SAME ORIGINAL GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST! When Ambassador College was

being founded, in 1947, no one realized it yet, but as a result of it Christ was to *OPEN A DOOR* through which His GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM started going to Europe on the first Monday in 1953—19 years precisely after it first began on one little radio station in Eugene, Oregon. This time it was shouted over the most powerful radio voice in all Europe—super powered Radio Luxembourg!

The Midnight Cry Goes Out!

But on that first Sunday morning in 1934, the "midnight hour" of Jesus' parable of the Ten Virgins had struck! (Mat. 25:6.) The cry went out, with the LOUD VOICE of radio: "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him!"

Or, in the more modern language of our day: "The world-ruling KINGDOM OF GOD is soon to appear! Christ is coming soon! The END of this world is HERE! Here's the GOOD NEWS of the happy, peaceful, WORLD TOMORROW!"

That cry is today being THUNDERED around the world!

Today that *very* Gospel Christ taught His Disciples *is* being preached, and published, in all the world, for a witness to ALL NATIONS!

It can be heard in all parts of the United States and Canada seven times a week. It is being broadcast into Central and South America in Spanish. It is being broadcast into the British Isles and over Europe in English. It is being broadcast into German-speaking countries in Europe over powerful Radio Luxembourg in German. It is being broadcast into French-speaking countries in Europe via Radio Luxembourg and the super power station Europe Number One. It is being broadcast in French into the Caribbean countries, and eastern Canada. It is and has been broadcast through northern, central, southern, western, and eastern Africa. It has been shouted throughout India, the Middle East, and over into Malaya and Indonesia. It has been projected, on the one Western radio station the Russians were not jamming, across the Iron Curtain into satellite countries and Russia itself in the Russian language. It is going via Chiang Kai Shek's super power station across the Bamboo Curtain into Red China. Six nights a week the powerful Message can be heard on many stations

in all parts of Australia and New Zealand. It is broadcast into Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines, Guam.

The Message has gone in POWER, in two-page advertising space, in the British, Australian, and New Zealand editions of *Reader's Digest*, largest circulated magazine on earth. Our own magazine, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, is printed in three English editions in Los Angeles, London and Melbourne simultaneously. There is now a German edition, and, coming in July, a French edition. Our free booklets publish the Message in English, German, French and Spanish, and soon more and more different languages!

Jesus' prophecy *is being fulfilled!* His Gospel, after a silence of 18½ centuries, *IS* being preached and published in all the world for a witness to all nations!

NO WONDER SATAN WAS DISTURBED when Ambassador College was being founded!

Do you grasp the colossal significance of all this? We couldn't, at the time, in 1947. But it's very evident now.

When Jesus Christ was born, He had come in the likeness of human flesh not only to conquer Satan and qualify to succeed him in power over the earth—He also came to start THE WORK OF GOD, proclaiming the ADVANCE NEWS of the END of Satan's kingdom, and its replacement by THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

That was BAD news for Satan!

When he failed to destroy or conquer Jesus, he brought every possible opposition against the CHURCH, to prevent the proclamation of that Message at any cost! It *was* silenced for 18½ centuries—the whole world *deceived!* But today that Message is thundered, world-wide, in POWER!

Today, Satan is exceedingly WRATHFUL, for he *knows* that he has but a *short time* (Rev. 12:12). But he can't stop GOD'S WORK!

Satanic Opposition

Back in October, 1933, the owner of KORE, Eugene, had proposed that I inaugurate what has become the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast. He offered me free time, as a public service.

Satan then got busy. Hostile local religious forces brought pressure to stop it. Frank Hill, KORE owner, was dis-

gusted at the opposition.

"I'm no longer free to give you this time as a sustaining program," he said, "but I certainly am free to sell it to you. I'll sell it to you at bare cost of operation, \$2.50 per half-hour."

I tried to get friends and Church brethren to pledge this amount. But that was the bottom year of the Great Depression. I was able to raise only about half of it. But I went ahead, anyway, *on faith!* And the living CHRIST supplied the other half, week by week, without fail!

There arose immediate and repeated opposition.

Our local Eugene Church was trying to work with and cooperate with a certain church organization. The leader assigned jurisdiction over the Pacific Coast area wrote me that I was to be transferred from Eugene to Tacoma, Washington. He had assigned all the territory from Salem to Eugene, he wrote, to "Elder A. J. RAY."

I replied immediately that I interpreted his letter to mean he had assigned the territory from Salem to the Eugene territory to Mr. Ray, but not including the Eugene territory, where the local broadcast was becoming established.

On receipt of my letter he drove from Hawthorne, California, to Eugene. He insisted I was to be transferred to Tacoma.

"Why do you want to send me to Tacoma?" I asked.

"Because we have heard that there are people 'interested' up there," was his reply.

"How many?" I inquired.

"Oh, at least three or four," he answered.

"Let's not be ridiculous!" I snapped, disgusted. "There are literally *hundreds* 'interested'—as you put it—as a result of the broadcast, right here. Let's quit talking in double talk and riddles. You are only trying to kill this radio broadcast. But my wife and I rejected the Church's salary several months ago. We are not dependent on you, but on God. We are serving HIM, and doing HIS Work, and we look to HIM, alone, in faith, for financial support. I want to cooperate with you if you will. But not

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There Is a Way of Escape

You need to be prepared. You need to know why—and when—and where—the next nuclear holocaust will strike, and how to escape. This article makes plain why God allows war—and the provision He makes for those who seek His protection!

by Herman L. Hoeh

SCORES of thousands were caught unprepared in Hiroshima and Nagasaki when two atomic bombs plummeted out of the sky and cremated two Japanese cities in 1945.

Millions of Jews and other nationalities perished under Hitler's reign of terror. Most could have escaped—but they didn't. Why?

Because they were unprepared—unprepared to believe in the *reality* of war—unprepared to believe what others could *see* happening all around them.

No Place to Hide?

Military men know what the next war will be like. They live with the realities of the nuclear age. At their finger tips are the buttons which could annihilate half Earth's population in a matter of minutes—and make the entire planet unfit for human habitation for 100 years! They frankly confess they know of no place to hide. Think of it! No human hideaway to which man can flee on his own. But is there really no hope of escape?

These men—aware of the realities of military science—are **TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE GREATEST REALITY OF ALL—GOD!**

Isn't it time we sought to discover Him—to find out what He has to reveal about the way to peace, about the frightening events of these next few years *before* we have universal peace? Isn't it time we looked into His revealed knowledge—the Holy Bible—to find out why we have wars, and how we can escape utter human extinction—and live in a world of peace at last!

It Is Time We Knew

Scientists now admit the world is madly racing on to the catastrophic climax of 6000 years of misguided human civilization!

Frightened scientists, however, know what is about to erupt—but not many of them dare to reveal what they know. Secret intelligence from behind the Iron Curtain reveals that the Communist world plans final world conquest by 1975!

Of even greater concern is the Franco-German Alliance now taking shape. For the first time in 150 years *German militarism* is able to cloak itself in French respectability in order to develop the atom and hydrogen bombs, to unite Europe. The new slogan of neo-Fascist and neo-Nazi parties is that the West is "*through by 1972!*"

It is time we awakened to these frightening events taking shape under cover in Europe and Asia. Your future—your very life—is at stake. Where you will be less than 15 years from now is already being determined—but we don't seem to realize it. It is time we recognized that civilization has less than 15 years to go unless a supernatural God in Heaven intervenes on earth to stop madmen from destroying all life on earth in their crazed dreams for world conquest.

WHY World Annihilation?

There is a *reason* why this world is in chaos—with nations leaping like wild animals at each other's throats. But almost no one seems to understand.

It is time we looked to the source of all knowledge and found out the Plan being worked out here below. It is time we looked to the Revelation of God to man—the Bible.

The cause of chaotic world conditions is made plain in Jesus' startling prophecy about the "**TIMES OF THE GENTILES.**"

Jesus' Amazing Prophecy

Let's notice Jesus' prophecy of the "times of the Gentiles" in Luke 21:24. When speaking of the Jews, Jesus

told His disciples that "they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the *times of the Gentiles* be fulfilled."

This prophecy is not speaking of a period of peace, but of *war*. It is a message for our day—a time when the Gentiles are conquering and destroying, when they are ruling themselves contrary to the way of God who is Creator and RULER.

Remember that one of the keys to understanding this prophecy and all prophecy is **DUALITY**. There is always a fore-runner which is a type of **ANOTHER FINAL GREAT FULFILLMENT**. Jesus was speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem which climaxed in 70 A.D. Those Roman legions were a type of *terrible world war* soon to surge through our own Western world. Palestine and Jerusalem will again be trodden down by Gentile armies "until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

Exactly what did Jesus mean by the "times of the Gentiles?"

When did they begin? How long will they last? When do they end?

Common Teachings in Error

It is the common assumption that the times of the Gentiles are a period of blessing on the nations. It is argued that since God took away the *blessing* of being great and dominant nations from Israel and Judah and since the Gentiles for centuries have been dominant nations, that human rule is a *blessing* bestowed upon the Gentiles.

Nothing could be further from the truth!

Then again, many claim that the times of the Gentiles are synonymous with the times of Judah's punishment, that the Gentile times have already ended—some

say in 1914, others say in 1917 or 1936. Some even think that it might end this year. But all these *supposed* dates for the ending of the times of the Gentiles are mere guesses!

The truth is that almost no one really knows what the times of the Gentiles are. And yet without an understanding of the meaning of this prophetic period, you *can not* grasp the real significance of present-day world-shaking events or understand what's going to happen in the next twenty-five years. Let's not assume, let's *study the Bible itself* to see what these times really are.

Times of Israel's Punishment a Key to Understanding

Israel was promised great national blessings, including national greatness if they would obey God. But God also promised that if they obstinately refused to obey Him, if they refused to follow His laws and let Him rule their lives, then He would punish them for a period called *seven times* (Lev. 26).

The Bible itself defines this period of seven times for us. If you turn to Revelation the twelfth chapter, and compare verses 6 and 14, you will see that the word "*time*" in prophecy simply means a *year*. Hence seven "*times*" would be "*seven years*," each containing twelve 30-day months—or a total of 2520 days (7x12x30).

Now let's notice another key. In Numbers 14:34, God said Israel would bear their iniquities in the wilderness after the number of days they searched Canaan, forty days, *each day for a year*.

Then seven times or 2520 prophetic days would equal 2520 literal years! This period of seven times or 2520 years punishment did come upon Israel because they went their own ways and would not submit to the *rule of God*. Israel went into captivity after a three-year siege from 721-718 B.C. and did not become a great people again until their times of punishment ceased, A.D. 1800 to 1803. At that time the descendants of the ancient House of Israel—America and Britain and the democratic peoples of the world—began to rise to such wealth and power as the world has never enjoyed before—all because of the promises made to Abraham.

Also Palestine, after a punishment

against the House of Judah, that began about 604 B.C., was brought back from the Gentile Turks in 1917—exactly 2520 years later, when it came under the control of Great Britain, and finally the Jews.

The seven times of Israel's *punishment* was a period of great privation and suffering, of slavery and war because they would not submit their wills and their ways to God, because they would not allow Him to rule their lives by His perfect laws, which could have brought them peace and prosperity and dominion.

The Original Prophecy Found in Daniel

Now that we understand the seven times punishment on Israel, let's understand the meaning of the times of the Gentiles.

The original prophecy to which Jesus had reference is found in the fourth chapter of Daniel. Jesus understood that this prophetic vision of the great tree had reference to the times of the Gentiles as well as to Nebuchadnezzar's literal punishment.

Notice Daniel 4:17. This striking vision was not only to teach Nebuchadnezzar that God rules, but it is also "to the intent that THE LIVING may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the basest of men."

So the Bible itself interprets this prophecy to have reference not only to the king of Babylon in that day, but also to teach the living—*yes, all of the nations today—that God is Supreme Ruler*.

Now notice verses 20 and 22 of Daniel 4. The great tree represented the king. And what was to happen to him?

"Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given him; and let seven times pass over him" (verse 16).

The king was to lose his understanding—to be cursed with insanity—he was to act and think like a wild ravenous beast, *until* he learned that the Creator rules over the affairs of men, till he learned that the only way to peace and security is through *submission to the rule and laws* of God instead of yielding to lust and human pride.

The world and its leaders have not yet learned this needed lesson. The nations

today still devour one another in war like wild beasts as they struggle to gain world conquest.

The King Represents the Kingdom

Most of the misunderstanding about this important prophecy results from not realizing that the seven times or years that passed over King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon were an example of the seven prophetic times of punishment upon the Gentile Babylonish system.



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Was this man really in his right mind? Many who knew Adolf Hitler personally said that there were two contrasting personalities in Hitler—and a transitional stage. One, the normal, congenial Hitler, with pleasant voice, was a charming host. There was the transitional personality—shown here—with eyes glassy, mind blank—with seemingly no mind in control of the body and facial expression. Then there was the other personality—the Hitler with blazing eyes, shrill voice—the Hitler who sent the German people into mass hysteria, who promised war would make the German people great again! The German nation never questioned whether THIS PERSONALITY was really Hitler—or the devil himself in possession of the body and mind of the man Hitler.

Turn to Daniel 2, verses 38 and 39, where this is clearly explained.

The king saw a great image composed of different metals and clay. The head of this image represented *the kingdom of Babylon*. Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar, "Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom."

The divisions of the great image represented various *kingdoms* of the Babylonish system down to our day. Yet Daniel designated the first *kingdom* by its supreme dictatorial *king*, Nebuchadnezzar. The *king*, then, represented the kingdom of Babylon, because he had absolute power. Also by comparing Daniel 7:17, 23 you will see that *king and kingdom are used synonymously*. This prophecy is a living message for all time—down to the twentieth century!

One of the punishments on the king was that his heart should be changed "from man's, and let a wild animal's heart be given him."

What does this punishment mean?

Why Punished Seven Years?

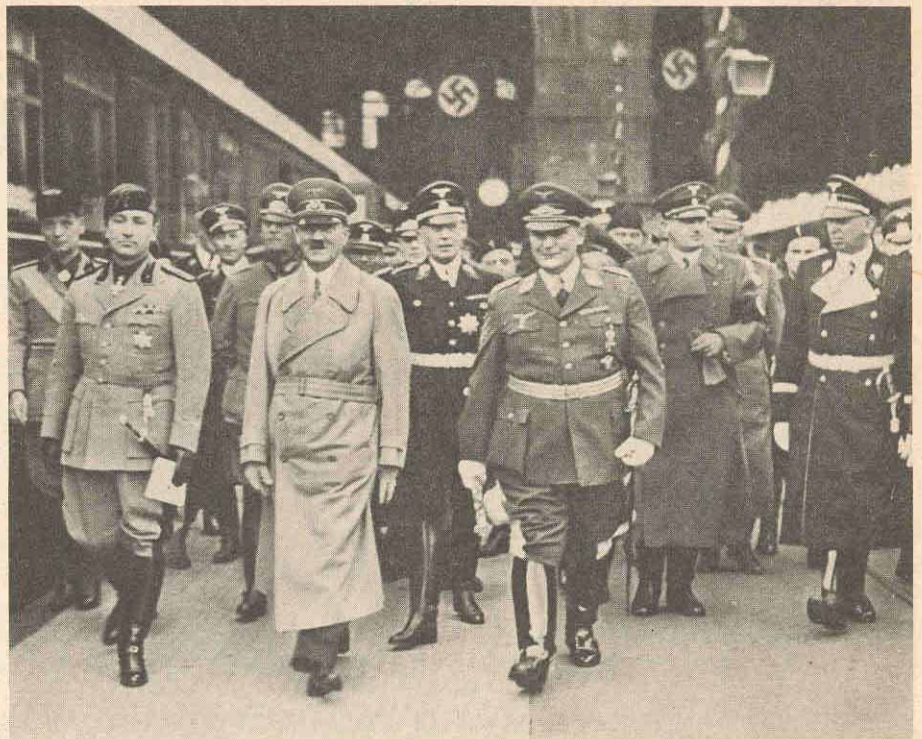
God was dealing with the Gentiles in Daniel's day. The Gentile king Nebuchadnezzar had been sinning—living contrary to God's law. He had been taking his people on the road to world conquest and the enslavement of other nations and peoples. He had been traveling the way of war, not of peace.

God had sent His warning. The king did not heed. So God punished the nation seven years (569 to 562 B.C.) by cursing King Nebuchadnezzar with madness—till he acted and thought like a beast of the forest!

No punishment like that had ever come on any king before! No nation had ever been so cursed!

After these seven years Nebuchadnezzar's mind returned to sanity. He now repented, admitted that his ways were wrong, and actually wrote a great public document admitting before all nations what had happened to him and to his people!

After those seven years of punishment, the kingdom of Babylon was given the heart of a man. The leaders began to think in ways of peace instead of war. Notice Daniel 7:4. The kingdom of Chaldea (or Babylon)—here symbolized by a ferocious lion—stood "upon the



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Leaders of Germany and Italy marched their people down the road to destruction in World War II. Today, with the world in the grip of Cold War, statesmen and religious leaders still believe that the way to peace is through the threat of nuclear war!



Wide World Photo

Even religion, after thousands of years, has not saved the world from war. Here you see German troops in France, on joint maneuvers, marching away from church after Sunday services. Religion often lends its hand to the State in times of crisis and war.

feet as a man, and a man's heart was given it."

Notice the parallel. King Nebuchad-

nezzar, because of his sins, was punished seven literal years. At the end of that time he regained his sanity and began

for the first time in his life to repent and to give up the ways of war for the way of peace. He was given the heart of a man, began to reason as a man and to see things clearly for the first time in his life. Now he saw himself as he really was—nothing but a rapacious wild animal. He saw his world conquests as bestial slaughter.

But just as the king had a change of heart so did the Chaldean kingdom. It, too, stood on its feet like a man! The seven years of punishment were over. The kingdom ceased to attack, conquer and destroy other nations. But—though Nebuchadnezzar personally repented—the nation did not continue to recognize God or His way. It gave itself up to licentiousness. The people and their leaders continued to live in sin. At the end of seventy years of Chaldean world rule God intervened. He sent a terrible punishment upon Babylon and its King Belshazzar.

The Bible and ancient secular historians tell the frightful story of the fall of Babylon. They reveal a vivid picture of the terrible slaughter that the Medes and Persians under Cyrus imposed on Babylon in the night of the feast during which *Belshazzar the King was slain* (Daniel 5:24-30).

The facts, exactly in order as they occurred, are preserved in the writings of Xenophon.

Xenophon, the Greek historian who wrote the *Cyropaedia* in the fourth century before Christ, says that "when Cyrus reached Babylon" 539 B.C. he dug channels for the dispersal of the water in the river Euphrates which ran under the gates of Babylon. Then he and THE MEDO-PERSIAN ARMY SECRETLY ENTERED THE RIVER BED, climbed stealthily through the gates along the river and rushed to the palace "when he heard that there was a festival in Babylon, in which all the Babylonians drank and revelled the whole night." It was the night of the new moon of the seventh month of the Babylonian year. Upon reaching the palace where Belshazzar had seen the handwriting on the wall, they "burst in, and, pursuing those who fled, and dealing blows amongst them, came up to the king, and found him in a standing posture with his sword drawn. [They] mas-

tered him." So *Belshazzar the King in Babylon was killed that night exactly as Daniel said*.

God is no respecter of persons. As He punished Israel and Judah for seven prophetic "times" — 2520 years — so would be the punishment of the Gentiles! God began to punish the nation by cursing their king for seven literal years. The king repented, but the nation did not. For that sin, God continued the punishment on the Gentiles, beginning with the fall of Babylon, for 2520 years. Their rulers have ever since had the minds of wild animals—seeking to attack, conquer, destroy other nations! That time of punishment is about up! But in the meantime the Gentile rulers with the minds of wild beasts have come into possession of the atomic and hydrogen bombs, nerve gases and bacteriological weapons by which they plan to conquer all humanity! God must intervene before it is too late!

Punished for 2520 Years

King Nebuchadnezzar, because of his continued stubborn refusal to submit to the rule of God—the only way that would have brought him peace of mind and satisfaction—was punished seven years by having his mind changed to that of a wild animal—until he learned that God ruled. He was *de-throned* and lived among the wild beasts.

In like manner, the Chaldean Empire, typified by its king, was defeated and its *dominion was taken away*. Just as Nebuchadnezzar lived seven years like a wild beast, so the *Babylonish system* has been cursed for seven prophetic times—2520 years—with leaders having the minds of wild beasts. The Persians, Greeks, Romans—Europeans even to the days of Hitler and Mussolini—have all been cursed with leaders who think and act like wild animals, *leaders who glory in war and conquest*.

Not one of the beasts, which followed the Chaldean Empire as described in Daniel 7, was given a man's heart. They all were like ferocious wild animals—conquering, pillaging, destroying one another by intrigue, alliances and war.

But this is not all. Consider!

Nebuchadnezzar was forced to live AMONG THE WILD BEASTS just as the successor nations of the *Babylonish system*

have had to fight and struggle constantly against other Gentile nations WHO ARE ALSO CURSED WITH THE SAME MIND—THE SAME DESIRES TO CONQUER AND RULE THE WORLD. That is why the Babylonish system under Hitler and Mussolini struggled against Russia. And that is why Russia today is plotting to rule the world by intrigue and stealth and lying and deception. *The leaders of the Communist world think and act like cunning wild beasts*.

The ancient Chaldean Empire would not submit to GOD'S RULE and ways but wanted to rule its own way—the *greatest curse* that could happen to any nation. As a punishment God has allowed even to this very day the Gentile nations to rule themselves until they learn that only His ways are right and that He rules in the kingdoms of men.

Self-rule is a dire punishment! Just as Nebuchadnezzar finally regained his right mind and acknowledged God's authority, so the Gentile nations when their punishment is over, will soon come up to the kingdom of God and ask to learn of His ways (Micah 4:1-3) so that they also may become begotten and finally born into His kingdom as members of the ruling family of God.

What GOOD NEWS there is ahead!

Amazing Prophecy for Today!

Notice how present-day events are explained by this prophecy.

All nations have been made drunk with the false teachings of the Babylonish system that has gripped this world for thousands of years until this world has become *so confused and divided* that people don't know which way to turn (Rev. 18:3).

Russia and China are seeking to conquer and rule the world. Millions in Asia are turning to Communism as their last desperate hope. In our own land more people than ever before are becoming interested in religion—but they don't know which is the true church in this Babylon of religious sects, denominations and divisions.

This terrible predicament that confronts the nations today, *as well as what is SOON going to happen*, is made clear in this prophecy of the times of the Gentiles.

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Personal from the Editor

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man have a real potential DESTINY? And if so, what are the directions for reaching it?

What is DEATH, and is there any life or consciousness beyond—and HOW CAN YOU PROVE IT? Do you KNOW—or are you assuming or guessing?

Is there a GOD—and if so, is any connection between Him and humans possible, or desirable—and HOW do you gain it?

These questions pose some of the basic points of knowledge which constitute the very FOUNDATION of all knowledge. Yet the world is in IGNORANCE of the ANSWERS.

WHY?

The starting point is to PROVE whether there is a GOD—a CREATOR. Is there an ALL-mighty, ALL-wise, ALL-intelligent DESIGNER, PLANNER, and CREATOR who planned, designed, and produced it all?

You purchase a radio set, an automobile, or a refrigerator. You know there is a MAKER who manufactured it. With the product he made, the manufacturer sends along an instruction book. It explains the PURPOSE of the mechanism, and instructs you in how to USE it, and care for it.

Did the divine Maker of MAN send along an INSTRUCTION BOOK, to tell you WHAT you are, WHY you are, the PURPOSE of your temporary existence on this planet, HOW to attain it—HOW to operate and care for and maintain this most complicated of all mechanisms, the human body and mind?

The STARTING POINT is to PROVE whether God exists—whether the BIBLE is HIS INSTRUCTION BOOK. For it, and it alone, contains the very FOUNDATION of all knowledge.

You can PROVE the existence of God! You can PROVE that the Holy Bible is HIS INSTRUCTION BOOK TO MANKIND—the very FOUNDATION of knowledge. We offer free booklets that give some of the proofs.

Yet the Bible does not contain all knowledge. God equipped man with

eyes, ears, hands to work with—minds to think with. Man is able to travel, to explore, to experiment, to discover. The revealed knowledge supplied by God is merely the true FOUNDATION. It provides us with the basic knowledge to use as our approach—to help us UNDERSTAND discoverable knowledge.

In one way or another, I have said these things before.

But what I wanted to really get across, in my *Personal* column this month, is that all of us have had funneled into our minds a great deal of false knowledge, as well as that which is true.

The TRUTH is the way to PEACE. The world does not know that way!

The TRUTH is the way to HAPPINESS. This world is not happy.

It is this bad mixture of error with truth that is responsible for the world's ills, and individual unhappiness, poverty, sickness.

We must UNlearn error before we can come to TRUTH. And it is ten times harder to UNlearn what is false than to learn what is TRUE. The farther one goes in the error of this world's false knowledge, the more he has to UNlearn before he can start to become truly educated.

Paradoxical though it seems, the more of this world's education one drinks in, the more IGNORANT he becomes. And it is possible to become so steeped in the belief of fable, sugar-coated as FACT, that one can never be freed from its enslavement. Like heroin, one can become "hooked" on it, and beyond cure.

Another generation will see a new and different world—the happy, peaceful WORLD TOMORROW!

There will be, I repeat, a total revolution in the field of education. Of course, there will be just as big a revolution in the fields of religion, science, business, and government. Not only will Jesus Christ, the coming KING of Kings, overthrow all present governments, He will completely overthrow the present systems of religion, education, commerce and business, society, and science. They MUST be overthrown before we can have PEACE. Only the power of Almighty GOD can do it.

But two of the colleges of tomorrow are already here today—one in Ameri-

ca, one in Britain. Soon there will be a third.

We realize that just as the first model of a newly invented machine later appears crude compared to the improved and refined model of fifty years later—like, for example, the first printing press compared to the complicated and efficient models of today—so the Ambassador Colleges are going to be improved when Christ returns to restore GOD's GOVERNMENT and ways on this earth. But they are the PIONEERS. They are being built on the only true FOUNDATION. And they will continue to flourish and instruct millions in the ways of truth and happiness, long after this present world's decadent educational institutions have long since perished. For these are, truly, GOD's Colleges!

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

Defends Castro

"In a recent broadcast you stated that Dr. Castro of Cuba plucked feathers from chickens in his hotel room in New York City. You often state that we should prove all things according to the Gospel of Christ. This slur reflects . . . on Dr. Castro . . . I heard one of the American news correspondents, who covered the visit, state in a forum that the chicken-plucking incident didn't take place except in the imagination of those covering the story."

Irritated

• It isn't his chicken-plucking that bothers us—it's his Communism!

"I was told that you send out your PLAIN TRUTH magazine free of charge, without any advertising, no follow-up, and no obligation of any kind. Frankly, I find this hard to believe. How could you publish such a high-class magazine with no obligation of any kind? If you can, would you please send me a free year's subscription?"

Hopeful

• Subscription recorded. Here's your first issue.

RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS— Heard over wide areas

East

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 WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 *WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:05 p.m. Sat.
 WGBS—Miami—710 on dial, 96.3 FM, 10:30 a.m. Sun.

Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
 WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon., thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)
 CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 93.9 FM, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.; 11:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

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 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 94.5 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 KAAY—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.

*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

- WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

Mountain States

- CKY—Winnipeg, Manitoba—580 kc., 10 p.m. Sun.
 CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

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 KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

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East

- WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 101.5 FM, 7:00 a.m. daily.
 WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCHS—Charleston, W. Va.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.
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 WPOR—Portland, Maine—1490 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
 WCOU—Lewiston, Maine—1240 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 on dial, 107.3 FM, 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WNLC—New London, Conn.—1490 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 101.5 FM, 9:05 p.m. daily.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 93.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
 WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 104.1 FM, 10 a.m. Sun.
 WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 8:25 p.m. Sun.
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. daily.
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 105.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (also 8:00 p.m. Sun., FM), 7 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
 KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily.
 KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m., Sun., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 on dial, 11:30 a.m. Sun.
 KEVE—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. Sat.
 *WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 on dial, 95.7 FM, 4:45 p.m. Sun. (AM only), 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.
 CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

South

- KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.
 KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KHEY—El Paso, Texas—690 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.
 KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WDEF—Chattanooga, Tenn.—1370 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.

WBRC—Birmingham, Ala.—960 on dial, 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.

WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 93.3 FM, 12 noon daily.

KTLU—Rusk, Texas—1580 on dial, 1.00 p.m. Sun.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.

KFIF—Tucson—1550 on dial, 5:00 p.m. daily.

KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 106.7 FM, 10:45 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.

KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 98.7 FM, 7 p.m. daily.

KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

West Coast

CJOR—Vancouver, B.C.—600 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.

KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.

KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.

KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily except 7:30 p.m. Monday.

KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 106.1 FM, 8:30 a.m. Sun.

KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 93.7 FM, 8:00 p.m. daily.

KHJ—Los Angeles—930 on dial, 101.1 FM, 7:30 p.m. Sun.

KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 96.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.

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KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

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2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

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3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

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

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

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

6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

6AM—Northam, WA—980 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur. and Fri.; 10:35 p.m. Tues.

7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

2XM—Gisborne, New Zealand—1180 kc.—8:30 p.m. Wed.; 9:15 p.m. Thurs.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

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18:00 T.S.T., Wed and Fri.

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ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM — PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

DZAO, Manila—620 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sun.; 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

DZRI, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;

DZRB, Naga City—1060 kc.;

DXAW, Davao City—640 kc.—9:00 p.m. Sunday.

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

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6 p.m. daily.

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In English—

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HP5A, Panama City—11170 kc.;

HOK, Colon, Panama—640 kc.;

HP5K, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.

In French—

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

RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—6:45 p.m., Mon. and Tues.

In Spanish—

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.

RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

"I would like to really study the Bible. Could you please set forth a step-by-step plan by which someone may effectively study the Bible?"

To most people the study of the Bible is a dull, uninteresting, irksome task—done, if at all, only as a duty out of fear of a harsh God. Bible study *can* and *SHOULD* be the most interesting, most enjoyable, most profitable interest in our lives. But because mankind has forgotten God, His laws, and neglected His ways, man has never started to really understand God's inspired Word.

Here's how you can "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15.)

Theoretically, there are several places to begin the study of your Bible. The first is to discover what the Bible is, how it was written and preserved, how to study it, and to show why it is that so few *really understand* their Bibles.

Another natural starting place would be to start at the very beginning—at creation—in the very first chapter of Genesis, and to continue reading the Bible through to the book of Revelation. Many sincere people have attempted to study their Bibles in this way—but to *no avail!* Perhaps this has been your experience. Perhaps the Bible has seemed merely a chronicle of disconnected historical events, wise precepts and spiritual platitudes. You then know that such a study can be dull, unprofitable and boring.

In answer to the many requests we receive daily from interested people in

all parts of the world, we have compiled the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. It is a BIBLE STUDY course. The *only* textbook you must use is *your own Bible*.

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course begins the study of the Bible at a third natural starting point. That is, to begin with this *very present*, the world in which we live—this time of upset world conditions. You will find that the study of your Bible will mean more to you if you first fully understand its *vital* relationship to your life today—and its *direct* connection with the world events you read about in your daily newspapers.

You will find that *far* from being a dull, uninspiring chronicle of ancient history, your Bible will make life interesting. You will find that no entertainment, sport or mundane pleasure is ever so vitally interesting, so truly enjoyable, so delightful, and so satisfying as the study of your own Bible. You will find that God, through His Word, will reveal to you the *way out* of boredom, emptiness and discontentment. You will find, perhaps *for the first time in your life*, that you begin to understand God's message as it has been preserved in your own Bible.

You may enroll for the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course without any obligation whatsoever. It is offered by Ambassador College, *tuition FREE!* You may discontinue receiving lessons at any time. But past experience has shown us that the average person finds this study so engrossing, so

rewarding, so entertaining, that you will not want to discontinue it.

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course is *not difficult*. There is no extraneous memorization of facts ABOUT the Bible. This course gives you a *greater understanding* of God's plan, God's overall purpose as it is revealed in His Word. You will begin to understand *how the Bible applies* to your *daily life* in this modern twentieth century!

If you would like to enroll for the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, send your name and address to the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, Post Office Box 111, Pasadena, California. (Our overseas mailing addresses will be found on the inside front cover, under "Address all communications.")

You will be enrolled with the next monthly class of students, and receive one lesson per month for as long as you desire to continue. You will be joining the ranks of *tens of thousands* of ACTIVE Correspondence Course students who are now receiving their lessons.

Why do you use the expression "Holy Spirit" instead of "Holy Ghost" in quoting scriptures?

Some have assumed that the "Holy Spirit" and the "Holy Ghost" mentioned in the King James Version of the Bible are two different spirits.

This is not true!

The word "ghost" is an unfortunate translation that should be avoided.

In the inspired original Greek only one expression is used—meaning "Holy Spirit." In every case the English words "Ghost" and "Spirit" come from *one Greek word "pneuma,"* meaning "spirit"—not some nebulous "ghost."

This Greek word *pneuma*, unfortunately translated "Ghost" so many times, is properly translated "Spirit" in Luke 11:13, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30, and I Thessalonians, and in many other scriptures when referring to God's Spirit.

When the King James Version of the Bible was first printed in 1611—over 1400 years after the New Testament was first written in the Greek (Please continue on page 47)

What's behind the MAD CRAZE FOR PLEASURE?

Today more time is spent in watching television than in working. Brutality in sports is taken for granted. America and Britain are going the way of Rome—and, like Rome, they don't know it!

by Gene H. Hogberg

“LET'S LIVE IT UP' has become the password of our time,” writes noted sociologist Howard Whitman. Famous historians, political and religious leaders are deeply concerned over the maddening rush of Americans to satisfy every twanging sensual impulse while trying to hide from the awesome dangers of the nuclear age.

What has gone wrong?

There seems to be no end to senseless, idiotic antics on the part of our youths, from piano smashing to the latest fad of “shooting” cough medicines into one's veins to “get a kick.” Americans of all ages are literally being DRUGGED INTO DREAMLAND in front of their television sets—so much so that the *weekly man-hours spent in TV viewing now surpasses the total weekly man-hour output of all productive labor by 27%*. Think of it! A fantastic 2,600,000,000 man-hours a week are flitted away before TV—or as they say in Britain, the Telly. WHAT AN ENORMOUS WASTE OF TIME AND TALENT!

History Ignored

We have all been born or absorbed into a ready-made society. We have taken completely for granted all aspects of our way of life, including our forms of entertainment and pastimes. Only on rare occasions does a person stop and ask himself, “Why do I do things that I do—and should I be doing them?”

Americans have a notoriously short-range view of history. “*When any nation has become overly pleasure-seeking, history has already begun its epitaph,*” continues Mr. Whitman. Yet few are aware of this basic historical truth: The ominous fact that TWENTY-ONE past civilizations have crumbled to the ground because of a gnawing, cancerous

decay *from within* is consciously forgotten by most of our people.

The late Roman historian Theodore Mommsen, asked to comment on American life, answered, “With two thousand years of European history before your eyes, you have repeated every one of Europe's mistakes.” Mommsen said that over fifty years ago! How much more applicable are his words today.

The Deadly Parallel

The mounting craze for pleasure and the love of brutality in sports and entertainment that has sprung up in our society mostly in the past ten to fifteen years was also one of the five major vices that brought the collapse of the Roman Empire.

Few people realize just how closely contemporary American life parallels that of Imperial Rome just before its collapse. Here, from the book, *Those About to Die*, by Daniel P. Mannix, are some startling revelations about the last days of Rome:

“In a sense, the people were trapped. Rome had over-extended herself. She had become, as much by accident as design, the dominant nation of the world. [Exactly the position the U.S.

found herself in at the conclusion of World War II.] The cost of maintaining the ‘Pax Romana’—the Peace of Rome—over most of the known world was proving too great even for the enormous resources of the mighty empire. [Just as today, the U.S. is asking its rebuilt allies to help foot the military and foreign aid bill.] But Rome did not dare to abandon her allies or pull back her legions who were holding the barbarian tribes in a line extending from the Rhine in Germany to the Persian Gulf. Every time that a frontier post was relinquished, the wild hordes [Communists today] would sweep in, overrun the area and move just that much closer to the nerve centers of Roman trade.

“The cost of its gigantic military program was only one of Rome's headaches. To encourage industry in her various satellite nations [or *our* allies] Rome attempted a policy of unrestricted trade, but *the Roman workingman was unable to compete with the cheap foreign labor and demanded high tariffs*. . . . The government was finally forced to subsidize the Roman working class to make up the difference between their ‘real wages’ (the actual value of what they were producing) and the wages required to keep up their relatively high standard of living . . . *the free workmen's demand for short hours and high wages had grown . . . great*. . . .

“With the economic and military position of the empire too hopelessly complicated for the crowd to comprehend, they turned more and more toward the only thing that they could understand—the arena. The name of a great general or of a brilliant statesman meant no more to the Roman mob than the name of a great scientist does to us today. But the average Roman could

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The five reasons outlined by Edward Gibbon in his famous text *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* were:

1. The rapid increase of divorce and the breakdown of the family.
2. The spiraling rise of taxes and extravagant spending.
3. The mounting craze for pleasure and brutality in sports.
4. The building of gigantic armaments while failing to realize that the real enemy was the moral decay from within.
5. The decay of religion into a mere form, leaving the people without any guide.



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GROWING

Wide World Photos



(3)

(1) There is little unemployment among top stuntmen today as TV program writers try to keep up with the demand for more thrills and excitement.

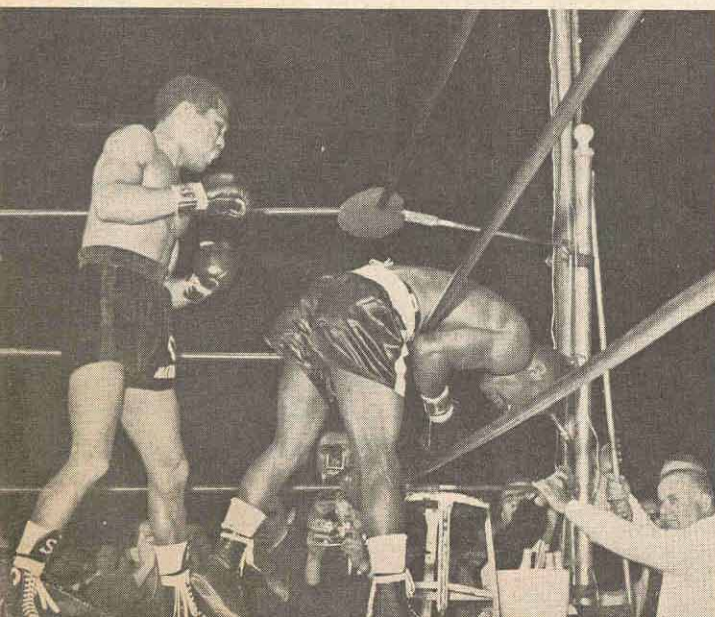
(2) Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton Minow, who has angered television industry executives by labeling the medium as a "vast wasteland."

(3) The Colosseum in Rome. 50,000 Roman spectators at a time witnessed fast-moving events that became more brutal as the years drew on. U.S. sport and entertainment life is headed in the same direction!

(4) Davey Moore draped over the ropes beaten and helpless at the end of the 10th round of his recent unsuccessful defense of the world's featherweight crown against Sugar Ramos in Los Angeles. Moore died shortly after the fight.

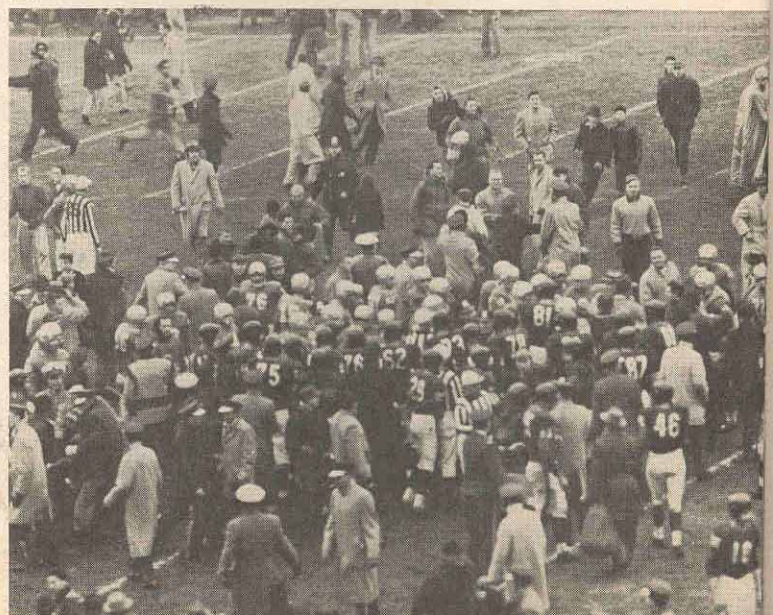
(5) Excited fans pour onto field as hard-fought pro football game, marred by one penalty after another, finally erupts into free-swinging battle.

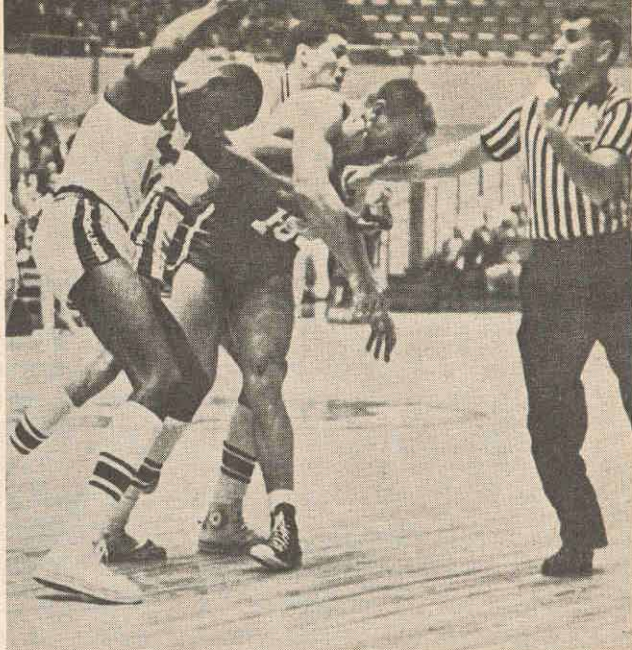
(6) Long-haired, bewhiskered "villain" lands a typical TV Western "punch line."



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BRUTALITY IN SPORTS

(7) Both benches empty into a brawl interrupting a Syracuse National-Fort Wayne (now Detroit) Piston pro basketball game. Even basketball can't escape the rough-house tactics so common in other sports.

(8) Bumping incident flares into fisticuffs in a rugged National Basketball Association game between Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers in the L.A. Sports Arena.

(9) Braves and Dodgers take time out to fight. Enraged Milwaukee batter charged the mound claiming pitcher deliberately threw at him.

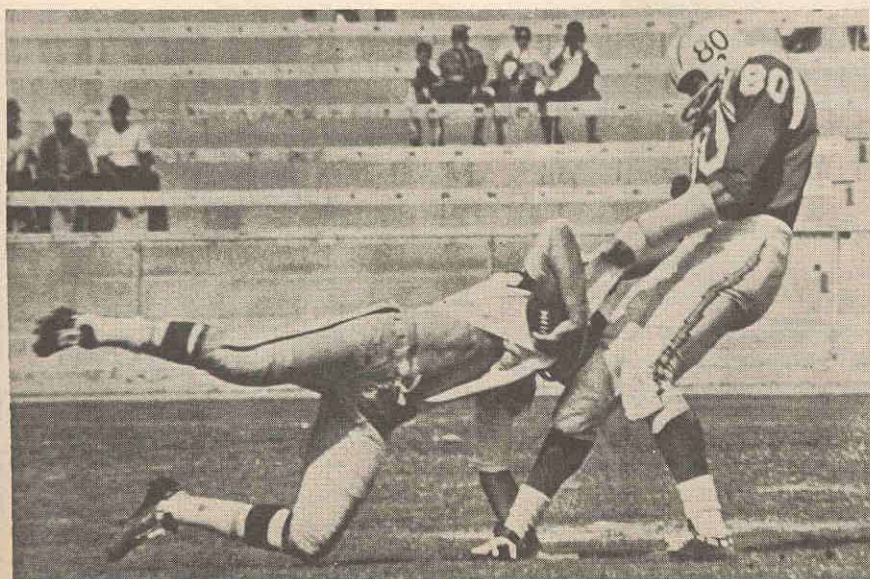
(10) New York Titan quarterback Lee Grosscup comes to flying halt in 1962 American Football League encounter with San Diego. Note massive wrapping of tape around left forearm of tackler. Intended for protection of the wearer, such wrapping is all too often used as a bludgeon. After a good soaking in water, it becomes almost as hard as a plaster cast.

(11) Sticks fly and blood steams in an International Hockey League encounter between St. Paul and Muskegon.



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Mad Craze for Pleasure

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tell you every detail of the last games, just as today the average man can tell you all about a movie star's marriages [or the latest baseball standings] but has only the foggiest idea what NATO is doing or what steps are being taken to fight inflation."

Even a modern sociologist analyzing present-day American life could not come up with a better description. Unable and unwilling to cope with mountainous personal, national and international problems, and with no one seemingly able to show them the way out of them, Americans are wallowing in the midst of a pleasure binge unprecedented in history. "*It is easy to predict we will go down in history as the fun-lovingest people on earth,*" exclaimed one newspaper editor.

Billions for Fun

The current annual bill for fun is in the neighborhood of 41 billion dollars—about four-fifths of the yearly outlay for defense. This covers all forms of leisure-time activities.

The impact of television alone on this country has been so tremendously all-encompassing that 89% of all U.S. homes now have television sets—14% more than those with telephones, and even 4% more than those having hot or cold running water, indoor toilets or bathtubs. "I think more people want to watch television than take a bath," commented the U.S. Census Director sadly on this pathetic statistic. In Britain eight times as many homes have television sets as have refrigerators!

The Most Tragic Trend

Mere escapism, drifting away from reality, is bad enough, but human nature is never satisfied with time-killing fantasy. In Rome, as the empire was wobbling on its last legs, "death and torture were the only spectacles that could really gratify the people's longing. Death and sex were the only emotions they could still really grasp" (Mannix, p. 1).

Today, just as in Rome, an ever-widening torrent of blood, mayhem and sex is spewing forth from our entertainment media in a frantic effort to satisfy depraved desires that constantly demand newer and more exciting thrills. Hollywood competes with television and the publishing industry competes with both in an effort to carve a greater slice of the entertainment dollar.

The last few years have seen the mushrooming growth of the slick-papered, "sophisticated sex" men's magazines as well as other forms of outright pornography. Not to be outdone, the "legitimate" movie industry is now dealing with all forms of sex fantasy and sex aberration never before seen on the screen. Renegade producers of "art films" are finding increased acceptance of their trash.

Few people are cognizant of the full impact of the sex revolution that has been taking place in the English-speaking world in just the past few years. The famous British author J. B. Priestley said recently that "*eroticism flourishes in our society on a scale never known before, NOT EVEN DURING THE DECADENCE OF IMPERIAL ROME.*" Yes, even worse than in ancient Rome!

"We have deliberately perverted ourselves, transforming honest sex into . . . nasty autoerotic stuff. . . . More and more men are crowding into this blind alley, not demanding more and richer relationships but only a barren titillation" (*Saturday Evening Post*, April 27, 1963).

Raw Violence

Not only a preoccupation with sex, but a consuming love of violence now characterizes the modern American scene. Not only is crime on a continual yearly upswing but there is another kind of violence gripping our people. It is a strange sort of violence—a vicarious violence that is the paradoxical end-product of a soft, painless way of life.

"Never in the history of man has any generation been as free of pain as ours,"

wrote the distinguished author, Jessamyn West, in the January 1963 issue of *Redbook*. "We lose teeth, have babies and undergo five-hour operations, all without pain. We are not only pain-free, we are comfortable. The air is conditioned, in home and cars; the bed preheated when we get into it; and the rocking chair, if we like, wired to oscillate with; out any effort of ours. AND NEVER HAS ANY GENERATION . . . SPENT SO MUCH TIME WATCHING OTHERS EXPERIENCE PAIN AND SUFFER DISCOMFORT. Never has any generation tried harder to hide from itself the fact of death—and at the same time been so absorbed in watching others die."

The movies are doing their best to fill this strange void. For each halfway-decent film produced, there are at least four sordid, sadistic shockers.

Via television a child is often exposed to more violence in 30 minutes than he would normally witness in an entire lifetime. The TV diet for one particular week in Los Angeles was found to contain 161 murders, 60 "justifiable" homicides, 192 attempted murders, 24 conspiracies to commit murder, 83 robberies, 15 kidnappings, 21 jailbreaks, 7 attempted lynchings, 6 dynamitings, 11 extortions, 2 cases of arson, 2 cases of physical torture, and 2 suicides. (*Los Angeles Times*, May 30, 1963.) All in one week!

At times the majority of this mayhem has occurred during the so-called "children's hours" between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays.

The Horrible Result

The present generation of growing young people is becoming completely innured to the stark reality of life with its pain, suffering and death. Death to them is only a game. They vicariously experience the thrill of landing the blow or firing the shot, without imagining that the victim is capable, in real life, of suffering excruciating pain. How many examples have you read of small children shooting their brothers or sisters or even parents to death—and then realizing afterwards they really *were* DEAD?

The end result of this "education" is the production of cold, hard individuals, incapable of feeling any natural love or

compassion for their fellow men. God said this would happen in our day. The Apostle Paul was inspired to write, "This know also that *in the last days*, perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves...unthankful, unholy, WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION...despisers of those that are good... *lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God*" (II Tim. 3:1-4).

Sports Becoming Brutal

Television and motion pictures are by no means the only offenders. Just as in Rome, spectator sports are also becoming increasingly popular and more brutal. Each major sport sets a new attendance record almost every year while at the same time our soft, flabby youths have trouble struggling through three or four push-ups. The situation in the U.S. is strikingly similar to the days of the Roman philosopher Seneca, who said, "The art of conversation is dead. Can no one today talk of anything except the skill of various charioteers and the quality of their teams?" (Mannix, p. 14.)

Just as the Roman games degenerated from the rather innocuous horse and chariot races in the beginning to utter savagery and slaughter just before the Empire's ignominious end, so the rot has begun to develop in the once-heralded field of American sports.

Boxing continues to take its toll of dead and mentally-maimed human beings. The recent death of Davey Moore in Los Angeles was the 216th fatality in the ring in the last 18 years (*Wall Street Journal*, April 15, 1963). The raucous cries of "reform" (how can that be done) and abolition of the so-called sport have all but died down in the ensuing weeks, with promotion going on as usual. But boxing has been around for a long time. It is in the other sports that one notices the most disturbing trends.

Professional (and often even college) football has now become so rough that some top players openly admit that something has to be done quickly to stop the trend toward anarchy. *To win cleanly is a long-forgotten principle.* "You play as hard and vicious as you can," confessed one "all-pro" defensive star. "You rap that quarterback every chance you get. He's the brains of the

outfit. If you knock him out clean and hard on the first play of the game, that's an accomplishment. For that matter we try to hurt everybody. . . ."

The college football mania is producing such an intense competition among schools for talent that top prospects are virtually assured free room, board, tuition, books, all fees—plus \$10 to \$15 a month for laundry.

The saddest part of all is the effect the sport is having upon its enthralled fandom. About 50,000,000 spectators hunch before their television sets each Sunday in autumn to watch the "Game of the Week." Additional hundreds of thousands pack the stadiums to see the fierce battles in person. "And while they're telling you that the fans come out because they enjoy the fast-moving, beautifully complex nature of the modern pro game, some of the pros will quietly admit that they know what many fans are really after. Says one: 'It's the same reason people will pay a hundred dollars to see a prize fight. *They want to see violence and blood*'" ("Sunday's Gladiators," *Saturday Evening Post*, November 24, 1962).

Basketball, Too

Even basketball, a game which was founded partially in protest against the roughness of other round-ball sports, "has to have doctors standing by with needle and thread and bone splints the same as any other," acridly penned *Los Angeles Times* sportswriter Jim Murray, with only slight exaggeration.

This fine sport, which should be a joy both to play and to watch, almost witnessed its first KILLING a few weeks ago. In a rugged pro battle between St. Louis and San Francisco (remember this game is supposed to be non-contact), one outraged player *nearly stomped an opposing player to death right on the court.* He was restrained by fellow teammates just in time.

Not only players but spectators are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Mass hatred of the officials is becoming so serious that it caused one college referee to write an article in a nationally circulated magazine appealing for sanity by schools and fans. The personal abuse he has taken is absolutely appalling.

"The stuff that's been thrown at me would fill a garbage truck," he said. "I've needed a flying wedge of police to rescue me from a red-eyed mob at the University of California. I've torn rib muscles while pinned under a pile of fighting players at Gill Coliseum at Oregon State University. . . . At the University of Idaho I was knocked down, kicked and beaten by 200 fans who charged me screaming their determination to make me eat my whistle. At Southern Methodist University in 1957, a red-hot 50-cent piece, one of a barrage of coins thrown from the seats, hit me in the eyeball. I could name other injuries, but why go on? Basketball officials across the country take similar beatings. . . ."

This embattled referee, Al Lightner, concluded by saying that unless drastic clean-up efforts are taken soon, "this great game—already crippled by scandals—could be killed for good" (*Saturday Evening Post*, January 12, 1963).

Even Our National Sport

Baseball has always been noted for its frequent "rhubarbs" and occasional brawls, but here, too, one sees signs of deterioration. This spring has seen a definite increase in the number of incidents of pitchers *deliberately* throwing at the batters. Complained sportswriter Murray, "Only one man has been killed in combat in major league baseball history [and that was by an accidental "beating"] but the game seems of late to be trying for two. *It only costs you \$50 for deliberately throwing at a batsman. It could cost your club a million (the pennant) if you didn't.* According to the law of athletic economics, honor lies on the side of the dollar. The batter must take his chances" (*Los Angeles Times*, March 5, 1963).

We could go on and on about other sports such as ice hockey and auto racing, but it isn't necessary. The above examples are illustrative enough. The great benefit and value of athletics—especially the lesson of TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP—is being undermined by professionalism and the dog-eat-dog, win-at-any-price philosophy. Truly a national tragedy!

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Autobiography

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at the cost of stopping the Work God has begun!"

That was only one of *many* efforts made by that church group to kill, by fair means or foul, God's broadcast!

Still, although our own little Church in Eugene then remained loyal, I was its only minister. The broadcast and publishing work was virtually a one-man operation in those days.

But it developed and grew. Painfully slow, it seemed. Yet it was actually multiplying in power and scope 30 times over, the first 9 years. And by July, 1947, it was still growing at the rate of 30% per year increase. (It still is, to this day.) And now, at last, the college was being planned that was to recruit and train God-called young men to develop this Work of God into an ever-expanding ORGANIZED effort!

Now Satan was *really* aroused to angry activity!

Opposition Starts Within

But not only did circumstances and enemies strike at the opening of the college from without, opposition developed even from within!

Through all the opposition we had encountered in getting the broadcast started, and keeping it on the air and growing, our small local Church in Eugene had remained loyal. During those years, beginning 1933, they had accepted the opposition as our common enemy.

But some in the Church did not like the idea of my moving to Pasadena to start a college. Several were becoming self-centered and *local*-minded. When radio listeners were being converted and baptized in Texas, California and elsewhere, some church brethren became disgruntled and critical.

The attitude was, "What do we care about people in Florida, Illinois, Texas or California being converted? We wish Mr. Armstrong would stay in Eugene and minister to *us*. We're only concerned about *ourselves*, and our own little Church."

They totally lacked vision. They didn't want to see the Work grow or spread.

As their horizons narrowed, and a selfish and self-centered attitude began to seize some of them, their spiritual lives shriveled with it.

In thirty-six years I have never found an exception to this rule: Those whose hearts and interests are fully in THE WORK OF GOD, in getting His MESSAGE to the world as a witness, continue to grow spiritually. Those who lose interest in THE WORK OF GOD, and become self-centered, begin to shrink spiritually and go backward. *Their forward spiritual progress stops.* And soon they DIE spiritually!

Those who disagreed with the wisdom of founding the college—who could not see God's hand in the college—found sympathizers siding with them, until about half the Church members became antagonistic. They left it for Mrs. Armstrong and me to "go it alone," in the struggle to found the college. But we were *not* alone. The living CHRIST *never* forsook His work! Finally they went out of God's Church altogether, forming a small new church group of their own. Soon they were quarreling among themselves. Reports were that they met together, wrangled and quarreled over leadership—at least two men and one woman wanted to lead. But spiritually they stopping growing, and some simply *died* spiritually. Others died physically also. *Their* house was left to them desolate!

But *half* of our little Eugene church remained loyal.

One thing I have noticed, through the years. God Himself loves HIS WORK. He guides it, empowers it, blesses it, delivers it from its enemies. And He BLESSES those who bless it and are loyal to it, but also He puts a CURSE on those who turn from it or oppose or fight it! The promise He made to Abraham (Genesis 12:3) was passed on to Jacob (Israel), and God maintains it in actual performance today, in behalf of those loyal to HIS WORK!

God is a "Jealous God" who watches over HIS OWN WORK!

Of all the opposition we had to suffer, that of these former brethren, whom we had loved and faithfully served so many years, hurt most deeply. Their opposition was a passive one. They made no effort to strike at, or destroy the college or

broadcast work. But it did hurt us far more deeply than the active opposition of those who sought to DESTROY the college.

These local Church brethren, brought to Christ and converted (so we had supposed) through my efforts, did not realize the real need of the college.

The Work of God, revived after 18½ centuries, was at the point of transition from a virtual one-man effort to a mighty ORGANIZED impact!

"The \$30,000 Headache"

I recounted, in the preceding installment, how the wily Dr. B., possessing the highest law degrees in the land, and living by his wits rather than honest production, had tried to prevent giving us possession of "the College" on July 1st, 1947. We called the building that is now the Library "the College" in those days. Also I explained the strategy we were forced to employ to gain possession and get him out.

That was only the beginning of trouble.

After Dr. B. and his sister left us in sole possession, about the middle of July, we moved considerable of the furniture and furnishings to our newly purchased home.

Yet, somehow, I could not bring myself to move into this nice large home that had come to us almost like a gift. We had never had a really nice home like that. I felt unworthy of it.

Perhaps I was like a good many converted and dedicated Christians I know. They are always feeling "unworthy." But I assure them it is not a matter of *our* worthiness, but CHRIST'S! *Of course* we are unworthy! Any righteousnesses we might have of our own are counted as filthy rags to God. It is only GOD's righteousness that avails. It is CHRIST living HIS life *in us* through His Holy Spirit that gives us HIS righteousness! We come to God through CHRIST's worthiness, not our own!

I was not worthy of such a nice home. But GOD had worked it out so that it came to us. Jesus had said that if we will seek first the Kingdom of GOD, and HIS righteousness, all the material needs shall be *added*. And now, after 28 years of virtual poverty, He was beginning to *add*, by His grace, a few material

blessings.

Our two sons moved into our home, but Mrs. Armstrong and I continued to sleep nights in the college building for perhaps another two weeks, before I could bring myself to move into our own home.

Then, in August, the city building inspectors came around to inspect our proposed college building. Dr. B. had assured me it was of solid concrete, fire-proof construction. I had had it examined by two architects. They, too, said it was a solid concrete building. But the building inspectors bored inside the outer layer of hard concrete. It was a frame building, after all. It did not come up to codes to qualify as a classroom building!

They slapped on us what proved to be—as we then called it—a \$30,000 headache. That's a real costly headache!

Before we could be given official occupancy for a college building, they informed us, all walls and ceilings must be torn out and replaced with one-hour-fire-resistant construction!

Once we began tearing out walls, the inspectors condemned all the electric wiring system and the plumbing pipes. New electric conduits were required throughout, and all new plumbing pipes!

I engaged a contractor, highly recommended by our next-door neighbor who then owned "Mayfair," later to become our first girls' student residence. The contractor agreed to do the job—on \$4,000 weekly progress payments.

But *where* was I to get the \$4,000 per week, *on top of* regular operating expenses? Our income at the time was perhaps \$2,500 per week—all obligated in advance for the operational expenditures of the Work. Now I had, somehow, to raise *an additional* \$4,000 per week!

I sent out a desperate emergency letter to church brethren and co-workers. I made personal long-distance calls to those I felt might be able to help with larger sums.

A farmer in Illinois sent in a few thousand dollars. His son, then perhaps three or four years old, is today a student in Ambassador College.

A peanut and watermelon farmer in Texas sent in most of his life savings—a few thousand dollars. His education had been neglected. It was now too late



The Ambassador College Library—once the main building of Ambassador College! In past years it served as auditorium, library, radio studio and for classrooms. At present, it is used primarily to house Ambassador's ample library.

for him, but he wanted to help others still young enough to obtain the higher education he lacked. He is now head custodian of the college.

A doctor in Missouri sent a few thousand dollars, and then more later. He has been for years a Trustee of Ambassador College, and Director of its Bible Correspondence Course. Although he had had nine years of college education and a doctor's degree, he came to Ambassador and earned an additional Master of Arts degree, in Theology.

A radio listener I had never known before, in northern California, mortgaged his own new home for \$5,000 and loaned it to me—without security. I was six months past the allotted year in paying it all back, but I made a business deal with his mortgagee, paying him a cash bonus, to extend the time six months on

the unpaid balance.

The final week, early October, the contractor came up with a \$12,000 bill and demanded immediate payment. I had planned for only \$4,000, and had gone through a dozen nightmares to raise that.

The pressure was almost unbearable.

Everyone—except my wife and I—*knew* the college had "folded up"—before it even opened its doors to students. And, of course, the living HEAD of His Church, Jesus Christ, knew it hadn't!

How I finally raised that additional \$8,000 within a few days' time, I don't remember, now. I think that was the week when this \$5,000 loan came in. But, somehow, God saw us through.

The Lesson in Faith

It became almost impossible to sleep



View of the Administration Building as it appeared in 1947. It now contains many of the executive offices of the College and Work.

nights. I never lost faith—really. I never doubted the outcome. Yet I had not yet learned that total, implicit, trusting faith that can RELAX and leave it quietly in God's hands. I was under terrific strain. It was literally multiple nightmares condensed into a super ONE!

On one occasion, I almost snapped. I weakened to the extent that I actually prayed, one night, that God would let me die through the night, and relieve me from the almost unbearable agony. But next morning, I was deeply repentant for that, and prayed earnestly for God's forgiveness. Twice I did give up, on going to bed at night. But next morning was another day, and I bounded back, repentant for having given up—if only momentarily.

Yet this "\$30,000 Headache" was only the *beginning* of troubles. Others were yet to come—from within and from without. It was not until early 1949 that things eased up. By then I had come to the place that I had to pray in final desperation for "six months' grace" from this constant harassment. I humbly asked God to consider that I was human, with human weaknesses, and PLEASE to give

me six months' rest from the terrible ordeal.

He did. And during that respite I finally learned how to RELAX in faith, and shift the weighty BURDEN of it over onto CHRIST! And, at least up to the time of this writing, God has enabled me not only to trust Him for the final outcome, but to let faith remove the strain of anxiety.

When troubles or emergencies arise, we *should* be tremendously concerned! We should not take these things lightly or nonchalantly. We should be "on our toes" to DO whatever is *our* part, but trusting God in relaxed FAITH to guide us and to do HIS part which we *cannot* do for ourselves. We should be freed from destructive strain and worry.

This lesson of faith does not come easily. Sometimes it is achieved only through punishing experience. We need to learn that God does not do all things *for* us. He does many things *in, and through* us. We have our part to do. But there are some things we *cannot* do, and which we must rely on Him to do, wholly, *for* us. It takes wisdom to know which is which.

We had received some forty applications from prospective college students. But this reconstruction program had delayed the college opening. I had been compelled to notify all applicants that I would advise them when we finally were ready to open.

College Finally Opens

Ambassador College did finally swing open its big front door to students October 8, 1947. But by that time nearly all applicants had gone elsewhere. Besides our son Dick (Richard David), there was only Raymond C. Cole, who came down from Oregon where his family had been in the Church for years; Herman L. Hoeh, who came from Santa Rosa, California; and Miss Betty Bates from Oklahoma—four pioneer students—with a faculty of eight.

Did ever a college start so small? Or with a ratio of two professors to each student? But the things of God, through human instruments, always start the *smallest*, and grow to become the BIGGEST!

Ambassador College had *started!* It was not born without agonizing birth-pangs! But, as a mother is soon over the pangs of childbirth, so we are not suffering them today.

Yet the trials and troubles, oppositions and satanic plots to *stop* the college and the Work, did not end on October 8, 1947! Even the worst was yet to come!

But in the end, even Satan will be forced to bow to the TRUTH that GOD'S PURPOSE *STANDS*—that Satan can do no more than God *allows*—and that, though Satan's power is far greater than that of us humans, God's power is *infinitely* greater than Satan's.

God has said HIS GOSPEL *SHALL BE PREACHED AND PUBLISHED IN ALL THE WORLD!* Satan has *tried* to prevent it. Had this not been the very WORK OF GOD, it would have been stopped long ago. But the living CHRIST has said He would open the DOOR for the proclaiming of this Message, and that *NO MAN can shut it!*

In HIS power and strength HIS WORK *continues* to GO FORWARD!!

How we continued to weather the storm—and how God finally delivered us from those initial trials, will be continued next month.

Did Paul Put His OPINIONS in Scripture?

Did God allow blunders, errors, or PRIVATE OPINIONS to creep into the Bible? Is any part of Scripture UNinspired? Here, straight from your own Bible, is the real truth!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

THERE has been a GREAT CONSPIRACY against the Word of God! For centuries, "scholars," "critics," or just well-intentioned theologians have questioned, doubted, scoffed at, or else twisted and perverted the pages of Scripture.

Mankind has tried to burn it, lose it, destroy it, misinterpret it, mistranslate it, or, failing these methods, has simply chosen to ignore it altogether.

But *through it all*—the real TRUTH of God is still available—still INVIO-LATE!

The METHODS of Man's Rebellion Against God's Laws

For centuries, man has not wanted God to tell him what to do! He doesn't want to be RULED! The carnal mind is HOSTILITY toward real rule, government, and authority (Rom. 8:7).

Most professing Christians of today believe they may be saved WITHOUT HAVING TO OBEY God! They believe this because of a *great conspiracy* against the LAWS of God, as revealed in His Word.

Usually, the writings of the Apostle Paul are cited as proof of the abolition of God's Ten Commandments.

But not always! Some, realizing HOW MUCH Paul actually UPHELD the Law of God, merely seek to nullify the writings of Paul! They claim Paul was UNinspired—that he put his own PRIVATE OPINIONS in Scripture!

WHO Becomes the Authority?

But these individuals *decide for themselves* which part of the Scripture is inspired! They arbitrarily take certain passages they *want* to receive, while rejecting others! Vast segments of organized "churchianity" claim the entirety of the Old Testament is done away. Other large organizations claim to receive "only the writings of St. Paul." Still others cling only to the Gospels,

while others still buy "red-letter Bibles" and will believe only those words directly spoken by Jesus Christ, and reproduced in their Bibles in red letters!

But in the midst of all this confusion—WHO is the ultimate authority? Apparently, *each individual* believes he is allowed to become his OWN SUPREME AUTHORITY as to which portions of Scripture are, or are not, inspired!

But God never GAVE this authority into the hands of man! Almighty God is *Supreme Authority*. It is HE who has directly INSPIRED Scripture, and He has never left it up to man to decide *which* writings are to be included as Sacred Scripture!

What Is The New Testament?

Unless God, the SUPREME AUTHORITY, has directly CAUSED His Scripture to be inspired, and has carefully kept and guarded those writings which he *wanted* to be contained in Scripture—then there remains no authority, whatsoever for deciding what IS Scripture, and what is not!

For example, the New Testament is a collection of brief journals, short historical treatises, private correspondence, and circular letters intended to be read by local congregations! Notice, "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach" (Acts 1:1). Luke was writing to the same Theophilus that is mentioned in his first chapter of the Gospel bearing his name! Both of these works of Luke—which now form a part of *inspired Scripture*—were nevertheless written to a PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL! Does this mean all these writings were merely Luke's private opinions?

Think for a moment! If this line of reasoning is followed—there remains not one shred of evidence for the authenticity of ANY of Scripture!

Paul wrote to TIMOTHY. Does this

mean that *none* of the instructions found in the letters to Timothy are applicable to us today—since Paul was writing *personally* to him?

John wrote to the "elect lady" (II John 1), and to Gaius (III John 1), just as Paul wrote to Titus and Philemon!

Luke wrote to Theophilus, while Paul continually insisted upon writing to mere *local congregations*!

But—*regardless* as to the original character of various of the Bible books, letters and journals—ALMIGHTY GOD selected them as part of His *inspired Scripture*! He said, *inspiring* the Apostle Paul to tell us, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16).

What self-willed, false prophets who wish to have their *own way* do not seem to grasp is that if there is *one single word of the original inspired Scriptures* which is NOT valid, and which is UNinspired—then there remains *no authority whatsoever* for saying that ANY of the Scripture is inspired!

Either the Bible is ALL inspired—or you can have confidence in NONE of it!

Is there, then, *one single place* in all the Bible where Almighty God allowed an individual to merely express his own "opinion"? Are there only one or two small "exceptions" to this great and authoritative principle of Scripture?

Did God allow Ezekiel to make only one or two *small slips*? Did Isaiah only contradict himself once or twice? Did Peter just make one or two small mistakes in chronology? Could John have misread what he saw in vision? Surely Moses must have FORGOTTEN a great many of the necessary *details* of history? Did Paul merely express his "opinion" to members of the Corinthian congregation?

These questions must be *answered*—and must be answered from the **AUTHORITY** of the unbreakable Scriptures!

The Bible Is Sacred, Inviolable, and Is **TOTALLY INSPIRED**

Jesus said, "The Scripture **CANNOT BE BROKEN**"! (John 10:35.)

Think for a moment! Christ is the **WORD** (John 1:1), He is the Scripture—*personified*!

Can feeble man ascend up to heaven, to pull Christ off His throne? Can feeble, conniving, carnal man—in his desires to justify himself, and have his *own way*, nullify the authority of the Living Christ?

But Christ is the *Word*! He is at the controls of the entirety of the universe. He lives!

What you need to realize is, just as Jesus Christ is absolutely **SUPREME**, untouched and inviolate by the puny presumptuousness of man—so is the *written Word*—the Holy Scriptures!

Paul also was inspired to say to Timothy, concerning some individuals who were guilty of "vain babblings" that they, "concerning the *truth* [Jesus said, 'Thy Word is truth!'] (John 17:17)] have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless **THE FOUNDATION OF GOD** standeth **SURE**, having this seal . . ." (II Tim. 2:18-19).

Yes, **REGARDLESS** as to the petty bickerings, differences and disagreements of men—the *foundation of God*, the **SCRIPTURE**, the **TRUTH**, stands **SURE**!

Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy *the law or the prophets*, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill!" (Matt. 5:17.) Here, Jesus was speaking of two of the major portions of **SCRIPTURE**. He was not *merely* talking of the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments. Jesus expressly included, "The prophets." Also, in the context of this verse—part of the very focal point of the whole meaning of Christianity—Jesus referred to "the Law." Actually, Jesus meant the first five books of the Bible, together with all the prophetic writings! He went on to speak of these sections of inviolate Scripture, "for verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass *from the law*, till all be fulfilled!" (Matt.

5:18.)

Yes, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Living Christ of today, stated that until the heavens and the earth were utterly destroyed and *passed away*—not one single little punctuation mark or shading of meaning would be changed, altered, or in anywise dropped from the law!

Did, Then, Paul Give His "Opinion"?

Let's turn now to one particular section of Scripture—the **INSPIRED SCRIPTURE**—which has given no end of trouble to "scholars," who have never recognized the absolute **AUTHORITY** of the Bible.

It is found in I Corinthians the seventh chapter. In this section of inspired Scripture, the Apostle Paul was led of God to instruct the Corinthian Church concerning marriages.

He said, "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer, and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. But I speak this *by permission*, and *not of commandment*"! (I Cor. 7:5-6.)

Later, Paul said, "Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful" (verse 25).

But what is this? Is Paul trying to show the Corinthian Church they may **DO AS THEY PLEASE** concerning these vital principles of marriage? Is he saying since he has no commandment from Christ—that he's just giving his own **PRIVATE OPINION**, for whatever it's worth—and that they may make up their own minds what to do about it?

FAR FROM IT!

Paul Was Inspired!

Let's come to really *understand* these portions of the inspired Scripture!

Peter said of Paul's writings, ". . . even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are *unlearned and unstable wrest*, **AS THEY DO ALSO THE OTHER SCRIPTURES**, unto

their own destruction"! (II Pet. 3:15-16).

Peter called Paul's letters **SCRIPTURES**! Here was the *spokesman* of the twelve, the leading Apostle of God's Church, the one Christ had **FIRST** told "Feed my sheep," stating Paul's epistles had the authority of **SCRIPTURE**!

Did Paul, then, temporarily **DEPART** from writing actual *Scripture* when he said, "yet I give my judgment"? Certainly **NOT**!

Notice! Paul had said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but *Christ liveth IN ME*"! (Gal. 2:20.) Jesus Christ was living His life over again *within* the Apostle Paul, just as He promises to do in *every* Christian. If we do *not* have the Spirit of Christ, we *do not belong* to Him! (Rom. 8:9.)

Paul said, in the *same* chapter of I Corinthians containing the "judgments" he gave, ". . . and I think also that I have the Spirit of God" (I Cor. 7:40).

Now, let's notice the *real* meaning of these vital portions of **SCRIPTURE**!

Remember, we have proved them to be **JUST AS MUCH** a part of the **SACRED SCRIPTURES** as any other part!

"But I speak this *by permission*, and not of commandment . . ." (I Cor. 7:6). Paul is dealing with the problems of marriage and divorce! He is instructing the Corinthian Church, and God, through His direct inspiration of these verses, is **INSTRUCTING US TODAY**, concerning chastity, concerning *whether* or not to marry, and concerning believing and unbelieving mates.

Paul did **NOT** say he was here departing from Divine **AUTHORITY**, and was *speaking his own ideas*, since **HE, PAUL**, had been given *permission* to do so! Rather, he is saying, "I am telling you this by way of *allowing you permission* to either marry or remain single, and I am not directly **COMMANDING** you to do **ONE** or the **OTHER**!"

Notice the **PROOF**! In the very next verse, he said, "For I would that all men were even as I myself. [That is—without a need to be married.] But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner and another after that" (verse 7).

Notice further, Paul clarified what he meant in the 10th verse! "And unto (Please continue on page 41)

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER FIFTY-SIX

“AND THE SUN STOOD STILL”

JOSHUA and the elders had just received men who claimed to be ambassadors from a far away land. They came to seek peace. If so, reasoned the elders, then there would be no particular harm in promising not to attack a nation that wasn't included among the enemy nations of Canaan. Although these men looked like swarthy Canaanites, Joshua knew that some similar tribes had gone to other lands, especially north Africa, to live.

The elders of Israel were told of these things, and it was decided that it would be well to do what the strangers asked, and promise no harm to their nation. This was carried out in a solemn ceremony with Joshua, the strangers, priests and elders present. However, though there was an element of doubt present in this matter, God wasn't consulted. (Verses 14-15.) God's warning against making peace with Canaanites was temporarily neglected, and Israel's leaders paid more attention to these strangers than to God.

New clothes and provisions were supplied the strange ambassadors. After they were given food and overnight lodging with the Israelites, they thankfully and smilingly set off to the north to their mysterious nation.

“Send several armed scouts to follow them without being seen,” Joshua ordered. “I am curious to know just where they came from.”

It wasn't expected that the scouts would return for many days, and it was a surprise when they returned early on the third day.

“It wasn't necessary to be gone any longer,” they reported. “The men we followed went north for a few miles, then turned west and went directly to the Hivite city of

Gibeon about twenty miles to the west. If that is their home, then Israel has promised to spare a city or nation well within the promised land!" (Verse 16.)

"We have been tricked!" Joshua muttered. "Get fifty thousand troops ready to move, and we'll go straighten this matter out!"

Treachery Discovered

Having been informed that the strange men claiming to have come from a distant nation had gone to a city only about twenty miles from Gilgal, Joshua was quite perturbed. These men had exacted a promise from Joshua that Israel would not attack their country. Now it was quite evident that their "country" was an area well within the bounds of Canaan, and God had instructed Israel to destroy all nations, cities and people within those bounds. Obviously these men had tricked Israel into a sacred promise to spare their people, which was against God's will.

The many thousands of Israel's soldiers quickly assembled at Joshua's command. Led by scouts who had followed the men responsible for tricking Israel into a peace pact, Joshua and his soldiers spent three days in arriving at their destination. It was the walled city of Gibeon, the capital of a district of dark-skinned people called Hivites. Four Hivite cities, including Gibeon, had joined in this strategy in seeking peace with Israel. (Joshua 9:16-17.)

The Israelite soldiers moved boldly within the shadows of the walls of Gibeon, but there was no sign of soldiers on the walls to protect the city.

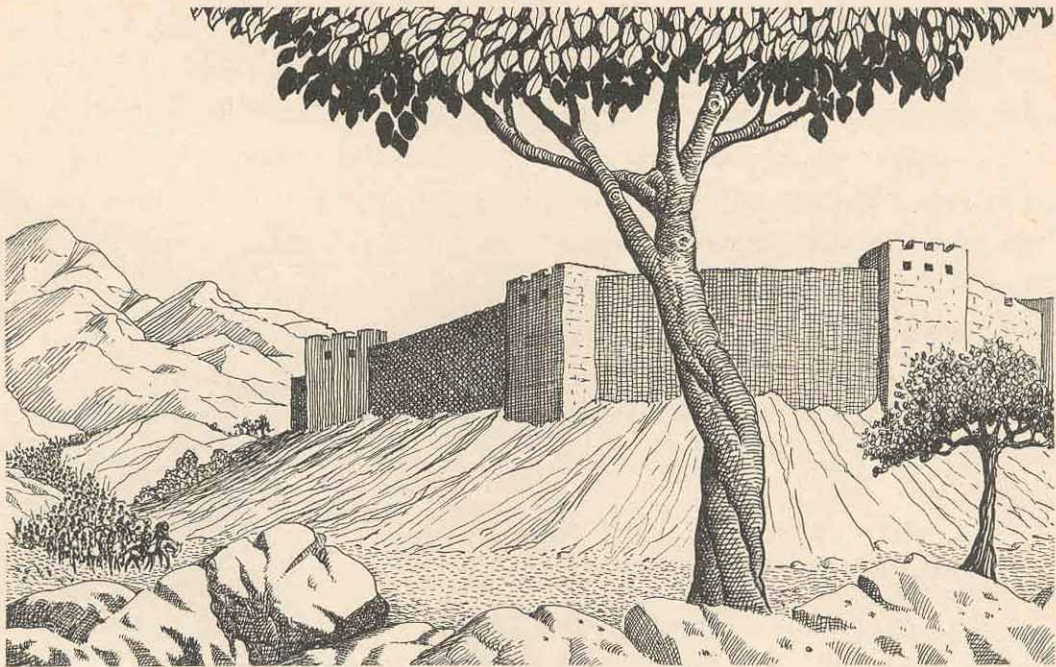
"Send men to the gate with this message," Joshua told his officers. "Have our men tell them that those men who came to see us in Gilgal must be sent out to speak with us right away."

A group of soldiers went to the nearest gate and loudly repeated Joshua's request. There was a response only a few minutes later. The gate swung open, and out walked the men who had come to Gilgal posing as strangers from a distant nation. A few Hivites of high rank accompanied them. Behind them was a crowd of Hivites silently watching to see what would happen. The "ambassadors" sheepishly walked up to Joshua and his officers.

"Why did you go to all the trouble of trying to fool us into believing that your native land was quite distant instead of within our land only a few miles from our camp?" Joshua asked them. (Verse 22.)

The Hivites' Excuse

"We have heard about how you have wiped out your enemies," a Gibeonite officer explained. "We didn't want to be counted among them. The city of Gibeon



The Israelite army moved close to the thick-walled city of Gibeon, but there were no soldiers in sight to protect it.

here, and three other Hivite cities to the south—Chephirah, Beeroth and Kirjath-jearim—formed a secret alliance to seek a promise from Israel's leaders that you would not attack us. We heard that you are a fair and honest people, and would keep any vow you might make.

"We became aware that your God commanded you to destroy all the people of this region, and we were so alarmed that we tried to carry out the only plan we thought might save us. But we aren't begging for freedom now. You have us in your power to deal with as you wish." (Verses 24-25.)

Joshua was in no hurry to make any decision. Yet he knew if he wiped out their cities, he would be breaking the pledge that the leaders of Israel had made before God as a witness. There was no other choice. Israel had made a binding agreement and would have to pay the price of letting these Hivites remain in their land.

Joshua dismissed the Gibeonites, set up camp near Gibeon and held a conference with the princes of Israel.

When the main body of Israel heard the decision of the elders and Joshua many of them were disappointed. Some were even angered, and sent spokesmen to the elders to voice their feelings. (Joshua 9:18.)

"It is not right to allow these pagan Hivites any mercy!" shouted one of the

spokesmen. "God has commanded us to destroy them!"

"God will punish us if we fail to attack those four Hivite cities at once!" another yelled heatedly. "Why are our leaders defying the Creator in this matter?"

There was much murmuring among the assembled thousands after these remarks, which were not necessarily made because the speakers desired obedience. So much wealth had already been taken from their enemies that a part of Israel had become greedy, and those were the ones whose ire was roused because of being deprived of the booty of the Hivite cities.

Hivites Made Perpetual Laborers

Ignoring the loud protests, the elders told the people that Israel should stick to the agreement not to attack the Hivites, but that Israel should make the inhabitants of the four cities bond-servants of Israel to serve in the physical needs of the Levites. This would keep them in close contact with God so that they would never return to idolatry. Today, the descendants of those ancient dark-skinned Hivites are called Falashas—meaning migrants—because they journeyed out of Palestine to Ethiopia to escape captivity when Israel was driven out of Palestine centuries later. (Verses 19-21.)

When the troops who had accompanied him heard what Joshua was about to do, even some of them muttered in disappointment at being deprived of the excitingly profitable opportunity of plundering the Hivite cities.

Joshua called the rulers and chief officers of the Hivites before him and made this proclamation:

"Though you have sought peace and have recognized our God as great, you tricked us. Therefore you are cursed. No longer shall your mighty men of war bear arms. Instead, they shall become wood choppers and water bearers for us. When our



One by one the self-appointed Israelite spokesmen came before the elders to angrily declare that Israel's army should attack the Hivite cities.

people take over this area, your people shall join us and work as bond servants. Your tasks will be especially for those in service for our God wherever He shall have us build His altar. You have no choice but to accept these conditions." (Verses 22-27.)

"These are bitter terms for our warriors and the people of all four cities," the leader of Gibeon spoke out. "However, we feel it is better than being destroyed because of our sins. We know your greater forces and your great God are too powerful for us to face, and we must humbly bow to your will." (Verse 25.)

The Hivites should have considered themselves quite fortunate to remain alive under the circumstances, but it is generally human nature to hope for more than is received, and there was a tone of bitterness in the voice of the Gibeonite leader.

Having ended these matters with the Hivites for the time being, Joshua and his many soldiers headed back toward Gilgal. They little guessed that they would very soon be racing back toward Gibeon.

For many centuries there had been a city in the land of Canaan known as Salem. During the days of Abraham a King was there whose name was Melchizedek, Who visited Abraham and blessed him after he rescued Lot and other captives from a group of marauding kings. (Genesis 14:17-20.) Melchizedek—Who was later to become Jesus Christ in human form—ruled from Salem as long as the patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—dwelt in Palestine. Later He ceased to rule from there when the children of Israel were in Egypt: In the days of David Melchizedek again chose Jerusalem (another name for Salem) as the city from which to rule His people.

The name Melchizedek means King of Righteousness. (Hebrews 7:1-3.) At the time the Israelites entered Canaan, the ruler of Salem—then called Jerusalem—was a Canaanite Adoni-zedek, a sinful king who pretended to be "Lord of Righteousness"—a king who put himself in place of the true King of Righteousness—Jesus Christ or Melchizedek.

Jerusalem had been such a powerful and wealthy city for so long that it was famous throughout the civilized world. In fact, it was considered a sacred city, even though heathen Canaanites, such as Adoni-zedek, had long since taken it over.

A Plot Against the Hivites

News of the fall of Jericho and Ai brought fear to the ruler of Jerusalem, especially when he learned of the pact between Israel and the four Hivite cities just a few miles from Jerusalem, because Gibeon was one of the stronger cities of the area—even stronger than Ai. (Joshua 10:1-2.) Adoni-zedek realized that other cities of Canaan must immediately band together to stand against the Israelites, or be defeated.

The proud king of Jerusalem sent messengers to the rulers of four neighbor-

ing Amorite cities. These were Hebron (where the Israelite scouts went on their return trip through Canaan about forty years before), Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon, and were located in an area only a few miles southwest of Jerusalem. Adoni-zedek suggested they all join forces and invade the Hivite cities to punish them for making peace with the Israelites. (Verses 3-4.)

When the kings of these cities received Adoni-zedek's plea for their armies to join his in an attack on Gibeon, they agreed at once to send all their soldiers northward. Their forces were united on the way to Jerusalem, where Adoni-zedek's troops were added. Together these thousands of well-trained warriors marched onward to a spot just south of Gibeon, where they camped and readied their equipment for an attack on Gibeon, because the Hivites were now their enemies along with Israel.

When the Gibeonites saw these combined armies streaming up from the south, they sent swift messengers to race to Gilgal to ask for help from Israel.

While the messengers sped toward the Israelite camp, the armies from the south set up powerful catapults and ramming devices with which to assault Gibeon, and prepared long ladders and ropes for scaling the walls. Night was not far away, however, and the Gibeonites felt certain that no attack would be made until dawn.

The messengers from Gibeon arrived at Gilgal before nightfall, and were given an immediate audience with Joshua.

"Thousands upon thousands of Canaanite troops of the Amorite tribe were approaching Gibeon when we left!" they excitedly told Joshua. "Perhaps by now they have already attacked our city. As your servants, we beg you to send up at least a part of your great army to save us!" (Joshua 10:5-6.)

Joshua Had Learned His Lesson

Joshua wasn't inclined to give the messengers a quick answer. He wondered if the presence of so many fighting men could mean that Israel might run into deep trouble as punishment for not consulting God in the matter of making an agreement with the Gibeonites.

Not wishing another unpleasant situation, Joshua this time went into the tabernacle and prayed to God to give him a clear picture of what should be done.

"Don't be concerned about that army preparing to attack Gibeon," came God's answer. "Not one man of those many thousands will come out alive after I punish them!" (Verse 8.)

Thus encouraged, Joshua was convinced that he should go at once to the aid of the Gibeonites. He gave orders to his officers to assemble the army of Israel for immediate action. By nightfall the troops were assembled and ready to march.

Gibeon was about twenty miles west of Gilgal, and though they had a rough, uphill road between the two places, the Israelite army picked its way to the hill country through the night, and arrived within sight of Gibeon at dawn. (Verses 7, 9.)

Coming over a rise at the head of Israel's troops, Joshua and his officers saw that the Canaanite troops from the south were just starting to move closer to Gibeon for their assault on the walls. Catapults were being pushed forward, scores of men were carrying metal-nosed logs with which to batter the gates, and thousands of archers, swordsmen and spear-bearers were marching within striking range of the walls.

"Draw up our troops to attack the invaders of Gibeon at once!" Joshua told his officers. "Keep the troops out of sight behind this rise, move north of Gibeon so that we can't be seen, and then divide up and swing around the east and west walls to surprise them!"

Minutes later hordes of Israelite soldiers raced around the walls of Gibeon to rush in among the troops moving against the Hivite city. The attackers were so surprised by this sudden onslaught by the Israelites that they halted in their tracks, then turned and fled in the opposite direction. The Israelites pressed in against them. So great was the slaughter that bodies were strewn for miles along paths that led northwestward, southward and southwestward from Gibeon.

All this didn't happen in just a short while. Many of the enemy soldiers tried to hide in ravines and among the rocks, and time was required in searching them out. The Israelites had orders to let no enemy fighters escape, regardless of how far they had to be pursued.

In fact, the main part of the enemy troops to escape the first attack had to be pursued as much as thirty miles to the southwest. (Joshua 10:10-11.) Part of the way was through a long, deep ravine. Then there was a steep ridge to go over, and next a rocky, rugged road so precipitous in places that steps had already been cut in the rocks.

By the time the enemy had been pursued even part of that distance, however, the day was half spent. Joshua became concerned about being successful in destroying all the enemy troops before dark, after which any who were left would surely succeed in escaping. Already exceptionally heavy clouds were moving over the sky, which meant that darkness would come on even sooner than usual.

A Mighty Miracle

"Cause the sun and moon to stand still so that the day here will be made long enough for us to overcome our enemies," Joshua prayed to God. (Verse 12.)

The battle continued. It was no small matter to flush out enemy troops from their hiding places as the area of fighting moved steadily southward. Meanwhile, the sky be-

came darker, and it appeared that an unusually strong storm was likely to break in the region just south of Gibeon. Between thick, scudding clouds the pale sun showed through at times. There was nothing unusual about that, but two or three hours after Joshua's unusual request of God the Israelites began to be aware that the sun was still in a noon-time position!

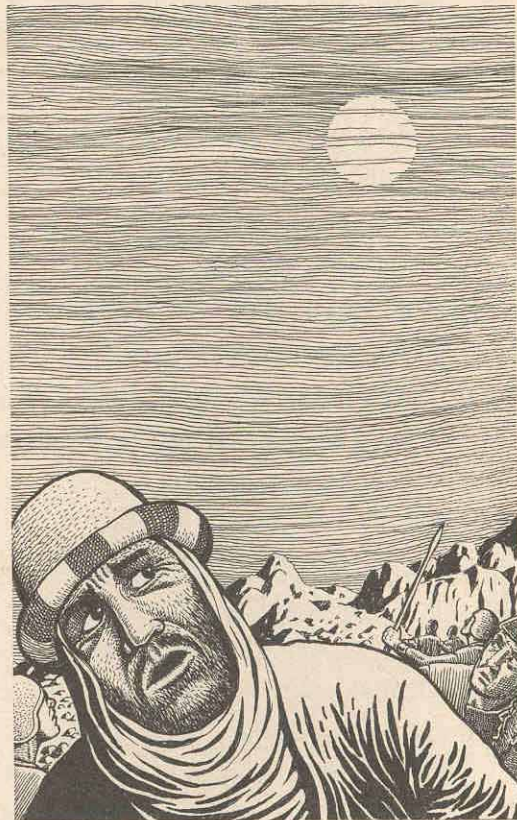
As the afternoon wore on while Israel kept up the bloody pursuit, it was noted with increasing awe that the sun still had not moved. In fact, it stayed in the middle of the sky for so long that daylight was extended by about twelve hours! (Verse 13.)

Did God actually stop the Earth from rotating for twelve hours. We are not told. With God all things are possible. If this planet suddenly ceased turning, God must have performed a whole series of tremendous miracles to keep everything in place on the surface of the Earth (which is turning at a speed of one thousand miles an hour at the equator) from being destroyed. There was never another day like this one. Many religious leaders have argued that time was lost back at the battle near Gibeon, and that as a result the Sabbath was moved from Saturday to Sunday. Not so, *that* day did not become another day—it was merely an extra long day of 36 hours.

The lengthened day was a reason for wonderment and fear among both Israelites and Canaanites. Even Joshua was awed by what happened. God honored an outstanding prayer in an outstanding way because He was fighting Israel's battles. (Verse 14.)

Even so, Joshua was concerned about conquering all the enemy troops, many thousands of whom were well ahead of the Israelites. It appeared that they would escape while Israel was being delayed in sending out small groups in every direction to overtake enemy soldiers who had fled to the sides of the retreat paths to the south.

Then came another miracle from God. The sky grew increasingly darker. Lightning flashed above the Canaanite retreaters. Ear-splitting thunder reverberated between



Men grew increasingly fearful the longer the sun stayed in the sky.

the mountains and through the deep ravines. From the black clouds came a strange, hissing sound. The fleeing Canaanites looked up in inquisitive terror, and it was then that the power of God descended from the sky on them with deadly force!

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Paul's OPINIONS In Scripture?

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the married I command, YET NOT I, but the LORD." Paul, by stating His own Divinely-commissioned Apostolic *authority* to command the members of God's Church, began this thought by saying HE was commanding them to do a certain thing. Then, interrupting *his own* command (but that command was AUTHORITATIVE), he said, "yet not I, but the LORD."

He then gave them the meaning of a *direct quotation* from the words of Jesus Christ Himself!

"Let not the wife depart from her husband!" The marginal reference takes you to Matthew 19:6, where you read the words of Christ, "What therefore God hath joined together, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER!"

Do you see? Paul, speaking to the Corinthians directly, and also being inspired to WRITE HOLY SCRIPTURE, was either instructing from his Apostolic AUTHORITY, *based* directly on the teachings of Christ, or else quoting commands of Christ HIMSELF!

In verse 12, we read, "But to the rest SPEAK I, NOT the Lord . . ." Or, "to those in OTHER circumstances, I have no direct command from Jesus Christ—no written 'Thus saith the Lord' for this particular case—but HERE IS MY AUTHORITATIVE COMMAND, which CHRIST WILL BACK UP!"

Again in verse 25, Paul stated, "Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. . . ."

Paul gave his judgment! Was he AUTHORIZED to do this? He certainly was!

Notice! "I will build MY CHURCH, and the gates of hell [hades, the GRAVE]

shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 16:18-19).

Christ had given His Apostles, a part of the very foundation of the Church (Eph. 2:20), POWER and AUTHORITY to either permit or forbid certain things. That is, they could, *within the framework of God's laws and Christ's teachings*, have the power to make BINDING and LOOSING DECISIONS!

CHRIST HONORED those decisions! When Christ, who is the LIVING HEAD of His Church (Col. 1:18), directly INSPIRED the decisions, directly GUIDED His ministers to render them, and then gave them the stamp of INSPIRED SCRIPTURES—SURELY HE MEANT TO HONOR THEM AS COMING FROM HIS OWN SEAT OF AUTHORITY!

God Works Through HUMAN INSTRUMENTS!

Let's never forget the great principle that God works THROUGH HIS HUMAN INSTRUMENTS!

Remember! You COULD NOT KNOW about Church Government, about TONGUES, about the gifts of the Spirit, about pastoral administration, about the qualifications for elders, about Christ's Divine PRIESTHOOD, and about DOZENS OF BASIC NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINES, if it were not for the *inspired* writings of the Apostle Paul!

If PAUL was giving his UNINSPIRED OPINION anywhere in the 14 books God inspired him to write, then how can you be sure THE ENTIRETY OF ALL FOURTEEN BOOKS is not just his personal,

uninspired opinions?

This *same* reasoning could then be applied to *all* the Bible—rendering it nothing more than the scholars CLAIM it to be; an UNINSPIRED collection of histories, narratives, poems, private letters and apocalyptic writings!

But it is INSPIRED! ALL of it! When Christ used Paul to APPLY the spiritual principles of God's law to particular problems involving marriage, He intended these to become LAWS! They now have the Divine AUTHORITY of SCRIPTURE! They constitute a "THUS SAITH THE LORD!"

How thankful we can be God so carefully guarded His Holy Word—so that NO UNINSPIRED PERSONAL OPINIONS WERE EVER ALLOWED to creep into it! How THANKFUL you can be that "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD!" (II Tim. 3:16).

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Mad Craze for Pleasure

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Where Are We Headed?

Just what does the future have in store, as we see this maddening rush into all forms of permissiveness, perversion and violence? Just where will it all stop?

The ominous trends of the near future are already here. A stirring column written by *Los Angeles Times* television critic, Hal Humphrey, on May 2, 1963, entitled "Isn't Anybody Awake Out There?" gives us a good clue as to what to expect. He wrote:

"The TV audience either has gone to sleep or it is becoming more mature than Madison Avenue ever thought it would. A recent episode of [a popular courtroom series] showed [the attorney] defending an alleged murderer who sneeringly told him he was guilty—just as the jury brought in a 'not guilty' verdict. The exonerated murderer then clinched with his wife and walked out of the courtroom.

"Now it has long been an unwritten law in TV that murder, mayhem and shoplifting cannot go unapprehended. . . . Yet, when [the attorney's] client walked out on him, *not a single viewer in the Los Angeles area called CBS to complain.*"

Critic Humphrey then proceeded to blast a recent spate of programs dealing with condoned mercy deaths, dirty jokes and other off-beat material. Even such TV fare, he concluded, "can get awfully boring too, if we're treated to too much of the same."

Yes, what ghastly thing will producers and promoters think of next to spark the interest of a narcotized public? "How long will it be before you see the sex act on your television screen?" asked an angry Paul Molloy, noted television critic for the *Chicago Sun-Times* and a father of eight children. "How long before perversion and degeneracy come across the tragic lantern in full detail and perhaps in living color?"

Where will TV gets its "late-late show" replacements when the present supply of old movies is used up? From what Hollywood is grinding out now

and in the future?

Molloy then prophetically asked how long it will be until the following hypothetical situation takes place in the average American home: "You and your children are watching what has become known as a 'realistic' drama. Your fourth-grade daughter turns to you and says: 'What are they doing now, Dad?' and you reply: 'The bad man, dear, is raping the girl. Now hurry and finish your supper; the soup's getting cold'" (*Pueblo Star-Journal*, December 18, 1960).

SHOCKING, I KNOW! A horrible thing to contemplate, yes! "Impossible—won't ever happen!" we might be tempted at first glance to say. But again we face the fact that at Rome's end, violence, death and sex were the only emotions the people could grasp. And our nation is going the way of Rome!

Is God Blind?

Is there a God in Heaven who is aware of what is going on? Yes, there is, and He is MIGHTY ANGRY! "The wicked and him that loveth violence His soul *hateth*" (Psalm 11:5). Punishment by the Almighty is near at hand!

The great God who created the earth and placed mankind on it, knew far in advance that our people today, once we had repudiated His laws which would have brought us peace and happiness, would end up on the trash pile of civilization just like all the other great empires of the past. God inspired His prophets centuries ago to record warnings for those today who would listen.

The prophet Ezekiel pinpointed exactly the time we are living in now. Ezekiel was commissioned to warn the nation of Israel. But he never reached ancient Israel—the people had gone into captivity over 100 years before his time. His message is a prophetic warning for us, the modern-day descendants of those people (If you have not seen the proof of this, write immediately for our free booklet, "The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy").

Notice the seventh chapter, beginning at verse one: "Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me saying, Also thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land of Israel . . .

"*Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send my anger upon thee . . . and will recompense thee all thine abominations.*"

What are some of these abominations God is angry with? Verse 23, "*. . . for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city [Jerusalem as a type of Israel today] is full of violence.*"

Notice next Chapter 9, verse 9 of this same book:

"The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah [Yes, these are not one and the same people] is exceeding great, the land is *full of blood*, and the city *full of perverseness*: for they say"—notice, this is what most of our nation says or thinks today, "The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD *seeth not.*" No, God is way off. He doesn't really see us wallowing in all kinds of muck and swill, people reason. But God DOES see! And He is getting mighty sick of it!

What is God going to do about the situation? Verse 24 of Chapter 7 says, "Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen [a coming foreign powerhouse rising up in Europe right now] and they shall possess their houses." Yes, invasion is coming! National captivity lies ahead!

Now notice Ezek. 12:19, Moffatt translation: ". . . the land is to be stripped of all that it contains *owing to the violence done by ALL its inhabitants.*" Yes, God is not condemning just those who commit actual crimes, but here includes the vast majority who are vicariously committing violence every night in their own living room or chanting "Kill 'em" in the nearby stadium.

In the article by Jessamyn West quoted elsewhere here, the author, trying to analyze America's cold-hearted acceptance of violence, asked an amazing question: "*Is a generation of Americans being prepared for the routine and casual killings of concentration camps and gas chambers, of death marches and saturation bombings, of mass evacuations and 100-megaton explosions?*"

A horrifying thought to contemplate! But the answer your Bible gives is a

thunderous "YES!" These things *are* coming! Even this author could sense it.

What Can YOU Do?

Even though stern punishment is coming upon this land, God holds out a promise of protection for you if you will turn from this world's ways and start obeying His laws. God is not some harsh, evil-eyed monster, looking everywhere for someone to inflict punishment upon. "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?" (Ezek. 18:23). "But if the wicked will *turn* from all his sins that he hath committed, and *keep all my statutes*, and do that which is lawful and right, *he shall surely live, he shall not die*" (v. 21).

Now let's get down to "brass tacks." What specifically can you do so that you will not be swept up into the maelstrom of violence coming over the land? Analyze yourself. How much violence have *you* seen on television lately? How many gory movies have *you* attended in the past six months? And that last sporting event you attended—did you really go to see the *sport*? Or did you go in the hopes of seeing a bloody battle?

How you answer these questions may well determine whether you will have God's protection in the coming turbulent years.

Entertainment, recreation, athletics, in themselves, are NOT WRONG! FAR FROM IT! They are NECESSARY parts of a well-balanced life. It is the WRONG USE to which they are being put that God condemns. God expects us to perform all things within the two great foundation stones of His Law—love toward God and love toward neighbor. One cannot fulfill this second great point while watching a constant parade of killings, muggings, mayhem and sex.

Learn how to use your leisure hours profitably, keeping in mind the command about "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16). Instead of having others entertain you with what all too often is just degenerate nonsense, get in the habit of devoting several hours a week to wholesome, planned family entertainment and outings. Instead of just being an "armchair

detective" or "armchair quarterback," get out on that handball, tennis, or basketball court, softball diamond or football field yourself, just to name a few activities. Get yourself in shape. Send in for our free article, "The Seven Laws of Radiant Health," if you have not read it already.

Keep your mind alert, AWAKE to the momentous events shaping the world—not asleep at the switch as is the vast majority of our people (and as were the citizens of ancient Rome). Finally, continue reading the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and checking up what you read in your Bible. Find out how you can have an active part in the coming WORLD TOMORROW, a time of peace and abundant joy, and also a time in which "*violence shall no more be heard in thy land*" (Isa. 60:18).

"Beast" of Revelation

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he is in France. Behind such statements, hidden, unspoken, is the *alarming question of whether the Germans are not after all still the same old Germans*, and whether under the right conditions, even after all these years, they still might be waiting for a man of the stature of De Gaulle, to whom they could give *unqualified allegiance*. Does not the danger even exist that the vision of the 'European Third Force' . . . could again resurrect in the German soul the buried desire to become a world power?"

In the respected *Manchester Guardian*, Clare Hollingworth stated on December 19th: "On the splendid Trans-Europe Express, as it sped from Cologne toward Paris, a group of thirty-year-old Germans in the bar talked of the need for a new Führer."

Yes, America and Britain need to WAKE UP to what is taking place in Germany and Europe today! For a re-armed, re-Nazified Germany is prophesied to *dominate* the burgeoning United Europe now taking shape. But the future CONQUEROR of America and Britain is shown in your Bible to be *more than* just a political United States of Europe.

For the power that puts the YOKE

on the neck of modern America and Britain is a *religious power!*

The "Daughter" of BABYLON

Notice the prophecy of Isaiah 47 as it compares to the one we discussed in Jeremiah 30. "Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate" (Isa. 47:1). Here God is describing a modern "daughter" of ancient *Babylon*. He then described how He will *take vengeance* on this modern system—called "the lady of kingdoms" (Verse 5).

God states: "I was wroth with my people [ISRAEL], I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou *very heavily laid thy YOKE*" (Verse 6). Britain and America will soon have a YOKE of *national slavery* laid on them by a "daughter" of the ancient Babylonish political-religious system which was prophesied to continue down into our time!

Notice God's further description of this system: "And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments" (Verses 7-9).

But WHO or WHAT does this description represent? To find God's answer we must *let the Bible interpret the Bible!*

The Bible IDENTIFIES Modern Babylon

In your New Testament, in the 17th and 18th chapters of Revelation, God describes such a modern "Babylon." He warns His people: "Come OUT of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of

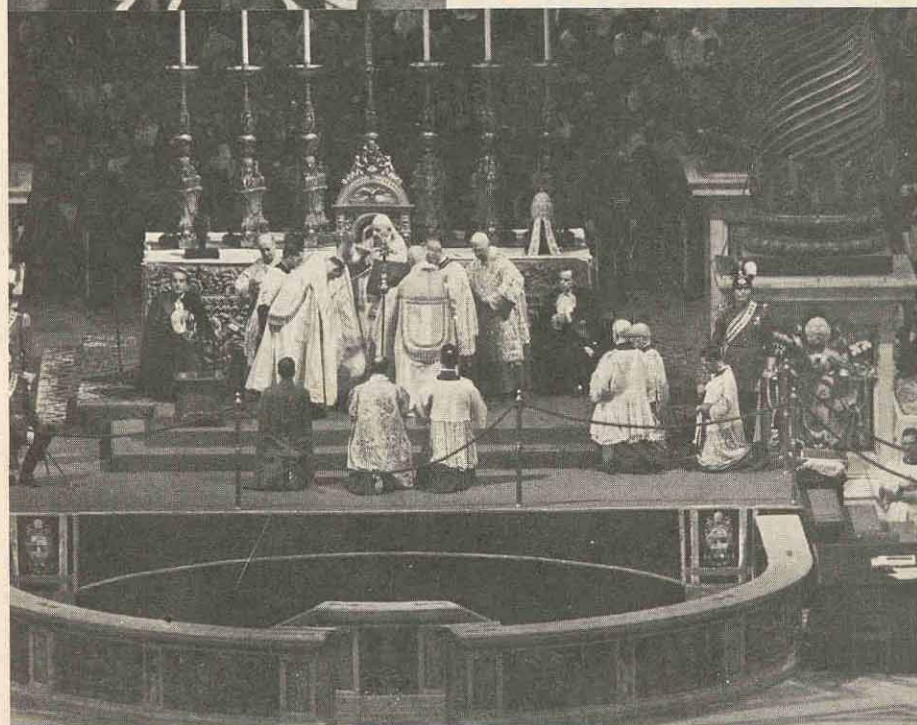


Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Catholic primate of Poland, leads fight against communists.

Ceremony which opened Ecumenical Council at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, 1962.

Air view of Rome, Italy.

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her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4). Then, in verse 7, God describes this *modern Babylon* in EXACTLY the same prophetic terms which He inspired in Isaiah 47!

Notice it: "How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: *for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see, no sorrow.*" And to match her description as "*the lady of kingdoms*" in Isaiah 47, Revelation 17:18 states: "And the woman which thou sawest is *that great city*, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

Could it be any more clear?

Modern "Babylon" is the power that places the YOKE of slavery upon modern American and Britain just prior to the second coming of Christ to this earth!

But, again, *who* is this Babylon? Where is she? Since we have demonstrated in many recent articles that Germany and Italy are to play a vital part in this coming world conflict, they must be included.

Revelation 17 shows the *religious side* of this coming system. For it describes a great "whore"—a *fallen woman* who sits on and controls some of the nations of this earth. She is described as "the great whore that sitteth upon many waters." And in Verse 15, God reveals: "The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are *peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*"

Since a *woman* is always used as a symbol of a church or religious body in the Bible (II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:32), this "*woman*" represents an *apostate church* sitting upon various revivals of a political system called prophetically the "Beast." For full proof and details on the identity of this "Beast," write immediately for Mr. Armstrong's article on this subject.

Notice Verse 9: "And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth." Many Bible commentaries plainly state that this is referring to the literal city of *Rome* on which this "*whore*" sits.

But Verse 10 shows a *time order* of these heads—or *revivals*—of this polit-

ical-religious system. And, tied in with the city of Rome, it is clearly speaking of the various revivals of the *Roman Empire* coming down to our time and culminating in the revived United States of Europe or modern-day revival of the Holy Roman Empire!

Another HITLER to Arise in Europe!

In its final form, this political-religious system will consist of ten kings or dictators all giving their power unto one SUPER DICTATOR who—representing the entire system—is also called prophetically the "Beast." Notice: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are TEN KINGS, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings *one hour* with the beast" (Rev. 17:12). Notice that these coming kings or dictators only rule for a short time—"one hour"—with this coming Hitler or super dictator over the revived Roman Empire.

When will this take place?

Verse 14 gives the clear, definite answer! "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of lords and King of kings . . ." In plain language, the deceived dictators in this foul political-religious system are going to rule in the years just prior to the second coming of Jesus Christ to this earth! They are going to affect *your life* more remarkably than you can imagine—for this is YOUR FUTURE being spoken of and you are going to READ ABOUT IT in the headlines of your newspapers whether or not you care to believe it now!

Many Protestant Europeans can see this type of thing coming—and they fear it! The conservative *Manchester Guardian* for December 19, 1962, reports the sentiments of many Europeans regarding the burgeoning United Europe: "All the Germans who call themselves Left or Protestant are most anxious that the Scandinavian States will be included. They profess to fear that a *United Roman Catholic Europe* might wish to revive the spirit of Charlemagne's empire with its ninth century capital at Aachen. The Catholics dismiss the idea as absurd . . . Religion is still a political issue in Germany when Europe is discussed."

A Revival of FALSE Religion

Notice God's description of the great fallen woman sitting on this coming political system in Europe: "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev. 17:5).

Here is a great "mother" church—a church which is the lineal descendant of ancient *Babylon*, evidently a church carrying on the ancient Chaldean mystery religion. Later, John sees this woman "drunken with the blood of the saints" (Verse 6), and wonders at the great power and splendor of this religious system.

This is the church which is destined to sit on and *guide* the "Beast" or military-political power of the final revived Roman Empire. And this church is called by God a "whore" because she has entered into illicit relationships with this world by getting into the politics and wars between nations—not keeping herself *pure and separate* as the virgin bride of Jesus Christ, and awaiting His Kingdom.

As prophecy unfolds, this church is destined to become an even more POWERFUL church—and also a *persecuting* church! For John sees it "drunken with the blood of saints."

In clear light of Bible prophecy, then, the recent push toward church UNITY is fraught with DANGEROUS significance! For even though it does not fully succeed before Protestant America and Britain are CONQUERED, it is definitely going to be a steppingstone in the WRONG direction.

The MEANING of Church Unity

But the idea of "coming home to Mother" is already being promulgated to many orthodox Protestant groups around the world. Note the wording of this quote from Msgr. James I. Tucek from an article in the *St. Louis Review*, August 31, 1962: "The union of Christians has been in the Pope's mind from the very beginning . . . In a letter to the priests of Venice, April 24, 1959, he envisioned the accomplishment of unity as a gradual process: 'First, a step closer, then a step still closer, and finally the perfect reunion of so many sepa-



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Pope John XXIII, for first time, recently addressed Papal Encyclical to whole world on subject of peace. Pope John's plan calls for strong central authority to maintain world order.

rated brothers with the ancient common Mother.'"

Prophecy is HAPPENING before *your eyes!* Yet many sincere Protestant leaders—BLIND to Bible prophecy and its significance—are enthusiastic over the overtures of Rome to lead the world in its fight against Communism and to *dominate* the coming union of nations in Europe. For Pope John hopes that his church will be able to bring the world peace.

Just before the Ecumenical Conference began last fall, he stated: "The church, *Mother of all* without distinction, will raise once more that plea which rises from the depth of the ages and from Bethlehem and from there on to Calvary that it may spread abroad in a prayerful precept of peace—a peace that prevents armed conflict, a peace which should have its roots and its guarantee in the heart of each man."

Fearing the spread of Communism, and knowing the POWER of this organized church system and the emotion generated by a religious crusade, many Protestant leaders are already getting on the bandwagon of the Roman Church as the leader of the fight against Communism. A *very significant* analysis of this attitude was reported last fall in the *New York Daily News* for August 22, 1962: "The Texas-born Episcopalian head of a management study organization said yesterday that 'no organization in the world is better equipped to fight communism than the Catholic Church.'

The statement was made by Jackson Martindell, unsalaried Board Chairman of the American Institute of Management, a private research organization, in announcing the institute's third world-wide management audit of the church...

"*Either communism will rule the world or the church will prevent it,*" Martindell stated. He said that in the fight against communism and for post-war recovery the European Common Market has been the greatest contribution and *he credited clergy* of Italy, Germany, France and Belgium as 'the minds behind the market.'

"Of the forthcoming Ecumenical Council, Martindell said it will be the first 'that will consider all humanity.' 'I have a feeling that it is of *tremendous consequence* to people of all religions and races—Jews, Protestants and all others.'"

Learn Where Your ONLY Protection Lies

Indeed, the aims of this Ecumenical Council will be of TREMENDOUS consequence to Protestants and all others as the END of these things becomes apparent! And it is also very significant that this Protestant leader credited the Roman priests of Europe as being "*the minds behind the market*"—the real planners of this coming, revived Holy Roman Empire which is prophesied to arise in Europe and CONQUER America and Britain within the next ten to twelve years unless we turn to God in heart-rending REPENTANCE and *obedience to His Commandments.*

It is later than you think!

This magazine is the organ of God's "watchman" (Ezek. 3:17). You are being warned *now—ahead of time*—so you may truly seek GOD and find His protection if you wish. You need to watch world events and pray that you may be counted worthy to escape the world holocaust which is closer than most of you dare realize!

Caribbean Explodes

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South American industry presents a grave danger to the United States and Great Britain!" Think for a moment!

Would a comparatively weak and tiny

country such as Haiti, just to the south of our own borders, DARE to risk such open effrontery to the "giant to the north," the United States of America—unless that country were assured some *foreign and outside power* would back it up in a time of crisis?

Dictator Duvalier is ambitious! He sees what Castro has done—and admires what Castro has gotten away with!

He sees Castro being received with much kissing and backslapping in the Kremlin—throwing his weight around in the Western Hemisphere—becoming a figure of some world importance, and even standing up to the United States!

Make no mistake about it! *Haitians have no special love* toward the United States! First, there is the NATURAL envy and jealousy of the "poor" toward the rich! There is the natural jealousy of the small, agrarian, underdeveloped nation—one of the "have not" nations, toward the big, prosperous, heavily industrialized and wealthy nation—one of the "have" nations, to the north!

Secondly, there is the constant and continuing influence of foreign agents to create strife and unrest, and to bring additional Central American or Caribbean area countries within the Communist sphere!

But let's not delude ourselves that these small nations are *willing* to become mere "satellites"! Not a single ONE of them wants to become a mere "satellite" of the gaint power of Communism! Haiti, just like Castro's Cuba, is governed far more by an extreme sense of unreasonable patriotism and nationalistic aspirations, than she is by Communism. Many of these countries make the MISTAKE of thinking Communist power, money, technicians, and arms are going to propel them one giant step toward their dreams of greater NATIONALISTIC power!

Castro is a dictator. Duvalier is a dictator. In actual practice, there becomes a very fine line, difficult to discern, between the practices of a dictator who claims to be "Communist" or one who hides behind the cloak of "socialism," or a dictator who is Fascist or Nazi!

A dictatorship is, after all, a dictatorship! The people living in such a state are deprived of certain basic freedoms and rights, and, FAR from beginning to

"share the wealth" together with their rulers—soon find themselves in the almost hopeless and poverty-stricken state many Cubans are now experiencing.

Prophecy Marches On!

Jesus Christ of Nazareth SAID you would be living in times just such as these! He prophesied of a time of "wars and rumors of wars" and said, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places. All these," said Jesus Christ, "are the *beginning* of sorrows!" (Matt. 24:6-8).

It's time you were truly AWAKE to the significance of *these times*! It's time you realized the frightening import of the CONTINUING troubles of the United States and Great Britain, *around the world!*

The current problems in Haiti and the Dominican Republic are only one more incident in a long series of incidents which spell frightening DANGER for the United States and Great Britain!

We have few friends left!

Almighty God is about to step in and PUNISH His own people who have totally forgotten Him, and have tried to look to political pacts and agreements, "buying" friends and allies, and any and every other means for their protection instead of looking to God!

Let's face it! WHY do things seemingly ALWAYS turn out *wrongly* for the United States and Britain? Why is it we seem to ALWAYS end up with the short stick? Why is it NOTHING seems to really work out *well* for us during these frightening times?

There is a great, basic reason! Almighty God IDENTIFIES our peoples in Bible prophecy, and tells EXACTLY what is to happen to them, unless we, as nations, REPENT! If you have not yet read the gripping booklets, "The United States and The British Commonwealth In Prophecy," and "1975 in Prophecy," you need to write for them immediately!

Time is running out. We are living *much closer* to a time of WORLD-WIDE violence. You need to be *watching*, and *praying always* (Luke 21:36), and busily engaged in doing the *work* of God that you may find a place of protection for yourself and your loved ones!

Short Questions

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language—the English words “ghost” and “spirit” were both used to mean the same thing. Thus it was quite natural that the translators should have used both words in translating the one Greek word *pneuma* into English. This inconsistent usage has given many the false impression that a Holy Ghost AND a Holy Spirit exist as *two separate spirits*.

This idea is utterly untrue. The word “ghost” has become obsolete as far as general English usage goes. But many have foolishly insisted upon continuing to use the word “ghost” in referring to God’s Spirit. They think of God’s Holy Spirit as some misty, spooky *being*. The only proper way to clarify the subject is to use the expression “Holy Spirit” in all cases that refer to the Spirit of God, instead of translating *one expression* two different ways and giving unsuspecting Bible students the *false impression* that two spirits, a Holy Ghost and a Holy Spirit, are meant.

Volcanic Disaster

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tells us *what to watch for*. He even takes the pains to explain very plainly, that just as when we see the leaves beginning to turn green on the trees we realize summer is coming, so we should realize that when these events He prophesied *begin to come to pass* that His return is near! (Matt. 24:32-33.)

So let’s not scoff at the warnings of these beginning, menacing, volcanic explosions, as did the inhabitants of Pompeii in 79 A.D.! Don’t just ignorantly enjoy hearing about it as a thing to satisfy curiosity—like the inhabitants of Saint Pierre did just before forty thousand people perished! Don’t bow down and worship nature whose very mountains spew forth death—like the inhabitants of Bali did just a few weeks ago, and *perished in their prayer!*

What You CAN Do

With such violent and overwhelmingly gigantic catastrophes such as earthquakes and volcanic action there is little a

human being can do but flee. However, Jesus Christ describes a day soon coming when the entire earth will be a shuddering and boiling mass of trouble with so many eruptions taking place that the entire atmosphere will be clogged with thick, black, dark clouds, surrounding the entire earth—and there will be *no place to flee!*

Man feels quite vain and proud and capable—but when the very, solid earth beneath him heaves and churns—when great white-hot masses the size of entire mountains explode before his eyes, he feels very insignificant and helpless!

The only One Who can protect *you* from these things to come is God Himself! So take this warning and turn to Him. Ask Him in prayer, just as He advised in Luke 21:36, for *escape* and safety—that He might grant you mercy and allow you to “stand” in the day when all the rest of the inhabitants of the

earth are fallen flat in abject terror—when the entire earth convulses at the return of its blasphemed and forgotten God!

“For the great day of his wrath is come; and *who shall be able to stand?*” (Rev. 6:17.)

Yes, the Ring of Fire is aflame again! The island of Bali on the far eastern side of the Ring is an island of death—and on the far western side, the volcano Irazu is in the process of destroying the economy, and perhaps the lives, of an entire nation! And to the north of us in Alaska there is yet another volcano active now.

These are only warning signs—feeble mutterings advertising an endtime roar prophesied by Jesus Christ.

Take this warning—find out what life is all about—ask God to open your mind and your eyes so that you can see—BEFORE IT’S TOO LATE!

There Is a Way of Escape

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The seven times of the Gentiles are a *curse* upon them just as the seven times of Israel’s punishments were a curse. This curse upon the Gentiles *did not begin with the fall of Judah, but years later*. It was *after* the fall of Judah that God, through Daniel, *first* began to deal with the Chaldean Empire.

Yes, these times are very close to completion, very close to the second coming of Jesus Christ to rule the nations and to teach them the ways of peace.

But many catastrophic world events are going to happen *between* now and the time that this frightful punishment upon the Gentile nations is finished!

These terrifying world-shaking events will take place *in about fifteen years*—in your lifetime, this very last generation that is destined to live in two worlds! Even world scientists say so!

Remember what Jesus said in Luke 21:24? That Jerusalem would be trodden down of the Gentiles until the very completion of the times of the Gentiles!

Since Zechariah 14:1-3 shows that Jesus Christ will return in order to deliver Jerusalem from the Gentiles, it is plain that THE SECOND COMING OF

CHRIST WILL PUT AN END TO THE TIMES OF PUNISHMENT ON THE GENTILE BABYLONISH SYSTEM! (Isaiah 27:13; I Cor. 15:52.) Then God will send His Son to rule the world!

As Christ said, of the second coming, “But of *that* day and hour, *knoweth no man!*” But *today’s* world-occurrences warn us that even now it is very near! Yes, it’s MUCH LATER THAN YOU THINK!

A Way of Escape

But in this end-time of turmoil there is a place of safety—if you heed—until Christ does bring us peace.

It’s a vital part of the gospel of the soon-coming Kingdom of God! Jesus said, “. . . except those days were SHORTENED, there should no flesh be saved!” (Mat. 24:22.) But He went on to say that God *would* supernaturally cut short the days, for the sake of the ELECT!

That is our *only real hope* for survival! The intervention of God!

Jesus Christ promised *protection* to His own elect! He PROMISED they would

survive the prophesied holocaust to strike this unsuspecting world!

WHO are the Elect?

He said, "FEAR NOT, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

He promised that somewhere on this earth, *right now*, there would be His own WORK! That work would be faithfully performed, He promised, by His own true followers, who KNOW HIS VOICE, who would be preaching, NOT some man-made "gospel" of grace, faith, hope or love, but "the Gospel of the Kingdom" as a WITNESS to the WHOLE WORLD!

They would be preaching it, chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse, word-by-word, just exactly as it really IS, not as they might interpret it to be, or *any* man, woman, or *organization* of men or women would like to have it preached!

YOU NEED TO FIND WHERE THAT WORK IS BEING CARRIED ON!

Why?

Because it is ONLY THOSE who have an absolute *guarantee* of safety!

The very elect are those who are the called and chosen, who have truly REPENTED of their own carnal ways, and have accepted the Holy ways of God! They are the ones who have been made members of the very BODY of Jesus Christ (I Cor. 12:13) performing HIS WORK!

Jesus speaks of these faithful ones, in the Book of Revelation.

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia [the prophesied end-time Church of God, doing the work of God] write: . . . 'I know thy works, behold, I have set before thee an *open door*'" (Rev. 3:7-8).

The Apostle Paul spoke of a *door* flung open before him to PREACH THE GOSPEL (II Cor. 2:12). Remember, Jesus promised, "This Gospel of the Kingdom SHALL be preached in all the world . . ." (Mat. 24:14), and promised to *make a way* for that message of hope and good news to go—by flinging open the massive DOORS of radio, the printing press, television, and personal evangelism. He promised those doors would *remain open*.

" . . . and no man can shut it, for thou

hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev. 3:8).

Yes, the very elect would NEVER become corrupted by false doctrines, or be muzzled by boards of men—it would not deny the name of Jesus Christ, or His true doctrine!

Later, Jesus gave the exhilarating GOOD NEWS to those faithful ones who put the WORK of God far above their own personal considerations. He said "Because thou hast KEPT the word of my patience, I ALSO WILL KEEP THEE FROM THE HOUR OF TEMPTATION [TRIBULATION] WHICH SHALL COME UPON ALL THE WORLD, TO TRY THEM THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH!" (Rev. 3:10).

Yes, Jesus promised SAFETY. He promises supernatural PROTECTION to His own elect.

On the Wings of an Eagle

God brought the ancient Israelites out of Egypt on symbolic "eagles' wings." This symbolizes the loving care and *protection* of God for His own children. Notice, now, an amazing prophecy. It is about the same *Church* of God addressed in the promise of protection we have just read in Revelation 3. "And to the woman [the Church] were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent" (Rev. 12:14).

In this end-time prophecy, John writes of the last, end-time REMNANT Church which is to ESCAPE the terrible WAR and tribulation that will soon strike our heedless people. They are, just as the ancient Israelites, carried to a place of SAFETY . . . in the "*wilderness*" by the supernatural power of Almighty God, their Banner, their Shield, their Protector!

Where Will They GO?

Now notice another amazing prophecy. Daniel was inspired to write of this impending nuclear war, and its immediate aftermath. He describes the rising BEAST power in Europe, a coming resurrection of the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE, symbolized as the "King of the

North." But the European power *crushes* and *occupies* these poorly equipped upstart countries.

"And at the *time of the end* [NOT back during the days of the Seleucidae of Syria] . . . the king of the north shall come . . . like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships, and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

"He shall enter also into the glorious land [Palestine], and many countries shall be overthrown, but *these shall escape* out of his hand, even Edom and Moab and the chief of the children of Ammon" (Dan. 11:40-41).

Why are these areas spared?

For a very special reason!

A PLACE of Protection

Notice! God promises His people will be *nourished*, provided for, in the "wilderness"! He will supernaturally protect them, carrying them safely there on symbolic "eagles' wings." They *may* be taken by air, sea or land—the Bible doesn't say. But *where* is this "wilderness" place God is readying?

Many Bible statements indicate it is in the areas anciently occupied by the Edomites, Moabites, and Ammonites, southeast of Jerusalem, in the rugged, barren mountains beyond the Dead Sea—the modern country of Transjordan (Dan. 11:41 and Isaiah 16:4-5).

Regardless of WHERE the "place" is that God's Church is nourished and protected during these perilous times described in so many dozens of prophecies—the *way to make sure you are going there is clear!*

To those who will truly *repent* of wanting *their own way*, and who will come to God through Jesus Christ and His sacrifice, He promises spiritual, supernatural, MIRACULOUS *shelter!*

Does this sound fantastic? Does it sound incredible? Have we strayed *so far* from our RULER and our SAVIOUR that we think Him UNABLE to save us? Is it *ridiculous* to most today to really believe in God above and His supernatural protection—His divine INTERVENTION in our own personal lives?

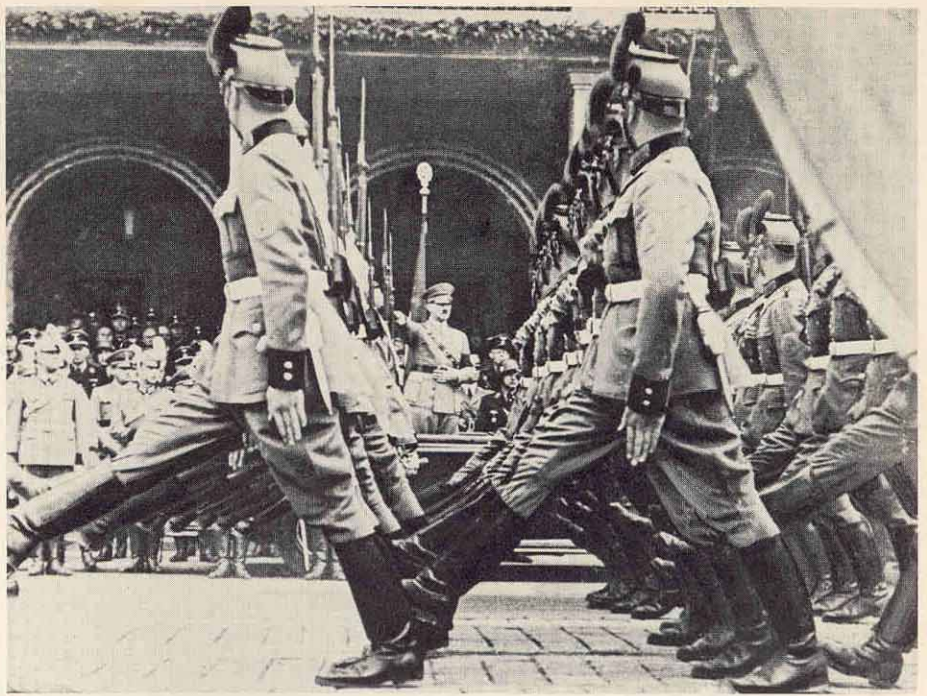
Of course not!

He is our Fortress! He is our Rock! He is our GOD! He will *supernaturally* bring His people to a place of safety!

What the HITLER ERA Was Like—

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In Gentile countries even the police forces become part of the long arm of militarism. This picture, taken in 1937, shows German police parading before Führer Hitler at Nürnberg.



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