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your articles about England and the European Common Market. You were so sure England wouldn't join that I followed the news closely, half hoping, I'll admit, that you would be proved wrong. The result started me to thinking, but it wasn't until after reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* recently from cover to cover and then deciding to dig out some old copies to read the articles I had previously ignored that I got my biggest shock. In an early issue for 1962 you said that a future Pope would try to influence the people of India. That article has come true in all respects. Other articles in previous magazines have also come to pass. . . . I didn't want to believe this, but only a fool would reject it—you have a habit of being able to prove all you say. Now I wait eagerly for each issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* and I listen every night to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong on Station 4TO, Townsville."

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. . . And the U.S.A.

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Personal from the Editor

PERSONALLY, I WAS intrigued with David P. Wainwright's article in the July PLAIN TRUTH, captioned "College Students Reveal *Why* Ambassador is Different."

It opened even *my* eyes!

Of course, *The PLAIN TRUTH* is *supposed* to be an eye-opening, challenging, and thought-provoking magazine! And of course I was acutely aware of the fact that many of our incoming students at the three Ambassador Colleges already held degrees from other colleges and universities. I was *not* aware that the percentage was so unbelievably high. But Mr. Wainwright had checked up. He had reduced this unusual situation down to exact figures. The actual facts shocked even me. I had not, myself, realized how incredible—how completely unheard of at any other college or university in the world is this Ambassador phenomenon!

So I went a little further. I checked the records, and found it even *more* surprisingly incredible!

How could this be? And yet it's TRUE! Think of it! Actually, of our incoming *male* students last year a *large majority* came to us from other universities! Of *all* students it was 46%. But, believe it or not, an accurate check shows that it was 65% of incoming *men*! Yes, in the UNDERgraduate college.

Of course, at the Pasadena campus, we have the Graduate School of Education, and also the Graduate School of Theology. But these students were not entering Graduate School. At the Graduate level *only* those holding the Bachelor of Arts degree from one of the AMBASSADOR Colleges are accepted for admission.

WHY do graduates or students from 160 *other* colleges and universities come from *all parts of the world* to become freshmen at AMBASSADOR? And they come from the world's top-flight

universities! As Mr. Wainwright put the question: "In what way do these young men and women from top-flight institutions feel their colleges have not given them enough?... *WHY* do they find Ambassador different?"

Mr. Wainwright ought to know! He himself entered Ambassador College at Pasadena six years ago, becoming president of the undergraduate *Freshman* class, after having graduated from Oxford University in England! He holds the M.A. degree from Oxford. He is English. Yet he came all the way to Pasadena, California, in search of something that even world-famous Oxford had not given him! In 1960, with the founding of Ambassador College in England, he transferred to the British campus, receiving his Bachelor's degree from Ambassador in 1962. He is now Senior Lecturer in English and French at our English campus, and recently has assumed also the duties of Academic Registrar.

Mr. Wainwright was the second man who holds the M.A. degree from Oxford, who traveled a third of the way around the world to obtain something in education which NO OTHER university offers in all the world! Another who entered Ambassador as a Freshman had a Master's degree from Harvard. Two others held Master's degrees from Northwestern University—yet entered Ambassador as undergraduate Freshmen.

WHY? There most assuredly is a BIG REASON!

In just the past two or three years, students or graduates from 160—THINK OF IT—one hundred sixty—colleges and universities were numbered among Ambassador undergraduate students! Did these come from backwoods, unheard-of, low-standard colleges? Well, *HARDLY*!

Among those 160 institutions are: Yale, Harvard, University of Califor-

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OUR COVER

Twenty years ago, the first atomic bomb explosion was unleashed on Japan. Our cover shows huge hydrogen bomb test explosion, just after World War II, spreading its fireball and mushroom cloud miles into the stratosphere. The sky is painted with a ghastly hue, from which deadly radioactivity rains down.

nia, Carnegie Tech., University of Illinois, the State Universities of Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, Virginia, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado. Those are giant, major-ranking state universities! But read on. Also from Purdue University, University of Minnesota, Iowa State University, Michigan State University—let's see, that includes, so far, six of the famous "Big Ten" universities! Let's name a few more famous top-level universities: U.C.L.A., Oregon State University, University of Oregon, Washington State College, University of Southern California—and that includes, I believe, all but one of the major West Coast universities. And we should add Northwestern University and University of Indiana, making it eight of the "Big Ten" group.

But look to other parts of the country. We've had students from the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Carnegie Tech., Pennsylvania State University, University of Mississippi, University of South Carolina, University of Seattle, Colorado State, University of Oklahoma, Buchnell University, Kansas State, University of Utah, City College of New York, Rutgers. And dozens and scores of others.

Let's look to other parts of the world. For students come to one of the three AMBASSADOR campuses from just about all parts of the world.

Presently—during this past school year—enrolled as undergraduate students at Ambassador College in England: Two holding Master's degree from Northwestern University (U.S.A.), and Bachelor's degree graduates from the two leading universities of Australia—Sydney University and Melbourne University; two students holding the Bachelor's degree from the University of London; and one, Bachelor of Science with Honours from Canterbury University in New Zealand.

From all parts of the world, they come from other universities to obtain something valuable and important in education not made available elsewhere. Students have come from the University of British Columbia; Business Administration College, Geneva; Univer-

sity of Manitoba; University of Auckland, New Zealand; University of Mexico City; University of Saskatchewan; Durham University, England.

A prophet is without honor in his home neighborhood ordinarily, but Ambassador College, Pasadena, has admitted students from many colleges and universities in Southern California. Among them are: University of Southern California, U.C.L.A., mentioned above; also San Bernardino Valley College, California Institute of Technology (Caltech), Glendale College, Pasadena City College, San Diego State, Los Angeles City College, University of Redlands.

And there are many others—well known, high level universities, including Drake, Bradley, Marquette—but why go on? I do not wish to weary the reader.

In some circles undue importance is placed on the matter of "accreditation." All these colleges and universities are "accredited." They are honored, respected, recognized as maintaining high academic standards. But "accreditation" comes by joining one of the collegiate associations. There are emphatic reasons behind the Ambassador policy which does not permit joining such associations. But hundreds of Ambassador students, having come to us from the high-ranking institutions named above and many others, know that Ambassador academic standards are maintained at highest levels—and that Ambassador offers something vital—as vital as *life itself*—in a well-balanced, full, and necessary education that is not to be found elsewhere.

WHY have so many hundreds of students come from so many other universities to Ambassador? Let the 1965 Ambassador College year-book—the big "Annual"—*The ENVOY*—tell you. This superb quality, full-color, illustrated 336-page "annual" is organized, prepared, and published by the undergraduate students. The first 15 pages of the 1965 book set the format for the entire *ENVOY*. I had never done so before, but this year the students asked me to write this comparatively brief format, about today's world, and WHY Ambassador is different.

Since *The ENVOY* is not available to the public, it is reproduced here.

Here it is—

THE *ENVOY* takes you, in the following pages, on an exciting, thought-challenging tour.

The most important—and heretofore unanswered—questions of human existence are these: "What are the TRUE VALUES?" "What is the PURPOSE and true MEANING of life?" "What is THE WAY?"

We take you on a quest for the answers. If experience is the best teacher, we should expect the chronicle of 6,000 years of cumulative human experience to supply the answers. We shall, therefore, first examine the record of HISTORY. Then we shall seek answers in the six major areas of organized *modern* society which constitute today's civilization: Education, Science and Technology, Commerce and Industry, Governments, the Social Order, and Religion.

The quest culminates in an extended tour of three unique educational institutions where the answers are known, taught and *lived*... where students radiate happiness and well-being... where there is vigorous, enthusiastic, enjoyable study, work and play in an atmosphere of tone and character, beauty, and true culture.

So come along! Enjoy a new and refreshing experience!

History

Listen, first, to the VOICE OF EXPERIENCE. Surely the chronicle of 6,000 years of man's efforts to find peace, happiness, enjoyable living in abundance—*ought* to reveal to *our* generation the meaning and purpose of life—THE WAY to man's intended destiny.

But we meet only disillusionment here. We find recorded history devoted largely to a chronicle of governments, their rulers and their wars. To a large extent ancient city-states, nations and empires were ruled by absolute monarchies. Rulers used their various pagan religions as an opiate to keep their peoples subjected in ignorance and superstition. They posed as public benefactors, *promised* great benefits for their subjects. But usually rulers fat-

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HIROSHIMA—

Preview of World War III

This is the twentieth anniversary of the Hiroshima bomb. What is it like to be atom-bombed? Has mankind learned from this lesson? Read this gripping article from our Associate Editor, his feelings and experiences directly from Hiroshima—twenty years after the bomb.

by David Jon Hill

Hiroshima, Japan

TWENTY YEARS ago the spot where I am sitting as I write this was a frightful, all-consuming vortex of heat and light. Everything that was combustible burned. In an instant an entire city died!

Hiroshima, "The Jewel of the Seto Inland Sea," disappeared in the first of two mighty nuclear blows that ended World War II in the Pacific. The imagination-defying, mindless destruction of that first *baby* atomic bomb brought a nation of nearly a hundred million people to its knees—horror-stricken.

A nation whose armies had fought a never-give-up battle from island to island, cave to cave, from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima, *surrendered unconditionally* when *two* bombs fell. *One* destroyed Hiroshima, *one* destroyed Nagasaki. Each, in one blinding second, dissolved *over one hundred thousand* human beings.

Beginning of the End!

This bomb caused a *nation* to surrender. This bomb made the men who dropped it *weep*!

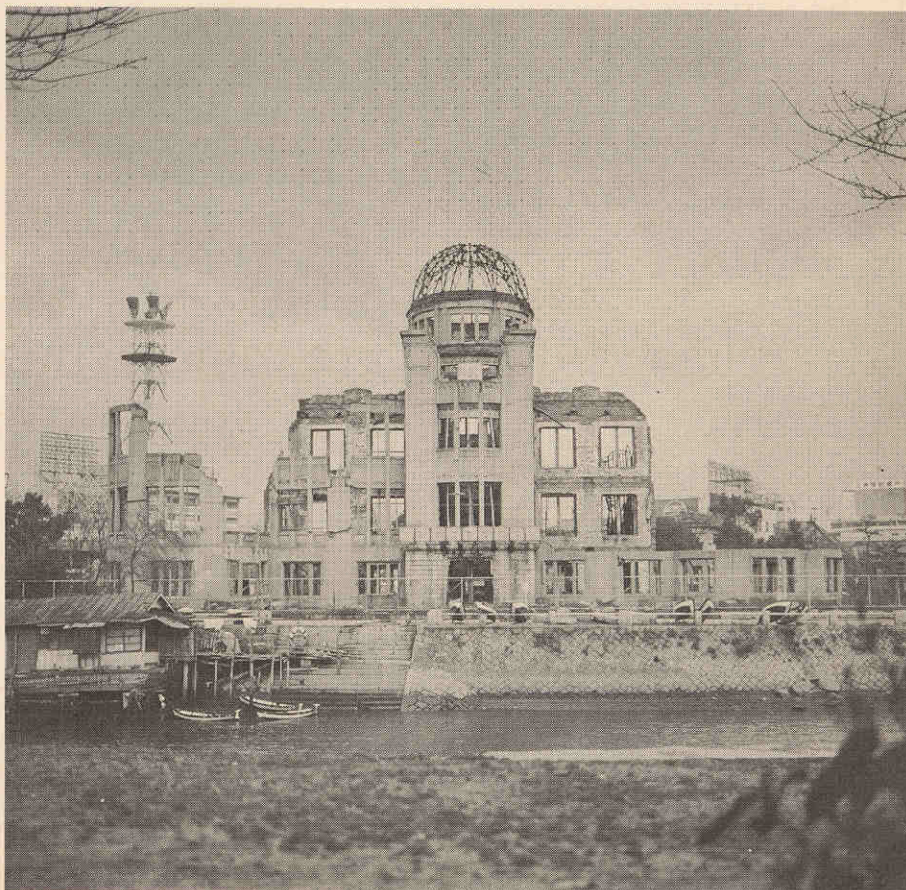
The birth of this bomb brought an end to mankind's most devastating and vicious war in history. But it also set the stage and played the prelude to the world's **THIRD WAR**—which would shroud this earth in smoking death, annihilating every living soul!!

Man has learned no lesson from this bomb—he has only been inspired to make bigger and more deadly ones. Hiroshima's bomb was like a 10th

Century Chinese firecracker in comparison to the destructive power of today's megaton monsters! *Thousands* of airplanes from four major nations hurtle through the skies *every day*—and in the bowels of **EACH PLANE** there is *more destructive power ready to be unleashed than was used by both sides in all theaters of war during World War*

II! You may *believe* that statement because you know it is an oft-repeated statistical *fact*—but it is beyond comprehension. Most of you have never even been *shot* at with *one small bullet*—most of you never heard a bomb drop, even a small, house-destroying bomb.

How then, can I make you realize



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Concrete and steel skeleton of Industrial Promotion Hall, left standing by Japanese as a memorial to the utter destructiveness of nuclear holocaust.

that the incomprehensible WILL HAPPEN—in *your* lifetime—and *most* probably to *YOU*?

The new, giant bombs WILL FALL! You may dissolve into your separate elements—and each of those elements in turn dissolve into pure energy. OR, far worse—you may be one of the UNLUCKY SURVIVORS!

Please Face Reality!

Here in Hiroshima atomic death is real! More real are the thousands of agonizingly twisted, distorted bodies of *survivors*. Over the years since the explosion more than a hundred thousand additional people have suffered a hideous death as a direct result of the blast.

I want to describe to you a little of what occurred as a result of this "infant" blast at Hiroshima. Being in the city of Hiroshima—seeing the city itself, talking to the people, reading the facts, seeing the documented history of this man-made hell has filled me with a feeling which I *must* share with you.

It is shocking! It is *utterly unpleasing*! My mind does not want to think about it—neither does *yours*—but WE BOTH MUST! I have been *forced* to face this reality of nuclear annihilation. No one could stand by and see without having it *burned* into his mind. Hiding our faces from reality will not change reality! Don't ignore the facts, hoping that something like this will never happen to *you* or *your* loved ones—to *your* country or *your* people.

The Horror of Survival

As I walked through the Peace Museum in Hiroshima and saw life-size photographs of charred and mangled bodies, I *realized* more fully how horrible nuclear war can be. The thought of being *disintegrated instantly* is not pleasant. But at least it does not bring with it any consciousness of PAIN. If you were caught at the hypocenter of a nuclear explosion you would never know it! *The horrible thought is that you may escape as a SURVIVOR!*

Here briefly is what happened. August 6, 1945, was the day—8:15 a.m. was the time. The worst weapon devised by man to date was dropped with the intention of destroying completely

an important industrial and shipping center in Japan—Hiroshima.

As the bomb exploded, heat within its fireball rose to 300,000 degrees Centigrade—a miniature sun! A great flash of light spread instantly for miles around, giving everything a flat white look—intense light like a welder's arc! Then came the sound—a sound not many men had heard before—an all-consuming thunderous din of the voice of doom itself!

The fantastic heat had spread as well, and by this time many thousands of human beings had ceased to exist. Their problems were over—they never knew what happened.

Further out from the center of the blast area—as far as three miles and more—all exposed skin was burnt. After the light and the heat and the sound had passed, there was a brief moment for tens of thousands of human beings to wonder what had happened. With arms and face, a back or perhaps both legs, burned like sausage in the frying pan, they didn't even have time to determine the extent of their injuries before the great thundering wave of the concussion of the bomb struck.

This blast brought down houses on their heads—hurled timbers through the air, ripped and shredded the exposed skin which had been burnt till it hung in shreds from them or was completely removed—leaving vast areas of red, raw meat with every nerve exposed in agony! Splinters of wood and flying shattered glass lacerated and embedded themselves in the victims' already tortured bodies.

Instant Death for One Hundred Thousand

All this happened in far less than the time it takes to read about it. Hiroshima was a city of half a million people—by this time one-fifth of those people were dead! All the rest were wandering around in a dazed confusion not knowing what had happened or what to do. Not knowing where their loved ones were—not knowing if they were going to live or die. More than a *hundred and forty thousand* more DID DIE as a direct result of that one blast.

But as far as human suffering is concerned the worst was yet to come. Within a few minutes the unique and horrible pain of burned flesh began to torture everyone. Fifteen minutes after the explosion the whole sky was filled with a boiling mushroom cloud—the clear August day had been turned into darkness—it began to rain a muddy rain, filled with radioactive particles. For two hours it rained and for another six it drizzled, saturating the city with *radioactivity*.

But the rain itself was hot and since it was caused by an unnatural means, and was just the fallout of the bomb's explosion, it was insignificant in its help against the fires which began to break out everywhere.

Chaos Supreme

There was no transportation available anywhere—the blast had toppled trolley cars, trucks, and automobiles. It had smashed buildings onto the roadways so that not even a *bicycle* could get through. Japanese cities at that time were built of wood and paper mostly, and as this began to burn it generated heat which was unbearable. People with already seared bodies had their pain amplified as the heat around them grew.

They tried to flee. They crushed one another to death in their attempt to escape. Many thousands died as they sought relief from the heat in the many branches of the river that flows through Hiroshima—but its waters were heated to near-boiling!

Gas lines and electric lines had been broken by the blast. These began to feed the flames until an all-consuming holocaust was devouring the city—the atomic *firestorm*! Sewage lines had been disrupted and belched their effusion everywhere! Water mains were cracked—if there had been anyone in the condition to *fight* the fires there would have been no water to fight them.

More thousands died of hemorrhaging because there was no one to stanch their flow of blood from the innumerable cuts they had suffered from flying debris. Many thousands more were burned to death as the flames de-

stroyed their homes which pinned them down beneath flaming timbers. The only release was death.

Survivors' Fate Worst

The human will to survive drove many to superhuman effort. Many heroes were created that day as they tried to restore order from chaos and soothe the unbelievable suffering. People began to assemble at the few remaining steel and concrete buildings. By noon every available floor of every available building was packed from wall to wall with suffering human beings.

The hot August sun began to beat through the clouds and the city continued to burn unchecked. As afternoon and evening drew on, these poor people, already suffering from cuts and splinters, from broken bones and vast areas of raw burnt flesh, had *more*

misery added to their woes. They all became nauseous, *vomiting* everything they had in their stomachs and continuing with the retching dry heaves wracking their bodies, uncontrollably.

Immediately following this they began to experience *severe diarrhea*. So many thousands were injured to the degree that they could not move, and were jammed up against one another they had to lie in their own filth. To add to all their woes, a great unbearable stench arose.

Day and night blended into one another with moaning and screaming and pain. To the individuals living through it, it seemed as if the world had forgotten them or perhaps the entire world was suffering as they were—and many thousands found relief in death.

As the days passed and the fires died out these survivors could see only a

desert of stark destruction where their city had been. Where would they go, where would they live, where would they work, how would they eat? All their worldly belongings consumed, many of their loved ones dead, having not so much as a shirt on their back—and many not even any skin—scores of thousands faced the future in utter despair.

Atomic Death Continues for Years

Even as the years passed, thousands more died—and *worse*, thousands more experienced the deceiving and lingering after-effects of *atomic radiation*—they were childless, deformed, scarred, filled with tubercular and cancerous diseases.

To this day—twenty years after this first *baby* bomb was exploded in Hiro-



Wide World Photo

Utter devastation! In several square miles only seven steel and concrete skeletons withstood the blast and firestorm of "baby" atomic bomb. Today's bombs are thousand times more powerful.



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Girls stroll through Peace Park, a memorial to the appalling horror of modern war.

shima—there are 20,000 people still being treated for the after-effects of this one bomb. Hiroshima was a city of half a million—about 100,000 died immediately. Another 140,000 died within a short time. An additional 51,000 were seriously injured—permanently disfigured and maimed. More than 100,000 others were injured less seriously—but injured! Hardly a family escaped having one member dead and more than half of those remaining alive were injured.

This is a very brief, inadequate but sobering account of that first atomic bomb!

Hiroshima Today

In the middle of Hiroshima today is a vast cleared area, where once the heart of the city stood. It has been made into a park—Peace Park. Carved in Japanese characters on a stone chest containing the name lists of all the people known to have perished in the catastrophe of 1945 is inscribed this naively hopeful statement—“*Repose ye in peace, for the error shall never be repeated!*”

It is a pitiful and heart-rending

thought. Because, as every news analyst, every politician, every scientist KNOWS, this sick world has been feverishly preparing, since the day that first bomb was dropped, a hideously power-

ful atomic and hydrogen nuclear arsenal, which will be unleashed to turn this entire world into a scene of horror which will make Hiroshima of August 6, 1945, only an agonizing *prelude* to world destruction.

New York Tomorrow?

But what about *our* cities and *our* people? New York stands as an imposing sentinel of American pride and permanency. The typical citizen scoffs—as did the Trojans of old—whenever our invincibility is questioned.

Yet, if we don't repent of our sins, it is going to happen here! And **WHEN** it does this *will* be the resulting scene.

The bomb dropped on New York would not be a *small* atomic device carried by a B-29. New words have had to be coined to describe the bombs which are now thousands of times more powerful than the one which destroyed Hiroshima. New York would be struck by a bomb of at least 20 megatons—a *thousand times* more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb.

Exploded over Manhattan it would make a crater six hundred and forty feet deep—dissolving steel and con-

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Memorial Cenotaph in Peace Park, with its inscribed stone chest containing the names of all those known to have been destroyed by the A-bomb.

The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

Speaking in London, touring the Continent eleven years after World War II, surprises in Germany.

INSTALLMENT 71

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first installment of the Autobiography since the May, 1965 number, which contained Installment 70.)

MRS. ARMSTRONG, our son Richard David and I returned to London from our Middle East tour Friday, May 25, 1956.

Before leaving London on this "Biblelands" tour, arrangements had been completed for holding a two-weeks' every-night speaking engagement at Dennison House, a hall in London's down-town west end near Victoria station. The office had been left in charge of George Meeker while we were gone. He and the office staff in London had sent out notices of the meetings to those in and near London on our mailing list.

Speaking Campaign in London

Almost two years before, I had engaged a hall and spoken three successive nights in London. So this was the second time for speaking before our radio listeners in London.

Customarily, in earlier years, I had held evangelistic meetings six nights a week for six weeks. But these were not "evangelistic" meetings—but rather speaking engagements for the purpose of meeting those who had become regular radio listeners.

Commencement exercises at Pasadena that year were held on Friday, June 1. Our son Garner Ted graduated on that day—the first Commencement at Pasadena I had missed. But if I had to be denied the pleasure of conferring the B.A. degree on my son, I was privileged, in later years, to confer upon him hard-earned M.A. and Ph.D.

degrees—this latter Doctorate on May 31, 1965.

Immediately after his graduation in 1956, Ted and his wife, Shirley, flew on over to meet us in London—and to attend and help in the services being held.

Actually, before leaving London on the Middle East tour I had written a letter, to be printed later and mailed to our mailing list for the area, inviting them to these special services. At the time of writing, we did not yet know just where the meetings would be held. I had arranged for our London advertising agency to work out the booking of a suitable hall with Mr. Meeker. Mr. Meeker was to add this information to my letter.

Although I had written this letter in April, before our tour of the Bible lands, it was finally dated May 22, when Mr. Meeker posted it. It was sent only to those radio listeners already on our mailing list. It said: "I hope to meet you personally here in London very soon—and for some of our friends, it will be for the second time." Then the meetings were announced, beginning June 4, for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights of that week, and Monday through Friday the following week.

On the second week, my son Dick spoke one night, and Garner Ted the

following night. I did the speaking on all other nights.

Touring Europe

Early Sunday morning, June 17, the five of us—Dick, Ted and Shirley, Mrs. Armstrong and I—left in my car, which we had brought over with us on the Queen Mary, for a brief tour of the continent.



Studios of Radio Luxembourg.

I do not remember all the events of that tour, but we crossed the channel from Dover to Calais on a ferry, drove on to Paris. Tuesday we drove on to Luxembourg. On the way we examined many scenes of both world wars. Seeing the actual battlefields made the wars seem much more real.

At Luxembourg we visited the radio station, then on to Frankfurt. Mrs. Armstrong, Dick, and I had driven through Germany, and visited Frankfurt am Main in 1954, and Dick had been there in 1952. We were tremendously impressed with the amazing

progress in restoration of bombed-out areas, which had devastated most of the city—and other German cities as well.

When Dick had visited Frankfurt in 1952, people were living in quickly erected temporary little cabins or shacks. They were then rapidly rebuilding their industrial sections, with apparently inspired zeal. Retail stores were operating out of temporarily roofed-over, mostly destroyed business district buildings. Their temporary little wooden cabins were being made neat, with patches of lawn and carefully planted flowers.

When we had visited Frankfurt with Dick in 1954, almost unbelievable progress had been made. The giant factories were then restored and steaming full-blast—many 24 hours a day. The retail business districts were well toward complete restoration, and almost endless blocks of flats and apartment dwellings being rapidly erected. But there still were many whole blocks of

stark devastation, as yet uncleared.

But now, in 1956, few vacant blocks remained from war's destruction. Work was rapidly nearing completion in expanding the retail district and residential areas. German cities had made far greater progress at restoration than had London.

This was the first visit to Germany for Ted and Shirl. They were naturally amazed at the ultra-modern city that had sprung up in eleven short years. Even ten years before, people of other countries were saying Germany would *never* rise again—or, as some cautiously admitted, it would take fifty to a hundred years to restore devastated Germany.

We spent a day driving over various parts of Frankfurt. Then on Friday, June 22, we drove on to Munich on the famous German autobahn built by Hitler. Some one of us became careless. The car ran out of petrol (we call it gasoline in America). We were out in a wide expanse of country, miles from

any town. One of the party remembered passing a petrol station a couple miles back. So, with the car pulled over to the side of the highway, Mrs. Armstrong, Shirley and I waited while Dick and Ted started afoot back along the autobahn.

About an hour later—actually much sooner than we expected them, they returned in a car which had taken them in, with a can of gasoline.

At Munich we saw the same miraculous restoration—streets lined with gleaming modern new buildings. On Saturday night we visited the historic Beer Hall where Hitler had started his Beer Putsch, November 8th and 9th, 1923. Actually, this Beer Hall might be called the site of the beginning of World War II. On November 12, 1923, Hitler was arrested for leading the Putsch, and imprisoned at Landsberg. There he wrote *Mein Kampf*.

We didn't remain long in this Beer Hall. Hundreds of big, tough-looking

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Cologne, Germany, at end of World War II and today. This is Hohe Strasse—once a mass of debris and ruin, now a prosperous commercial street.

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Christian MANHOOD — Is It a "Lost Cause"?

What was Jesus Christ REALLY like? Why are so many of His characteristics MISSING in our modern Christianity? Do you know what constitutes true Christian Masculinity?

by Roderick C. Meredith

WHAT a confused scene! Here was a place of worship—a temple, actually—and yet it was filled with the smell of manure and the sights and sounds of tradesmen and moneychangers!

Suddenly, a powerfully built 30-year-old man appeared. The breadth of his shoulders and the girth of his chest was evident as he strode confidently into the picture.

His nostrils quivered and his posture stiffened as the animal stench and the raucous babble of the tradesmen and moneychangers came under his immediate scrutiny. He paused only for a moment as the full impact of this cheap and tawdry scene in God's temple became evident.

Then he moved forward swiftly.

He jerked the heavy tables of the moneychangers out from under them and *turned them over!* He **RIPPED OPEN** the cages that held so many birds to be sold—and loosed the cattle and oxen from their stalls, driving them down the hallways and out of the temple.

"*Get out of here and take your things with you!*" a deep and powerful voice **THUNDERED** to the astonished tradesmen. "**QUIT** making my father's house a cheap bartering place and den of thieves!"

What a scene!

But why didn't someone STOP this indignant young man?

Masculine DOMINANCE Exemplified

This man was Jesus Christ!

Many will say that these Jews didn't

stop Jesus on this occasion because they knew He was the Messiah.

But they are *wrong*.

Just read the inspired account of this incident in John 2:13-22, and you will quickly see that *they had no such idea*. He had only *begun* His ministry. So it was neither respect for Him as a great prophet or the Messiah or religious piety on the part of these wretched traders and moneychangers which prevented them from surrounding Him and beating Him up right on the spot.

The reason these Jews kept their distance was that Jesus of Nazareth was a real **MAN**. He was a powerful man, a *man's man*. He was a truly *masculine* man of a type that is rapidly disappearing in our western "civilization."

For, although Jesus was certainly Emmanuel—"God with us" (Mat. 1:23) *God in the flesh*—yet He was also *human*. He was often called "The Son of *man*" (Mat. 8:20; 26:2). He received *human* nature from His mother, Mary. And He "was in **ALL** points *tempted like as we are*, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15).

So when the conniving moneychangers and tradesmen in the temple encountered the *real* Jesus of Nazareth, they beheld a rugged he-MAN. For Jesus had been a carpenter, a *builder*, in the hard and stony hill country of Galilee. He had worked with heavy rocks and timbers all His life.

Then, and even in His ministry, Jesus was an outdoorsman (Mat. 8:19-20). He was accustomed to sleeping out under the stars, cooking over an

open campfire, and walking long miles over the hills of Palestine.

In everything He did, He obeyed the injunction: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy **MIGHT**" (Eccl. 9:10). So He put His whole being into building houses and shops, lifting heavy stones and timbers, drawing water, herding flocks and hiking long distances. Being obedient in all things, He never once broke the physical laws of health.

This should give you a better perspective of the confident young man the temple hucksters encountered — a bronzed, well-muscled and dynamic individual with whom they did not wish to tangle! Even beyond His physical strength and impressive physique, the *power* of Jesus' voice and total **CONVICTION** of His look and personality made Him *automatically dominate* the situation described in this encounter at God's temple.

In mind, body and personality—as well as the **POWER** of God's Spirit—here was a man with whom to reckon!

Our Degenerate Age Described

The true God says: "Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor **EFFEMINATE**, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (I Cor. 6:9-10).

God created man in His image. He intended that men be *real MEN*. He intended that they learn to exemplify the traits of strength, dominance, decisiveness and leadership.

In His sight—if that makes any dif-

ference to you—the weak and degenerate characteristics exemplified by the queers, homosexuals and EFFEMINATE creatures we see so often today is an *absolute abomination!* It is having a major part in wrecking and ruining the potential PURPOSE of God—making man after His own image spiritually as well as physically—fitting him for eternal life as kings and priests in the Kingdom of God (Rev. 5:10).

Today, we see an "it" society developing! A society dominated neither by real men nor real women, but by an odd assortment of "weirdos" who are neither truly male nor female. And by *rebellious children* who have been totally undisciplined by this sick society!

Hundreds of years ago, God *warned* of this condition and showed it as a cause of our coming *downfall*. In a *dual prophecy* referring directly to our people today God states: "And I will give *children* to be their princes, and *BABES* shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: and *the child shall behave himself proudly* against the ancient, and the base against the honorable" (Isa. 3:4-5).

We can certainly see the fulfillment of that prophecy all around us! The examples of juvenile delinquency, rebellion and total lack of discipline are everywhere evident in our western "civilization."

Now notice verse 12 of this prophecy: "As for my people, *children* are their oppressors, and *WOMEN* rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."

God intends that the man should be a LEADER—and when the man defaults this God-given prerogative there is *automatically going to be trouble!* Although many women themselves do not fully realize it, they will NEVER be truly happy and have the sense of security for which they long so much unless their husbands develop the *right kind* of masculine dominance and leadership, and they *submit gladly* to that which God himself intended.

Notice that while the prophet said that the women "rule," it stated that

the children "oppress." This is because a woman will NEVER have the same degree of *leadership* and *force* in the home to guide the children and train them properly as the man OUGHT to be doing! Many women, of course, wish for this themselves—and millions of men are simply TOO LAZY and TOO WEAK to exercise their God-given responsibilities.

Millions will remember Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz' formula for curing juvenile delinquency: "Put father back at the head of the home!"

But all too often, sadly, father is NOT FIT to be at the head of the home! He either does not have the masculine hormones and backbone and wisdom, or else he is an undisciplined TYRANT who wants to *domineer* instead of dominate!

His father and *his* mother and *his* society have FAILED *utterly* to teach him the meaning of *true masculinity*.

How Millions of Boys Grow Up

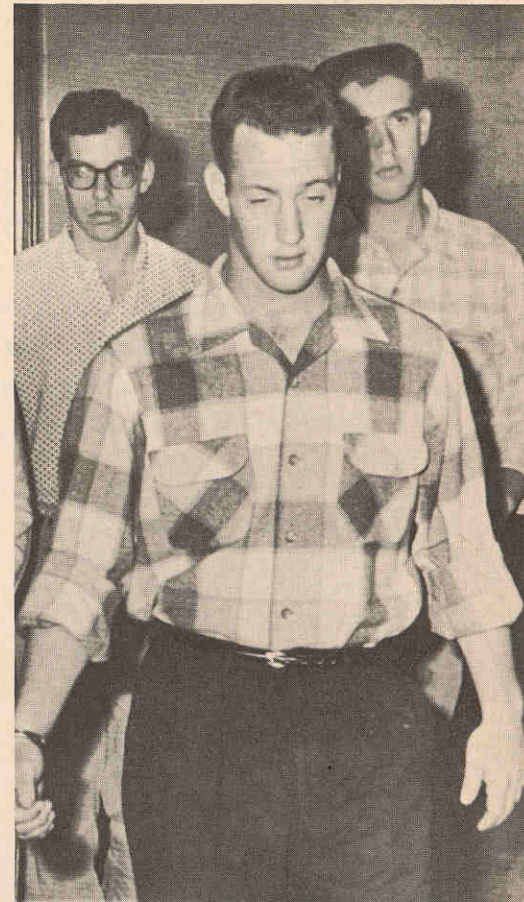
Why is our society increasingly woman-dominated and EFFEMINATE?

It was not this way in the past when Britain and America expanded to the four corners of the earth—Britain becoming the greatest empire in human history—and both nations achieving the highest level of greatness, prosperity and national stature in modern times.

But in those earlier years the boys of our nations usually spent more time with their fathers. In the cities, they often worked in their father's store or shop and usually learned a trade directly from their own father.

On the expanding American frontier—and on the frontiers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other parts of the British Empire—millions of young men learned to clear the land, seed crops and work long hours alongside their fathers in rugged, masculine endeavors. They learned to be strong and self-reliant. They learned to support themselves—nobody thought of socialism in those days!

Divorce was rare. Nearly all families *stayed together, prayed together* and *played together*. There was a feeling of



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Today's sick generation!

family *unity*—with the father at the head of the house.

Today, however, it is exactly the other way around!

The father, today, is too often away at work. The mother, or a maid, governess, or baby-sitter, is the one left in charge of the sons. Even when the father does come home at night, especially in America, his word is *no longer accepted* as the authority in the home. In a constant deluge of degenerate filth and perverted doctrine emanating from books, magazines, films and T.V., American men are taught that their rightful place is at the *tail*—no longer at the head of the family. In a typical "Blondie and Dagwood" type of cartoon, the father and husband is pictured as a fumbling nincompoop unworthy to head anything—least of all his wife. This type of attitude has wrecked the very foundation of the American home!

Increasing millions of those very homes are now SPLIT ASUNDER by divorce. Usually, the children go with



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No fatherly leadership!

their mothers—leaving young boys to be reared entirely by their mothers without a man around!

Then, when the child leaves the home to go to school, once again he encounters feminine leadership with very few men around! For, in the typical school system, only in the upper grades and college does the growing boy encounter a dominance of masculine leadership and example in the classroom. By then, in more millions of cases than most of us would dream, he has already adopted a feminine approach to life. He has taken on feminine characteristics, feminine ways of solving problems, feminine traits in his voice and personality, feminine mannerisms and emotions!

A growing boy in school and home has had to adapt himself to succeeding under feminine leadership. In this, having no previous standard or teaching, most young men just naturally compromise the masculine leadership and traits they ought to be developing!

Some day all of you who read this

are going to realize what a damnable thing—a horrible thing—this is, not just from *man's* point of view, but from the point of view of women as well. For this is affecting the happiness of millions of women—including even the future happiness of your daughters and mine!

For every normal woman NEEDS the right kind of man to love, protect, provide for and lead her—and very few of those men are being fashioned by our present society!

EFFEMINATE Religion

Even our modern religion has become largely effeminate in nature. It pictures a doddering old "god" who has gone way off somewhere and doesn't have much control over the affairs of this earth any longer.

Then, a weak, sickly looking, long-haired, effeminate sort of Christ is pictured in the minds of most religious people today. Some even try to go him one better by divinizing the Virgin Mary and having *her* be the one who has compassion and kindness to whom they can go in time of need.

The modern-day preacher is often a "nicey-nice" sort of social do-gooder who talks about sweet nothings on Sunday morning and attends various teas and Ladies' Aid Society meetings through the week. He does NOT lift up his voice "like a TRUMPET, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isa. 58:1).

Naturally, the smaller boys usually have a "sweet little old lady" Sunday School teacher who tells them disconnected "Bible stories" which give no real *understanding* of the plan and purpose of God. The God of power, the God of creation, the God who is soon going to intervene in this earth's affairs and send back the living all-powerful Jesus Christ as King of kings.

No wonder, then, that Isaiah wrote of our people: "As for my people, *children* are their oppressors, and *women* RULE over them..."

This effeminacy and weakness has become a veritable disease in our western world! Like a spreading cancer, its tentacles are reaching into every part of society. It is one of the key factors which is bringing about the

DOOM of our peoples if we do not recognize it and *repent before it is too late!*

But the very word "repent" means CHANGE. How, then, *should we change?* Or, putting it another way, what constitutes *true Christian masculinity?* It's time we learned—and here are five definite points to help us understand.

I. Strength and Courage

In the example at the beginning of this article, we reviewed the dramatic incident when Jesus of Nazareth threw out the moneychangers! This was the TRUE CHRIST of your Bible! This is the kind of Christ that is not being preached today!

For this Jesus was strong, courageous, determined and obviously possessed a dominant and forceful personality.

In addition to the example of Jesus himself, notice the example of the apostle Paul. In Acts 14:19-22, the account is given of how Paul was nearly stoned to death at the city of Lystra. Then, with perhaps supernatural help from God, he rose up and went on to Derbe. He had already been stoned at Lystra and it was Jews from Antioch and Iconium who came down and persuaded the people to do this.

Yet you will notice in verse 21 that Paul had the *courage* to go right back through those cities confirming the souls of the disciples that he had just brought to conversion! And, just having had what might be termed *rich experience* in suffering, he told them to continue in the faith, "and that we must through *much tribulation* enter into the kingdom of God" (verse 22).

After conversion, the apostle Peter was also an example of *undaunted courage* and *raw faith*. After being threatened for preaching the doctrine of Christ, Peter stated: "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

Later, however, Peter and the apostles were BEATEN for speaking by the authority of Christ. "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (verse 41).

Yes, the same Peter who lied three

times before conversion when he was accused of being one of Jesus' disciples now REJOICED—with the others—when he was counted worthy to suffer a physical BEATING for the name of the risen Christ!

This type of resolute COURAGE and *determination* is certainly a major characteristic of the men of God.

The Rare Example of Our Time

Also, we need to realize that many great human leaders of past generations have exemplified this characteristic to an amazing degree. One of the outstanding examples in modern times has recently been called "the man of the century"—Sir Winston Churchill.

In his wartime speeches in England's darkest hour, Sir Winston Churchill admirably portrayed the characteristics of strength, courage and unbounded determination. As President Kennedy has said: "He mobilized the English language and sent it into battle."

Notice this closing appeal in Churchill's speech delivered to the English

men felt that the prospects of Britain's survival were gloomy indeed. Here was a time when Churchill's courage and strength of character *aroused his countrymen* and the entire free world to fight on for freedom to the end. Here are Churchill's words:

"Even though large tracts of Europe and many old and famous states have fallen or may fall into the grip of the Gestapo and all the odious apparatus of Nazi rule, we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender, and even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this island or a large part of it were subjugated and starving, then our Empire beyond the seas, armed and guarded by the British Fleet, would carry on the struggle, until, in God's good time, the new world, with all its power and might, steps forth to the rescue and the liberation of the old."

You men who read this article—*were you taught* never to give up what is right and good and decent? Are you teaching your sons this attitude of strength and courage?

God called King David of Israel "a man after mine own heart" (Acts 13:22). A primary reason for this is because David was wholehearted in whatever he did. Another reason was because of David's unshakable faith and courage.

Recall the incident when the giant Goliath challenged the armies of Israel and David came forth to defeat him. Here was an absolute *giant of a man*—apparently 10 to 12 feet tall! Here was a man who was a *trained warrior*—whereas David was a mere youth who had had little training in warfare as yet. Yet notice how David reacted when he heard about the taunts of this Philistine giant.

"And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be

done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? *for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?*" (I Sam. 17:26.)

When King Saul doubted David's qualifications to encounter this ferocious antagonist, David said: "Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God" (verse 36).

The outcome?

"So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and *slew him . . .*" (verse 50).

David was a real MAN—not a mouse! Yet he was a man "after God's own heart."

II. Dominance and Leadership

Today's woman-dominated man is often a meek, sheepish *introvert*. He is hesitant and apologetic—entirely unsure of himself. He has learned the traits of indecisiveness and compromise. He has learned to walk carefully and speak softly—like a mouse.

Yet, in the above-cited example, notice that David stepped out BOLDLY and took the lead in this situation. He had courage and dignity even in being presented before the king of Israel at a crucial time. And he acted with *initiative* and *leadership* when he was given an opportunity to help save his nation.

In like manner, the men of God throughout the Bible are revealed to have had this same characteristic of dominance and leadership.

One interesting example of this is that of the apostle Paul at the beginning of his ministry. It is given in Acts 13:1-13. Here Paul's name is mentioned *last* of the prophets and teachers who were at Antioch. In verse 2 the Holy Spirit said separate "Barnabas and Saul" for the work they were called to do. Again, Saul's name is mentioned last.

Once they set out on their mission,
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Sir Winston Churchill, a good example of masculinity, was blessed with a wife exemplifying feminine character.

nation after the evacuation of the British and French forces at Dunkirk. Here was a time when England's back was against the wall. The French nation had already been conquered on her native soil. Here was a time when most

WILL WE EVER LEARN?

*The Romans said their world would go on forever. It didn't!
Rome fell. Today's civilization is on the brink of cosmocide.
People still scoff. Now read the facts!*

by Ernest L. Martin

OUR generation is filled with strife, hate, disrespect for authority, crimes and wars. This is the age of twisted minds.

No civilization like this can long survive. The Romans tried it—and their world collapsed!

The middle of the Second Century saw the Roman Empire at its height in power, prestige and prosperity. It could in many ways be compared to our own age. No Roman could have possibly foreseen that Rome would soon come to prostration and be in ruins.

Romans were prone to bury their heads in the sand and forget the lessons which history can teach.

Our own civilization is doing the same.

We are going the way of Rome—and are about to reap the same penalties—but this time in multiplied frightfulness because of human war-making inventiveness and ingenuity.

The Facts of History

Gibbon, the famous historian, has given some pertinent reasons to explain the downfall of Rome. But many modern historians pass over the *real* reasons: WARS, FAMINES, PLAGUES AND NATURAL DISASTERS!

There were four periods in which unbelievable wars, famines, plagues and natural disasters calamitously reduced the Roman Empire to rubble. The first was from 167 to 185 A.D. The second from 250 to 265 A.D. The third, from 395 to 410 A.D. And the fourth, and by far the most distressing period of all, was from 525 to 610 A.D.

A quick survey of these four periods—and the results which lay in their wake—clearly explain the major reasons for the fall of Roman civilization.

The Period From 167 to 185 A.D.

This first 20-year period was the turning point in the history of Rome. Whereas up to this time there was a prosperity almost unheard of, in the year 167 A.D.—without warning—struck a most devastating calamity—an epidemic which ravaged the world from Persia to the River Rhine (*Amm. Marc.* xxiii, 6, 24). It continued to rage through to 180 A.D. (*ibid.*, xxviii, 4) and again broke out with great violence about 185 A.D. under the Emperor Commodus (*Dio LXXII*, 14, 3). The mortality exceeded that of any plague they had on record. In Rome itself over 10,000 people were dying each day in the period of most severity. Webster in his *History of Epidemic Diseases* briefly describes this troublous period:

"The reign of the Antonines was distinguished for multifarious and severe calamities. The description of them by Aurelius Victor ought to be given in his own words: 'Unless Marcus Aurelius had been born at that juncture in history, the affairs of the empire would have fallen into speedy ruin for there was no respite from military operations. War raged in the East, in Illyricum, in Italy and in Gaul. Earthquakes, with the destruction of cities, inundations of rivers, frequent plagues, a species of locusts ravaging the fields. In short, every calamity that can be conceived to afflict and torment man scourged the human race during his administration'" (vol. I, p. 74).

Such depopulation had hit the Empire that Marcus Aurelius, the Roman Emperor, when dying, said to his generals: "Why do you weep for me, instead of thinking about the pestilence and about the death which is the com-

mon lot of us all?" Devastation had hit the world. The Emperor was grief stricken, and no wonder, for Webster calculates that at least a *quarter of the human race perished* during this short period of 20 years (*ibid.*, p. 74).

Shocking?

One quarter of the population wiped out and in a period preceded by abundant prosperity! People, a few years before the plague, didn't think such destruction could have been possible in civilized Rome—but it came. This was the beginning of the fall of Rome.

The Period From 250 to 265 A.D.

If the troubles in the foregoing period were devastating, what words can describe the 15 years we are now to discuss? Webster says:

"We have now arrived at one of the most calamitous periods recorded in history—a period of mortal plagues which commenced about the year 250 in the reign of Emperor Decius and continued for 15 or 20 years. This period was ushered in by a comet in 250, the winter of which in England was so severe that the Thames was frozen for nine weeks.

"The plague appears to have been most mortal in Rome at two different times, during this period; *viz*: in the years 252 and 263.... It reached the northern parts of Europe; and in 266, Scotland had scarcely living people enough to bury the dead.

"This period was marked by destructive earthquakes in Rome, Syria and other countries. In some places the earth opened and salt water issued. Trebellius Pollio says: 'Frightful earthquakes shook Italy, Asia and Africa. For many days there was an unusual or *preternatural darkness* [i.e. an impenetrable

darkness obscuring the heavens] and a hollow rumbling noise [i.e. like violent subterranean thunder] in the earth, which opened in many places. Many cities in Asia were overwhelmed and others lost in the ocean. Pestilence followed and *DESOLATED* the Roman Empire" (*ibid.*, pp. 78, 79).

Trebellius' full words, written not 100 years after these events, are as follows:

"In the consulship of Gallienus and Fausanianus, amid so many calamities of war, there was also a terrible *earthquake* and a *darkness* for many days . . . by the earthquake many structures were swallowed up together with their inhabitants and *many men died of fright* . . . many cities were overwhelmed by the sea . . . While fortune thus raged . . . earthquakes . . . and pestilence *DEVASTATED* the Roman world" (*The Two Gallieni*, V, 6).

The ancient historian, Orosius, said that there was scarcely a province of the Empire, a city or a home that was not at this period of history attacked and desolated by these calamities.

Eusebius mentions that during this time the state of the air for a long time became so highly corrupt as to form a vile coat on all exposed objects.

Gibbon also had some pertinent remarks on this terrible 15 years.

"The furious plague from 250 to 265 raged *without interruption* in every province, every city and almost every family of the Roman Empire. During some time 5000 persons died daily in Rome, and many towns that had escaped the hands of the barbarians *were* entirely *DEPOPULATED* . . . above *HALF* the people of Alexandria perished. . . and we might suspect that WAR, PESTILENCE and FAMINE had consumed *the MOIETY* [half] of the human race" (Chapter X).

What startling statements—but so factual. *A full one-half* of the human race were completely wiped out of existence in this short 15 years! There were more dead at this ancient time than were killed in both our World Wars, I and II combined! From these calamities the ancient Roman civilization was being gradually but surely reduced to nothing!

The Period From 395 to 410 A.D.

Webster introduces us to this age in Roman History.

"We now arrive at another singular and distressing period in the history of man" (p. 87). The many signs in the heavens during this time so frightened people that thousands were being baptized into the state church and asking God for protection from the terrors of heavenly phenomena. There were people claiming that surely the end of the world must be upon them because throughout the Roman world in 395 A.D. there were "dreadful earthquakes, storms, rain and *unusual darkness*" (Nicephorus, Book 12, 37). In the year 396 A.D. "dreadful earthquakes were felt in most provinces of the East; and in the sky *appearing all in a flame* over the city of Constantinople, which terrified the inhabitants and the emperor himself to such a degree that they abandoned the city and retired to the fields" (*Universal History*, vol. 16, p. 469). In the next year, 397 A.D., "the cities of Constantinople and Chalcedon were again shaken by violent earthquakes . . . and the sea, breaking in upon the land, *laid whole countries under water.*" (*Universal History*, vol. 16, p. 476.)

Three years later occurred one of the most severe winters on record. "The

Black Sea was covered with ice for 20 days. A drought is mentioned in the same period, which was so severe that the heavens were like brass (Webster, *ibid.*, p. 87).

Webster has more to say on this period.

"Violent earthquakes leveled cities . . . [many suffered] inundations of rivers and the sea, followed by intolerable cold storms of hail, and a drought that blasted vegetation, by which means multitudes of people perished. *Pestilence raged in every quarter, and famine so severe, that the populace demanded human flesh should be sold in the market.* Palestine was devoured by locusts.

"Nicephorus has employed a chapter to describe the physical evils, and the miseries of man, in this singular period. He declares *that almost all Europe perished and no small part of Asia and Africa*" (Webster, *ibid.*, pp. 87, 88 quoting Nicephorus, Book 13, ch. 6 & 36).

For all practical purposes there was little left of the Roman Empire after this time. Whole tracts of land were being left vacant of people and the northern barbarians found relatively little resistance in their invasions of the Empire.

We now come to one of the gloomiest and the most depressing periods in the

Leveled by recent earthquake, city of Pelileo, Ecuador, suffers 2000 casualties. Seismologists fear worst is yet to come!

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history of the world. It is a wonder that there were even people left alive in the Roman world and Nearer Asia by the beginning of the 600's. There has hardly been a period of more devastation.

The Period From 525 to 610 A.D.

First of all in 525 A.D., many cities of eastern Asia Minor, Greece and Syria were completely destroyed by tremendous earthquakes. Corinth was rocked to the ground—not a stone was left intact. Antioch lost 300,000 people in an instant, as the city's buildings and walls collapsed. (Nicephorus, Book 7, ch. 3.)

In 531 A.D., the sun became darkened and appeared as if eclipsed for a whole year (Procopius, *Vandal War*, Book 4).

"In 534 A.D., is recorded one of the most distressing famines that ever afflicted the earth; it continued many years and destroyed multitudes of the human race" (Webster, *ibid.*, p. 93). This universal famine soon allowed plague to begin its sweep across the whole of the world. The plague was devastating for it raged continuously, with only a few minor respites, for 65 long years! Evagrius, a man who lived at the time of its greatest severity, wrote, in 594 A.D.: "I will now describe the plague which has prevailed in these times, and already raged FIFTY-TWO years, a thing never before known and has already depopulated the earth" (Quoted by Webster, *ibid.*, p. 98).

Only two or three of Evagrius' once large family, including grandchildren, were left alive. This diminution of the population was felt in every family in Evagrius' memory. The devastation was almost unbelievable.

Also, the wars that were conducted at this time, which in many cases were the cause of the famines and plagues, were of such prodigious destruction that it makes one wonder if the human race was not trying to commit genocide. Procopius, an eyewitness of this frightful period, said that the northern barbarians had for several years invaded the Roman Empire from



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When famine strikes. An olive grove stripped of all its leaves by insects.

the Alps to the Black Sea, killing each year at least 200,000 Romans. The result was the whole of the area comprising the modern Balkans becoming "completely destitute of human habitation. For some were destroyed by war, some by disease and famine, the natural concomitants of war" (*Anecdota*, xviii, 15). Procopius' last comment on this once-most-prosperous area of the Roman Empire (which was at one time described as the most populous of areas outside of India) was that the Balkans had now become a veritable "Scythian wilderness."

Also at this same time, Procopius tells us that the Persians were ravaging all the eastern provinces from Egypt to Asia Minor. "They accomplished such thorough-going destruction that this entire region came to be very sparsely populated, and it will never be possible, I think, for any human being to discover by enquiry the numbers of those who perished in this way" (*ibid.*). In all their invasions of the east, the Persians left "the land bare of inhabitants wherever they chanced to descend" (*ibid.*).

But this was not all. The once-

prosperous area of North Africa, at one time the breadbasket of the Empire, was devastated at this same time into a desert. Again we have the eyewitness report of Procopius. *The Historian's History* relates:

"When Procopius first landed [in Africa], he admired the populousness of the cities and country, strenuously exercised in the labours of commerce and agriculture. In less than twenty years, that busy scene was converted into a silent solitude... the historian has confidently affirmed that five millions of Africans were consumed by the wars and government of the emperor Justinian" (vol. 7, p. 1270). Where once were prosperous and populous cities, Procopius records that one might walk for days without encountering either friend or enemy.

Immediately after the African wars, Justinian's troops attacked Italy in order to restore it to the Empire. The dead in the long wars that ensued approached the almost unbelievable figure of 15,000,000 souls (Draper, *Intellectual Development of Europe*, vol. I, p. 328).

The wars, and the resultant famines



A howling dust storm.

Bob Taylor



No more water to drink!

Wide World

and plagues of this period, made the whole of Italy a veritable wasteland. Pope Gregory who lived near the end of this devastating age wrote pathetically that Italy "had reached the crisis of utter abandonment and misery" (Miley, *Rome Under Paganism*, vol. II, p. 275). And, he later complained that "the open country is become a wilderness." Even Gibbon mentions that much of Italy "was reduced to the state of dreary wilderness; in which the land was barren, the water impure, and the air infectious."

What destruction! What calamity!

Perhaps the comment of Dr. Draper on this period of history will not be inappropriate as a summing up. He says, speaking first about the African wars of Justinian, "This was a speedy work, but it was followed by fearful calamities; for in this, and the Italian wars of Justinian... the human race visibly diminished. It is affirmed that in the African campaign five millions of the people of that country were consumed; that during the twenty years of the Gothic War, Italy lost fifteen millions; and that the wars, famines,

and pestilences of the reign of Justinian diminished the human species by the almost incredible number of one hundred millions" (*ibid.*, vol. I, p. 328).

This was destruction almost beyond example. At least 80 percent of the population of the then Western world were destroyed!

All peoples were affected by this destruction. Dr. Agus states that there were at least one million Jews in Europe before this calamitous period, but afterwards, the Jewish population was diminished to a meager ten thousand—a mere one percent of the former number (*Urban Civilization in Pre-Crusade Europe*, vol. I, pp. 14, 15). All races of peoples suffered tremendously from those terrible times. It is no wonder that one of the Darkest Ages in history came over Europe that took almost eight hundred years to overcome.

Can It Happen Today?

We have now surveyed what the staggering results of war, famine, plagues and natural disaster can do towards reducing the human race. His-

torians acknowledge that these events happened in the past. But moderns are inclined to think they could not happen again. It is said our Western world is today too advanced to let such calamities happen. But such is not the case. The records prove man is still vulnerable to disasters. Earthquakes have wrecked ultra-modern bridges and buildings while leaving centuries-old counterparts standing beside them. It has been further demonstrated that a scientific minded, educated, vaccinated populace can still be ravaged by disease. Warnings from leading doctors go unheeded.

Leading doctors have warned that there is no substitute for clean living—that drugs cannot nullify the damage done by wanton breaking of all health laws—and that wholesale vaccinations can weaken man's overall natural resistance to disease. But as long as we appear to be well, almost no one gives these warnings a second thought. That is the way ancient Rome reacted. All the factors to produce a repetition of

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Violence at the beach.

by Gerhard O. Marx

London

AN unparalleled wave of violence and shootings has brought widespread fear to Britain.

In a recent two-week period London witnessed five armed raids on banks, a number of brutal murders by *teen-age gangs*, and several vicious assaults on helpless victims. Barely a day has passed without a murder or a gang-style bank raid perpetrated.

Early this year, Scotland Yard's crime chief called a meeting of top law-enforcing officials. He then made a dramatic appeal to the public for help.

How Public Responded

The head of London's 1800 detectives asked the public to report any "groups of men sitting in parked cars, apparently nervous." It was even suggested that anyone witnessing a gang-style robbery, should "have a go" at the criminals. This advice was later described by a British Safety Council official as "madness" and "suicidal."

One Member of Parliament even went so far as to tell wives and mothers of possible criminals to search their own premises and to report to the police any firearms their husbands or sons might possess. "Quietly take away the guns and give them to the police," he told them.

A few days after the "have-a-go" advice was given, six masked raiders—

CRIME WAVE SWEEPS BRITAIN

Gang-style bank raids, murders without motive, sudden violence—all this in dignified Britain. Why this sudden upsurge in crime?

carrying a shotgun, a revolver, a hammer and an iron bar—were confronted by four men and two school girls—equipped with lemonade bottles, a spanner [wrench], and pieces of glass. The thugs panicked and fled!

Two nights later, a gunman—after having shot two unarmed policemen—found himself chased and surrounded by "hundreds of people"—both men and women—"having a go" at him with chairs, tins, and beer bottles. The man finally surrendered.

With the public's direct assistance, the police are hoping to bring this spreading wave of violence under control.

Why the Upsurge in Crime?

Throughout Britain, crime is on an *alarming* increase. Crimes of violence have increased by 800 percent during the last 25 years. In 1964 alone, a *million* indictable crimes were committed in Britain. Everywhere, people of all classes are asking: "*Who will free us from the growing menace of violent crimes?*"

Commented the London *Sunday Express*: "The fact that this island of ours which, until recently, was blessedly free from violence when compared with most of the rest of the world, is in real danger of *lapsing into the blood-stained ways of Sicily and Chicago.*"

What's behind this sudden upsurge in crime? Public officials cite various reasons. These include the ease with which knives and guns can be obtained, the growing use of "pep" drugs, too much money and idle time, and doing things for "kicks."

The House of Commons' vote against capital punishment, it is added,

is also proving to be an additional factor in the increase of violent crimes. If caught and convicted, murderers are likely to spend only a maximum of nine years in gaol [jail]. To many, a possible nine-year sentence is too short a period to serve as an effective deterrent to potential criminals.

Passing softer and more lenient laws for the punishment of crimes, coupled with the fact that the percentage of caught and convicted criminals is falling lower and lower, aids in convincing the criminal that crime does pay after all.

This is especially true with the young criminal.

Describing in court the arrest of a youth on a rooftop, a policeman gave this eye-witness account: "I shone my torch [flashlight] on him and noticed his shirt and hands were covered with blood. I called on him to put the gun down before he killed someone. He replied: '*They can't hang me*' and fired another shot straight across the street a little above our heads."

Vicious crimes committed by teen-age gangs are becoming more and more terrifying. Between 1955 and 1963, crimes of violence against the person rose, among the under-17's, by more than four times; among the 17- to 21-year-olds, by more than three times; among the 21- to 30-year-olds, by less than three times; and among those over 30 by less than double.

What Officials Fear

In the hope of preventing future teen-agers turning to crime, Lord Kilbrandon, Q.C. [attorney at law], addressed the Association of Child Care



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A gunman crouches behind railings in London basement. He wounded two policemen, killed a police dog before policemen, without firearms, subdued him.

Officers in Nottingham. He said that a delinquent child's first contact with the law should not be in the easy-going atmosphere of a juvenile court. It ought to be at police headquarters, where a police superintendent in full uniform would "tell the little perisher [little monster] exactly what he thinks of him."

He said that the present juvenile court system, hedged about with what were clearly humanitarian ideals, *removes all the terrors* of the law from the first offender.

Lord Kilbrandon described what usually happened when a child was made to appear before the juvenile court:

"Lo and behold, when the time comes, he is shown into a room and faced by a benevolent old gentleman, and a kindly old lady, who do their best to put him at ease.

"He then listens to his mother telling the court what a good boy he is and how he has been led astray by bad companions and would not have thought up anything of this kind by himself. This surprises the boy nearly as much as when he hears his school-master giving him a glowing reference.

"After this encomium the boy begins to feel quite genuinely that he is not a bad chap after all, and he is confirmed in this by the kindly admoni-

tion which is handed out to him by the elderly gentleman. And so he leaves the court.

"Gone for him are all the terrors of the law, and he commits his next crime under the impression that, if society takes so little heed of what he has been up to, society can have very little concrete objection to his mode of life."

All this in intelligent Britain!

Notice what top law-enforcing official, Chief Inspector Donald McCulloch, says about this trend in soft-peddalling criminals. Great Britain is, he said, in danger of becoming a country fit only for criminals. This will happen "if we go any further along the road towards being fair to accused people."

He continued: "The police today were inundated with malicious complaints—mostly from accused people. . . . This destruction of the police image is bad enough. But in addition, each complaint—no matter how frivolous—has to be investigated."

He said a trend had started which stems from the present moral outlook to *defy authority*. "If we continue any further on the path we are going," he concluded, "we will have turned a complete somersault from the unjust treatment of the criminal in the last century to the point where we will create a country *fit only for criminals* to live in."

These statements come from responsible men who know what they are saying. They know that crime is not a game. As Lord Shawcross, Q.C., reminded the East Sussex magistrates at Lewes recently:

"Crime is a war in which we have to face the attack of sophisticated and skillful criminals, able to exploit all the facilities of the modern world." He pointed out that the laws were too heavily loaded in the criminal's favour, and gave these examples:

"A policeman has no legal power to stop a car which he has reasonable grounds to think would reveal evidence of an offence.

"He sees a boy riding a bicycle without a rear light, and must issue a caution before he asks for his name and address, which, indeed, the boy is not obliged to give. The boy can cock a

snook [thumb his nose] at the officer and ride away.

"If a man is acquitted, perhaps on some technicality, his fingerprints must at once be destroyed. Why should not all innocent people be willing to have their prints recorded?"

Lord Shawcross concluded: "We symbolise justice as blindfolded and holding scales. The scales are weighted against the truth. All the time we seem to be adding to the rules which protect the wrongdoer."

The passing of lenient, ineffective laws is likewise believed to be responsible for an increase of wanton "thrill" killings.

Writes the *Sun*, a London newspaper: "A new *status symbol* marks a wave of terror which has hit the streets of Northern London: The Shooter, slang for a shotgun or a revolver. . . ."

Relative to this problem, a senior police officer confessed: "We seem unable to stop these hoodlums getting the shotguns—the public would be shocked if they knew just how many guns are in the hands of these boys.

"Where the gangs used to proudly sport coshes [blackjacks] in their pockets, they now carry guns in the back seats of their cars.

"Maybe they have more money. Perhaps they know that they can't hang. Whatever it is, they believe you need a gun to be a man. It's the new *symbol of power*."

Who supplies them with these guns? Apart from stealing them, anyone over 17 can legally buy a shotgun or a pistol. In fact, guns imported from Spain, for instance, can be bought for £12.

And British policemen, we must remember, don't carry guns. The other day, amidst this sudden increase of violence, a police chief reassured that the British policeman is still a million miles away from carrying guns.

In the meanwhile, crime is booming—£20 million worth last year. Vicious crimes continue—one woman was struck several blows on the head with an iron bar while praying in a church. And the Home Secretary recently reprieved a man awaiting execution for two brutal murders within a year.

Soft Laws to Blame

Soft treatment towards criminals is encouraged by Britain's religious leaders.

Recently, Dr. Donald Soper, former president of the Methodist Conference, stated that "any punishment which puts a man in continuous imprisonment for more than four years may well destroy the dimension in him which cannot be recovered."

In other words, no matter how grue-



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Two gangs battle it out, using furniture as clubs, at a seaside resort.

some a crime the criminal might commit, don't sentence him to more than four years' imprisonment.

"Although I want [criminals] punished," Dr. Soper adds, "I do not want it as an example to others, because that is un-Christian, neither as retribution, because that is not Christian."

If Dr. Soper is really correct in his statement that retribution is wrong, then convicted murderers should not be sentenced at all. Rather, they should be released to be free to continue murdering innocent victims.

Two other church leaders have also come out in support for more leniency in sentencing vicious criminals. If criminals, serving a "too long" sentence, escape out of prison, these men have

publicly stated they would welcome them in their homes if they sought sanctuary there. Their argument is that long sentences "don't deter anyone from crime."

The Answer

There are two primary causes for the upsurge of teen-age violence and professional crime.

First of all, there is a total lack of proper teaching about obedience and respect for authority. There is too often disregard for constituted authority by both young and old. This failure to teach respect for law and order is becoming increasingly more evident in Britain.

It's a natural inclination in man that causes him to resist authority—especially if he feels he can get away with it. He doesn't like being told what to

do. He wants to be freed from having to keep specific laws regulating his and his neighbour's welfare.

Not having been trained by his parents to respect civil authority, the adolescent child naturally expresses a disregard and contempt for any laws or authority. As he grows older, he will try his best to get away with breaking these laws. That is where the second cause comes in—lack of swift, sure, just punishment.

Weak laws, with no force behind them, serve only as attractive bait—and not as a deterrent—to the crime-bent criminal.

The only way to effectively prevent crime is to teach children from infancy proper respect for law—and to put teeth into laws—to deal with the few who still insist in becoming wanton criminals.

Will We Ever Learn?

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these calamities are on the horizon and in some cases are here now!

"Can we possibly have famines again?" some say. Look at the world today. It is already overcrowded. Let severe droughts and floods wipe out our breadbaskets, make our lands barren, and famine will naturally envelope this world. This is prophesied to happen!

Will We Wake Up?

This brief review of four periods in history has shown what has happened in the past. It is time we wake up to the reality of these calamities about to be repeated in multiplied power.

"For then [just before Christ's second coming] shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, *there should no flesh be saved*: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

But God has promised that He will not allow such great calamities on nations without first warning them through His servants the prophets (Amos 3:7). *You have been warned!*

"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."

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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.

- Why didn't God reprove Abraham for having a child by Hagar? Wasn't that adultery?

The Creator of the Universe set in motion a living, dynamic, active law! That law when violated brings on misery, heartache, and death—unless repented of.

Abraham violated that law!—And, he suffered the penalty.

Since creation, human nature has not changed one "iota." Abraham (Abram then), just as Adam, listened to his wife. Sarai, the "weaker vessel," for the moment lacked faith in God's promise to provide them with an heir (Gen. 15:1-6). She, therefore, goaded and tempted Abraham by insisting that he have an heir through Hagar, her maid (Gen. 16:2).

But why wasn't Abraham punished? Or was he?

Let's notice the result. "And Sarai said unto Abram, My *wrong* be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she [Hagar] saw that she had conceived, I was *DESPISED* in her eyes" (Gen. 16:5).

Yes, they *KNEW* they had sinned. Not only did their conscience trouble them, but their deeds resulted in family problems, animosity, resentment, and contempt. The rest of their physical life was not to be the same. Abraham learned an important lesson.

Many people, too many, have the idea that God is a harsh *MONSTER* who fiendishly punishes human beings the moment they step out of line. No

such thing—God set a law in motion to bring us peace and happiness. When we break that law—we bring on ourselves the penalty of sin and suffering.

God designed human beings as "free moral agents"—with capability of making decisions, thereby developing character through experience. God gave mankind his law to help guide and direct him in living a happy, abundant life. David said, "O how I love thy law! . . . Thy word is a lamp unto my feet" (Psa. 119:97, 105).

Yes, Abraham did break God's law. And, it was a bitter lesson—but not soon forgotten. As a result, Abraham did repent and was blessed by God. But that mistake of Sarah's and Abraham's is with us yet—in the animosity between Jew and Arab today!

- There doesn't seem to be any reference to baptism in the Old Testament. Where did John the Baptist get the authority or example of baptism? Was this a specific revelation to him?

One of the greatest miracles of the Old Testament is a forerunner and type of what true baptism pictures today. It is the exodus of Israel out of Egypt! Much of the confusion concerning baptism, its meaning and method, comes as a direct result of the ignorance of this Old Testament example and what it represents.

In I Corinthians 10:11, God reveals why these Old Testament events occurred. Notice, "Now all these things happened unto them for *ensamples*

[examples] and they are written for our *admonition*, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

That includes us!

Now read I Corinthians 10:1-2, "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be *ignorant*, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all BAPTIZED unto Moses in the cloud and IN THE SEA."

Now the word used here for "baptized" means "dipped in," "immersed," "plunged into."

So let's turn now to the Old Testament example in Exodus 14 and understand the full meaning of this event.

Israel had just come out of captivity in Egypt. God said that He was going to bring them up out of that land of oppression—that pagan land with strange customs and evil ways. So God sent Moses to deliver them from their bondage. To bring them up out of that land of SIN.

Israel was in sin, living the wrong way. And God set his hand to deliver them.

Now after Israel's exodus from Egypt, God brought them to encamp "beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon" (Ex. 14:9). Much to Israel's amazement, they found themselves in a box-canyon. The only way of escape was through the Red Sea. When Israel saw Pharaoh's army pursuing them, they became filled with fear (verse 10). But Moses assured them, saying, "Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. . . . And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back . . . and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went *into the midst of the sea*" (Ex. 14:13, 21-22).

God had purposely led Israel to this situation for a special reason—to fulfill a phase of His plan. Israel was plunged into the Red Sea. Its waters were a wall on either side. Except for the mercy and grace of God, they all would have perished. This type of "immersion" was a veritable GRAVE! Pharaoh and his men all perished in that grave! For Pharaoh *was still in sin* and therefore his escape was doomed (Rom. 6:23). Israel went through the Red Sea symbolically pictur-

ing the DEATH of that former way of life—then, coming up out of that grave by the grace of God, they were to enter a new way of life—a promised land.

And so in the New Testament God also requires Christians in LIKE MANNER to crucify the old man—the former way, to bury that way, and to come up out of a watery grave on to a better way of life. (Col. 2:12.)

The example of the baptism of Israel was only a type and forerunner. That baptism was under the Old Covenant—a physical covenant with physical ordinances and material rewards. But notice what God says about the New Covenant: "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my LAWS INTO THEIR HEARTS, and IN THEIR MINDS will I write them" (Heb. 10:16).

But what about John?

Where did he get his authority? How did he know and understand the principle of baptism?

Answer: John had been taught those examples from childhood, for his parents were righteous before God (Luke 1:6). God, through the power of His Spirit, revealed to John the principle of baptism—that a people had to be prepared to hear the message of the soon-coming Messiah. Any people that had to repent as the Jews did, needed to prove that repentance by an outward sign as Israel did under Moses. That's why John saw in scripture that the original crossing of the Red Sea by a whole nation is a type of what each individual ought to do—be immersed, or baptized, in water "unto repentance." All through the Old Testament many "diverse washings" are recorded as types of baptism to wash away, figuratively, our past sins.

● **Why will Satan be loosed at the end of 1000 years of Christ's rule on earth? (Rev. 20:7-9.)**

God has a great purpose that He is working out here on earth. And He has a Plan!

First of all, God is allowing man to go his own way for 6,000 years. Men have chosen to follow the way of Satan, the god of this world. God is allowing

men to try every conceivable way to solve world problems—find peace and happiness.

When men are at their wits' end, facing utter annihilation, God will intervene to save man from himself. Then, there will be 1,000 years of utopia on this earth! Satan will be restrained from deceiving the world. Men will be taught to follow God's law—the way to true happiness.

But familiarity breeds contempt. After 1,000 years of such happiness, some will forget how miserable it was when Satan was ruling. Some few just won't agree with God—they will want to have their own way.

God will therefore allow Satan to be released for a very short time to demonstrate to these minds the fact that God rules supreme—that His ways alone bring happiness.

In Revelation 20:8 Satan uses Gog and Magog [the Oriental hordes] as ringleaders of the people whom he will deceive after the 1,000 years. Ezekiel 38:8-13 shows these same people, 1,000 years earlier, trying to *take for themselves*.

But there is yet another purpose. Those who knowingly refuse eternal life can't be allowed to be around when the next part of God's plan occurs. This is not the place to explain it—but you can read it in full in the surprising article: "Is This The Only Day of Salvation?" It's free.

● **I have heard that the two witnesses of Revelation 11 are the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. And that this prophecy was fulfilled in the French Revolution 170 years ago. Could this be true?**

For the answer turn to Revelation 11. Read what it says with your own eyes.

But who—or *what*—are the two witnesses? Verse 4 of Revelation 11 reveals, "These ARE the two *olive trees*, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth." These are symbols.

The prophet Zechariah had a vision of these two mysterious olive trees. But he was confused—perplexed. He asked, "What are these two olive trees upon

the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?" The angel answered, "Knowest thou not what these be? These are the TWO ANOINTED ONES, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth" (Zech. 4:11-14).

Now let's put these explanations together. First, these two witnesses *prophesy* or preach (Rev. 11:3, 6 and 10). Their prophesying lasts for three and one-half years. They are "anointed ones"—that is, they have been *anointed* by the Holy Spirit of God (II Cor. 1:21-22; I John 2:20, 27). Therefore, they are God's PROPHETS—two prophets to arise and to prophesy in the streets of Jerusalem!

Notice, now, the power God will put in the hands of these two witnesses. If any man attempts to hurt or kill them, ". . . *fire* proceeds out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies . . ." (Rev. 11:5). How similar this is to what the prophet Elijah did when King Ahaziah sent troops to capture him (II Kings 1:9-15). God further says, "These [two witnesses] have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy . . ." (Rev. 11:6). Again, how similar to Elijah, who prayed, and the heavens were shut up for three and one-half years—a great drought struck, and famine (Luke 4:25). But these two witnesses will have more power!

God will give them power to "smite the earth with ALL PLAGUES, as often as they will" (Rev. 11:6). Many of the plagues foretold in Revelation 8-9 will be directly *prophesied* IN ADVANCE by these two anointed witnesses!

But that is not all. After they have fulfilled the days of their prophecy, they will be KILLED. "And their *dead bodies*," John was told, "shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, *where also our Lord was CRUCIFIED*" (v. 8). For three days and a half, the world will rejoice at the death of God's two witnesses, seeing their dead bodies lying in the streets of Jerusalem (Rev. 11:10, 9).

Now, let's be *honest* with God's Word. Let's not twist the Scripture to say what God never intended! Surely,

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THE 2300 DAYS

In the 8th chapter of Daniel is an astounding prophecy. Some believe it was fulfilled in 1844. Others say in 165 B.C. by Antiochus Epiphanes. Daniel could not understand it! It was sealed from human comprehension "until the time of the end"—this 20th Century!

by Herman L. Hoeh

THE MOMENT has come to reveal an astonishing, yet little-known prophecy for "the latter days"—this 20th century! Few churches ever speak of it. Most scholars admit they do not understand it.

But God's time has come to reveal it!

Sealed Until NOW

Did you know that the book of Daniel, in your Bible, was closed to human understanding until these latter days?

Daniel was commanded: "... shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end. . . ." Again we read: "For the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (Dan. 12:4, 9-10).

Now open your Bibles to Daniel 8. Here is a vital prophecy for our time. Notice particularly verse 26. Daniel is commanded to "shut up the vision; for it shall be for many days"—far into the future. Daniel "was astonished at the vision, but none understood it" (verse 27, last part).

This prophecy was not meant to be understood till the time of the end. Today the wise shall understand. This is God's promise.

Time Setting of the Prophecy

Notice the setting of the prophecy in Daniel 8. It is the third year of the reign of Belshazzar the king of Babylon, about 550 B.C. Daniel is given a vision while at Shushan in the palace in the province of Elam (Dan. 8:1-2). Here is what he sees in the vision:

"Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great" (verses 3 and 4).

Here is a mysterious "ram." What does this ram symbolize?

Notice God's explanation, revealed in verse 20! "The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia"!

This ram symbolized the *Medo-Persian Empire*. It destroyed the Kingdom of Babylon in the autumn of 539 B.C. It ruled to 331 B.C.

But this is only the beginning of the prophecy. Now read verse 5:

"And as I was considering, behold, a he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes."

What is the Bible explanation of this mysterious symbol? "And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king" (verse 21).

This is not man's interpretation. This is the Bible's own explanation of its symbols.

These symbols were revealed to Daniel. He was inspired to write them in Scripture so that we today can understand the important TIME SETTING of this end-time prophecy. Notice the verse-by-verse movement of time. The ram—the Medo-Persian Empire—came

on the world scene in the autumn, 539 B.C. It ruled until 331 B.C.

Then the Greco-Macedonian Empire came on the scene with its first great king, Alexander the Great (verses 6 and 7). The final conquest of the Medo-Persian Empire by Alexander the Great occurred in 331 B.C.

Understand what this means. By the end of verse 7 we have moved in history from 539 B.C. to the time of Alexander the Great.

Continue, now, with verse 8. "... the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven."

Remember, the great horn in the goat's head symbolized the "first king" of the Greco-Macedonian Empire. That was Alexander the Great. But this horn was suddenly "broken"! Alexander the Great died suddenly of a fever in Babylon in 323 B.C., about thirty-three years of age!

Then what followed in time sequence?

Continuing in verse 8: "For it [that is, "in its place" after Alexander's death—after 323 B.C.] came up four notable ones [four other horns] toward the four winds of heaven"—in more modern English, in the four directions of the compass. The Bible interpretation of this verse is found in verse 22:

"Now that being broken,"—Alexander the Great being dead—"whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the kingdom, but not in his power."

Alexander's Empire was divided among his generals after his death. By 301 B.C. four generals divided the Empire, fulfilling this verse of the prophecy. In the South—Egypt—ruled



The Kingdom of the North, prophesied in Daniel 11, was at first a Greek Empire with its capital in Syria.

Ptolemy. Syria—the North and East—was held by Seleucus.

The Northwest—Thrace—was under the control of Lysimachus. Macedonia, in the far West, was dominated by Cassander.

Later, in 281 B.C. Seleucus overthrew Lysimachus and completely controlled the North. Thereafter the two dominant areas of the Empire were the Kingdom of the South, under the Ptolemies, and the Kingdom of the North under the Seleucidae. The struggles between these two kingdoms—down to our day, this 20th Century!—is made plain in the longest prophecy in the Bible—Daniel 11.

Consider again the vital time setting of this prophecy. It commenced with the Medo-Persian Empire which lasted until 331 B.C. Then the Greco-Macedonian Empire came on the scene with its first king, Alexander the Great. In 323 B.C. Alexander died at the age of 33. Alexander's Empire was divided into four major parts—verse 22. None of these parts was as strong as the whole kingdom had been under Alexander the Great. The time setting of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire, foretold in this prophecy, brings us to the date 301 B.C.!

The rest of the prophecy therefore cannot begin before this date!

Now notice what is to happen next on the world scene—after 301 B.C.

A Prophecy for the Latter Time!

Turn in your Bible to verse 9: "And out of one of them came forth a little

horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land."

Look at this verse again. Here a "little horn" appears coming out of one of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire. *This "little horn" therefore cannot have arisen before 301 B.C. because not until then was the fourfold division of Alexander's Empire settled!*

Notice that again! "Out of one of them came forth a little horn"! Out of one of the four!—the prophecy will later disclose out of which one!

Whatever this mysterious horn symbolizes, whatever this little horn does on the world scene, must occur AFTER the death of Alexander the Great—and after the division of his empire in 301 B.C. into four parts!

We come now to the climax of this astounding vision.

Daniel is told: "For at the time of the end shall be the vision" (verse 17). The vision of "the little horn" is for the time of the end! The same time setting is recorded also in verse 23, "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full."

Who—what—does this "little horn" symbolize?

The "Little Horn"

Some think Antiochus Epiphanes. Others think it is pagan or papal Rome, or both. But what does the Bible say? What is the Bible's own interpretation of its symbols?

Notice the Bible explanation!

"A king of fierce countenance, and

understanding dark sentences shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty... and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace [the margin says "prosperity"] shall destroy many; HE SHALL ALSO STAND UP AGAINST THE PRINCE OF PRINCES; but he shall be broken without hand" (verses 23-25).

There is the answer! Could anything be more astounding!

Look at this prophecy again. It is a prophecy for the last days. The little horn symbolizes "a king"—a ruler—who shall arise "in the latter time of their kingdom" (verse 23). Not immediately after the fourfold division of Alexander's empire—but in the "latter time" of human misrule. This "little horn"—this ruler—this mortal man stands up *against the Prince of princes*—that is Christ at His second coming!

Here is a great Gentile world ruler who stands up against Christ and is supernaturally destroyed—"without hand"—not by human hand but by divine intervention in human affairs.

The Bible interprets this "little horn" as a *great ruler who shall exist at the second coming of Christ!* He comes on the scene when world transgression—world sin—has reached its climax (Daniel 8:23).

This "little horn" of Daniel 8 is described again in Revelation 17:14. There we read that he makes war with the Lamb (Jesus Christ) and the Lamb shall overcome him and his allies. This "little horn" does the same thing as the final "beast" of Revelation 17!

What the "Little Horn" Will Do

Continue with this amazing prophecy for the latter days! "And it [the little horn] waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down" (Dan. 8:10-11).

The next verse—12—is not clearly translated in the King James Version. It reads: "And a host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression"—the margin reads: "the host was given over for the trans-

gression against the daily sacrifice"—"and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered."

A clearer rendering of verse 12 is found in the Jewish translation: "And the host was given over to it [the little horn] together with the continual burnt-offering through transgression..." (*The Holy Scriptures*, Jewish Publication Society).

Many have attempted to interpret these mysterious symbols out of their own human reasoning. They have tried to read into the Bible meanings that are not there. Let THE BIBLE interpret the Bible!

The explanation of verse 10 is revealed in verse 24: "And his [the little horn's] power shall be mighty." That's the explanation of the first part of verse 10: "it waxed great."

To continue with verse 24: "But not by his own power." This king will not accomplish his great deeds by his own strength. Revelation 17:17 reveals why. Ten lesser kings *give their military power and strength* "unto the Beast."

This little horn (Dan. 8:24) "shall destroy wonderfully"—shall have marvelous, frightening military powers "and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people" (verse 24).

Here is a persecuting power, a union of church and state, which destroys the hosts—armies—of the "mighty people"—God's people Israel. That includes not only the Jews—the House of Judah, but the whole English-speaking world—the House of Israel, the so-called Lost Ten Tribes! Where Israel is today is made plain in our astounding booklet *The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. Write for it.

The "little horn" also persecutes the true Church—the "holy people" who shall shine in the resurrection like the stars of heaven (compare Dan. 8:10 and 24 with Dan. 12:3).

Verse 25 continues to explain verse 11, and so on.

But what about the "daily sacrifice"—the "continual burnt-offering"—that is to be taken away? Where is the "sanctuary" that is to be cast down? What do these symbolize? What do they mean?

Two Common Opinions

One opinion—found in most Bible commentaries on Daniel 8—is that Antiochus Epiphanes (died 163 B.C.) is the "little horn." The "sanctuary" is assumed to be the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The daily sacrifice the Levitical offerings.

Antiochus did indeed prohibit the daily sacrifice—from 168-165 B.C. He defiled the Temple with an idol of Jupiter Olympus, and offered swines' blood upon the altar. He burnt as many scrolls of the Law as he could lay hands on. He attempted to stamp out the truth. But he did *not* fulfill this prophecy of the "little horn"—except, perhaps, as a forerunner.

Antiochus Epiphanes died long ago—in 163 B.C. The ruler symbolized by the "little horn" is to be alive at the second coming of Jesus Christ. He comes on the world scene in the "latter days" when human transgression—sin and suffering—is to reach its climax. He is to stand up and resist Christ at His second coming! Antiochus Epiphanes came over two thousand years too early to fulfill this prophecy! He is not the "little horn."

Another opinion has it that the "little horn" is pagan and/or papal Rome. Those who hold this view believe the "sanctuary" is not on earth, but in heaven—that it is God's throne. The daily sacrifice, according to this view, is the work Christ has been performing in heaven as High Priest.

Is *this* the Bible explanation?

NOT Heavenly Sanctuary!

Turn to Daniel 8:11. See the Bible answer with your own eyes: "Yea, he [the "little horn"] magnified himself even to the Prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down."

The margin in the King James Version provides an alternative rendering. Instead of "by him"—meaning the "little horn"—it has "from him"—meaning the Prince of the host. The original inspired Hebrew can be translated both ways into English. Either translation is correct.

But notice what this scripture says!

The daily sacrifice is to be taken away! The sanctuary is to be cast down! Now consider: *If* the daily sacrifice is, as some believe, the daily work of Christ in heaven, then a mortal man—the "little horn"—would have power to intervene *in heaven* and *stop the work of Jesus Christ!*

Further, *if* the "sanctuary" were in heaven, he would have the power to "cast down" the sanctuary—the very throne of God in heaven!

IMPOSSIBLE!

No man can stop Jesus Christ from performing His work in heaven! No man—no ruler—not even the devil himself—can cast down the throne of God and profane His Holy Sanctuary!

Then what is the meaning of this astounding prophecy for our day?

The Bible Answer

First read verses 13 and 14 of Daniel 8:

"Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, 'How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?' And he said unto me, 'Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.'"

Another enigma!

This answer to this mysterious time period was hidden from Daniel's understanding—was not to be revealed until the latter days!

This is a prophecy for our day—this climactic 20th Century!

Some have tried to explain this prophecy before God's time came to reveal it! Those who assume the "sanctuary" is in heaven claim that this vision of "2300 days" commenced in 457 B.C. and ended in A.D. 1844. (They say that the "2300 days" represent 2300 years in fulfillment.) They further insist that the "sanctuary" that was cast down—the Holy of Holies in heaven itself—God's very throne—was to be "cleansed" beginning in 1844.

Is the date 457 B.C. the beginning date for the "2300 days"?

Notice the Bible answer from this 8th chapter of Daniel:

The Medo-Persian Empire—the

"ram" in this prophecy—ruled the world until 331 B.C. Then Alexander came on the scene. He died in 323 B.C., after which his empire in 301 B.C. was divided into four parts. Out of one of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire is to rise the little horn *"in the latter days"*! It is the little horn which takes away the daily sacrifice and casts down the sanctuary! Whatever the little horn is to do for "2300 days" cannot have begun *until after the division of Alexander's Empire into four parts!* But 457 B.C. is over a century and a half too early! That date cannot be the commencement of the "2300 days"!

The date 457 B.C. is the commencement of *another* prophecy altogether—the "seventy weeks" prophecy in Daniel 9:25. The year 457 B.C. marks the commencement of Daniel's prophecy of "seventy weeks" which led to the first coming of Jesus Christ! *That prophecy has nothing directly to do with the prophecy recorded here in Daniel 8!*

The prophecy of Daniel 9 is not the explanation of the "2300 days." The prophecy in chapter 9 was *explained* to Daniel (see verse 23). The prophecy in chapter 8 was sealed from human understanding until this "time of the end." Daniel did not understand it (v. 27 of ch. 8).

But notice further. The little horn *takes away* the daily sacrifice for "2300 days." Was any daily sacrifice—whether on earth or in heaven—taken away from 457 B.C. until 1844?

No!

Did a king—or even a line of kings, the Roman Emperors or the Popes for example—for 2300 years prevent the daily sacrifice from being offered? Did pagan or papal Rome for 2300 years—from 457 B.C. to 1844 A.D.—cast down the sanctuary of God?

Of course not! *The Jews were offering the daily sacrifice almost continuously from the days of Ezra and Nehemiah until the Jews were driven out of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.*

But, it is insisted, the sanctuary was not on earth but in heaven!

Granted that the earthly sanctuary was a type of the heavenly sanctuary,

God's throne. But what king or power has ever cast down God's throne in heaven for 2300 years?

First, notice the last part of Daniel 8:13. The "sanctuary" is to be "trodden underfoot"! Has any kingdom, any power ever trodden underfoot God's heavenly sanctuary for 2300 years?

Certainly not!

The Bible itself proves that this amazing prophecy has nothing to do with a heavenly sanctuary. Nor was it fulfilled from 457 B.C. to 1844!

Then what does the prophecy of the "2300 days" really mean?

A Common Misunderstanding

Notice Daniel 8:26: "And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true. . . ." The vision of "2300 days" is actually called in the Scripture *"the vision of the evening and the morning."* Why?

Turn in your Bibles to verse 14 of chapter 8. In most Bibles you will find a marginal note for the word "days." This note reveals that the original Hebrew of the word "days" is "evening morning." This prophecy is *not* referring to 24-hour days but to evenings and mornings—the *evening and morning sacrifice!* According to verse 11 the little horn takes away the *daily sacrifice*. The daily sacrifice was offered in the evening and in the morning. See Lev. 6:9 and 12.

Verse 14 is a *mistranslation* in the text of the King James Version, though it is correct in the margin. The Revised Standard Version reads, "for two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings."

In other words, here is a prophecy that two thousand three hundred evening and morning sacrifices would cease to be offered. Since the daily sacrifice was offered *twice a day*, this prophecy is actually speaking of one thousand one hundred fifty (1150) days. In 1150 days there would be exactly two thousand three hundred sacrifices offered at evening and morning.

The Jewish *Soncino Commentary*, by Dr. Judah J. Slotki, comments on this verse: "...the numeral refers to the number of times the offerings, normally brought twice daily, will be omit-

ted, giving a total period of 1,150 days. . . ."

At the end of this 1150-day period the sanctuary is to be "cleansed" or "justified." This prophecy is yet to be fulfilled! That's why it was shut up and sealed from human understanding until our time. It was not for God's people or the world until these latter days!

Some scholars have contended that this prophecy of the taking away of the evening and morning sacrifice has already been fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes. This is NOT TRUE!

Notice why: what happened to the daily sacrifice in the days of Antiochus Epiphanes (168-165 B.C.) was *only a type* of what is yet to occur! The wicked deeds of Antiochus Epiphanes are recorded in Daniel 11:31. He polluted the ancient sanctuary. He took away the daily sacrifice, *but not for exactly 1150 days.*

Daniel 11:31 is not referring to the same event described in Daniel 8. Notice especially in Daniel 11 that the latter days do not commence until verse 40. "And at the *time of the end* . . ." That's in this generation, almost two thousand years *after* the days of Antiochus Epiphanes.

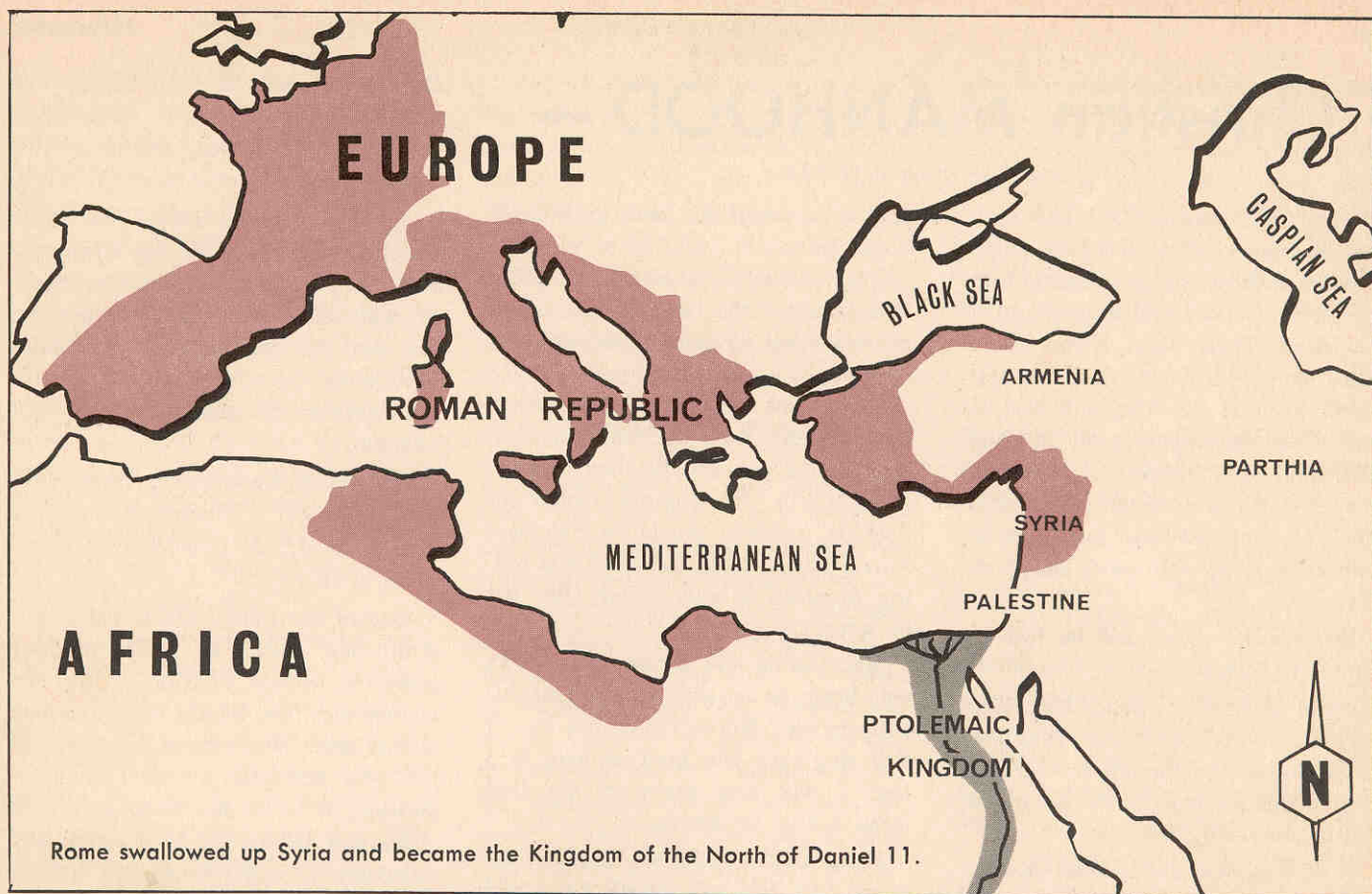
Now consider *who* the "little horn" in this prophecy is.

The King of the North

The little horn in Daniel 8 is none other than the *last king* of one of the four divisions of Alexander's Empire. He is, in fact, the final "King of the North" described in Daniel 11.

When Alexander's Empire was divided into four parts General Seleucus obtained the area *north* of Palestine. He made Syria, which lies to the north of Palestine, the center of his kingdom (see map on page 26). The story of that kingdom is not recorded in Daniel 8. That prophecy skips all intervening time to our day. But the missing centuries are recorded in Daniel 11.

Here is what happened. The "Kingdom of the North" was originally Syria—*north* of Palestine. *But Syria was soon swallowed up by Rome.* (See map on page 29.) The Roman system of government became the "Kingdom of the North." It has existed to our time



in Europe. In the Middle Ages it was called the Holy Roman Empire. Its amazing history is described in Daniel 11:36-41. (The entire 11th chapter of Daniel is explained in the article "Middle East in Prophecy.")

In Daniel 11 the last King of the North is pictured as occupying "the glorious land" Palestine (verse 41). This is the same region that the "little horn" of Daniel 8 is yet to control *in our day!*

In Palestine the final King of the North "shall come to his end, and none shall help him" (verse 45). The "little horn" of Daniel 8 also comes to his end in Palestine when he stands up against the "Prince of princes" (Dan. 8:25). Both these prophecies refer to the same event!

That "little horn"—the final "king of the north"—is about to manifest himself on the world scene!

The Final Fulfillment

This amazing prophecy of the 2300 evenings and mornings is yet to be fulfilled in our day. A great crisis is yet to occur in Palestine. After nearly 19 centuries a part of the tribe of Judah—the Jews—has come back to Palestine. In their war of independence

in 1948 they gained possession of the new part of Jerusalem, but the Arabs still control old Jerusalem. Not only Jerusalem, but the whole land of Palestine is divided. It is an armed camp likely to ignite at any moment!

Daniel 8 indicates that in the near future we shall literally see fulfilled this mysterious prophesied event for Palestine—"the daily sacrifice" and "the sanctuary" restored before our very eyes.

The Bible does not give the exact sequence of events—only the duration. We must watch world news to discover how and when it will happen.

Then will come World War III and the occupation of Palestine and half of Jerusalem.

A great European Church-State union will be in control of Palestine and the whole Western World. It will prohibit the truth. It will "cast down the truth to the ground." It will practice and prosper!

It will persecute and martyr God's Holy people. It will be allowed to tread Jerusalem underfoot and to prohibit "the daily sacrifice" at the sanctuary for 1150 days. It will substitute its own abominable, idolatrous rites in place of the evening and morning sacrifice. Je-

sus referred to this same event in Matthew 24:15. "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, STAND IN THE HOLY PLACE, (whoso readeth, let him understand;) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains... for then shall be great tribulation..."—climaxing in the second coming of Christ (verses 15-21).

The Gentiles will tread down Jerusalem for 1260 days (Rev. 11)—a period which includes the 1150 days. It is the time of the two witnesses who will prophesy in the streets of Jerusalem for 1260 days, then be killed, and—just *immediately before the return of Christ*—be raised from the dead in the sight of the people!

God will suddenly intervene in human affairs. He will put an end to this wicked idolatrous system. "The sanctuary *shall be cleansed.*"

We are very near the fulfillment of these amazing prophecies. It is time we wake up to world events and free ourselves from fables and traditions begun more than a century ago! It's time we believe the Bible and not false teachers! It's time we asked God for wisdom and ask Him to lead us and to show us *His Truth!*

Christian MANHOOD —

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though, they encountered a real crisis. On the island of Cyprus, a false prophet opposed them and was directly turning aside the proconsul or governor of the island. Then, "Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Spirit, set his eyes on him, and said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil..." Here Paul stepped forth and *handled this situation!* He opposed this false prophet with *strength of personality and dominance.*

He *took the lead*—and he had the "stuff" to back it up!

Then, in verse 13, notice the different *wording* of Luke in describing Paul and Barnabas and the others who were making this journey: "Now when *Paul and his company...*"

Now Paul was the LEADER—and he remained so throughout the book of Acts in dealing with the other apostles in the work to the Gentiles. He went *ahead*, not behind; he spoke *boldly*, not apologetically; and he acted *decisively*, not whimpering, hesitating or "wondering" like so many effeminate men today.

III. Wholeheartedness and Total Sincerity

Today is the day of "payola"—the day of the fast buck, the pay-off and the big lie. Throughout every phase of our society, people learn to deal in *half truths* and ambiguities. People learn to compromise, water down and *play down* what they say, think or do.

Politicians and college professors learn to deal in phrases like, "it would appear"; or, "perhaps I might suggest," and so forth.

People think you are *too* DOGMATIC if you say: "This is the way it is!" People today don't like to see someone absolutely *sure* of ANYTHING. They are suspicious of you if you are totally committed to any cause with all of your heart, mind and being.

Yet, this is one of the basic qualities God Almighty desires in His servants!

And it is one of the basic qualities of a *real* MAN.

The patriarch Abraham is called "the father of the faithful." He is one of the greatest servants of God who ever lived.

Notice one of God's basic instructions to him: "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Gen. 17:1). The original Hebrew for "perfect" actually should be translated *sincere* or *wholehearted*. God was telling Abraham to walk before Him and be *WHOLEHEARTED!*

Since David was a man after God's own heart, he certainly exemplified this characteristic. Notice Psalm 104:33: "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God *while I have my BEING.*"

Here, David exclaimed that *as long* as he had *life* and *breath* he would praise God! Throughout the Psalms, it is easy to see that David worshiped God with all his being!

Notice Psalm 119:97: "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation *ALL THE DAY.*" David certainly devoted himself wholeheartedly to seeking God's will and way.

And when David, being human, did make a mistake, he *repented* *WHOLEHEARTEDLY!*

Psalm 51 is reputed to be David's prayer of repentance after his sin with Bath-sheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah. Notice *carefully* the words of this psalm. *David does not spare himself!*

Today, most men would speak about their "little mistake" or their "white lie" or some similar expression. David talked about his "*transgressions*" and his "*iniquity*" and his "*SIN.*"

"For I *acknowledge* my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me," David cried. He told God that he could not forget about it—it was constantly haunting him!

Being the king and commander-in-chief of Israel, he could have told God that his sin against Uriah was a "small thing" against a very unimportant man.

But David *didn't do this*. Rather, he acknowledged: "Against *thee*, *THEE ONLY*, have I sinned, and done this evil in *thy sight...*" (verse 4).

At this occasion, David was completely wholehearted in his repentance to God. This is a constant characteristic with him in nearly everything he did. And this utter sincerity and wholeheartedness exemplified by David is a characteristic of any real MAN and LEADER.

In physical work—as in every activity—God says: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, *do it with thy MIGHT*" (Eccl. 9:10).

One of the things which makes Mr. Armstrong such an effective and powerful servant of God is that he concentrates his whole being on the task at hand. When he is thinking over the pros and cons of any important decision, it is on his mind *constantly*—day and night—and he is continually discussing it with others and getting multitude of counsel (Prov. 11:14). Whatever the project, he is working at it, thinking about it, talking about it, praying about it and concentrating his whole BEING on it until the decision is made or the job accomplished!

God wants every real man to be *WHOLEHEARTED* in what he thinks, what he says and what he does!

The kind of hemming and hawing, hesitating, apologizing, equivocating and back-tracking we see in so-called "men" today is pitiful to behold! Yet all of us are affected by the world around us, and we need the very help of God to become the kind of men we should be!

IV. Wisdom and BIGness of Mind

"*Wisdom* is the principle thing; therefore *get wisdom*: and with all thy getting *get understanding*. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her" (Prov. 4:7-8).

Wisdom is the ability to *get all the facts*—weigh them in the light of a *true understanding* of causes and effects—and make the *right decision* in any circumstance. *Wisdom* is the most

important single characteristic which every top leader of nations or companies must have.

Yet, it is becoming an *increasingly scarce commodity today!*

For God says: "The fear of the Lord is the *beginning* of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Prov. 9:10). Very few men on earth even remotely understand the PURPOSE of human existence—and far fewer make their decisions in life accordingly. In both physical and spiritual matters, few men have the intellectual *courage and wisdom to truly face the facts* and make a wise decision based on these and these alone.

For *lack of wisdom*, this entire earth could now become an incinerated relic!

One of the wisest human leaders of our times—a close personal friend of Sir Winston Churchill—was Mr. Bernard Baruch. He has been called "America's elder statesman" and "the counselor of presidents."

In his inspiring and helpful book *The Public Years* Mr. Baruch gives many, many examples of how to apply wisdom to situations that may arise in the life of any one of us. The following quote contains some foundational truths about this subject of wisdom.

Mr. Baruch was writing about definite *laws* governing human affairs. He stated: "But even when we discover basic truths about human affairs, it is another thing to overcome human failings—the greed, hatred, sloth, or whatever it is that keeps us from acting on those truths. In the laboratory, men follow truth wherever it may lead. In human relations, men have a supreme talent for ignoring truth, and denying facts they do not like. That is why the ancient messenger who brought bad tidings was put to death.

"We would all do well to echo Thomas Huxley's prayer: 'God give me strength to face a fact even though it slay me.'"

Yes, regardless of human emotions and feelings, a real man—especially a real LEADER—must learn to *discipline himself* to face facts—even though those facts are at times unpleasant. He must learn to understand the facts as

they relate to the ultimate purposes of life and make the *right decision* regarding any problem or crisis which may arise.

And a real man will learn to have a *BIGNESS* of mind which marks him as a man and a leader. An outstanding example of this is that of Abraham in his dealing with his nephew, Lot. This account is recorded in Genesis 13:8-13.

Abraham's Example

Abraham and Lot had both been blessed by God and were *rich*. There was strife between their herdsmen because there was not enough pasture for all the cattle (verse 7). So Abraham, *trusting God* and being *BIG* in his mind and breadth of vision said: "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left" (verses 8-9).

The account then shows how Abraham was actually *BLESSED* in this—even though it might have looked otherwise at the time. For the men of the plain where Lot dwelled were so wicked that God had to *destroy* this area whereas Abraham was left to carry on where he was. And (verses 14-16) God continued to bless Abraham for his obedience and kindness by promising him all the land he could see in every direction!

King David also exemplified this *BIGNESS* of mind over and over again. When King Saul was constantly trying to murder him, David had several opportunities to slay the king. Yet, he said: "Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless? David said furthermore, As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish" (I Sam. 26:9-10).

Even though it was being *misused*, David deeply respected the high OFFICE which Saul held. And he knew that *God* was behind that office!

Also, implied in David's actions and comments is the fact that David did not want to replace Saul through a furtive act of violence but only according to God's will. Therefore, he made it clear in verse 10 that it was up to God whether Saul lived or died regardless of what happened to David in the meantime.

The petty insults of Saul, the ill-treatment and even the threat of murder did not deter David from seeing the *BIG* picture. For David was a *real man* and a *leader*. He had *wisdom* and *BIGNESS* of mind.

V. Love, Compassion and Right Emotion

Some may think that masculinity is simply brute power—perhaps coupled with a cold wisdom and logical analysis. But this is a far from complete picture of true Christian masculinity—God's kind of masculinity.

For Almighty God made human beings capable of expressing the right kind of emotion. Too many men try to be the "strong, silent type." They have been trained to *SQUELCH* their emotions. They have been taught that to shed tears, show deep feeling and compassion, or even an outstanding display of uninhibited joy and laughter are all signs of weakness and femininity.

But they are *WRONG!*

One example of Jesus Christ showing the *right kind* of emotion is found in the eleventh chapter of John. Here is the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In verse 32 we see that Jesus is met by Mary and begins to get the "feel" of the absolute helplessness and hopelessness of human beings in the face of death. Like poor misguided sheep, cut off from GOD—they seem unable to comprehend the reality of their Maker and His ever-present help.

When Jesus entered this picture, so to speak, it moved Him to compassion. Mary was weeping, the Jews all about were groaning and weeping for Lazarus who was dead.

Jesus said: "Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see."

"Jesus wept" (verses 34, 35). Here

we see Jesus displaying emotion outwardly—showing the deep FEELING He had not only for Lazarus, but for these helpless human beings cut off from their God.

Notice Mark 1:40-41: "And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with COMPASSION, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean."

Over and over throughout the four gospels, you find the word "*compassion*" mentioned in reference to the *outgoing concern* and *love* of Jesus Christ. But most of us have been taught to SQUELCH this kind of *love* and *compassion*.

All of you male readers should read again the life of King David of Israel and his *deep expression* of emotion, compassion and love.

Notice the account of David's reaction when Abner—the captain of Israel—was slain by one of David's own men, Joab, captain of the host of Judah. Here was a situation somewhat like the American Civil War. Brother had been fighting against brother, and Abner—being an upright and valiant warrior—had come in the interest of love and humanity to make a just peace and league between the two warring factions of Israel. But earlier, in a direct provocation in battle, Abner had been forced to slay Joab's brother, Asahel.

So now, Joab had furtively stabbed Abner in a very deceitful manner (II Sam. 3:27). David did not feel—since the nations were still warring—that he could punish his chief general. But he also felt *deep compassion* for Abner and a great sense of LOSS at the death of this great warrior of the nation of Greater Israel.

So David said to Joab and to all the people: "Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and MOURN before Abner. And king David himself followed the bier. And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice and WEPT at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept" (verses 31, 32).

Here the king of Israel and the mighty warrior who had slain the lion now showed his humanity and love! He wept unashamedly at the utter tragedy of this wretched situation in the civil war of Israel and Judah. Remember again, he was indeed "a man after God's own heart."

The examples of God the Father Himself reveal Him as a MIGHTY God—yet a God of great mercy and compassion. "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him" (Psa. 103:11).

Then notice how God is like a father to all of us human beings—realizing our weakness and having pity and kindness for us just as a human father *should have* deep, outgoing concern for his own little children. "*Like as a father pitieth his children*, so the Lord *pitieth* them that fear him" (verse 13).

As a little child, I can well remember *my father* helping and pitying me. I can remember many times being carried upstairs or back to my bedroom and being put to bed by my father after a long family outing or fishing trip. I can remember my father having tears in his eyes when I was hurt or distressed and comforting me. I can remember my father kneeling by my bedside and praying with me. I can remember him encouraging me and

having compassion even when he had had to chastise me for a very good cause.

These are not weak traits. These are traits of a real MAN—a man who is like God the Father of us all!

Let no man think that he will be more of a man by squelching the outgoing love, compassion and RIGHT EMOTION which the Eternal God placed within the human personality!

But let *all* of us realize the great LACK of masculine leadership in our western civilization today! Let us realize that this is brought on in most cases by *ignorance* of God's ways and by direct SIN and callousness toward our fellow human beings.

Let every PLAIN TRUTH reader, every prospective Ambassador College student who is a male—let them learn to be MEN! And let the mothers, wives and sisters of all men *pray earnestly* that they may increase in the five masculine characteristics outlined above—*courage and strength; dominance and leadership; wholeheartedness and total sincerity; wisdom and BIGNESS of mind;* and, finally, *love, compassion and right emotion*.

For *any* man who learns to exercise these characteristics will be happier, stronger in every way, and more fit to live and rule as a KING with Jesus Christ in the "*world tomorrow*."

Family life needs the leadership of a masculine father.

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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER EIGHTY-TWO

"WE WANT A KING!"

THE immense gathering of Israelites at Mizpeh in the autumn of the year had resulted in many thousands repenting and pledging themselves to greater obedience to God. (I Samuel 7:6.) It was the season of the Feast of Tabernacles.

As soon as it was over the news came that a Philistine army was approaching. The people fell into a state of panic. They pleaded with Samuel to ask God to spare them from their enemies. (Verses 7-8.)

God Answers!

After Samuel had made certain that the Philistine army was indeed near at hand, he had a lamb prepared for a burnt offering to God. Samuel officiated at the ceremony. He had God's authorization to do so because the priesthood at that time had passed from Eli to himself.

(Although Samuel was not of the priesthood family, he was a Levite. He had been consecrated to God's service as a nazirite and trained in the priesthood by Eli. (Numbers 6:1-6; I Samuel 1:11; 2:11, 18, 26; 3:1.) Until a worthy descendant of Aaron could be trained in the responsibilities of the priesthood, Samuel served as priest, as well as prophet. Thus it was proper for him to make this offering.)

As the lamb seethed on the altar, Samuel prayed fervently.

"God of Israel, deliver your people here at Mizpeh from their enemies!" he cried. "You have seen and heard how they have come to admit and repent of their wrong ways. You have promised to protect the repentant and the obedient.

Now I claim that promise of protection for these people, and commit their lives into your merciful hands!"

Even before Samuel had finished praying, the Philistine army swept into the Mizpeh area intending to set upon the thousands of families camped there. Although many of the Israelite men were armed, they weren't organized or prepared to meet an onslaught by so many well-trained and determined enemy troops.

Just before the Philistine army came into view, the sky clouded over with alarming rapidity. The clouds were low, very dark and swirled about in a most unusual manner. As the attackers came almost within reach of the outermost tents pitched around Mizpeh, great bolts of lightning forked down from the brooding overcast, striking directly into the foremost ranks of the Philistines! (I Samuel 7:9-10.)

As the thunder roared, an earthquake shook the ground around the Philistines and threw their whole army into disordered confusion. Scorched and blasted bodies were tossed in all directions. Those near the front ranks who witnessed the blinding slaughter cringed back in stark fear, then turned to collide with and trample the troops behind them. This set off a disrupting chain reaction that carried all the way to the soldiers in the rear ranks. What had been a confident advance was turned to swift retreat, to the awesome roar of ear-splitting thunder!

This sudden turn of events was the cue for the armed Israelite men to act. Quickly banding together, they set out in swift pursuit of the fleeing Philistines. Those who had no weapons picked up weapons that were dropped by dying or fleeing Philistines. The enemy soldiers had just gone through a long, fast march, and were easily overtaken. In their state of fatigue they were no match for the Israelites. Not very many Philistines escaped the lightning—or the swords, spears and arrows of the pursuers.

Shortly after the battle, Samuel had a large stone pillar set up at the site of the conflict, which was a few miles north of Jerusalem. It was a monument to commemorate the help God had given them that day. (I Samuel 7:11-12.)

Samuel's Foolish Sons

This was the turning point in the struggle of Israel against Philistia. The Philistines had long since captured Israelite towns from Ekron to Gath, a distance of about fifteen miles in an area not far from the coast. Israel at last took the towns back. At the same time hostilities ceased with the Arameans to the east. They dwelt in the old land of the Amorites, whom Moses destroyed. The Arameans came to be known at this time in history by the name Amorites, because they dwelt in the land of the uprooted Amorites. (Verse 14, last part.)

All this was a reward from God because most of Israel had turned away from worshiping the idols of surrounding nations.

Samuel was the spiritual advisor to Israel for the rest of his long life—about fifty years. He didn't return to Shiloh because God had forsaken the city and the

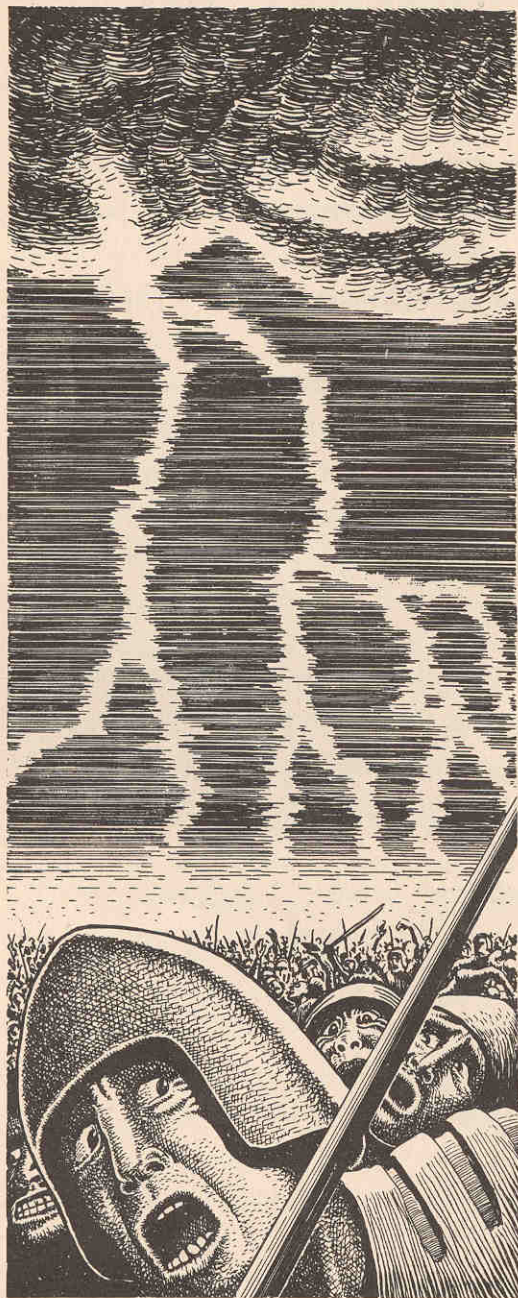
tabernacle. (Psalm 78:55-64.) Shiloh was destroyed during the trouble with the Philistines, although the Bible gives no detailed account of such a great loss. (Jeremiah 7:12 and 26:6.)

Samuel chose to live at Ramah, six or seven miles north of Jerusalem. There he built an altar to be used for sacrifices to God.

Every year Samuel moved his quarters for a time to the cities of Bethel, Gilgal and Mizpeh. This made it more convenient for people to contact him for matters of spiritual judgment. (I Samuel 7:15-17.)

After many years of such activity, Samuel began to feel the strain. Gradually he delegated more and more of his duties to his two sons, Joel and Abiah. He spent most of his time at Ramah, while his sons took over a large part of his work by establishing quarters in Beer-sheba in the territory of Simeon to the south.

Although Samuel had carefully reared his sons in the right ways, and felt that they were prepared to be assistant judges because of their ample training and ability, matters didn't work out as he expected. Out from under the watchful eye of their father, the two men began to take advantage of their



Blinding bolts of lightning stabbed down from the dark overcast, blasting the foremost ranks of the Philistines attacking Mizpeh!

positions by secretly taking bribes for judging some cases unfairly. (I Samuel 8:1-3.)

This corrupt practice was carried on for only a few years. While Joel and Abiah were becoming increasingly greedy and wealthy, a growing number of Israelites were unnecessarily suffering in one way or another because of injustice. Samuel had no knowledge of what was going on, or he would have acted at once to remove his sons and make amends for their unfair deeds.

One day a group of the leading men of Israel came to Ramah to talk to Samuel, who had no idea of their intention.

"We are here to protest the conduct of your sons at Beer-sheba," one elder explained. "We want no more of them. Instead of helping people, they have been harmful!"

"Sirs, I don't know what you are talking about," Samuel said in a puzzled tone. "Please explain what my sons have done."

"It would take days to tell of their wrongdoings," another elder observed. "We have found they aren't honest and just, as you are. If you were twenty or thirty years younger, we might be satisfied with you as our leader. But we need someone else—someone who can be more than a judge to Israel. We want the kind of leader that other nations have—a king!" (I Sam. 8:4-5.)

" . . . a King?"

Samuel could scarcely believe what he had heard. This sudden demand for a change in form of government was so startling that he forgot for the time being about the accusations against his sons. He carefully scanned the faces of those before him. It wasn't difficult to tell by their serious expressions that they were quite determined.

"Please excuse me a few minutes, gentlemen," he said. "I shall return shortly."

He went at once to a private room to pray. He realized that he needed God's advice on how to answer the elders.

"What must I say to these men?" Samuel earnestly asked God. "If I say that I will have no part in helping them with their impudent request, they will surely turn against me. If I so much as think of agreeing to their demands, that would be against your will."

"Don't be too upset over this," God answered Samuel, though the Bible doesn't explain how He communicated with him. "The elders and the people they represent do indeed want a king. It isn't that they don't want you as their leader. It's because they don't want *me*, their Creator, to rule over them. Ever since I brought the Israelites up from the land of Egypt, they have rejected me again and again by

rejecting the men I have chosen as leaders. During the past several years most of Israel has turned back to me in some degree. Now they are again going back to the ways of the pagan nations about them. You haven't known it, but your sons have given them cause to protest. They are using this as a reason for rejecting my government and demanding a change to a man-made form of government. If they insist on a king, that's what they deserve. Tell them they can have one. At the same time warn them what they can expect if a king is to rule them." (I Samuel 8:6-9.)

Samuel was most unhappy to hear about his sons' conduct and about the direction Israel was once more taking. As he had promised, he went back a little later to confront the Israelite leaders.

"I have taken your request to God," Samuel addressed them. "He isn't pleased with what you are asking, so He has decided to grant you something that in the long run won't really please you—a king!"

Feeble grins broke out on the faces of only a few of the elders. Samuel's manner of describing their so-called victory didn't seem to inspire cheerfulness in most of them.

"Now let me tell you what you can expect if a king is made the head of Israel," Samuel continued in an ominous tone. "In the first place, he will draft your young men into a great standing army. A king chooses whom he pleases for what he pleases. Many of your sons who are trained toward being master craftsmen in various pursuits will be forced into lesser careers in the bloody art of war. At the same time, many who have lesser ability will become military leaders.

"He will also take your young women to be bakers, cooks, maids, housecleaners, dishwashers and for every service for which a king and his princes and underlings have a need. Besides, he will choose your best fields, vineyards and orchards to take from you to give to those in high offices under him. He will demand a tenth of what all farmers and wage earners produce. He will take your servants and your animals if they are to his liking. Even some of you may become his lowliest servants. In time many will cry out in despair because the king has taken so much from them. In that day God will do nothing to help you because of the choice that you are now making." (I Samuel 8:10-18.)

God's Warning Ignored

There was silence among the elders following Samuel's warning. Then the men began to talk in subdued voices among themselves. After a period of discussion, a spokesman approached Samuel.

"We have considered all you have told us," he said to Samuel, "but we can't believe that any king of Israel would ever do as you have pointed out. You can't convince us that we won't be better off with a leader like the ones other nations have—one who is able to preserve order as well as successfully fight our battles."

Samuel sorrowfully surveyed the men before him. He knew that Israel would soon face her enemies, who were beginning again to make attacks at the borders. This was one of the reasons why the elders wanted a fighting leader. There was no need for a massive fighting force for the Israelites as long as they obeyed God, but they inclined to go their own ways and now looked to an army for protection. It is the same way in present-day Israel.

"Sirs, you will soon learn what will be done to carry out your unusual request," Samuel told the assembled leaders. "I trust you all will return safely to your various cities." (I Samuel 8:19-22.)

Shortly afterward, in the territory of Benjamin, an ordinary event took place that had a great bearing on Israel's future. There a man by the name of Kish, who owned a farm and raised fine donkeys, discovered that his mare donkeys and their colts had disappeared from his grazing fields. Fences around farms weren't common in those times—except for low stone walls around some of their vineyards, gardens and fields. Livestock often roved far away, sometimes to be recovered only after searching for them a long time.

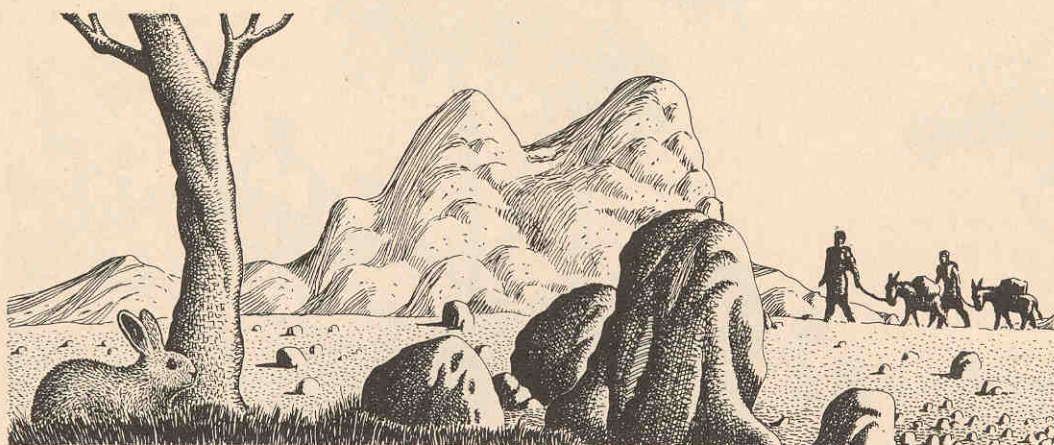
Realizing that his missing animals might be in some distant area, Kish decided to send his son Saul after them. The stock raiser was a large and powerful man, but his son was even larger. Young Saul had developed a strong physique in his years of labor on his father's farm, and towered to a height of about seven feet! Kish knew that if his son found that someone had stolen the donkeys, he wouldn't have too much trouble convincing the thief to give them back.

"Take provisions for a few days for both yourself and one of our servants," Kish told Saul. "Bring the animals back even if you have to search behind every hill in the high country of Ephraim." (I Samuel 9:1-3.)

Setting out with donkeys, Saul and the servant zig-zagged north through the territory of Benjamin and into Ephraim. There they turned back southeast to pursue a circular course through the rugged Mt. Ephraim and Benjamin area into the northern region of Judah.

God Leads Saul to Samuel

"We shouldn't waste any more time," Saul told his servant. "We have covered many miles and have been gone over two days and have accomplished nothing.



Taking a servant and donkeys, Saul set out to the north to try to find his father's missing livestock.

By now my father is probably much more concerned about us than he is about the donkeys. We should return home at once. Later we can look for the animals in other directions."

"I have a suggestion, sir," the servant said. "We are very near the city where lives the man of God who is Israel's prophet. If we were to visit him, he might be able to tell us where the donkeys are."

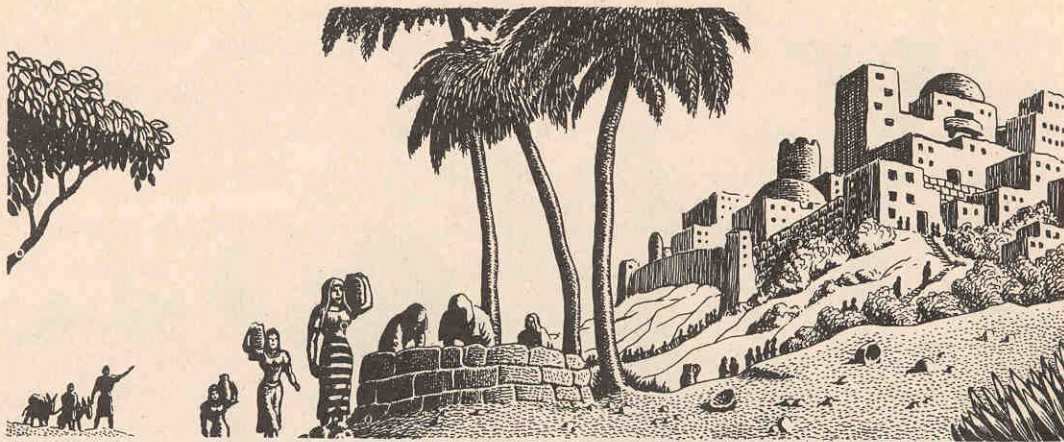
"Do you mean Samuel?" Saul asked. "Should we bother the leader of most of Israel with a matter such as ours? Besides, we have nothing to bring him as a gift. Even all our food is gone."

"Perhaps we have enough money to give him," the servant suggested.

There was little need for the two men to be carrying much money with them, inasmuch as they had brought what they considered sufficient provisions. All they could come up with was a quarter shekel, which would be equal to about fifteen or twenty cents. But it had good value in those times. Saul decided that it would suffice as a token of respect, and they set out to try to find Samuel. (I Samuel 9:4-10.)

Just outside the city they met some young women carrying water from a well. From them they learned that Samuel lived most of the time outside of town, but that he would soon be arriving to officiate at a special sacrifice that was to take place that day.

The day before this took place, God had spoken again to Samuel, informing him that about twenty-four hours later He would send him a young Benjamite to be the new leader of Israel and a staunch captain against the Philistines.



From young women drawing water out of a well, Saul learned that Samuel could be found soon among the people going up to the city.

"You won't recognize him when you see him," God explained, "but I will let you know who he is."

As Saul and his servant came into the city, they noted that other people were hurrying to the place where the special sacrifice was to be made. Among them was a well-dressed, elderly man with a friendly but dignified appearance.

"Sir, could you tell me where I can find Samuel, the chief of Israel?" Saul asked the elderly one.

Samuel turned to look. When he saw the young giant striding along behind him, he stopped and regarded him with unusual interest, wondering if he could be the one God revealed he was to meet. At the same instant he heard a voice. "This is the one who will soon reign over my people," the voice spoke. "Anoint him captain of Israel as soon as you have the opportunity to be alone with him!" (I Samuel 9:11-17.)

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Short Questions

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God means exactly what He SAYS!

Ask yourself, candidly: Does this description in Revelation 11 sound like the "two witnesses" are the *Old* and *New* Testaments of the BIBLE?

Does the Bible only prophesy for a period of three and one-half years? Is the Bible clothed in sackcloth? Does the Bible *itself* devour those who attempt to hurt it, shut heaven that it rain not, smite the earth with plagues? Has the Bible ever been "KILLED"—put to death, the "dead bodies" of

the Old and New Testaments lying in the streets? Sounds absurd, doesn't it?

After the two witnesses have been dead three and one-half days, God will resurrect them. They will hear a great voice from heaven and will RISE up to heaven *in a cloud*, in the sight of their enemies (compare I Thes. 4:16-17). Does that sound like the *Bible*?—being resurrected, standing on it feet, then rising into the clouds to meet Christ? Absurd!

No, Revelation 11 is a PROPHECY FOR THE FUTURE, climaxing at the second coming of Jesus Christ! This detailed prophecy does not refer, as some claim, to the First French Repub-

lic, in the days just before Napoleon Bonaparte, when atheistic France made war on religion. The "great city . . . where also our Lord was crucified" does NOT, by any fantastic stretch of the imagination, refer to Paris, France. The three and one-half days the two witnesses are DEAD does not refer to the years of "Bible-burning" during the French Revolution!

What this prophecy does mean is made plain in our free booklets *Key to Revelation*, *Revelation Unveiled at Last*, and the very important booklet entitled *Who Is the Beast?* We would be happy to send these vital booklets to you, free of charge, by return mail.

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

that truly God has a plan which some men know?"

Donavon R., St. Paul
Minnesota

"Would you kindly send my PLAIN TRUTH to my new mailing address. We are now operating in the Far East until the emergency in Viet Nam is over, and your magazine is so unbelievably true-to-life—we are actually living and experiencing what we read in *The PLAIN TRUTH*."

Joseph T. K., USNS
Chattahoochee

Ambassador College

"We were in Los Angeles recently and visited Ambassador College. The college is so beautiful, but what impressed me most were the wonderful young people. They were so friendly and considerate. I will never forget the goodness I could see in their faces. May God bless you and them."

Mrs. Nelson H., West Point,
Mississippi

Space

"I received my 'Space' book and think it is wonderful. Wish I could go—I think it would be better up there than here!"

Ollie S., Stockton,
California

• Now that you've looked at it, Ollie—how about reading it?

"I sincerely thank you for this marvelous book, 'Who Will Rule Space?' God will, to be sure. This book has such fine color pictures. I just could not put it aside; I had to read it from cover to cover. It is most interesting and filled with such positive truths."

Mrs. L.F.H., Los Angeles,
California

Book

"May I take this opportunity of congratulating you on your wonderful book entitled GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' I have read so many other books relating to some of

your titles, but candidly, the authors have not provided the proper answers. . . . I fully agree with you that medical doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists and social reformers have not supplied the right answers. Incidentally, I had the opportunity of reading this book from a friend of mine who shares the same opinion with me. I am by occupation a Prison Officer, married, and my duties basically the rehabilitation of prisoners and juvenile delinquents."

Reader, Malacca, Malaysia

Radio Caroline

"I can now understand how excited you all were in London when the Radio London programme came through for the first time. This does not come through clearly here, but my younger son said the other day, 'Hey, Mum, I'm sure *your* programme is on Radio Caroline.' And sure enough, it was. I was so overjoyed I could have cried, for my prayers had been answered. Radio Caroline blares forth from transistor sets along every promenade in the island all the summer, and also the 'Man' people listen, as it comes over better than any other station."

Lady, Isle of Man,
United Kingdom

Personal from the Editor

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tened themselves at the expense of the ruled, reducing their populations to pawns and serfs.

Education

Next we must examine EDUCATION. For it is the Mother which spawned the Scientists, Captains of Industry and Business, Politicians and Rulers, Leaders in Modern Society, and the Theologians.

Today's sick, chaotic world of violence is the product of its leaders. They, in turn are the product of modern Education. Education is defined (Encyclopaedia Britannica) as a system by which adult leaders of a Society inject their philosophies, ideas,

customs and culture into the minds of the growing generation. Education is, and has been through the centuries, essentially pagan in origin and character.

The 19th and 20th centuries have witnessed the absorption of German "Rationalism" into the educational bloodstream. There has been a dangerous drift into materialism and collectivism. God is ignored. Revelation is rejected. The ancient fad of Gnosticism—meaning "we know"—has been succeeded by Agnosticism—meaning "we *don't* know; we are *ignorant*." This IGNORANCE is glorified as "KNOWLEDGE." Professing themselves to be wise, have the "educated" become fools? (Romans 1:22.)

Modern Education trains students to earn a living in the professions, occupations and vocations—but fails to teach them *how to live!*

In modern Education we find perpetuation of FALSE VALUES, the teaching of distorted history, warped psychology, perverted arts and sciences, worthless "knowledge." A tree is known by its fruits. A mixed-up, unhappy and fearful world in chaos, divided against itself, filled with heartaches, frustrations, broken homes, juvenile delinquents, crime, insanity and violence; devoid of honesty, truth and justice; now facing extinction by cosmicide, is the fruitage of modern education. This decadent yet highly organized system will be replaced by the educational system of *The WORLD TOMORROW*. This already has been introduced, and, like the grain of mustard seed, already is beginning to spread around the world.

Science and Technology

Today's world looks with awe at Modern Science as the Messiah that will deliver it from poverty, disease and unhappiness—solve all its problems.

Science and Technology, teamed with Commerce and Industry, promise, by 1975, a magic push-button dream-world of leisure, luxury, and liberty. It promises fantastic devices to convert this world into a glorified heaven.

But has Modern Science revealed to the world the PURPOSE of life, explained its meaning, revealed the TRUE

VALUES? Has it brought WORLD PEACE? Has it delivered the world from poverty, famine, disease, and unhappiness? Has it ridded the world of broken homes, divorce, crime, insanity—or are all these on the upward spiral?

This tour, too, leads only to disillusionment. Science and Technology confine themselves to the realm of the material and the mechanical. True Values? Purpose and Meaning of LIFE? THE WAY to peace, happiness and JOY? Ah, we find *these* are not their concern. *These* are outside their field.

Let us look, again, to the fruits. True enough, we find accelerating invention and production of gadgets, labor-saving mechanisms, entertainment and amusement devices. But people have not been taught to put added leisure to beneficial uses. The fruitage here is increasing idleness, aversion to the happiness of work, covetousness. These are *false* values, which only *increase* unhappiness and evils. An increasing segment of adolescents become frustrated, staring into the face of a hopeless future. The leaders of Tomorrow are becoming the *beat* generation.

The *principal* contribution of Science and Technology has been the production of constantly more terrifying weapons of mass destruction. Push-button world? Yes, today either of two men could push a button, and destroy two whole continents, probably ending in the extinction of mankind!

Modern Science stands exposed as a FALSE MESSIAH—the Frankenstein Monster about to destroy us all!

Commerce and Industry

Our tour of the world of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY reveals an astonishing production that would cause people of only a century ago—could they come back to life—to look on it with incredible amazement!

The modern telephone, radio and television—the motion picture—the motor car—the streamlined railroad trains and steamships—the giant jet planes—the space flights—the gadgets and modern electrical devices—just to name a few.

Commerce and Industry are, each, a fast-moving, pulsating world of high-

geared activity. Are all of these productions bad? No, but most of them are being made to serve *bad* purposes as well as good.

And we find this vibrant, high-pressure field of activity *based* on competition and greed, appealing too often, in marketing its products, to vanity and wrong desires, utilizing dishonesty, misrepresentation, deception, unfair dealing. The motivating incentive is to give less, while charging more.

Is "honesty the best policy?" A recent magazine survey put this question to 103 business executives. An overwhelming majority doubted whether a strictly honest policy would enable a man to rise to the top in the business world. Only two answered "Yes," and one of these said he knew he was being naive. Here are pertinent comments: "People who don't get dirty don't make it." "In thirty years I've known of only three men who've reached executive positions cleanly, and I admit I'm not one of them." "The higher the executive is in the management ladder, the more likely he is to do some dirty work."

Our tour here discovers selfish motivation, disregard for public good, sharp practices, dishonesty, dog-eat-dog competition—NOT the TRUE VALUES that would give happiness to the world.

Governments

Now we view the governments over the peoples of today's modern world. And again, we meet with disillusionment. Today, as of old, the politicians who run the governments still promise great benefits, still pose as public benefactors, while fulfilling their own ambitions in their lust for power.

The modern world has produced three more or less new forms of government. Each promises peace, happiness, and prosperity for its people. In our lightning-quick tour, we view in brief the essential factors of each thus: United States and British-type "Democracy;" Swedish and French-type Modern "Socialism;" and atheistic Communism.

All three are predicated on the theory that every individual has the

right to share in the results of Science, Industry, and the modern life. All three are based on a system of Industry, and diffusion of Education. But what do we actually find? We find selfish, greedy men of excessive vanity, ambitious in their lust for RULE, scheming to get their hands on the throttle of POWER for personal aggrandizement and monetary gain. We find graft, immorality, deception, dishonesty, running rampant in high places.

Governments promise PEACE—but bring WARS! They promise benefits, while extracting from the people the PRICE of the benefits *plus* excessive costs of government. Government promises are EMPTY, while government treasuries are FULL. We fail to find, here, any knowledge of life's PURPOSE, or dissemination of the TRUE VALUES.

The Social Order

People think of civilization as an advanced, intelligent, well-ordered human society that is GOOD to the point of perfection. But is this world's civilization really good?

If the facets so far examined have brought disillusionment, surely the SOCIAL ORDER ought to be good. So now we pause briefly to have a look at that.

Do we find the Social Order of the western world based on understanding of life's Purpose and true Meaning, pursuing the True Values? Regretfully, we do not. In social functions and contacts—especially among the elite—we find a competition in snobbery and vanity, with class distinctions, racial prejudices, religious bigotry, and selfish motives. Look at amusements and recreations. The prevailing format in television and motion pictures is illicit sex, violence and murder. Twelve-to-fifteen-year-old girls hear the beat and see the wiggle, and give themselves over to a possessed frenzy. Children start "going steady" about 12 or 13, and a theologian-labeled "New Morality" becomes "understanding" about illicit premarital sex, adultery and perversion.

Juveniles stare in the face a hopeless future, accept designation as the "beat" generation, descend into delinquency, and in rebellion against Society

organize into gangs like the "Mods" and the "Rockers."

One in ten today is mentally sick. Crime and violence upsurge. Divorce stalks the Western world. Broken homes, immorality—the Social Order is SICK! It supplies no PURPOSE for life, knows nothing of the TRUE VALUES. If these are to be found we shall have to look further. . . .

Religion

Surely we should expect to find, at last, in RELIGION the knowledge of life's PURPOSE, the True Values, and the Right Ways.

Yet if we search deeply, with open mind, we find here the most sickening disillusionment of all! Shocking though it be, we find the religious organizations which profess the name of Christ teaching the very opposite of what He taught—condemning the customs He practiced—following, instead, the pagan customs He condemned.

The Churches of the Western world are divided and in confusion. They have not converted, saved, nor reformed the Western world. Methodist Bishop Hazen G. Werner is publicly quoted: "We have been dried out by the hot winds of secularism. We who are to overcome the world *have been overcome by the world.*" Harvard Divinity School's Dean Miller says: "The Church simply does not have a *cutting edge*" (it has thrown away the two-edged sword, the Bible!!!). "It has taken the culture of our time and absorbed it." Yale's Chaplain Coffin agrees: "We churchmen are gifted at changing wine into water—watering down religion."

But what is the REAL TRUTH?

You can PROVE the existence of GOD. You can PROVE the inspiration of the Holy Bible—as God's revelation and instruction Book to mankind. The churches have not received their teachings and practices from this basic AUTHORITY, as popularly supposed. Rather, they have, by *interpreting* it, endeavored to so twist and distort it as to read *their* human-devised teachings and pagan practices into it! Yet the Bible, taken without interpretation, *makes sense!* In it—and it alone—we find revealed the PURPOSE of human

existence, the MEANING of life, the TRUE VALUES, the RIGHT WAY!

Here, at last, we find the FOUNDATION—the starting point—of ALL KNOWLEDGE! Three unique colleges are founded on these priceless truths. Their students learn them, receive a broadened, balanced, true education. On the following pages you see THE FRUITS—surely a refreshing, rewarding experience!

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Then followed the main pictorial book itself, showing how Ambassador students learn, and recapture the TRUE VALUES—how they learn what is not taught at other colleges or universities, the PURPOSE of life, the real *meaning* of life, THE WAY to peace, happiness, success, prosperity, real satisfying—yes, even exciting and thrilling, *interesting* and enjoyable living—*abundant* living!

These are the reasons hundreds of students come from other colleges all over the world to one of the three Ambassador Colleges.

Of course the AMBASSADOR way of life is not always the *easy* way. It is *easier* to follow the vain, selfish, greedy *pull* of human nature than to find the true values and resist the false. But this self-discipline prevents a deal of regrets, remorse, frustrations, and paying the price of senseless follies later.

Ambassador students are not prudes—they are not naive—they give up nothing worthwhile. The men develop masculinity, the women feminine qualities. They study hard, they work hard, they play hard. They lead common-sense vigorous lives.

Ambassador Colleges are concerned, not only with the intellect, but also with *character* development, emotional maturity, the improvement of personality, a right sense of moral and spiritual values. Ambassador Colleges believe in the properly *balanced*, broadening, well-rounded *practical* education. Ambassador students are taught to find the *right goal* and to achieve it.

Ambassador students live in a physical environment of culture, quality, and beauty.

These are a FEW of the reasons motivating hundreds of students to come from the world's famous universities—

as well as hundreds just out of prep or high schools—to enroll as freshmen at Ambassador.

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Germans were drinking their beer, shouting with deafening throaty voices, holding their giant beer steins aloft as they shouted out a certain word in German which I could not understand. It was a little frightening, and Mrs. Armstrong and Shirl wanted to leave immediately. Nevertheless, it was quite an experience.

En Route to Switzerland

Sunday, June 24, we drove on southwest toward Zurich. En route we passed through a corner of Austria—had lunch at a restaurant in an Austrian town, probably Bregenz. The Bavarian countryside between Munich and the Austrian border was very scenic. We were impressed with the large farm dwellings, where the barns for livestock were part of the same building as the family dwelling. Their system of gathering hay also was something we had not seen before.

Then came a unique experience. We entered and crossed one of the tiniest little countries in the world, Liechtenstein. There was a certain amount of mountainous scenery, and a castle atop a small mountain.

But very soon we entered scenic Switzerland, and, between Liechtenstein and Zurich, one of its most scenic highways. Much of it was along two elongated lakes, the Walensee and the Zurich. There was just enough mountain scenery, combined with the beauty of the lakes, to make it breathtaking and exciting. The higher mountains, of course, are a little farther south. Switzerland undoubtedly offers the most stupendous, breathtaking scenery of any part of the world I have visited—and I have traveled completely around the world.

We merely spent the night in Zurich. A grand-scale festival was in progress, and we were only able to get our car within about two blocks of our hotel. We had to carry suitcases afoot through the throngs of happy festival

participants—many in native costumes. The gaiety lasted well past midnight. We viewed the excitement from our hotel windows, but finally were able to get some sleep after the noise and din began to subside.

Monday morning we walked up and down the Bahnhofstrasse—Zurich's main business street, and did some shopping for wrist watches. There I purchased the watch I have worn ever since, a Rolex Chronograph. It includes also, in addition to a second-hand, a stop watch, and an additional black hand which tells the day of the month.

Two little rectangle "windows" near the top even tell the day of the week, and the month of the year. Thus, as I now write, the little "window" at the left contains the letters "TUE" meaning that today is Tuesday. Yesterday it read "MON." This little "window" reading changes automatically every night at midnight. The window at the right has the words "JUL" meaning this is the month of July. This changes automatically after 31 days. But when a month has 30 days, or 28, then I have to move it up manually by punching a tiny button on the side of the watch.

When I purchased this watch, Dick solemnly shook his head in mock disapproval, saying, "It's no good, Dad. It doesn't tell what year it is."

Later, in the United States, a watch salesman in a large jewelry store told me the watch would have cost three times as much in America. I am constantly looking at it to check the date of the month. Every night, just before going to sleep, I turn on the stop watch. In the morning on awaking I shut it off and the stop watch tells me how many hours I slept. On long-distance telephone calls, I start the stop-watch when the call begins, turn it off as I hang up the receiver. By keeping an eye on elapsed time of the call, I know constantly how long I have talked—and this helps reduce the time of the call. I suppose this watch has paid for itself two or three times over, by reducing time and costs of long-distance and trans-Atlantic calls. While I am in England, it is necessary to keep in constant touch with



Air France Photo

Vacationers from many lands flock to the Bavarian Alps to enjoy the spectacular scenery and winter sports.

things at Pasadena and the Texas college.

Also, when traveling by air—which I have to do often—I set the stop-watch just as the wheels leave the runway, and then shut it off as they hit the destination runway. Thus I know, to the second, the actual flight time in the air. Of course this knowledge doesn't save any money—but it does make the flight a little more interesting. I have always appreciated this watch.

By noon on that Monday we arrived at Luzern in time for lunch.

Then we proceeded along the way of exciting scenery and beautiful lakes to Interlochen, arriving a little late for evening dinner. However, the kitchen staff hurriedly prepared a special meal just for us. Switzerland is just about as famous for its good cooking as it is for its fantastic mountain and lake scenery, its watches, and its trains which *always run on time*—"you can set your watch" by the arrival or departure of a train.

The Spectacular Alps

Next morning, early, we boarded one of the mountain trains which daily transport awe-struck crowds up

to the top of the spectacular Jungfrau, one of the highest peaks in the Alps. We changed trains twice, as the climbing became steeper, proceeding on cog-trains.

The steep journey winding upward is simply one breathtaking and exciting view after another. Cameras click constantly. Arriving at the top, we found it necessary to purchase specially dark sunglasses. The brilliant sun, reflecting on the glistening white of the snow and glacier is almost blinding to the natural eye on a cloudless day.

We had lunch in the large restaurant at the top—took the few tunneled side tours, and then started the slow descent on the cog trains. The afternoon was well spent on returning to Interlochen.

Wednesday morning we were back in our car resuming our journey. Retracing our way some little distance, we then proceeded east and south toward Lugano, which Mrs. Armstrong and I had visited in 1947. We passed through some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in the world. Arriving at the famous St. Gotthard pass, we decided to load our automobile on one of the flat-cars which the railroad makes available for that purpose, and

ride through the railroad tunnel, rather than drive the car on the winding figure-eight roadway over the mountain.

At Lugano we again contacted and visited Madame Helene Bieber, whom we had gone to Lugano to see in 1947. At that time we had visited Madame Bieber's villa, *Heleneum*, with a view to its possible purchase for the European branch of Ambassador College. We had envisioned this branch college in Europe even before the opening of the college in Pasadena. We then drove on to Milan, northern metropolis of Italy, for the night.

The next morning, Thursday, after visiting the great cathedral in Milan, we drove on to Genoa, on the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. I had read about Genoa even as a boy. It was exciting to visit it for the first time. We drove around the city a bit, had lunch there, and then proceeded west along the Italian Riviera. I had always heard a great deal about the Riviera. But when one speaks of the Riviera, he is speaking of the *French* Riviera, farther on west—especially that bit of coastline from Monte Carlo on past Nice and Cannes.

Bustling Italian Riviera

But we found the Italian Riviera one continuous winding coastline of jam-packed beaches, with a continuous congestion of town after town, and perhaps hundreds of Mediterranean-front hotels. Only these hotels were not the large, elegant, luxury-class hotels of Cannes and Nice, frequented by the rich of the world. The Italian Riviera, we found, was far more densely populated with pleasure-seeking vacationists than that of the French coast. But that was true because it is a much lower-cost type of resort area.

We found going quite slow along this Italian Riviera because of traffic congestion. We reached Monte Carlo by evening, where we had reservations for the night at a hotel. We took a brief walk through the famous (or should I say notorious?) gambling Casino. But you may be sure we did no gambling.

Next morning, Friday, now the 29th of June, we drove, first, up to the Palace of Monaco, which is ruled by Prince Rainier III. He had married the

American motion picture actress, Grace Kelly, April 18th, just a couple of months before our visit. As we approached the palace, atop a hill, we began to wonder why all visiting sight-seers seemed to be staring at us. We learned that, although we were not driving an expensive limousine, such as one would expect royalty to ride in, but just an ordinary car in the Chrysler line, Prince Rainier and Princess Grace drove the same model car we were driving!

Monaco is another of these very tiny nations. Its entire area is only one-half square mile! Its population is around 20,000, and that includes the city of Monte Carlo, a small city of only 9,500 resident citizens. But of course the hotel population of visitors swells that considerably. This little nation is entirely surrounded by France, except for the Mediterranean coast. Yet it has existed as an independent principality for 300 years! This miniature nation has no income tax. But it is one of the world's famed tourist resorts. It derives its government income from gambling at the Casino, the sale of postage stamps, the indirect taxation on money spent by tourists, and a tobacco monopoly. This made two of these very little countries we had visited this trip.

As we proceeded west toward Spain, we made brief stops at both Nice and Cannes, which we had never visited before. But we had no inclination to join the play-boy vacationers lolling around on the beaches in front of the luxury hotels. We continued on to Marseilles, France, where we had hotel reservations.

One interesting thing I remember about Marseilles. The Harlem Globetrotter professional basketball team was there. We did not attend any performance, although we assumed they probably were giving one there. But we had seen them at performances back home. They stage a hilarious performance. The things they can do with a basketball must be seen to be believed.

On Sunday morning, now July 1, we continued our trek along the Mediterranean, entering Spain, and arriving by evening at Barcelona. This was our first visit to Spain. It was necessary to visit

Spain because Garner Ted speaks the language fluently. We noticed at once something we had not seen previously, in other countries. Dictator Franco had his armed *gendarmes* stationed at frequent intervals along the highways.

At Barcelona we were put in one of the finest hotel suites I had ever seen. This was not of our choosing. American Express, London, had arranged all bookings. The bathroom off the room Mrs. Armstrong and I occupied had one of these elaborate sunken Roman baths. But when we checked out on Tuesday morning, the hotel office overcharged us rather outrageously—completely above the price quoted the Travel Agency. Protest did no good. This is somewhat of a European custom. But we had the consolation that we had enjoyed exceptional accommodations, at least. Barcelona is a city of about 1½ million people. We found it interesting, but I do not remember anything worth recording here.

Tuesday was another day of driving. Tuesday night we checked in at the Castelana Hilton Hotel in Madrid. It was a comparatively new hotel. Certain parts of the building were still unfinished. But we learned that certain parts of virtually all buildings in Spain are left unfinished. It seems to be custom that, once buildings are almost completed—sufficiently to be occupied, they simply never do get around to completing them.

Inside Spain

We found Madrid to be an exceptionally beautiful city of 2 million population. It has broad avenues and boulevards, with beautiful parking alongside, and the streets lined with imposing and beautiful buildings.

Dick had been there before. He had made the acquaintance of a young man of a family of the former nobility—prior to the Franco regime. This young man had visited Ambassador College in Pasadena, so we had all met him. We spent one enjoyable evening at the home of his widowed mother and two sisters. The mother was an accomplished pianist. They had a grand piano, and she played for us. Ted sang "Granada" as she accompanied.

The next day, July 4, our American

Independence Day, this young man—I believe his name was Francisco—arranged for a friend, Juan, to drive us out past the outskirts of the city—I believe the direction was north or slightly northwest—to one of the most unusual structural operations I have ever seen. General Franco was secretly building a *tremendous* Cathedral, to become a surprise gift to the Catholic Church. I'm sure there is nothing like it. It begins on the side of a small mountain. Actually this Church or Cathedral is a gigantic tunnel under the mountain, coming out on the far side of the mountain. As I remember it, it had a ceiling higher than any other room in the world—and it was unbelievably long. Also, it was being done in magnificent and ornate Cathedral style. We drove around the mountain to the rear entrance.

There, on level ground just beyond the far side of the mountain, was a most beautiful building. It was beautiful in its very plain simplicity. It had been built as a Monastery, which the Generalissimo had wanted to present as a gift to the monks. But the monks had refused to accept it. It was "too fine." The monks have taken a vow of poverty. They seem to feel they must live in surroundings so plain that they are gloomy, depressing, utterly lacking in anything fine and beautiful.

Incidentally, this very experience impressed on me an outstanding *difference* between Ambassador Colleges and other universities. Between the 6th and 12th centuries, the only colleges in Europe were the Cathedral schools and the monastic schools. The monastic schools were colleges for training the monks, usually if not always located in the monasteries. After the founding of the first modern-type university in the 12th century—the University of Paris—the monastic tradition seemed to cling to all educational institutions as an inviolable policy. That is the reason classrooms, libraries, study rooms, lecture rooms, halls, in so many colleges and universities have always been so excessively plain, foreboding, gloomy, depressing.

At the Ambassador Colleges we strive to create even a physical atmosphere of equality, character and beauty.

For example, in the college in Britain, where a majority of days during the school year are rather cloudy, dark, rainy, and the days are short in winter, we are inclined to select bright and even gay colors where suitable for our interiors. We find quality and cultural surroundings *much* more conducive to inspiring education than a bare, colorless, depressing atmosphere.

While shopping in Madrid we strolled into the lobby of one of the luxury European-type hotels. At a cigar-news-souvenir counter, we found a beautiful gaily-dressed Spanish doll of perhaps 14 or 18 inches in height. Mrs. Armstrong liked it, and I purchased it for her.

That started a hobby. Now Mrs. Armstrong continues collecting dressed-up dolls in various countries we have travelled through, usually in the native dress or costume of that country. Her doll collection has been used in elementary schools to help children understand about the people of other countries, and how they dress. We are now having built in her dressing-room at our home in Pasadena a long glass display case for her doll collection.

Incidentally, this installment is being written at the college in England, and some anonymous friend has sent her another beautiful Spanish doll from Spain.

The night of July 4 we were unable to sleep until long after midnight. In a hotel court below our window a group of Americans were celebrating Independence Day. The alcohol was flowing, and the voices were not only merry—they were loud! So even though we were far from America, there was a 4th of July celebration going on!

On Thursday, July 5, we started driving back north. We reached San Sebastian, in northern Spain on the Atlantic and near the French border, for lunch, and spent the night at the French town of Poitiers. We stopped off at Versailles on the way in to Paris.

The next day we were spending a quiet day in our hotel suite, when two significant events happened.

Planning Future Campaigns

It had been planned for my son Dick to hold a four- to six-weeks' evange-

listic campaign in a downtown hall in Fresno, California, shortly after our return home.

"Dick," I said, thoughtfully, "I've been thinking about this Fresno campaign. You and Mr. Meredith have a somewhat similar manner of speaking. Both of you have a sincere, driving type of speech, yet neither of you has the sort of dramatic flair that is just natural for Ted. And since Ted is now doing a good deal of the radio speaking, and he is well known to all the radio listeners who will attend—and since you are brothers, it seems to me you would attract a larger audience, and carry a more effective campaign, if you and Ted team up, instead of you and Mr. Meredith."

"Well Dad," returned Dick, solemnly, "I realize that Ted and I would provide more *variety*—more of a change in personalities—than Rod and I. But there's one reason why that's no good. Even though Ted and I have different personalities that complement each other—and even though we are more like 'kindred spirits' and have grown up together, and Ted and I enjoy being together more than with anyone else, actually we would not be good for one another on such an assignment.

"Let me explain why," continued Dick. "I don't see how any two brothers could be closer together, or enjoy being together, more than Ted and I, but you must remember that as we grew up together as close pals, that was before either of us was converted. We were completely carnal. We didn't tell you, then, but the truth of God, to us, was just 'Dad's religion,' and we were prejudiced against it. While I was in college, and being converted to see and accept the TRUTH, Ted was in the Navy. When he came back and entered college, and was converted during his first college year, I was spending most of the time in England and in Europe. Actually, since we have both been converted, and our whole lives pointed in a different direction than formerly, we have seen very little of each other.

"Now if we should be thrown once again so closely together, when virtually all our companionship together

was back during our carnal years, there would be a terrific temptation to revert back to carnal ways. We just would not be good for one another, under those conditions. When one receives God's Holy Spirit—receives the divine *nature* implanted within him—the old human nature does not fly away. It's still there, exerting its temptations and its *pull* in the wrong direction. We have to *resist* that pull. We have to *follow* God's Spirit. We make our own choices. As many as are *led* by God's Spirit are the sons of God. We have to continually fight our own selves—our old carnal human natures—we have to daily just 'nail it up to the cross,' as Paul explains.

"Now Rod and I don't fit together as naturally, as 'kindred spirits,' as Ted and I. But Rod is stronger in that one respect where both Ted and I have to continually fight our own natures. He will never neglect prayer or Bible study. Ted and I *don't dare* neglect it, but we have to fight a stronger *pull* in the direction of that neglect. Ted and I would have to constantly fight reverting back to old carnal ways that became the habit of many years. I don't mean we couldn't resist the temptation. I don't mean we actually *would* pull one another down. But I honestly feel it's better that I have with me an influence that would make me feel ashamed to neglect prayer or constant Bible study. And it's better for Ted to be teamed with those who have strength where we both might have weakness—and where, probably, *we* have strengths where *they* may be weak. And in that way we help pull one another *up*, instead of down. If temptations come, I'll fight them. But I don't think it's best to deliberately *put* temptation before us."

I have recorded that incident here, because it gives an insight into his character and his sincerity. He would have enjoyed being with his brother more than with anyone else. But he felt the campaign would do the people more good, and produce better results, with the constant prayer he knew would be maintained, when teamed with Mr. Meredith, than *if* the temptation to neglect it became too strong if teamed with Garner Ted. He was

more willing to sacrifice personal pleasure than chance the results of letting down spiritually.

And my son Richard David kept this prod on himself, and continued to overcome and *grow spiritually* to the day of his death—just seven years ago, as I write. And also my younger son, Garner Ted, has put the same constant prod and drive on himself.

A year or more ago, I noticed that, although all of our ministers do accept without question any correction from me deemed necessary, yet Ted actually has accepted it even more readily than any other. I mentioned it to him.

"Well, Dad," said Ted, "I'll tell you why. You are my human father. Human nature is still in me. It's human to resent one's father, especially when it's a matter of correction of authority over one. I have simply realized it would *naturally* be more difficult for *me* to take orders or accept discipline from you, than any of our other men. To offset this, Dad, I pray earnestly, *every day*, for God to help me and give me the grace to be properly submissive, respectful, and obedient, as God's Spirit *in me* will do."

And that is one of the reasons that the living Christ uses, and blesses with overwhelming results, the work of Garner Ted Armstrong. Today he speaks to and influences more people, possibly, than anyone on earth. Nearly 30 million people hear his dynamic radio broadcasts every week, around the world. Critics and hostile persecutors can't seem to understand why this Work of God is so prospered—why it grows so rapidly and constantly in scope and power. This dedication—this selfless submission to be USED BY THE LIVING JESUS CHRIST as His instrument—may help the reader to see the real answer.

But another event, extremely painful for a brief couple of hours, also happened that same day in Paris.

As the family sat together, reading the Bible and talking, something came up—I do not remember what—that brought sharp disagreement from Garner Ted. Ted was wrong, but to my surprised and greatly pained realization, was refusing to admit it. Accordingly, I persisted on the point—what-

ever it was. Instead of admitting he was wrong—which was obvious—Ted allowed himself, for the first and only time since his conversion in my presence, to get into a wrong and antagonistic attitude. I did my best to make it plain and restore him to a right spirit. I did not succeed. He became stubborn, resentful.

I suffered, in a way I seldom have in my life. Here was my son, being used by God as an instrument speaking part time on the air with me. Unless he changed his attitude, and repented of it, I knew he would be used no more.

With heavy heart, I left the room, walked into the bedroom occupied by Mrs. Armstrong and me, and locked the door. I knelt in prayer. I begged God to do what I had been unable to accomplish—to restore Ted to a right attitude. I hoped Ted would knock on my door, repentant—but he didn't. There was a second door opening out to the hallway. So I quietly slipped out, descended to the lobby below, and walked several blocks around Paris streets. It seemed like one of the most serious and crucial crises that had ever struck the Work of God in our time.

Finally I went back, and quietly entered our bedroom. Again I prayed, and read the Bible.

Then finally, there was a knock on the door. It was Ted. His eyes were wet. "Dad," he said, "I couldn't stand it any longer, and finally I had to go into my bedroom and pray. And as soon as I knelt in prayer, I realized how wrong I was. I'm terribly sorry, Dad—*please* forgive me! I've already asked God to forgive me and help me never again to get into a wrong spirit."

And I have never seen Garner Ted Armstrong in a wrong spirit since. Perhaps *that* was when his earnest *daily* prayers to be kept in a respectful and obedient attitude toward both his heavenly Father and his human father began.

It does give a father great satisfaction and gratitude and rejoicing to see his sons *succeeding*—and in my case, succeeding *spiritually* in overcoming and developing as well as producing more visible results.

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crete into nothingness. This crater would be a little over a mile wide. The fireball of this weapon would not be a few yards wide but *four and a half miles!* The blast effect of this weapon would cause *earthquakes*. The winds created by its blast would be in excess of 1,000 miles an hour—ten times hurricane speed and more!

Heat and thermal-radiation would burn the clothes off a human being at 20 miles and cause exposed skin to be scorched at 45 miles.

Can you BELIEVE this? Or is it too awesome for you to conceive? Those who find themselves in the safety of shelters would soon be destroyed by asphyxiation, because the all-consuming fires that come in the wake of the explosion would consume every last atom of oxygen. Three out of four New Yorkers would be killed outright by the raid—within the first few days at least 7,000,000 would die!

Civil Defense officials have written off New York's *chance* of survival in a nuclear raid. There *is* no escape and New York is only *one* city.

Secretary of Defense McNamara states unequivocally, "However, nothing the nation can now foresee could reduce total United States casualties much below 80,000,000 fatalities in the event of an initial attack upon American cities in a general nuclear war."

Between the Soviet Union and the United States there is enough stored nuclear power to destroy life from off this earth *twenty-five times over!* And *that is exactly what WOULD happen*—mankind would commit suicide—*cosmo-cide*—*IF it were not for the merciful God Who created us! He will intervene just in time to save us from extinction* (Matthew 24:22).

Weapons Are Made to Be Used

In all history weapons have never been created that have not been *used*. There are madmen at the helms of governments in this world who are willing to destroy *all life* in a gamble to *rule* the earth. No, the bomb which

exploded in Hiroshima did *not* teach the nations of this world the proper lesson—that they should not *toy* with this unbelievably destructive power. It only spurred them on to create super-destructive weapons which are beyond the imagination of even the men who have created them!

Supermissiles and gigaton bombs—bombs with enough power to ignite a city from an altitude of 250 miles!—neutron bombs, death-ray weapons, anti-matter weapons, poison gases and saturation doses of disease germs in biological warfare. And that weapon openly called the *doomsday machine*—a thermonuclear weapon of such proportions as to destroy an entire nation!

The list could go on and on, but I hope you can see how *very real* a danger you live in in this hellbent, Satan-deceived and God-forsaking world you live in. If the kind-hearted, loveable, happy-go-lucky, easy-going Americans could unleash a Hiroshima-hell, I'm sure you can see that the bent and depraved, demoniacal and twisted minds of the mentally sick and power-crazed dictators of the totalitarian powers of this earth would be *every whit capable* of unleashing these superweapons on mankind—even if it meant *their own destruction*.

The Nuclear Club—nations holding nuclear power—is growing larger every year. Four nations now stand armed with nuclear might. Another is just beginning. Twenty other nations stand at the threshold wondering whether to take that step in *self-defense*.

China recently took its first step and is determinedly aimed toward the buildup of a big enough arsenal to conquer the world. India is talking about her own bomb—so are Indonesia, Sweden, Switzerland, Israel.

In the face of facts like these, as much as the *Japanese* people shudder at the thought of nuclear weapons—since they were the first victims to suffer their devastating effect—they *cannot* sit idly by while the rest of the nations of the world arm themselves! Japan is right now *ten times as capable of producing atomic and hydrogen weapons as is China*—and before another decade is out she *will* produce them, **AND USE THEM!**

And Now Germany!

On this twentieth anniversary of the destruction of Hiroshima comes a shocking statement from the West German government. *Germany*, the primary instigator and scourge of two World Wars, is *openly seeking nuclear weapons!* She states she will *buy* them on the world market—but if she cannot *buy* them she is as capable as the United States of producing all the weapons she thinks she needs.

It has been twenty years since that first bomb was dropped, but world events and the prophecies of your Bible boldly proclaim that another ten would not pass before every nation which has an atomic capability would be *using* it in vengeance and hatred against its neighbor if God did not intervene.

Utter Doom Without God

The only picture that can be painted of this world in its future is a picture of doom and utter destruction! But that picture is without God. Despite the fact that mankind as a whole has not only *ignored* but completely *defied* its living Creator, *that great God* is so *merciful* that in the face of every abomination mankind thinks to commit against Him, *He will intervene just in time TO SAVE MAN FROM HIMSELF!*

Just before mankind commits cosmo-cide the Almighty God of Creation, the God of all power and glory and government will return to this earth and establish *REAL PEACE for the first time in its history!* But *before* that happens mankind will have to learn the most brutish lessons of his history, bringing himself to the brink of total destruction, *a situation man will never forget!*

It has been twenty years since that first bomb was exploded at Hiroshima—twenty years from now your Creator will have established a world government—the Kingdom of God—here on this earth. For the first time mankind will be living in peaceful productivity in the happy World Tomorrow! Pray that *you* may escape the horrible things prophesied to come to pass *before* that happy day. Pray that *you* may be one of those who receives Christ with *joy* at His return! (Luke 21:36.)



Wide World Photo



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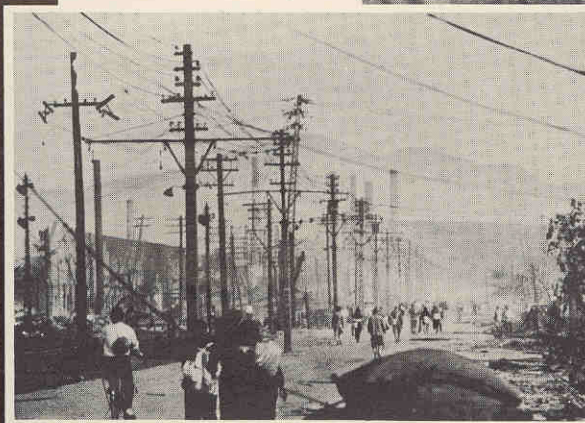
Panoramic view of fiery desolation of Hiroshima, Japan one year after the bomb.

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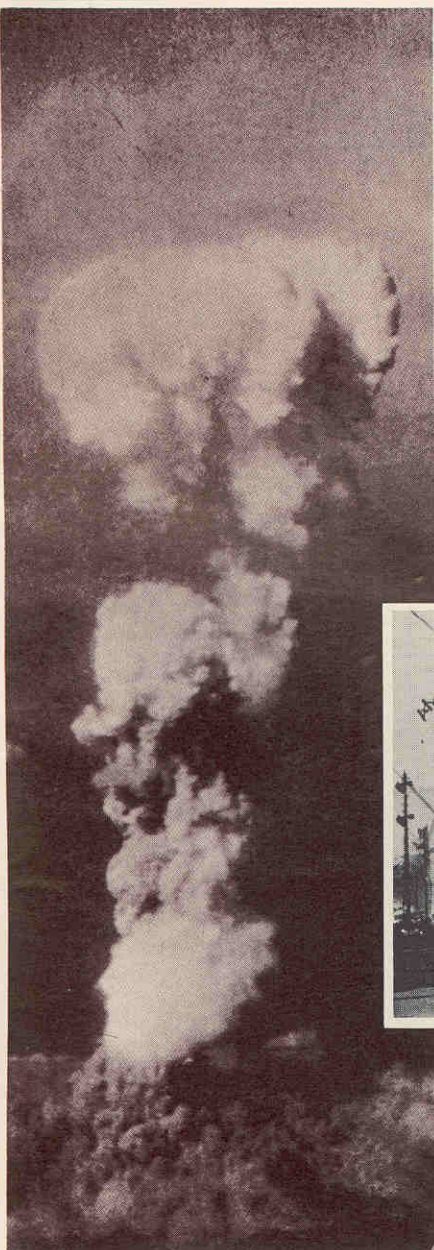
Will it happen again? Is there a way of escape—a way to bring universal peace for all? Read the accompanying article for the surprising answers.

Wide World Photo

Right, healing scars typical of Hiroshima Atom Bomb victims.



Nagasaki, Japan—after Atomic Bomb blast of August 9, 1945.



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