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Trouble behind Iron Curtain *where is it leading?*

Growing discontent in eastern Europe causes savage Communist purges. Stalin is slowly losing his iron grip. What does it mean? How will it affect U.S. foreign policy?

by Herman L. Hoeh

FROM behind the Iron Curtain, news reports are bringing warnings of increased dissension and strife in Soviet-conquered nations. Eastern Europe is being swept by a rising tide of resistance which has provoked Stalin into sending his cleverest representatives to strengthen Russia's rule.

Stalin needs the organized manpower and industrial potential of his European satellites to continue his cold war against the West. The question is *how long* can he maintain control? Will dissension in Communist Party ranks in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania produce new "Titos" who will repudiate Moscow?

Is the change in American foreign policy going to alter political conditions in Soviet countries?

WHY Conquered People Resist

Russia is forcing her satellites to maintain huge standing armies as a threat against the West in the cold war. These countries are forced to bear the tremendous expense of their armies at a time when manpower could be used to rebuild their war-wrecked economy. Much of the industrial and agricultural production of Eastern Europe is being sent to Russia as a result of cleverly

planned one-sided trade agreements between the Soviet and her satellite countries.

Living standards have been greatly reduced. Private business has been systematically attacked. Land owners resent having their estates broken up. Parents have their children forcibly removed. In order to retain their ecclesiastical offices, the clergy has been forced to swear to uphold the State.

Is it any wonder that the people resist, cut down production, destroy their crops, refuse to obey government directives?

Purge Trials Provide Scapegoats

To keep the people's minds off the declining living standard, Communist rulers are providing "scapegoats." Party leaders understand enough about human psychology to know that people will forget many of their problems if they have someone else to blame for the poverty that exists.

The only question is whom the Communists will blame.

Communist party leaders are constantly jockeying for power and control. As a result of this rivalry, some leaders are able to gain enough power in their hands to enforce their personal dictates.

In order to liquidate their opponents, they accuse them of crimes against the State, of treason, of bribery and failure to follow the party line. Since their opponents have usually held important government positions it is an easy matter to make the people believe that these "deviationists" have been responsible for the decline in production and the failure of the Communist regime to fill its promises.

This is what recently happened in Czechoslovakia where fourteen high ranking Communists were tried and eleven of them hanged in Pankrac prison in Prague. It is hard to imagine anything more diabolical than the Communist lust for power which betrays even the closest friendships.

Klement Gottwald, the present dictator of Czechoslovakia, has introduced an entirely new phase in Communist plotting. Eleven of the fourteen opponents whom he arrested over a period of three years were Jews and hence accused of "Zionism." While pretending to be a friend of the downtrodden and the persecuted, Gottwald and other Communists have used the Jews merely as convenient tools to be discarded when they have served their purpose.

In order to keep himself in power,

Gottwald had to find someone to blame for the corruption in Czechoslovakia. Since several of his Communist opponents were Jews, he perceived it would suit his purpose to arouse anti-Semitism among the people. Although only a few Jews were Communists, the remaining thousands are mostly business men. It was a simple matter to propagandize the workers into believing that the Communist Jews were collaborating with American capitalists and Jewish business men the world over. This lie was intended to cement Gottwald's hold on the masses more firmly and make him appear as a friend of the people.

It is also part of a direct attempt on the part of Moscow to woo the Moslems and keep Palestine and the Middle East in turmoil. Stalin is trying his best to divide and weaken the West so that he can finally seize the world.

Real Meaning Behind Communist Dissension

This struggle for power within the Communist ranks is far more ominous than most of you realize. It is destined to remake the map of Europe—and of America!

The mysterious controversy in Czechoslovakia is essentially between Communist *government* leaders and those who control the *party*. Dictator Gottwald, the head of the government, emerged supreme. Rudolf Slansky, the Secretary General of the Czech Communist Party and a close friend of Stalin perished on the gallows along with ten co-defendants.

But why should Slansky, who always followed the party line from Moscow, now be delivered up by Stalin to Dictator Gottwald? It was Gottwald and not Slansky who often deviated from the party and was accused of NATIONALISM.

Here is what happened behind the scenes. Stalin knew trouble was brewing. Not daring to risk the loss of Czechoslovakia's industrial potential, he sent a representative to Prague to settle the differences and keep the country behind the Iron Curtain. Gottwald told him that Czechoslovakia was in such serious trouble that unless the Soviet would permit a limited nationalism, the country could not be depended upon to support Russia.

Stalin had to face realities. He knew he couldn't force the people to increase economic and military aid while their living standards sank lower and lower. Gottwald promised to keep production at its present level so long as Stalin allowed Czech Communists to run the country the way they wanted. The Russian dictator saw that his most *practical* choice was to accept the *nationalistic* at-

titude of Gottwald and so Slansky had to be eliminated.

Once again prophecy is being fulfilled. NATIONALISM IS RISING IN RUSSIAN-CONTROLLED EUROPE AND IS DESTINED TO BREAK THE IRON CURTAIN!

Tito's Yugoslavia has already escaped. And now Gottwald's Czechoslovakia is developing a nationalistic spirit. At the present, Gottwald is content to string along with Moscow. One might call his brand of Communism "controlled Titism"—limited deviation from the absolute rule of Moscow.

As long as Gottwald keeps delivering the goods to Russia, and as long as there are scapegoats to confess plotting against the people, the masses will yield to the Czech dictator's control and remain behind the Iron Curtain. But when he can't keep production at its present level, and resentment against Russia builds up, there will be serious trouble.

How New U. S. Foreign Policy Will Affect Europe

The new administration in Washington is already planning a number of vital changes in foreign policy for eastern Europe. Up to now the policy of the government has been to *contain* Russia—to keep her from spreading. Our leaders have been on the defensive, letting Russia make the first moves, and then trying to block her. The conflicts in Korea and French Indo-China are a direct result of this fruitless policy.

Now all this is going to be changed. The new Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, has a new policy planned which will *roll back* the Iron Curtain.

He intends to "dislocate by *peaceful* measures the internal structure of the Soviet Union." Through propaganda, the encouragement of resistance and the help of Radio Free Europe, our new administration plans to *liberate* the countries of eastern Europe by peaceful means.

Though it may take a few years, *prophecy shows this policy will succeed!*

There is to arise in Europe a union of ten nations—dictatorships—that will restore the Roman Empire for the last time. (Rev. 17:12-14.) Since there are not yet ten antidemocratic nations in Europe to form this union, some must inevitably be liberated from behind the Iron Curtain.

Europe Resents U. S. Interference

What our leaders have not yet learned is that many Europeans resent American capitalistic domination. Tito is not a friend of America even though he wants our aid. Franco's Spain is still fascist. Germany has not been converted to Democracy. European countries want our money but think we are using them

as puppets to fight our war against Russia. Countries which will be liberated in Eastern Europe *will pretend to be our allies only as long as we have the money to support them.*

By our new foreign policy, paradoxically, WE ARE SEALING OUR DOOM!

Instead of remaining loyal to the cause of democracy, the very Europe that we are helping to unite will transform itself into a *third force* in the world, holding the balance of power between East and West—a force prophecy says will suddenly attack and destroy the United States and Britain—the descendants of the House of Israel (Isaiah 47:6).

America to Be Invaded!

The coming United Europe that is going to astound and shock the world is described in Revelation 17 as the "beast"—the last revival of the Roman Empire. It will be a union of ten nations, *dictatorships*, that will give their power and allegiance to a supreme authority. They will last until the second coming of Jesus Christ (Revelation 17:13-14).

Notice that a "woman rides the "beast." This coming union in Europe will be under the direction of a *great false church*. In Ephesians 5 and II Corinthians 11, a "woman" is symbolically used to signify a church.

The coming union will be a *revival of FASCISM and NAZISM*. Because this United Europe will be ruled by the church, called "Babylon the Great," the whole system—religious, political and economic—is called "Babylon" in prophecy (Rev. 17).

Now notice what God says through the prophet Isaiah about "Babylon": "I was wroth with my people (the United States and Great Britain), and gave them into thine (Babylon's) hand: thou didst show them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke" (Isaiah 47:6).

This prophecy is not speaking of ancient Babylon of Nebuchednezzar's time. It is *the daughter* of that Babylon (verse 1). IT IS ABOUT THE BABYLONISH SYSTEM THAT GRIPS THE WORLD TODAY. Read the entire 47th chapter and you will see that it is talking about today's "Babylon the Great" (Revelation 17).

The soon-to-emerge Fascist United Europe will attack God's people Israel and enslave them until Christ returns as their Deliverer (Jeremiah 30:8,9). If you haven't yet read the amazing and startling proof that America, Great Britain and the Democracies of Northwestern Europe are the *descendants of the House of Israel*, be sure you write immediately for the free booklet, "United States in Prophecy," which explains our racial identity.

Who—What—was Jesus *before His Human Birth?*

*This question has puzzled theologians for centuries: Was He God—
Was He Angel—Was He Spiritual Essence—Did He Exist Only in
the Plan, Thought, and Purpose of God?*

by Ted Armstrong and David Jon Hill

DID CHRIST exist prior to his Human birth through the virgin Mary? Was he God? Was he actually born in HUMAN flesh? Or . . . was he born of a divine mother, immaculately conceived? What does the Bible teach on this vital subject?

We cannot know the answers to these questions until we first realize just what—or who—is God. Is God a Person . . . an Essence . . . or only a Principle or an Idea?

The word "God" is grossly misunderstood. Men have always liked to "create God in their own image" by putting their own interpretation on the meaning of the word "God." Here—from the Bible—is the real meaning of this word.

In Genesis 1:1 the original Hebrew word translated "God" is "Elohim," the plural form of the Hebrew word "El" or "Eloah" meaning mighty one. This word is plural—it means **MORE THAN ONE**. However, it is not a plural like boys or girls but rather a uni-plural word like church or family. There is one God, but composed of **MORE THAN ONE MEMBER**.

Scripture Reveals God NOT One Person

First, let's read Genesis 1:26 which says . . . what? Read it!

"And God said, Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness . . ."

Do you think God was talking to Himself? Notice what God continues to say, "And the Lord God said, Behold the man is become as one of *us* to know good and evil . . ." Notice it—God said ". . . the man is become as **ONE OF US** . . ." God could not have said **ONE OF US** if there were only one person composing God.

Now, for the final clincher, let's turn over to 1 Samuel 4:8. The Philistines had heard a great cry which went up from the camp of the Hebrews when the ark of God had entered the camp . . . and they were afraid—so read on. "Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? These are the Gods that smote the

Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness." That certainly finishes it—**THESE ARE THE GODS!** Meaning plural—not one person, but more than one, forming and composing God who is a **KINGDOM**.

Is God a Trinity?

If the family of God has more than one member does the Bible reveal just how many persons are in this family? Is it a trinity composed of three members—Father, Son and Holy Ghost?

To begin with, the word "Ghost" should be translated "Spirit." When the King James version of the Bible was translated in 1611, people firmly believed in ghosts. Due to this fact, the words which should have been translated "Holy Spirit" were translated "Holy Ghost," thus giving this most sacred word a wrong connotation.

Christ himself, in unmistakable words, reveals just how many persons there are in the family of God. "No man (or person) knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." (Matt. 11:27.) How many persons mentioned? Only two, the Father and the Son. If there were another member of the Godhead, he would certainly know both the Father and the Son, would he not?

Now consider—is Christ the Son of God? As he is the Son of the Person he called the Father, and if the Holy Spirit is a separate person, he couldn't be the son of the Holy Spirit could he? And yet your Bible plainly says that before Joseph and Mary came together ". . . she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." There it is! If the Holy Spirit were a separate person in the family of God, then Jesus is the son of **THAT** person and **NOT** of the Father!

The truth is that the Holy Spirit is *not* one of the Persons of the Godhead, but is the substance of which those who are in the Godhead are composed. "God is a Spirit . . ." (John 4:24.) There is only *one* Spirit which composes God

but God is a family of *more than one person*. Just as we humans are composed of flesh and blood (material substances) so the family of God is composed of Spirit . . . the Holy Spirit. Just as we use the power of material muscle to carry out our human plans so the family of God (Elohim) uses the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the divine plan.

If Jesus is now part of the family of God, when did he achieve that status?

How Jesus Became a Son of God

Let's examine the statement made in John 1:1. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." In the original Greek the "Word" is "Logos" which means one who speaks—a spokesman—one who personifies the very words of God.

According to John 1:3, it was the "Word" which made all things. Therefore he had to exist before anything else (Eph. 3:9; Col. 1:10-19). God created all things by Christ, who employed the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father gave the order to Christ who spoke the words which were executed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Again—we read in Malachi 3:1. "Behold, I will send my messenger . . . even the messenger of the covenant." A messenger is one who brings a message—a spokesman—a "*Logos*."

When this promised Messenger came he was called Jesus. That was his human name just as John or George or James might be your name. However while your parents might have named you anything that sounded good, there was a reason for the name Jesus. The angel told Joseph that he should call his name Jesus because he should save his people from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

God always names people what they are. When the Devil was a shining archangel his name was Lucifer which means "Light-bringer" or "Shining star of the dawn." When he rebelled, his name was changed to fit his new character so.

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IS *all* ANIMAL FLESH *good food?*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Though we occasionally publish articles on this subject, hundreds of letters continue to ask for the plain truth about "clean and unclean meats" for this present time. Therefore we reproduce below an article from the October, 1948, issue of "The Plain Truth"

by Herbert W. Armstrong

AFTER thousands of years of human experience on earth it seems there still is *nothing* people know less about than food.

Observe a little baby. It seems to think that anything and everything its little chubby hands can get into its mouth is good to eat—and everything baby gets his hands on goes straight to his mouth! How often must young parents take things away, and try to teach the lovely little bundle of humanity that everything one's hands can touch is not necessarily good for the digestion!

We're Just Grown-up BABIES!

Well, one might wonder if any of us has grown up! Most of us adults still seem to think that anything we can stuff in our mouths is good for food. About the only difference between us and the baby is that baby puts into his mouth whatever *looks* good, and we employ the sense of *taste* in deciding what goes into our mouths.

Your stomach is your fuel tank. Your automobile's fuel tank is its stomach. You wouldn't think of pouring just any old thing that will pour into the stomach of your car. You know that your car was not made to consume and "digest" fuel oil, water, milk, or kerosene.

Yes, we are very careful what we "feed" our automobile—and totally careless and indifferent what we feed ourselves and our children!

What *happens* to the food you eat? In the stomach the digestive process takes place. And, once digested—if you have eaten fit and digestible food—the essential minerals, vitamins, and carbon—the life-giving properties in the food—filter thru the intestinal lining into the blood stream to replenish and build up decaying cells, to provide energy, body warmth, good health.

Your body is **WONDERFULLY MADE!** It is the most wonderful mechanism in the world.

But, just as you must use the right kind of gasoline in the gas tank and

the right kind of oils and greases in the other parts of your car or impair its performance, so you must put the right kind of food into the most delicate mechanism of all, your body.

If you try to oil a fine watch with axle grease you wouldn't expect the watch to keep good time.

And when you put into your stomach all kinds of foul things which the Great Architect who *designed* your human mechanism never intended, you foul up your body and bring on sickness, disease, aches, pains, a dulled and clogged-up mind, inefficiency and inability—and you commit suicide on the installment plan by actually shortening your life!

The God who designed, created, and made your body has revealed some essential basic knowledge about what meats will keep that body functioning in tip-top shape. Why will we refuse His instruction?

You are Eating POISON!

You don't eat every plant that grows out of the ground. Some things that grow are **POISON**, not food.

But did you know there are many kinds of poisons? Potassium cyanide will kill you very quickly. Some poisons will result in death within a few hours or a few days. But very few seem to know there are other poisons people mistakenly eat as foods which result in premature death after continuous usage for, say, ten, or thirty, or fifty years.

The only difference between these poisons we falsely call foods and potassium cyanide is the relative number of minutes, hours, or years it takes to accomplish its killing mission.

Just as every vegetation that God caused to grow out of the ground was not designed for food, so it is with animal flesh. Some will say, "Well, if swine's flesh isn't supposed to be eaten as food, what did God create swine for?" You might as well ask, what did God create weeds and poison vines for? Everything may have been created for

a purpose, but *not everything* for the *one purpose* of eating.

Now some believe that in the original creation—in the Garden of Eden—God did not intend any animal flesh to be eaten. God's revelation on that point is vague, and many have argued it both ways. However, God has revealed that certain animal meats are to be eaten as food *now*, in this age, and Jesus who came to set us an example did eat flesh as well as vegetables and fruits, and so do I.

What the Great Architect of Your Stomach Instructs

When the very first written revelation came from God to man thru Moses, God instructed man as to which kinds of animal flesh man ought or ought not to eat.

You will find this list in Leviticus 11. This is not a ceremonial, ritualistic, or sacrificial law later done away at the crucifixion of Christ.

This is a basic law—a revelation from God to instruct man which kinds of flesh will properly digest and assimilate in the human system, and which will not. It is not a part of God's great **SPIRITUAL LAW**, summed up in the Ten Commandments.

It is necessary to understand that God is the author of **ALL** law, and there are countless laws in motion. There are laws of physics and chemistry. You know of the law of gravity. There is the great immutable **SPIRITUAL** law to regulate man's relationship to God and to fellowman—the law of **LOVE**—the Ten Commandments. God gave His nation Israel civil statutes and judgments—**NATIONAL** laws for the conduct of the national government. Israel was also His church, under the Old Covenant. And for the dispensation then present God gave Israel rituals and ceremonial laws for the conduct of religious services, laws relating to typical and temporary sacrifices, meat and drink offerings—temporary **SUBSTITUTES** for Christ and

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Is CAPITAL PUNISHMENT God's Way?

*Why doesn't God strike down evil doers and punish them?
Is it His will that criminals escape punishment?*

by Rod C. Meredith

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, head of the F.B.I., in a discussion on "Crime in America," reveals these shocking facts: "ONE MILLION American girls have venereal disease; 100,000 girls disappear every year into white slavery; a major crime is committed every twenty-two seconds; a murder every forty minutes." Crime and violence of every kind are increasing by leaps and bounds in spite of the fact that America is spending millions of dollars for law enforcement.

Why? What's wrong with the American system of law enforcement that crime is not discouraged?

Instead of ignoring this problem, it's time to face it. Jesus faced it!

Christ Will Stamp Out Crime!

Christ is going to return to *this earth* to rule the nations. He promised His followers—you and me—that if we overcome sin we will rule with Him—we will have authority over the nations (Rev. 2:26-27; 19:14-16). You will be carrying out God's government and will need to know God's way of preserving order—of teaching people the right way, of PREVENTING crime.

How He Will Do It

To understand God's government, we must first study His way of governing people *in the past*. We also need to learn how God deals with us *now*, and what He *will do in the future*. Remember, you are going to *need, and use*, this information!

The administration of the civil government in ancient Israel reveals God's method of dealing directly with *unconverted, fleshly, sinning* people.

The government of Israel had church and state combined. It was a physical, flesh-born church or congregation. The administration of civil and religious statutes and ordinances was combined in ancient Israel.

Bear in mind that ancient Israel was not promised salvation at that time. All the promises under the old covenant were material, for this life (Lev. 26:3-12). Since those Israelites were not converted and did not have the Holy Spirit,

they could not understand spiritual things. They were like most people today. God dealt with them in a *purely physical manner*, punishing them for their crimes.

The Administration of Death— What Was It?

Almost no one really understands the meaning of "the ministration of death written and engraven in stones" (II Cor. 3). Let's study it.

What is this ministration—administering or executing of the death penalty—which was engraved on stones?

Was Paul referring to the Ten Commandments? Were the Ten Commandments engraven in *whole* stones?

No! The ten commandments were written on two tables of *stone*, but *not* in whole stones.

Then what was written in whole stones? Notice Deuteronomy 27:1-6. Moses commanded the children of Israel to set up great whole stones, and plaster them with plaster, *and write upon them all the words of THE CIVIL LAW* which he had just repeated to them. THE ADMINISTRATION OF THESE LAWS EMBODIED THE "EYE FOR EYE, TOOTH FOR TOOTH" PRINCIPLE (Deut. 19:21). The punishment for breaking many of these civil codes was DEATH. The carrying out of these laws was the "MINISTRATION of death." This was what Paul spoke of—not the ten commandments!

The ten commandments are an entirely separate and distinct law code. The ten commandments are *spiritual laws* which last forever (Ps. 111:7-8).

Because the *principles* of the ten commandments formed the basis of the civil statutes and judgments, a violation of these principles was punished by *civil authority ONLY* INsofar as they were later repeated in the *civil statutes and judgments*.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF DEATH WAS THE CIVIL EXECUTION OF PUNISHMENTS FOR VIOLATION OF THIS CIVIL LAW CODE WHICH MOSES SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE.

Perhaps some of these punishments

seem rather harsh to us. But a careful study will reveal the all-wise purpose behind them. Such things as murder, kidnapping, and adultery were punishable by DEATH.

How well calculated these judgments are. They show evildoers the enormity of sin and crime!

A Lesson for Us

Many people today take such things as divorce and remarriage very lightly. Their *human reason* sees very little harm in it. So people are rushing to the divorce courts to seek an easy way out of any marital disagreement that may arise. Thus, the home and family, which are the foundations of all decent and really happy society, are being undermined by millions of thoughtless, selfish, misguided people.

Today, God calls divorce and remarriage adultery (Mark 10:2-12). In ancient Israel adultery was punishable by immediate *death* (Deut. 22:22).

This same provision to protect the sanctity of the home and parental authority is set forth in the law regarding a rebellious son. If he obstinately refused to obey his parents, his life was forfeited (Deut. 21:20-21). A stern measure? Yes, but this prevented children from growing up with an attitude of contempt and rebellion against everything good and decent. Others would *bear and fear*. Too many young people in America don't respect parental and government authority. And too few parents ever bother to exercise authority or to teach or train their children.

Taking the life of one reprobate often *saved* the lives of many decent people. People today take sin—crime—lightly, but God wants us to *FEAR* to do wrong!

Remember that "the *fear* of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Ps. 111:10). We must first learn to reverence and fear our Creator and His Laws. Then, when we come to know God as our Father, *love* will cast out that kind of fear which would separate us from God.

God gave Israel these penalties to

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teach them the *awfulness* of sin, and to show them that they must reap what they sowed. *The judges were to administer DEATH—not life.* It was a purely physical matter. Those Israelites did not understand spiritual things—and there was *no opportunity* of eternal life for them *at that time.*

Judges Responsible to God

The laws in ancient Israel were not to be carried out in accordance with human reason and influenced by unjustified anger. They were "of God." In II Chronicles 19:4-7, Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, made the *judges* realize they were not judging for men, but *for God.* They were responsible to God alone! God promised to be "with them," guiding them in their decisions when they were executing His laws.

So we see that the judgments in Israel were NOT a matter of men judging one another according to human reason. Rather, they were determined by the laws *from God.* And in carrying them out, the judges were to be guided and inspired *by God,* were acting under His authority, and were responsible to Him alone!

These judgments were also given as an *example* to other nations of the blessings of a law-abiding society under God.

This was God's way of showing the

unconverted world the type of civil laws it needs to have. It was a witness to the heathen nations of the wisdom and justice of the God of Israel. (Deut. 4:5-8). Do you see the vast difference between this and mere human government?

How *quick* and *efficient* was the punishment of evildoers!

The *administration of death* was instituted to show Israel the result of wrong conduct. It was *part* of the law code which was "added because of transgressions" (Gal. 3:19). Yes, this law was "added" to God's immutable, spiritual law—the ten commandments. *But* it was only to last "till the seed (Christ) should come.

The Ten Commandments were never "added because of transgressions." If the ten commandments were not already in existence there would have been no transgression—"Where no law is, there is no transgression" (Rom. 4:15). Abraham obeyed them long before Moses was born (Gen. 26:5). They stand fast "forever and ever" (Ps. 111:8).

Sacrificial laws for sins committed in ignorance and this civil administration were "added" because carnal-minded Israel didn't understand and wasn't able to keep the spiritual principles of the Ten Commandments. Without imme-

diat physical punishments for wilful wrong-doing, crime and *anarchy* might have resulted!

These fleshly people needed physical judgments with "teeth" in them. And that's just what God gave them!

Remember that these Israelites were *unconverted* and had no promise of the Holy Spirit or of eternal life under the Old Covenant. *They could not earn salvation by works,* any more than we can today! All their promises were only *material* promises for this life. The judges administered *death,* not life, to the people. As long as the nation as a whole obeyed God, there were no long, drawn-out trials, no newspaper publicity, *but* the speedy operation of JUSTICE.

Two witnesses were required to convict a man of any crime (Deut. 19:15-21). The punishment for false witnesses was made so severe as to effectively discourage that practice.

Israelites did not pay taxes to keep convicts alive in association with other hardened criminals. How much our nation could learn from the wisdom and justice set forth in these laws! America's complicated, bungling system of law enforcement seems rather pitiful when we compare its actual effectiveness to that of Israel. God's laws when enforced put a *stop* to crime and made men *fear* to do wrong!

God's Warning

God warned Israel that if they refused to practice His laws, they would be scattered among the heathen (Lev. 26:33). After Judah and Israel separated into two kingdoms, *every one* of the nineteen kings of Israel refused to enforce God's laws.

Lawlessness increased. Human reason supplanted strict enforcement of God's laws. The nation was suffering terribly from its refusal to obey God when it finally went into prophesied captivity in 721 B.C.

Israel and Judah were never again united. Even after a partial restoration of Judah under the government of Ezra and Nehemiah, those Jews began to apostatize. Once again, "human reason" tried to circumvent God's laws!

This was the era in which the Talmud was written by Jewish scribes. They began to add and "improve" upon the laws of God. They did what seemed *right* to human reason. When Christ came, He had to do away with the "traditions of the elders."

The Jews made a pretense of carrying out some of God's civil laws. But Christ showed that *they perverted these laws even while they claimed to follow Moses* (Mark 7:5-13). They replaced God's spiritual and civil laws with the "tradi-

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OTHER STATIONS

WAIT—Chicago—820 on dial—1:00 P.M. Sundays.

KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial —7:00 P.M. Sundays.

KVSM—San Francisco—1050 on dial —3:00 P.M. Sundays.

tions of men." They freed the guilty and punished the innocent.

In Christ's time, the Jews were living in a state of subjection to the occupying Roman armies. Henceforth, they, and converted Christians, have lived in subjection to the worldly governments and rendered "tribute" to Caesar (Luke 20:25).

Why the Administration of the Spirit

It was God's purpose to replace the "administration of death." It was only to last "till the seed should come." After Israel and Judah were scattered and driven into captivity, the administration of Israel's civil government was impossible. There was no organized civil government in Israel—no law-enforcement machinery. In Christ's time, the Jews were living under a Roman governor and had no authority to administer God's civil laws.

At this time *God sent Christ to introduce a new administration*—THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SPIRIT.

Why? Because the first administration gave only *death* for disobedience. Human judges could not impart eternal life, they could only minister death. What was needed was a new administration which could give pardon and eternal life to those who repented and wanted to obey.

The promise of the Holy Spirit—the only hope of eternal life—was given to all believers for the FIRST TIME (Acts 2:37). Instead of administering the death penalty for sins, Christ, the Apostles, and *his ministers today teach the people the way to eternal life*. Christ's ministers "administer" life to mortal man.

All men are born mortal, subject to sin. We are in need of the Holy Spirit, the begetter of eternal life. We also need to quit sinning—breaking God's law. We need the love that fulfills the law (1 John 5:3; Rom. 5:5; 13:10). Unless we have that love which only the Holy Spirit can give, we sin, and the wages of sin is death—(Romans 6:23).

But what is sin? "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). The law here spoken of is *not* the administration of death that was written *in whole stones*. The "ministration of death" lasted only as long as the civil government of Israel.

This law which John mentions is *the Ten Commandments* which were written *on two tables of hewn stone*. These are the commandments which "stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Ps. 111:8). This law will last longer than heaven and earth (Mat. 5:18).

If you are a Christian, you are being

judged by this perfect and just law!

"So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty" (James 2:12). This is the law which *liberates us from sin*; but if we break *one point* of it, we are *guilty of all* (verse 10).

Ten Commands NOT Engraven on Whole Stones

Notice that Christians are to have God's spiritual law—the ten commandments—written *in their hearts*, not on tables of stone as under the old covenant! Paul shows right here that God's law is not abolished—that it is "written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart" (II Cor. 3:3).

God's law is to be in our hearts—we are to *live* it by the power of God's Spirit.

The ten commandments were not written on stones, nor abolished. Paul says that they were on "tables of stone," but the laws for the *administration of the death penalty* by civil judges were engraven *on whole stones*.

Since we by nature violate the ten commandments, we certainly need *pardon*—GRACE—and the supernatural power of the Spirit of God in us to *fulfill* them. Christ died to pay for our sins. He made it possible to receive the Holy Spirit from the Father. His ministers are to teach the people how to quit sinning and to gain eternal life—by administering or teaching the people how to be reconciled to the Father and receive the Holy Spirit.

Difference Between Administrations

Now do you see the difference? Ancient Israel under the Old Covenant only understood the letter of God's law. Being unconverted, most of them didn't even obey that. So God gave them civil laws and prescribed punishments, or judgments, based upon the *principles* of His spiritual law.

Israel's judges punished transgressors of this civil law code by fines and death. Thus, it was called the "administration of death." It was necessary because Israel was a nation of unconverted people. However, it was only to last *till Christ should come*, who would introduce the spiritual administration to reconcile us to God.

Today, Christians are to *forgive* men of their trespasses (Mat. 6:14-15). We are not to avenge ourselves, but to rely on God's righteous judgment to punish those who violate His laws or harm us (Rom. 12:18-21).

Not knowing another's thoughts or intentions, it would be impossible to

judge or condemn another (Mat. 7:1-2).

Authority of Civil Government

God is permitting the worldly governments to rule this world now to keep order so we can live in peace. We are to be subject to the civil rulers, and to realize that they hold their authority from God to carry out the enforcement of law and order (Rom. 13:1-8).

No nation is carrying out the righteous judgments of God, but it is His will that they administer civil government to maintain law and order. Christians are to pray that they will so rule that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

The Bible teaches that God has turned over the task of civil government to the unconverted people of this world—until they learn that human government can't bring peace and happiness—*until* Christ returns to rule with us over all nations with a rod of iron. We who *overcome* this world will help rule. We will carry out *God's government* and *His laws*.

As Christians, we can have *no part* in these worldly civil governments. Rather, we are commanded not to be yoked together in association with unbelievers (II Cor. 6:14). Christ said in John 18:36, "My kingdom is *not* of this world: *if* my kingdom were of this world, *then* would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now my kingdom is *not* from hence."

The Death Penalty

But are the civil authorities sinning when they condemn a criminal to death?

The Bible answer is that these men are *responsible to God* for the way they use their office. The apostle Paul said of civil authorities, "... he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the *minister of God to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil*" (Rom. 13:4).

Being human, civil officers sometimes execute a man who is *not* guilty. But it is *God's* responsibility to judge their misconduct. Even if they have misused their office, they may be forgiven if they repent when God opens their minds to His truth.

But they will be held *accountable* if they *willfully abuse* the authority God permits them to wield. Theirs is a most *serious* responsibility!

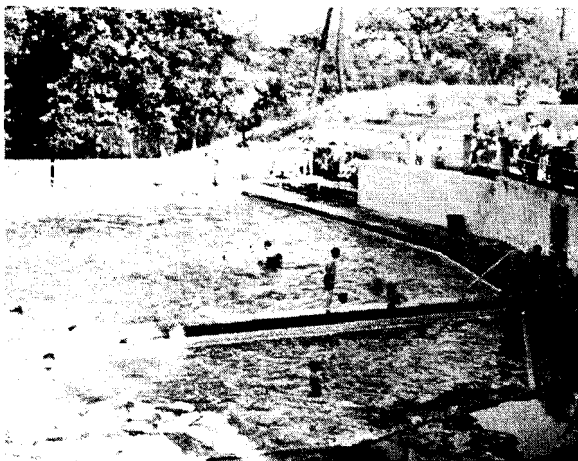
Penalty for Sin Is Still DEATH

The penalty of DEATH is still in effect for those who break God's law! It is time for professing Christians everywhere to wake up and realize that *God means business!*

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A front view of Seigler Springs Resort where Festival was held last autumn. A small group gathers to hear a question answered by Herman Hoeh.



The outdoor swimming pool provided ample fun and wholesome recreation every afternoon for those who enjoyed swimming. It also served for the sober purpose pictured below.



People from several states were baptized at the Festival. Rod Meredith is about to baptize a lady in the large outdoor swimming pool.

The Feast of

Many of our readers attended the Festival of Tabernacles last autumn at Seigler Springs, California. Especially for you who haven't yet been able to attend, here are two full pages of pictures showing interesting and unusual experiences at this God-given Festival. Here are pictures of Mr. Armstrong



Certainly the greatest joy of the Festival of Tabernacles was to see and hear Mr. Armstrong deliver his many inspiring sermons. In this picture you can see Mr. Armstrong preaching at one of the evening services.



Throughout the Festival Mr. Homberger took dozens of candid pictures. But this time, however, someone else took Mr. Homberger's picture as he was writing the names of a family group he had just photographed.

Tabernacles

preaching, of student teams conducting question-and-answer periods, of other delightful experiences. You certainly won't want to miss the wonderful services and the opportunity to meet with hundreds of God's own people this coming Feast of Tabernacles.



Every afternoon many of the brethren gathered to hear their Bible questions answered by young ministers and graduate students of Ambassador. Marion McNair and Herman Hoeh discuss questions in the recreation hall



To aid in the serving of meals, young people of high school and college age worked with Mrs. Mann. Here are several of them using a large dishwashing machine which was vitally needed to save hand labor.



In the kitchen at Seigler Springs is Mrs. Annie Mann, who by her untiring and efficient management made the serving of 450 people a great success.



Dozens of plates are being filled with healthful foods. They were then carried on trays by the servers and placed on the dining tables.



The dining room. Combined with the wonderful spiritual feast was this material feast—one of God's many bounteous blessings for which we were all thankful.

Who Was Jesus?

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he was called "Satan" which means "an adversary." In the same way the Savior was called "Jesus" because that name shows what he is. The name Jesus means "YHWH (THE ETERNAL) saves" or "YHWH (THE ETERNAL) is the Savior."

Jesus Himself said that he existed before Abraham (John 8:58). And according to the first chapter of John, he had existed from the beginning of creation. Did he then exist before this "beginning"?

To determine the answer, let us examine a little-understood passage in the Bible. The sixth chapter of Hebrews states that Christ has been ordained a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec. Who was this mysterious figure, mentioned only twice in the Bible?

Was he man . . . angel . . . or what? Melchisedec "first being by interpretation *King of righteousness*, and . . . also *King of Peace*." He was not human but Divine—one of the GOD Family! Hebrews 7:1 reads as follows: "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God" . . . Notice . . . he was *priest* of the most high God. "Without father, without mother, without descent, *having neither beginning of days nor end of life* but made like unto the Son of God; ABIDETH A PRIEST CONTINUALLY."

Notice carefully. He was not the FATHER of the God Family—He was the *Priest* or Representative of the Father. He was like the SON—He was Christ the Eternal *before* He became human flesh by birth as the Christ child. Melchisedec "*abideth* a Priest continually"—He was, at the time Hebrews was written, "*abiding*"—*remaining continually* High Priest. At that time Jesus Christ was the High Priest. There is but ONE High Priest. Therefore Melchisedec was the "Logos"—the "YHWH"—who was by human birth *made* flesh—He and Christ are one and the same Person. And He existed as much *from* eternity as He shall *for* eternity—"having neither beginning of days nor end of life." He *always* existed, the same as the Father!

The final clincher to this whole discussion is Micah 5:2. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah . . . out of thee shall come unto me he that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, *from EVERLASTING*." Jesus existed *from all eternity* before being born into human flesh. He is one of the persons in the *eternal* family of God. He was not a created being of the Father.

Since Jesus is divine, then was he ever born into HUMAN flesh at all? Was Mary

a divine person, immaculately conceived, according to the doctrine of the "immaculate conception"?

Immaculate Conception a Fable

This doctrine teaches that Mary's parents were so perfect that God changed them into a holy, sinless divine flesh. It was while they were in this state that Mary was conceived. If this were true, then Mary was not composed of mortal flesh as we are.

In II John 7, we find what God, through His apostle, labels this idea: "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come *in the flesh*. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." It is a doctrine of antichrist!

Before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, he was a member of the eternal Godhead. When he was born he was a HUMAN being who could be tempted, suffer, bleed and die (Hebrews 2:14). After his resurrection he was again an immortal member of the family of God.

Yes—it's all very easy to understand. A lot of Bible quotations and lengthy references are not necessary in order to get a clear picture of the overall meaning of Bible Scripture. Rather a summing up of the important points on any one subject, adding the TOTAL together, accepting each verse for what it says, and not attempting to *make* one fit the other—that is the proper way to arrive at the answer.

Capital Punishment?

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Hebrews 10:26-31 teaches us clearly and unmistakably that a *far worse* punishment will befall those who willfully trample on God's law than that which was visited on the fleshly Israelites. That punishment is *eternal, everlasting* DEATH.

The "ministration of death" in Israel was only a lesser, physical *type* of the eternal punishment—(eternal DEATH)—for refusing to obey God's law—once the knowledge has come.

Now we can see plainly revealed how Christ, as the World-Ruler, will stamp out crime and lawlessness in all nations. God says "I change not." Christ is the *same* yesterday, today, and forever. He was the God of Israel who enforced CAPITAL PUNISHMENT in national, fleshly Israel. The nations of this world will become the kingdoms of Christ. They will still be human, carnal, ruled over by Christ and the saints then made immortal divine members of the Kingdom, or Family of God. There will be strict *law-enforcement*! It will be *swift* and *certain*! Judgments will be rendered

by Divine Ones, able to read human minds and hearts. There will be *no escape* for the guilty. There will be no miscarriage of justice. Men will have such FEAR to do wrong that crime will disappear! No one will fear thieves, murderers, gangsters. There will be PEACE and SAFETY—and the *only* fear will be the fear to *break the law*! Humanity will come to realize the enormity of sin, and will live the way of God's Laws of Love.

But we, whom God *now* calls to salvation, are to *teach* God's laws then, and enforce them. Our life now is the training ground to educate and prepare us for that grave responsibility and wonderful opportunity.

Let us learn the lesson from these examples that God intended, and quit trying to use *human reason* to justify our wrong deeds. Then we will reap the blessing of keeping God's laws, and live the abundant lives that He intended (John 10:10).

"Be *not* deceived; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (Gal. 6:7).

DO YOU believe God's word?

Many of you have been trying to hide your eyes from God's law. You spend much time and effort in a vain attempt to excuse or justify breaking one of the commandments (Mat. 5:17-20).

Remember, (Mat. 5:17-20) that even the least commandment is still *very much in force*!

Have you been "postponing" obedience to God? Why?

Do you think that reason will stand up in the judgment?

God's word says that your reward for sin is DEATH (Rom. 6:23). Yes, *in this case* the Bible teaches CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. Remember that this time *God himself* will carry out that punishment if you don't repent!

If you haven't done so already, you'd better take Peter's advice to "*Repent*, and *be baptized* every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the *gift* of the *Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:38).

You will have to REPENT of breaking God's law. You will need to *be baptized* as an outward symbol of your willingness to bury your old, disobedient self. *Then* God will *give* you the Holy Spirit, through which you will receive the *love* to keep His law.

God loves you. He wants to *give* you *eternal life*!

But, in His wisdom, God has decreed that you must *first* learn to live the right, the sensible, and the happy kind of life. God's eternal, spiritual law—the Ten Commandments—is the basis of that sensible way of life.

Here's WHY this World SUFFERS!

by Richard D. Armstrong

WARS, misery, poverty and injustice; these are the chronicle of this world's history. Chaos blankets the world today, and *yet* it is all a part of the plan being worked out here below by Almighty God, the Creator.

God did not create the earth and then go off and leave it to let man work his way to his own destruction. Indeed he has a plan that he is working out here below and all of the wars and suffering of mankind are a part of that purpose.

God has a thousand-year plan for his coming rule on this earth, known to Bible students as the Millennium.

The devil has his thousand-year plan too. The devil is known as the great deceiver. One of his most cunning ways of deceiving people has been to counterfeit God's teachings.

WHICH Is the Government of God, Today?

Some people believe that the governments of this earth are the governments of God, or that a particular government or regime in power on earth today is the true government of God. The Bible says that Christ is to bring God's government to earth with him at his second coming (Daniel 2:44; Luke 19:12).

The Millennium will be a thousand-year reign on earth by Christ as the King of Kings, as the head of the governments of this earth and the ruler of all mankind.

In this day and age when men have departed so far from the ways of God and have forgotten the meanings of his laws which would lead us to a happy life, they grope in the darkness to devise a plan from their own minds to end the destructive conflicts and unhappiness of their fellow men.

Great scholars and scientists look at the history of mankind and, seeing all of the suffering and woe that the governments of men have brought to man, philosophize to find a better way to rule the earth and bring the peace that is earnestly desired and sought after by so many.

In their quest for a peaceful way of life they leave out God—the only means of bringing a TRUE peace to the earth. The reason for this is that they see the sorrow and misery that *religion* has brought to men. They fail to see that

man has twisted the truth of the Eternal God into something it was never meant to be and thus caused his own suffering.

These Religions Are Not God's

Religions of this earth change their doctrines and form to suit the societies they serve. Christianity, Hinduism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Taoism, Islamism and the other largely followed religions of the world have *all* changed a great deal from their first conception by their founders. But, the greatest changes have been made in Christianity. The difference between these other religions and Christianity is that the others were all manufactured by men while Christianity has become a perverted, degenerated, paganized counterfeit of the original truth of God our Creator.

True Christianity as taught in the Bible and inspired by God was revealed by the Creator of the earth—our Creator—and is a way of life here on the earth *at the present time* to prepare one for a life to come—living under Christ when he comes to take over the governments of the earth.

Today many eminent scientists are completely disgusted with religion. They say that it imposes a code of living on men that no man can hope to live up to, therefore encouraging hypocrisy. They say that it is a belief in superstition, fables and fairy tales which their science discredits and proves impossible. But only their *speculations* oppose the Bible. Actually the things these men of science discover—when science is held pure and true and is not speculative—prove the existence of God and prove the greatness and glory of the laws he set in motion.

This They Have Overlooked

There is one thing that our scientists and economists who scoff at religion have overlooked. Man **MUST HAVE SOME THING OR SOME ONE TO WORSHIP.** Adam worshiped God, then the devil, but he worshiped some being of a higher order than himself.

The scientists who believe in evolution of mankind tell us that the remains which they find of what they call prehistoric men are accompanied by the remains of items used in the worship of some kind or kinds of god or gods. If there is no such thing as a god—if man

has no need of one and there never was a god who created the earth in the first place then just where did the idea of a god start? Why have men even from earliest history worshiped gods? The truth is the Creator revealed Himself to such men as Adam, Noah, Shem. Men once had knowledge of God (Rom. 1:21), but, rejecting His rule, degenerated into false conceptions and worship of imaginary gods.

Again, the fact is that man **MUST** worship some being or some thing! It is as much a part of his nature as his eyes and ears are a part of his physical makeup.

Within the past few generations the world has seen the rise of these scientists and economists who believe that religion is the *downfall* of man, holds him back and keeps him from social progress. They see, for example, the unwillingness of the Hindus to kill the monkeys which ravage their crops yearly while thousands are dying of starvation. The religious belief is that they would blacken the soul of an ancestor if they killed the sacred cows which would furnish meat for the millions who die of starvation every few years in oriental countries.

Ignorant of the True God

They see also the religious bigotry and strife which has risen up within Christianity, the hypocrisy, error and self-contradiction of those who profess to know the teachings of the Bible. They are disgusted with religion, say it imposes a code of living on men that no man can hope to live up to, that it is a belief in superstition, fables and fairy tales which their science discredits and proves impossible.

In their pseudo-super educated minds they are able to see the error and fault but are unable to replace it with the barest truth because the error that they see makes them throw religion out of their minds altogether and discredit it completely.

Great scholars, liberal thinkers, and able men keep philosophizing on this and that way to bring peace to the earth, leaving God entirely out of their plans.

Such a man was Marx who devised Communism. Marx was not a mad fiend who wanted to enslave the world for
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ON THE CAMPUS

*F*OLLOWING are articles written by students on student activities to give you the story of our jam-packed lives on the campus. We hope you won't mind if we occasionally poke a little fun at ourselves—striving human beings are always funny—and no matter how serious minded, our frailties wink. *The Campus Editor*

Students Take Field Trip

by Jo Ann Felt

On a crisp, bright morning not long ago, the students of Ambassador College climbed into a chartered bus which was to take the group on a "surprise" tour.

Until the group was well on its way, almost no one but Professor Walker, who planned the excursion, knew the destination of the day. Each student was delighted to discover that portions of the tour would be spent viewing educational spots in Los Angeles and that fabulous city, Hollywood.

A most interesting place was the first stop! By a specially trained guide, the students were taken on a tour through the new, ultramodern CBS Television City. Indeed if one didn't have someone to escort him through this immense building (400,000 square feet of floor space), he would quickly be lost in the labyrinth of rooms, halls, and corridors. In one of the stage control rooms, it was a surprising thing to see nine television machines which, when they are used for special observance purposes in tone color, clearness, and the like, are used all at one time! To give you an idea of the expense that goes into a television show, it might be interesting to note that a half-hour show of minor importance costs no less than \$32,000 to produce.

After spending a most delightful hour in Television City, the group strolled next door to the original Farmers Market. There the students ate lunch and looked through shops or "stalls" which contained hundreds of imported and domestic items — fruits, vegetables, cheeses, glassware, clocks, clothing, birds to enumerate only a few! Several students were fascinated with a beautiful parrot which at times seemed to blurt out quite an interesting conversation.

After this, one group of students visited the City Hall of Los Angeles, while another toured the Los Angeles Times Building. From the twenty-fifth floor of the City Hall, the tallest building in Los Angeles, we could view the great panorama of cities and mountains. It is certainly a wonder to see from the air the ribbon-like highway and railway systems interlocking the commercial and industrial areas.

In the Los Angeles Times Building, we saw hundreds of volumes of past articles and pictures for references and the machines that produced them. The United Press Teletype machine was an eye-catcher. One could see the keys of the typewriter jump up and down with apparently no one in the room directing those keys. The machine was automatically controlled from New York. But an even more amazing, startling sight appeared when the group came to the end of a long stairway to find a large press room filled with monstrous machinery which roared and boomed so loudly that our ancestors of a hundred years ago would probably have jumped out of their shoes with fright! About twenty-six tons of newsprint paper is used daily in the machines for about 450,000 interested people who buy or subscribe to the paper. It is a striking fact that only six per cent of the income in the newspaper business comes from the consumer, and the remaining ninety-four per cent of the revenue comes from advertisements in the newspaper. Few Americans realize the important contribution that advertising has made to our living standard.

On Wilshire Boulevard—the next stopping place, we dined at a cafeteria where one could have *all* the food he wanted to eat for only a little over a dollar. Surprisingly enough, though, no one went back to the line for more than a second helping!

To help the digestion of the meal, we were taken to see first-hand the production of a comedy radio show. And to end the evening perfectly, the group went to see a delightful television production. Until we had seen these two productions, many of us hardly realized the amount of labor and equipment necessary for every broadcast and telecast.

New Athletic Field for Ambassador College

by Gary Seftak

A number of the men students at Ambassador College have been busy for about the last month working to convert what was once a bare piece of ground into an athletic field. Although not as large as most big college or university athletic fields, it will provide

ample room for the track and field events, plus two large tennis courts. One of the tennis courts will be ready for use in a short time.

There will be a one-eighth mile track circling the field. The running surface will be comparable to tracks of many major universities. There will be enough room to permit four runners abreast at one time.

The tennis courts have been built inside the circle of the track. The courts will not face due north and south but will angle to the east just enough to prevent the sun shining in either player's eyes during the afternoon. Because the weather condition was almost perfect when the courts were poured, they will be of the finest professional quality plus having extra width. Both are official championship size courts.

The pole vault and broad jump will be built beside one another and will be located to the east of the tennis courts. The runways for the pits begin at the north end of the field parallel to the east straightaway of the track. They make a slight turn with the track and then become straightaways to the pits. This provides sufficient track space for the pole vault and broad jump events. The high jump and shot-put will be located on the north part of the field.

Bleachers are going to be constructed on the west side of the field which will provide a perfect view of the main tennis court besides allowing the track events to start and finish in front of the spectators.

The ground not being used for athletic activity will be covered by a beautiful lawn. There will also be a hedge around the entire athletic field.

There are several reasons why an athletic field of this type is more suitable than one for football and baseball. The present Ambassador campus in Pasadena will never be large enough to compete with large universities in these sports. If the student body were allowed to become as numerous on this campus as is the case in many colleges, we would lose the effect of personal contact which is so essential in developing well-rounded character. Ambassador can't become a mass production institution for learning.

Also many sports inspire competition
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HOW Israel Changed God's Sabbaths

History proves that the Gentiles LOST the knowledge of the Sabbath shortly after the flood. That's why God had to reveal His Sabbaths to Israel. Now read how Israel CHANGED His Sabbaths—how the Jews invented their own traditions which Jesus condemned!

by Herman L. Hoeb

Part III

GOD CHOSE Israel for a special mission they have failed to perform. He revealed to them His sabbath as a sign so they would never forget that He is the Creator. He also gave Israel annual Holy Days, *memorials*, to commemorate Israel's deliverance from Egypt—a picture for His church of the plan of God in delivering the world from sin.

But did Israel remain faithful to these God-given Festivals? Did they invent days of their own?

Did God ever say He would abolish the days that He ordained?

WHOSE Sabbaths Does God Hate?

Hundreds of pamphlets have been written in an attempt to explain that God *abolished* His sabbath and feasts in ancient Israel. Yet many of these same tracts attempt to prove that God cruelly *punished* Israel for breaking these days.

Stop to think! Here is an obvious contradiction. Both ideas can't be right. Why would God punish a nation for refusing to observe days that supposedly had already ceased to exist? That just doesn't make sense, does it?

It's time we examined the historical evidence of the Bible instead of *assuming* fables. Did God hate the days He ordained or did He punish Israel for breaking them?

Several chapters are devoted by the prophet Ezekiel to a *condemnation of Israel for breaking the sabbaths God had given*. This is historical proof that those days *were then in existence* and that God greatly disapproved their transgression. Take special note of Ezekiel 20: 12-26 and 22:26. The punishment inflicted upon the House of Israel was for desecrating the sabbaths with idolatrous practices *sanctioned by their own human laws* that were not good.

What was the extreme evil of this sin? By breaking the sabbath, Israel was rejecting the only sign between them and God whereby they might know that He was indeed the Lord of all. With the

desecration of the sabbaths, idolatry was a natural consequence, as centuries of Israel's history demonstrated.

Ezekiel wrote this under the inspiration of God. Therefore it couldn't be, as is often falsely preached, that other inspired prophets *before him* such as Isaiah wrote that God hated His sabbaths.

Then *whose* feasts did God hate?

"YOUR Appointed Feasts My Soul Hateth"

There is no text in all the Old Testament wherein the Lord says "my" sabbaths and festivals "I hate." Critical commentators overlook the plain statement of Biblical history. The Eternal said: "I hate, I despise *your* feast days, and . . . *your* solemn assemblies." Notice it. "*Your* new moons and *your* appointed feasts my soul hateth: for they are a trouble unto me." (Amos 5:21; 8:10; Isaiah 1:10-15; Hosea 2:11).

These were not divine institutions, but *man-appointed* days observed in Israel. *These* days God despised. Ancient Israel did *not* continue to observe the holy days of God. They refused His judgments and statutes (Ezekiel 20: 18). They copied the heathen idolatrous feasts of surrounding nations. History proves this fact!

The chronicler of ancient Israel preserved a record of just such a *change in the laws of God, when the House of Israel separated from Judah*. "And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar . . . sacrificing unto the calves that he had made . . . the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month *which he had devised of his own heart* . . ." (1 Kings 12:32, 33).

This was the initial step by which the House of Israel departed from God's laws. To keep his people from returning to Judah where the sabbaths and festivals of God were still observed, the king of the House of Israel substituted feasts of his own devising—in place of keeping holy the days God made holy.

Thereafter Israel altered the new moons, and changed the sabbaths into idolatrous days for sun-worship. One special feature should be noticed. Israel partially retained a perverted form of the original days. The heathen nations did not keep their festivals as complete rest days, but Israel, taking over the feasts of the heathen Baal—sun-worship—turned them into idolatrous rest days according to the statutes of the kings of Israel (2 Kings 17:8).

When the House of Israel is next found in history, as the nations of Northwestern Europe, they are keeping the day of the sun! So the Ever-Living God never hated nor abolished His feasts. But He did hate the *different* days which Israel invented!

Did Judah Remain Faithful?

The House of Israel *changed* the days God instituted. The house of Judah says the Lord also "changed my judgments into wickedness and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them" (Ezekiel 5:6).

Now notice the first chapter of Isaiah. It is addressed in particular to Judah. In this chapter it is especially mentioned that the Jews instituted their own appointed feasts and probably added another day to the new moon period. "Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth," said the word of the Lord (Isaiah 14:1). THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF WHAT IS CUSTOMARILY CALLED "JEWISH FEASTS." Being instituted by the Jews they were naturally "Jewish."

But *nothing* is said about the Jews' instituting their own Sabbath. It is not surprising, then, that the Jews have preserved the right Sabbath of God to our generation. The house of Israel (the Democratic nations of the Western World) which did not keep the seventh day as the sabbath, has *never observed it since*.

Another point to note in Isaiah's account is this. The Jews not only added

their own appointed feasts and new moons, but *also retained* the Biblical ones—"the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies." These they turned into abominations and profaned by idolatry and labor. No wonder God *abhorred* THE MANNER in which the Jews treated His holy time (Isa. 1:13).

Whereas Israel changed every single day, Judah, under the guidance of a few kings who kept the correct festivals (2 Chronicles 30 and 35), was religiously divided. Some Jews remained true to the annual festivals, others kept them in vain because their hearts were not right, while yet other Jews invented their own annual occasions. The Jews never changed the sabbath, although they deliberately profaned it by work (Jeremiah 17:21-27).

For that sin, especially, they were driven out of Judea and *deprived of one of the blessings of God*—the opportunity of keeping His days. They became the property of their enemies and "the Lord . . . caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion" (Lamentations 2:6). Jeremiah does *not* joy over the abolition of the festivals, but *laments over their being forgotten*.

In the Days of Ezra and Nehemiah

Even after having to suffer the privations of war for rejecting the ways of God, the Jews did not fully learn their lesson. Those who returned to Jerusalem made a covenant not to buy on the Sabbath or holy days (Nehemiah 10:31). Yet they continued profaning these hallowed days. Here is what Nehemiah writes in his historical account:

"In those days saw I in Judah some *treading wine presses on the sabbath*, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses: as also wine, grapes, and figs, and *all manner of burdens*, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day . . . Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What *evil thing* is this that ye do, and *profane the sabbath day*? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath" (Neh. 13:15-18).

This stern rebuke of Nehemiah had a serious reaction on the carnal minded Jews after the time of Nehemiah. Instead of turning to keep the sabbath in the spirit as God intended, *the Jews soon began to formulate scores of rules of their own for its observance. This was the tradition of the elders against which Jesus spoke* (Matthew 15:3).

The beginning of this tradition is clothed in obscurity because of "the long blank in the history of the Jews which follows the time of Nehemiah . . ."

(Ency. Bib., p. 2425). When the observance of the sabbath comes to light somewhat before the time of Christ, it was a radically different observance than that of which Nehemiah spoke in the fifth century B.C.

Traditions in Jesus' Day

From the gospel accounts, and other historical evidences, the Jews held the following *traditions*, to enumerate but a few: no one could carry water to a thirsty animal—that would be a burden—but he could lead the animal to drink; one could relieve the distress of the ill, *but not heal*; one could not break or divide anything that was previously united, as that was a form of grinding; neither could one eat grain from the field as that was a species of threshing.

But the Jews didn't stop with this introduction of *human* traditions. After the death of Nehemiah, they *began to alter the days when the annual festivals were to be held*. By the time of Jesus the sects of Judaism were in great confusion over the passover and pentecost.

The apostle John shows that the Pharisees were holding the *Jewish* passover at a later time than did Christ (John 18:28). *The Jews in Judaea no longer observed the Biblical passover* at the beginning of the fourteenth of Nisan, as did Jesus and the Galileans. They held their sacrifice *toward the end of the fourteenth* and ate it on the night of the fifteenth which was really the first high day of the feast of unleavened bread.

To this day, the Jews fail to distinguish between the night of the passover (Exodus 12:22) and the night after the passover (Numbers 33:3; Exodus 12:42) when the Israelites left Egypt. The Jews do not keep the real passover.

The Jews were also divided over the exact date for the celebration of pentecost—the feast of firstfruits (*Jewish Encyclopedia*, article, "Pentecost"). The Jews' feast of firstfruits or pentecost was celebrated by the Pharisees on a specified day of the month. The Sadducees maintained that pentecost was on a particular day of the week, since it had to be counted (Lev. 23:15). This perversion of God's festivals deserved the name given by the gospel writers: "Jewish feasts" (John 6:4; 5:1).

How did Jesus regard these regulations? Did the teaching of Jesus indicate that he abolished these *man-made regulations* and freed the sabbath from the *bondage of tradition*? Or did he abolish the sabbath and the festivals? These questions are of major importance. In the next issue will appear the real teaching of Jesus—something very different from church doctrines today.

IS *all* ANIMAL FLESH good food?

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the Holy Spirit. Those laws, of course, ended when the Reality came.

Physical, as well as Spiritual Sin

And then, we must realize, THERE ARE PHYSICAL LAWS WORKING IN OUR BODIES, REGULATING OUR HEALTH. Now this MEAT question has to do with *these* laws!

I have known men who make a hobby of bitterly accusing others of SIN for eating pork, oysters, and clams.

Let us get this straight and clear!

We usually speak of SIN in its spiritual aspect. That is the aspect in which it usually is considered in the New Testament. The Bible definition of it is this: "Sin is the transgression of the law."

The *penalty* for violation of that spiritual law is DEATH—but not the first, or physical death, but the second, or spiritual, and ETERNAL death in the "lake of fire" (Rev. 20:14).

Now the eating of wrong food is not a transgression of this spiritual law, and is not a sin *in this sense*. To violate the physical laws of health brings the penalty of disease, disability, pain, sickness, and the *first* death. It is not necessarily spiritual sin.

That is what Jesus made plain, as recorded in Mark 7:14-23. Here Jesus was speaking of *spiritual* defilement, not physical health. Not that which enters into a man's mouth, but the evil that comes OUT OF HIS HEART, defiles the man SPIRITUALLY. What defiles the MAN—and he is speaking of defiling the MAN, not injuring the body—is transgression of the Ten Commandments—evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, blasphemy (verses 21-22), etc. These things have to do with the SPIRITUAL law, and not with the physical laws of health. Specifically he was referring to a possible particle of dirt which might get on food from dirty and unwashed hands—He was not here speaking specifically of clean or unclean meats at all. But He was speaking of SPIRITUAL defilement, not physical health.

No Change in Structure of Animal Flesh at Cross

The animals whose flesh properly digests and nourishes the human body were SO MADE IN THE ORIGINAL CREATION. No change was ever made in the structure of men's bodies at the time of the flood, or at the time of Jesus' death, or any other time. Neither did God

make some sudden change in the structure of animal flesh, so that what once was unfit for food will now digest properly and supply the body's needs.

The unclean animals were **UNCLEAN BEFORE THE FLOOD**.

Notice, *before* the Flood, Noah took into the ark of the **CLEAN** animals, to be eaten for food, by **SEVENS**; but of the unclean, of which he was not to eat during the Flood, by **TWO'S**—only enough to preserve their lives. The inference is inescapable that the additional clean animals were taken aboard to be eaten for food while Noah and his family were in the ark.

The instruction in the 11th chapter of Leviticus, then, was not some ritualistic regulation for the Mosaic period only. Why do so many people have the idea that God is some great unfair monster who imposes foolish hardships on His people? Whatever God instructs us is for **OUR GOOD**, not some nonsensical restriction for one period to be changed around some different way for other people of a different period.

Swine flesh—pork, ham, bacon, sausage, etc.—is simply **NOT FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**. The same is true with oysters, lobsters, dogs, snakes, rats, and skunks.

It's all a matter of what we have become accustomed to doing. It seems strange and horrifying to us to hear that some Chinese eat mice as a delicacy. But the Chinese are horrified to hear that we eat nasty, slimy, filthy oysters! But some human grown-ups, like little babies, will eat anything they can get their hands on and stuff into their mouths.

At so-called "quality" grocery stores in large towns and cities, specializing in rare delicacies, you can purchase "delicious" canned rattlesnake—if you care for it.

So far as I am concerned, you may have my portion if you wish to try it. I do not care to eat it for the same reason I do not eat slugs, skunks, cats, or eels—for the same reason I do not eat poison ivy or weeds. Yes, and for the same reason I do not put fuel oil in the gas tank of my car!

The day will come when the learned (so-called) doctors will at last learn that eating greasy hog flesh and other unfit "foods" has been a prime cause of cancer and other deadly diseases.

About Peter's Vision

But what about the sheet of unclean animals shown to the Apostle Peter in a vision? Did this vision change the entire composition of all unclean animals, or of the human digestive apparatus, so that these unfit things suddenly became nourishing food? **NOT AT ALL!** The

purpose of this vision was **NOT** to change God's food and health laws which have been inexorably in motion from the beginning, but its purpose was to show Peter "that I should not call any **MAN COMMON OR UNCLEAN**" (Acts 10:28). Jews had been taught to regard Gentiles like unclean animals—to have nothing to do with them.

Paul teaches us *not to judge* one another because of what the other eats or does not eat—but he does not teach us to eat that which is **UNCLEAN** and unfit for food.

He does, however, put the spiritual welfare of another ahead of the physical welfare of our own bodies. We are not to let our knowledge of God's instruction about meats become a spiritual stumbling block to another. If we are invited to the home of one not a Christian, or not possessing this knowledge, and we accept the invitation, we are to eat such things as are set before us, asking no questions. Better let a small portion of unfit meat go into your stomach this once than arouse the prejudice and indignation of another against your religion and turn him forever from the truth.

Two other points to be briefly mentioned. *God condemns also the eating of animal fat, or blood* (Lev. 3:17; 7:23; etc.). Butter, olive oil, and some vegetable oils and shortenings are all right, but animal fat should be cut off before eating meat. Hamburger is not good because mixed with much fat. Lard should never be used. These things will wreck any stomach in time.

It may not be spiritual sin to eat unclean meats. Yet, if one deliberately does it out of lust of appetite, that breaks the tenth command and becomes sin.

But in all events wrong food injures the body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. It defiles the **BODY** if not the *man*, and if we defile our bodies God will destroy us. Read I Cor. 3:17.

Why World Suffers

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his own personal gain. Rather he was a man who was trying to seek a means to end the sufferings of his fellow men and bring peace and prosperity to the world by means of a society based on an economic system.

Marx made one great mistake. He never knew or heard of the *true* God—overlooked that there is a God who is working out a purpose here below which will eventually bring peace to the world.

Hitler screamed that he had come to save men from their folly. That the world was foolish in not realizing it and following him.

Both Hitler and Marx had the idea of a scientifically planned society, in which there would be no superstition. No man who was unfit for a job would be in a place he did not belong and labor would be used where it would do the most good. Hitler believed in conquering the world and forcing his thousand-year plan on its inhabitants. Marx believed in conquering the world by intrigue and revolution, planting the seeds of his ideas in men's minds so they would die for it, to see it become a reality.

Sincere Plans of Men Bring Only Unhappiness

Both of these plans have wrought nothing but unhappiness on this earth. They did not allow for the avaricious natures in human beings. As long as man rules mankind there shall be suffering, war and misery and poverty.

Religion as practiced in this world today—all the religions, including Christianity, ARE merely superstitions, fables, myths. Great thinkers see these irregularities and thus throw God's word into the rubbish heap of discredit. If they were to study the Bible as diligently as they do the science which they claim discredits religion, they would know where the errors are and perhaps see that God's true teachings are the only way of bringing peace to this world.

Instead they have devised societies on their scientific principles, leaving out God and His laws.

What We Learned in Europe

While Mr. Hoeh and I were in Europe last summer, we were asked many times to describe America to people of many countries who were interested in our way of life, our government and our society. We found that people in many countries of Europe have a better knowledge of U.S. history than many people right here at home.

They have misconceptions about our standard of living. These they have acquired from the American movies that are shown in Europe, and the fact that too many Americans traveling in Europe don't want to be bothered to take the time to tell anyone about their country. Europeans read in their newspapers about our government scandals, the mismanagement, the graft and corruption in our government.

Then we turn around and try to tell them that our democracy is the best form of government on earth. This is an unbelievable contradiction to most of them. They think of America in terms of Chicago gangsters, New York racketeers and Hollywood actors and actresses. They know virtually nothing

about the life of the people who form the backbone of this country.

On the other hand the scandals that they read about and the crimes are undeniable and true. It is also true that we have a type of hypocritical society in which we tell ourselves we are better off than we are, that we are better people than we are.

Our moral codes are, in principle, highly idealistic and righteous. But in *practice* they are often morbid.

We tell ourselves that we live in a Christian society that emphasizes brotherly love and respect for our fellow man and the worship of God. But other peoples who see us from a viewpoint of different customs and governments and ways of living look at the news reports that constantly flow from our country about our crime and scandal and tell us we're deceiving ourselves.

Are we?

A man with whom I had a conference in Frankfurt, Germany, told me that I was stupid for thinking America to be such a great country. He said, "You Americans tell everyone you have the greatest country on earth and point to your material wealth to prove it, but you do not have the peace of mind and the happiness that is found over here."

Why the World Is Unhappy

I felt that I could differ with him on that point. The wars that have ravaged Europe have not left her peoples happy

and content or with a peace of mind but rather with fear of death, war and famine, and of their neighboring countries. France distrusts Germany, Germany distrusts France and England. England distrusts France and Germany. (Notice how this distrust has shown up in the recent news reports on the progress of the Schuman plan proceedings in Luxembourg.)

On the other hand I had to agree with the German in this respect: We do have an abundance of material wealth and we have NOT learned how to use it. It has made us unhappy rather than happy. It was given to us by God who put it in the soil of our country in the first place. But we forgot to thank Him for it or to follow His laws which He has set in motion to make us happy.

No, American Democracy is NOT GOD's government. Christ is still coming to the earth a second time, returning in all his glory as the KING OF KINGS and the ruler of the governments of this earth.

Material wealth can only make us happy when we learn how to use it as the One who created it meant it to be used.

Prophecy Unfolding Fast

As we watch the prophecies of the Bible unfold we can see that the time is not far off when Christ is going to return to this earth to change all of this and make men happy. Those who have *known* His ways and spurned them

will be rejected by Him when he comes but those who have found His ways, found that they are the TRUE ways to happiness and have been faithful to them will reign with him in a society that has no war, no famine, no disease, no mismanagement and no graft.

Will YOU be in that number?

ON THE CAMPUS

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and strife and develop the wrong mental attitudes. Instead of laying emphasis on true sportsmanship and healthful development of the body, too often we find that the emphasis is on beating the other fellow—preventing him from doing his best. Broad jumping, high jumping, pole-vaulting and track all encourage a student to compete against himself to improve his own record. There is nothing wrong with doing your best. Does not the Bible tell us whatsoever we do, to do it with all our might? We must be sure, however, that we use our energies for the right things.

When finished the athletic field will be something that the students of Ambassador College will be grateful to use.

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I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.

—Abraham Lincoln

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