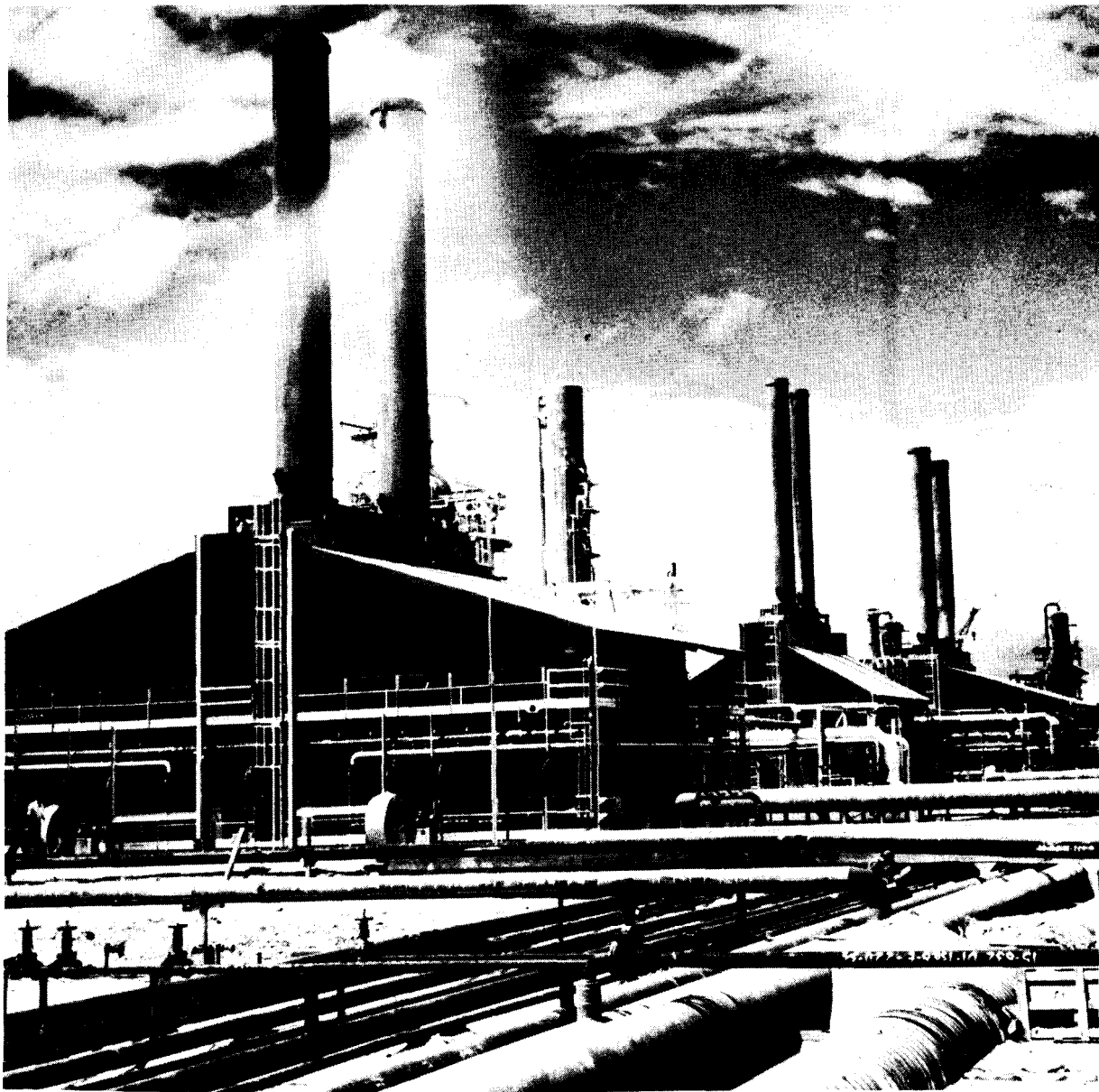


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Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

LONDON: Mrs. Armstrong called my attention this morning to a most shocking item in The London TIMES.

"Why!" she exclaimed, "are we living back in the dark ages, or is this the twentieth century?"

The headline read: "LADY GARBETT LOSES FARM." And the subhead: "DISPOSSESSION ENFORCED." The dispatch was from Eastbourne, England. The story stated that Lady Garbett, widowed wife of Sir Colin Garbett, and her daughter Susan were dispossessed of their 163-acre farm in Sussex on May 28. This was done by order of the Ministry of Agriculture, on grounds that the land was not being properly farmed.

Lady Garbett is aged about 70. She bought the farm in 1949. On May 28 Lady Garbett and her daughter were ordered to give up the farm by 3 P.M. They were moved out lock, stock and barrel.

All farm equipment, owned by Lady Garbett, was taken over by the government representatives. Her livestock and poultry were seized.

Miss Susan Garbett is quoted as having said:

"My mother is too ill and distressed to see reporters. We have tried to farm this land to the best of our ability. Only last week we planted nine acres of barley

and there is another seven acres growing. Although we own the land and the house, the Ministry have not offered us a penny in compensation."

Think of it! In this 20th century, A.D., a government seizes and apparently confiscates a farm, a home, the planted fields, and the farm equipment and live stock. The grounds for this unheard-of action—"the land was not being properly farmed!"

This news item aroused many bursts of indignation in England. "Is this civilization, or the Dark Ages?" people were asking.

I suppose most of you who are reading this, both in Britain and in America and elsewhere, are incensed, also.

Well, let's take a deeper look at this strange case.

According to modern concepts in which we have been reared, and modern ideas of justice, this is a horrible, inexcusable, shocking miscarriage of justice.

I can imagine you farmers of Iowa, Illinois, Kansas or Texas, Oregon or Alabama saying: "Well, my farm is my own. I can do with it as I please. If I don't farm this land in a manner some government agents think is proper, that's my business—I can farm it any way I want. It's mine. No one has a right to take it away from me!"

Yes, Sir! An act of this kind can shock us into a very deep sense of hot indignation! But suppose we THINK a little deeper.

Was this, after all, such a grossly unjust act?

Once, many centuries ago, there were thousands of farmers who owned land in the ancient countries of Moab, Edom, Ammon, Bashan, and the lands of the

Canaanites, the Jebusites, the Hivites, the Philistines, the Perizzites, and many others.

All *this* is very REAL to me just now, because I have just come from a visit thru all these lands. They included many thousands of acres of very rich farm lands, as well as much grazing land. These ancient farmers possessed and owned their lands. They had planted

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Will RUSSIA Attack America?

Big news is seeping through the Iron Curtain. Riots are occurring in many cities. Is this the beginning of the end for Communist rulers?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THE NEW Communist masters have repudiated Stalin. Why?

Where will this anti-Stalin campaign lead? Is it causing the riots now occurring in Russian cities? Or is the news from behind the Iron Curtain *a calculated plan* to FOOL the West—to catch us off guard—in order to launch a surprise atomic and hydrogen bomb attack to wipe out Western Civilization?

There is only one way to know the answer. The God who made the world—Who makes and unmakes nations—He it is Who reveals *the future* before it happens so we can know and take warning!

Many who claim to be authorities on prophecy have been busy assuring people a war involving Russia and America and England is prophesied in Ezekiel 38.

The United States, Great Britain, and the democracies of northwestern Europe are actually modern ISRAEL—descended from the so-called lost Ten Tribes. Therefore, they conclude, the prophecy of Ezekiel 38 foretells a military invasion of the North American continent from Russia.

But this is *not* what the prophecy says.

What Ezekiel 38 *does* foretell is truly astounding. Let's understand it.

The Time-Sequence of the Prophecy

Ezekiel's message is for *our day*—a prophetic warning for America and Britain, *now!*

To understand the time, the place, and all the facts of the prophecy of Ezekiel 38, we need to begin at the 1st chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy and read the book clear through.

When we do this, we find a TIME-SEQUENCE flowing thru the Book.

Let us skim thru it very briefly.

Notice, in the very first verse, Ezekiel

was among the Jewish captives who had been taken in the captivity of Judah to the River Chebar. It was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity that this prophecy began coming to Ezekiel thru visions.

It is a PROPHECY. Ezekiel was being shown things far into the FUTURE.

Notice, the prophecy was inspired and written *after* JUDAH'S captivity—more than 130 years after the House of ISRAEL had been taken captive to Assyria. The advance-guard of the House of Israel already had begun to arrive in the British Isles before Ezekiel's vision and writing.

Yet, Ezekiel is a prophet to the HOUSE OF ISRAEL. His prophecy applies to the far future—*not* to the captivity of Israel which had occurred more than 130 years before he wrote. Remember that!

Notice, Ezek. 2:3, and 3:1, 4-7, Ezekiel's message, a PROPHECY for the FUTURE, is for the HOUSE OF ISRAEL, not the House of Judah.

In chapter 3, beginning verse 17, Ezekiel is set a watchman to WARN the House of Israel.

Message to Israel, Not Judah

Notice! Beginning chapter 3: After the prophet "eats the roll"—that is, receives the prophetic warning message—he is to "go speak unto the HOUSE OF ISRAEL"—*not* to the Jews among whom he dwelt.

Remember he is already *among* the captives of JUDAH. But the Eternal says to him: "Go, get thee unto the House of ISRAEL" (Verse 4).

Surely we do not need to pause here to explain to readers of The PLAIN TRUTH that the twelve tribes of Israel had long before this divided into *two nations*—the ten Tribes being the House of ISRAEL, while Judah and Benjamin

composed the House of JUDAH, who, *only*, were nicknamed "Jews." For the benefit of those readers who do not understand this vital distinction—a veritable "key" without which the prophecies cannot be opened to understanding—another edition of the special booklet "The United States in Prophecy" will shortly be published, and upon special request a copy will be sent free.

The Jewish people of today are descended from the House of JUDAH. But the white, English-speaking people of the United States and Great Britain are the leading "birthright" tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, heads of the ten-tribed HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

Ezekiel's Message is for *our day*—and it is, therefore, *a message for America and Britain, NOW!*

Notice chapter 4. The prophet is to place before him a tile, and trace upon it the city of Jerusalem, and lay siege against it. The sins pictured are those of Jerusalem, capital of JUDAH. But "this" (verse 3) "*shall be a sign to the HOUSE of ISRAEL.*" Then follows the well-known key to the "day for a year" method of reckoning prophecy.

Continue chapter 5. "For," comes the warning Message from the Eternal, "thereof SHALL a fire come forth into all the HOUSE OF ISRAEL" (Verse 4). Notice, this is to portray vividly a warning of some FUTURE destruction upon the House of ISRAEL! Not upon Judah, already conquered by Nebuchadnezzar and in the midst of his sieges against Jerusalem. But upon ISRAEL—the ten-tribed nation who had gone into its first and original captivity one hundred thirty long years before! The warning is not of the captivity already so far back in history. It says "thereof SHALL a fire COME" upon Israel! It is a prophecy re-

lating to a FUTURE destruction and captivity.

No such destruction and captivity has ever *yet* come to the House of Israel since this was written! *Therefore it is still in the future*—IN OUR TIME! It is a warning to Britain and America—NOW!

A Captivity of Israel Yet Future!

Notice more of this grim warning!

"A third part of thee (America-Britain) shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds" (in captivity being removed from our own land and scattered over the world) (verse 12).

Coming to chapter 6, the local scene of the vision shifts to the mountainous land of Palestine—but the MESSAGE is for AMERICA AND BRITAIN, today!

Will we heed it? God help us to wake up!

Listen! "Behold I, even I," says the Eternal God (Verse 3), "will bring a sword (invasion) upon you, and I will destroy your high places . . . and I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of ISRAEL before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. In all your dwelling places the cities *shall be laid waste* (atomic-bombing) . . . and ye shall know that I am the Eternal" (Verses 5-7).

Just a small remnant shall escape and be spared (Verse 8). These are described in Luke 21:36.

Continue: "Thus saith the Eternal God; . . . Alas for all the evil abominations of (not Judah, but) the HOUSE OF ISRAEL! for they SHALL" (not *did*, in the captivity 130 years before Ezekiel wrote, but SHALL) "fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence" (Verse 11).

The TIME Is FUTURE!

This is not a popular message. You probably have never heard it before. The preachers and teachers of prophecy almost unanimously will rise up to deny this warning Message—to apply it to a different time or people. But the warning is from the Eternal God, *and it is sure!* The reader will do well to heed:

Notice the TIME! It's important.

"All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be as weak as water" (Chapter 7 verse 17). "Howl ye; for the DAY OF THE LORD is at hand; . . . therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: and they shall be afraid" (Isa. 13:6-7). Plainly, the TIME is the "*Day of the Lord*"—yet *in the immediate future!*

Continue: "They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the *day of the WRATH OF THE LORD*" (Ezek. 7:19). Now compare that with Zeph. 1:14-18: "The great day of the Lord is near . . . That day is a DAY OF WRATH . . . And I (the Eternal) will bring distress upon men . . . *Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's Wrath.*" Both are speaking of the same time . . . a time shortly ahead of us now, in this present generation!

"Wherefore," continues verse 24 (Ezek. 7), "I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses; and I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease . . . DESTRUCTION cometh; and they shall seek peace, *and there shall be none* . . . then shall they seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest" (Verses 25-26).

Yes, when this comes, our people finally will cry out for a true prophet or minister of the Eternal God—but it will be too late! For *then* shall have come the time spoken by the prophet Amos, when there shall be a FAMINE OF HEARING THE WORDS OF THE ETERNAL—(Amos 8:11)—an END of true Gospel preaching! Already the people and their paid ministers have turned their eyes and ears from God's law!

Notice chapter 11 of Ezekiel's prophecy. It is a Message addressed to the House of ISRAEL—verse 5. "I will bring the sword upon you, saith the Eternal God. And I will bring you out of the midst thereof and *deliver you into the hands of strangers*, and will execute judgments among you. Ye shall fall by the sword" (Verses 8-10). WHEN? It is *future* from the time Ezekiel wrote, and it has not *yet* happened since then! GOD

SAYS IT WILL HAPPEN! He means it.

Chapter 12, verse 11: "They SHALL remove, and *go into captivity.*" It is yet future—and it is the House of ISRAEL! Not Judah.

When? "And they shall know I am the Eternal, *when I shall* scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries" (Verse 15). The expression "They shall know that I am the Eternal" is used repeatedly thru the Book of Ezekiel—always referring to the time of the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, and Israel's final restoration back to the land of Palestine. Many prophecies show Israel is to be scattered in this latter-day captivity *when* Christ comes to RESTORE them back to Palestine.

People Won't Believe It!

Always the true prophets and ministers of God have stood almost alone, and opposed by the overwhelming majority in Israel. That is Israel's history of old. It is true today.

The 13th chapter shows the declarations of the popular ministry of this day in Israel—in America and Britain.

"Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel . . . Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! O Israel thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the HOUSE OF ISRAEL to stand in the battle *in the DAY OF THE LORD*" (Verses 2-5). It is speaking of the *soon-coming* "Day of the Lord"—not some ancient event! . . . "They have seduced my people, saying Peace; and there was no peace" (Verse 10).

Certainly the popular ministry of today is saying to the people that we shall *never* be defeated in war, *because*, say those who understand our national identity, we are the chosen people of Israel! But we were not chosen for special favors. We were chosen for a service and righteous life we have failed to perform! Every time Israel of old disobeyed God, departed from His laws and ways, and went into the pagan customs (as we have done today, actually deceiving ourselves by *calling* those customs "Christian!") they were invaded and conquered. *Has God changed?*



—WIDE WORLD PHOTO

Angry crowds carry picture of Stalin in his native province. Many Russians refuse to go along with the communist attack on Stalin's one-man dictatorship. Soviet leaders now claim that collective leadership is best for world communism.

Ezekiel catalogs our sins—our customs and ways which seem right in *our* eyes but which are contrary to God's laws and an *abomination* in HIS sight. Some of them he mentions in the 8th chapter.

In chapter 22: "Thou hast despised mine holy things, and profaned my sabbaths," says the Eternal (Verse 8). "Thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by extortion, and hath forgotten me, saith the Eternal . . . And I will (not did, but *will*) scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee" (Verses 12, 15).

"Her priests" (prophetically speaking of modern Israel) "have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shown difference between the unclean and the clean (Lev. 11), and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them" (Verse 26). Our people today can't see where *these* things make any difference! But Ezekiel says the preachers have deceived the people, and led them astray. They have condoned

all these things, until the people have lost God's pure TRUTH!

At this point Ezekiel digresses thru eight chapters, 25 thru 32, to prophesy against a number of foreign Gentile nations who have come in direct contact with Israel. In chapter 33, the prophet returns to pleading with the House of Israel. "Turn ye, turn ye," God pleads, "from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O House of Israel?" Here, too, Ezekiel is again set a watchman to WARN Israel—AMERICA AND BRITAIN TODAY!—at the time when this prophesied foreign sword is coming! Ezekiel wrote the Message—but it remains for us to whom God has revealed it today actually to shout and proclaim it to the people. God help us to be faithful in this solemn and grave commission!

In the 34th chapter, God tells him to prophesy against the ministers of our land. They have fed themselves, and not the flocks. They have preached what people wanted to hear (II Tim. 4:3-4) in order to get their salaries.

The Coming of Christ!

And now the Eternal inspires the prophet to come to the solution!

"Thus saith the Eternal God: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock . . . Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep and seek them out . . . and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day (the DAY OF THE LORD—yet future). And I will . . . gather them from the countries, and bring them to their own land (Palestine), and feed them (spiritual food) upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country" (Verses 10-14).

Christ Himself—for He is the Eternal—shall come and rescue our people, not only from the coming captivity and dispersion, but from the false Babylonish teachings which have been palmed off to our people cloaked as "Christianity." He will then set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people Israel (Isa. 11:11). The spiritual blindness shall then be removed, and all Israel shall be saved! (See Romans 11:25-26.) The KINGDOM OF GOD shall be established. Men shall be tired of their *own* ways, and seek God's ways

—and *His law* shall go forth of Zion (Micah 4:2-3). And the nations shall find **PEACE!**

The 35th chapter reveals the end of the Turkish nation, to occur at this time, because of their treachery against Great Britain—all yet to be fulfilled. This ties up with the prophecy of Obadiah.

In the 36th chapter, the Eternal addresses Palestine: "Prophecy unto the mountains of Israel . . . Thus saith the Eternal God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken . . . But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your

branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come . . . And I will multiply men upon you, *all the HOUSE OF ISRAEL* even ALL of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: and I will multiply upon you man and beast" (Verses 1, 4, 8, 10-11).

Yes, the House of Israel is pictured returning to Palestine, *not* from a condition of wealth and prosperity from Britain and America—*not* in the position of a people victorious in a great world war—but as a slave and captive people, scattered thru the nations of the world! ALL prophecies picturing this rescue and re-gathering of Israel at Christ's coming

give us the same prophetic picture! Why be blinded to the truth?

Both Houses United in Palestine

In chapter 37, the first part pictures the "valley of dry bones." This represents (Verse 11), the whole House of Israel—including Judah. It has a dual significance. It pictures the re-birth and resurrection of Israel *as a nation*, from captivity, dispersion and slavery. It pictures, too, the literal bodily resurrection of the individual who has long since died, after which the knowledge of the Truth—spiritual knowledge—shall be revealed, and he shall be converted, and God's Spirit shall enter within, and he shall be saved.

Beginning the 15th verse, the illustration of the two sticks shows the two Houses, or nations, Israel and Judah, being once more united, under Christ at His second coming, in the land of Palestine.

"Thus saith the Eternal God; Behold I will take the children of Israel from" (from the British Isles, and America—from a position of wealth and affluence recent victors in the world war? No, but) "from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: and I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be King over them all: *they shall be no more two nations*, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with *any* of their transgressions . . . And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt . . . they, and their children, and their children's children forever. . . . Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an **EVER-LASTING COVENANT**" (The NEW Covenant). (Verses 21-26).

And Now Comes Gog!

Notice, now, the story-flow—the time-sequence! The prophet has carried us thru the sins of Israel, the coming invasion and captivity and dispersion, the Coming of Christ as **DELIVERER** to **RE-**
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This is Russian agriculture! These two rural scenes show storage of cotton harvest at the Kurgan-Tyube delivery station (above) and threshing grain at Kyzyl-Tu collective farm. Russian farming methods are extremely backward; farmers resent being forced to give up privately owned farms.

—WIDE WORLD PHOTOS



Where Is God's Church TODAY?

Here is the answer to the question which thousands of you have been asking!

by Herman L. Hoeh

IT IS TIME you knew the *truth* about this WORK.

Does Jesus Christ have *many* different evangelists and church denominations—each teaching a different “gospel” and practicing different doctrines—doing His work?

Is Mr. Armstrong's ministry just another one-man evangelistic work? Or are we God's Church—*THE Church of God*? Who gives us “the right to be right”?

Could Jesus Christ be using, guiding and directing *this work* if it were *not* the work of His Church?

It is time you knew *how* to recognize what the true Church is and which one it is! It's time you *knew* how, when, and where this religious babylon of hundreds of denominations started. The truth will come as a shock!

Only ONE Church

Every thinking person—every denomination—realizes that, at some time in history, there has been a great apostacy or falling away from original TRUTH. Protestants and Catholics may dispute the *time* of its occurrence, but they know that it happened!

Jesus Christ did not found *many denominations*! Christ said, “I will build my Church.” *He did build it!* ONE Church, commissioned to preach and to publish His Gospel—the very Message He brought from God—to all the world!

But what do we find today? Hundreds of different and disagreeing churches, all founded by MEN, each *professing* to teach the truth, yet contradicting and disagreeing with all the others—a modern religious babylon!

Christ's instruction to His Church is, “*Come out from among them, and be ye separate*” (II Cor. 6:17).

In His final prayer for His ONE Church, Jesus prayed: “I pray for *them*: I pray *not* for the world . . . Holy Father, keep *through thine own name* those whom thou hast given me, *that they may be ONE*, as we are. I have given them thy word, and the *world hateth them*, because *they are not OF the world*, even as I am not OF the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. *They are not OF the world*, even as I am not OF the world” (John 17:9-16).

Jesus did command HIS BODY—the collective Body through which the Spirit of God does the WORK of God—to go *into* all the world and preach and publish His Gospel. But those of His Church are described as being strangers and foreigners in this world—as AMBASSADORS for Christ—representing HIS Kingdom which is *foreign* to this world!

The religious sects of Jesus' day were the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Essenes, the Samaritans. Jesus joined none of them. On the contrary, He called His disciples *out of them*—out of all organizations of men. The Greek word “ecclesia” translated “Church” in English has the meaning of “called-out ones.”

What Is the True Church?

Very few really know what the true church is.

The true church is the collective body of individuals, called out from the ways of this present world, who have *totally* surrendered themselves to the rule of God, and who, through the Holy Spirit, become the begotten sons of God (Rom. 8:9).

Jesus purchased *the church* by shedding his own blood for it (Acts 20:28). The true church is not some *politically*

organized denomination which one joins or becomes a member of in order to be “saved.” Jesus did not die for some one *organization* called a church. Therefore joining a local church congregation does *not* put you into God's church.

You can't *join* the true church; *only God can put you into it by His Spirit*. “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into [put into] one Body” (I Cor. 12:13). *God* makes you a member of His Church—if you surrender your life to Him—even if you have *no local* church with which to fellowship.

The church is called the body of Christ because it is a *spiritual organism* whose LIVING, ACTIVE HEAD is Jesus Christ, in the same sense that the husband is head of the wife (Eph. 5:23, 31). How does one enter this true Church of God?—this spiritual union? *Notice:*

When God's church first began on the day of Pentecost, Peter gave the answer to this question. “*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).

We have to realize our own ways are wrong, that they have brought on war and suffering about us. We must be willing to *repent* and completely turn from our former ways and let God rule our lives. Then we should be *baptized*. Paul explains it in Romans 6:1-6 as the outward sign of our willingness to completely *bury* our old self in a watery grave and come up to walk in newness of life—following Jesus' example.

Then we are promised the “gift” of the Holy Spirit to guide us in obeying and following Christ—our *real* Lord and Master. This gift puts us into the Church, as we read in I Cor. 12:13.

Church Grows in Truth

Before He ascended to the Father, Jesus prayed that His church would be kept ONE in the Father's name. "Holy Father, *keep through thine own name* those whom thou hast given me, that they may be ONE, as we are" (John 17:11).

The true church—the "Church of God" (I Cor. 1:2)—is not many divided quarreling denominations, but ONE Church, composed of many scattered members, ONE church united in Spirit, mind, attitude and heart because its members have totally surrendered their wills to God and have yielded to correction and reproof from the Word of God.

No denomination could be the true Church, because none has been willing to admit where it has been wrong, none has received God's correction, none has allowed the Holy Spirit to guide it into truth. The Church which Jesus is building is composed of those *scattered* individuals who have God's Holy Spirit, who admit it when they are wrong, as the apostle Peter did when he made a serious mistake (Gal. 2:11).

Now notice Jesus' promise in John 16:13. He would send the Spirit of truth who "will GUIDE you INTO all truth."

Here is the KEY which proves who are in God's Church. It is composed *only* of those who are *growing into truth* as God reveals it. The moment anyone ceases to GROW, but wants to retain only what he had five or ten years ago, *from that moment on the Holy Spirit ceases to live in him*.

Now let's notice what was prophesied to happen to the church.

To Be Scattered

This true Church of God was to be PERSECUTED—SCATTERED! "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you," said Jesus to His disciples (John 15:20). "ALL that will live godly in Christ Jesus *shall suffer persecution*" (II Tim. 3:12).

On the night Jesus was seized to be crucified, He said: "It is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered'" (Mark 14:27). After HE, the Shepherd, was crucified, the "sheep,"—His CHURCH—were to become *scattered*! Previously, that same evening, Jesus had said to His disciples: "Ye shall

be *scattered*" (John 16:32).

This persecution and scattering began early. Notice Acts 8:1: "And at that time there was a *great persecution against the Church* which was at Jerusalem; and *they were all scattered abroad* throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles."

Notice what Daniel says about the church: "And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: *yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days*. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: *but many shall cleave to them with flatteries*. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge them, and to make them white, even to the time of the end" (Dan. 11:33-35).

The prophet Ezekiel foretold this scattering—chapter 34. Daniel again foretold it: "When he shall have accomplished to *scatter* the power of the *holy people* (Church), all these things shall be finished." That is, the end of the age! (Dan. 12:7).

Nowhere is there any prophecy that the One True Church should become great and powerful, exerting influence in this world. Rather, Jesus called it the "Little Flock." Despised, persecuted, scattered BY the world—separate FROM the world! Scattered, but NEVER DIVIDED! Always ONE Church, speaking the SAME thing—*never* many differing sects!

You haven't read much of the history of THAT Church! Even the historians never knew where to look for the TRUE Church—for they didn't even know WHAT the true Church *is*!

WORLD'S Churches Deceived

On the other hand all the prophecies foretold that in the WORLD apostacy, deception, counterfeit "Christianity," and division would occur.

Jesus foretold the very *first* event to come on the world—GREAT DECEPTION—climaxing, in *our* day now just ahead, in GREAT TRIBULATION!

"Take heed," He said, "that no man deceive you. For MANY shall come *in my name, saying* I am Christ; and shall *deceive* MANY!" (Mat. 24:4, 5).

Notice carefully! It was not the *few* who were to be DECEIVED—but the MANY. It was the FEW who were to be-

come true Christians!

Jesus had pictured this same condition, when He said: "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto LIFE, and FEW there be that find it" (Mat. 7:13-14).

That isn't what the world believes, is it? Probably that isn't what *you* have always heard, and come to assume. But it's what CHRIST SAID! How deceived this world has become!

Yes, the MANY would come *in Jesus' name*, proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ—yes, preaching CHRIST to the world—and yet DECEIVING the world—by substituting pagan beliefs while preaching ABOUT Christ!

Clever Counterfeit

What a clever counterfeit! And many—perhaps most—of those so preaching in Christ's name are sincere—*themselves* deceived! It is SATAN who has deceived even *them*! It is SATAN who has made himself the GOD OF THIS WORLD—and thus is worshipped AS God. This world *doesn't know* the true God, strange as that may seem! This world believes that if one "accepts Christ"—"makes his decision for Christ"—"WORSHIPS Christ"—he is saved.

That's what many preach today! But that is not what JESUS preached!

Observe: "In VAIN do they worship ME," said Christ, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men . . . making the word of God of none effect through your tradition" (Mark 7:7, 13).

That is difficult to believe, isn't it?

Shocking though it is, the overwhelming majority *have been deceived* by ministers who come in the name of Jesus Christ, proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ, but who teach a different Gospel and a different faith! They are those who, themselves being deceived from childhood, brought up in these deceptive beliefs, enter the ministry to earn a living, who choose it as their vocation or job, who decide to appoint *themselves* as Christ's representatives, yet who were *not* called by Christ to be His ministers! They have hired themselves out to the people, and therefore must preach what
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The Origin of LIFE

Have scientists found evidence that life evolved from dead matter? Are the first fossils simple and primitive as the theory of evolution demands?

by Kenneth C. Herrmann

YOU AND I are supposedly end products of an evolutionary process. This concept is taught as truth in almost all of our educational institutions today. But where is the *proof*?

A single simple one-celled animal, it is said, happened into existence millions of years ago. Then, slowly, gradually evolution produced our present-day life.

Spontaneous generation plus evolution supposedly produced the myriad of complex living forms of today's world. Dead matter became living matter; then living matter evolved.

Proof is supposed to be found in geology. A study of the fossil strata, they say, reveals that in the "earliest" fossil deposits simple, primitive life is found. "Later" strata contain increasingly complex life till we come to the uppermost layers in which are deposited man and present day forms of life.

The proof of this theory is rather elusive as we shall see. We ought to examine the evidence before drawing any conclusion.

Just how did life originate?

A Course Entitled "The Origin of Life"

One of the outstanding large universities of the Los Angeles area made the error of labeling a geology course, "The Origin of Life." I say error, for when the topic came up in class, the professor expressed openly the wish that the course had been given a different name.

Speaking frankly, this professor, a qualified scientist, said there was **LITTLE OR NOTHING KNOWN ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF LIFE.**

This fact is important. The educators who labeled the course believed their professors capable of teaching a course on how life came into being. Yet the professor assigned to the course indicated that *little or nothing* could be said concerning the origin of life.

Will the conclusions of scientists con-

cerning the origin of life disagree with the scripture?

Three Alternatives

Life does exist. No one questions this fact. No one, that is, except a few philosophers who for the sake of an argument will contend that the world might be an illusion, just a dream; and that there is really nothing that does exist. "How would one know?" they ask in idle speculation. Let's not awaken them!

The real problem is this: Life exists. Just where, when and how did it come into being?

Let us examine the problem from a standpoint of hard, cold logic and apart from Biblical revelation. Evolutionists do not accept the Scriptural explanation. To answer them properly, we must examine their own conclusions and the facts upon which they are based.

Present day theories will be considered one by one in the light of fact and logic alone. Error will be discarded. Will the *pure* science remaining agree with God's revelation? We shall soon see.

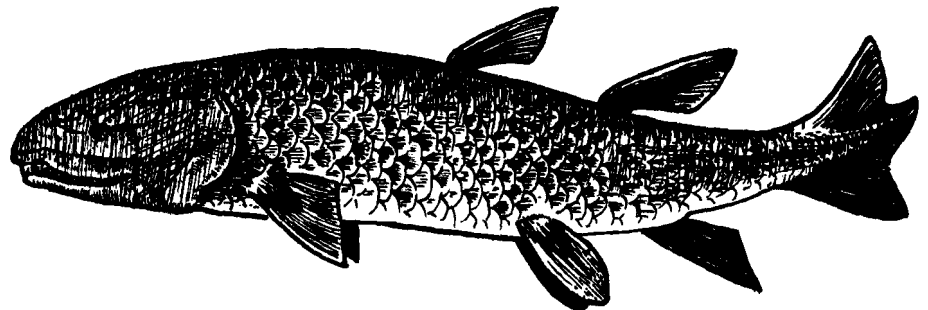
Concerning the **ORIGIN AND EXISTENCE OF LIFE** on this planet *three alternatives* present themselves:

1) "**LIFE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED.**" This idea, scientists admit, is the weakest of the three. It is *untenable* because *the earth has not always existed!* In their estimation it has not been fit for life but

for a portion of its estimated 3 to 5 billion-year existence. Some have suggested, "Perhaps life came to the earth from outer space, from the explosion of another planet in the remote regions of space. Spores of this primitive life might have been pushed along by radiation pressure from starlight or sunlight. Arriving on the earth they found an ideal place to propagate and evolve."

Thinking logically, it is *very unlikely* that life could have come from another planet or from outer space. The chance of such an occurrence and possibility of life surviving such an ordeal is extremely remote. This idea does not answer the question of the origin of life. It merely attempts to *avoid facing* the question by putting it beyond the reach of investigation. The real question of the origin of life remains unanswered. Since the material universe is admittedly not eternal, life had to come into being at some definite date in the past. Previously scientists had believed the earth to be young, the universe old. These last few decades have seen that idea discarded. The earth in their conclusion is now *as old as the universe*. Is it strange that that should agree with Genesis 1:1? "In the beginning God created the heaven *and the earth.*"

2) "**LIFE CAME INTO BEING BY SOME SLOW NATURAL PROCESS.**" This is the favorite belief of the "educated" man of



This supposedly extinct fish—the crossopterygian—has recently been found **alive** in today's ocean. Fossil beds containing it are said to be 300 million years old.

today. Scientists comment that this idea "can be presented plausibly" and that the arguments are "very convincing." Yet the *universal opinion* of all scientists familiar with the field is that there is "no evidence that this has ever taken place or does at this time."

Plausible presentations and very convincing arguments do *not* constitute proof. The truth of a matter cannot be determined by the cleverness or eloquence of the orator. Facts and logic (and, if they would accept it, *revealed knowledge*) alone constitute the basis of all material science.

3) "LIFE WAS SUDDENLY CREATED." This of course implies a Creator. Since neither life nor the material creation has eternally existed, this Great First Cause would of necessity have existed from eternity. This theory thus postulates the creation of life forms by an eternally existing God who had life *inherent* in Himself.

Could men of science consider this as a possibility in their search for the origin of life? They have, and here are a few of their comments: "The idea is as good as any." "Whether you care to accept the idea depends upon personal taste." "*It disposes of the very great difficulty of creating living matter out of inorganic {dead} matter.*" "Much of our culture is based upon such a belief."

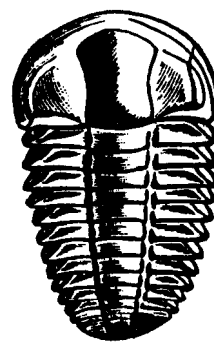
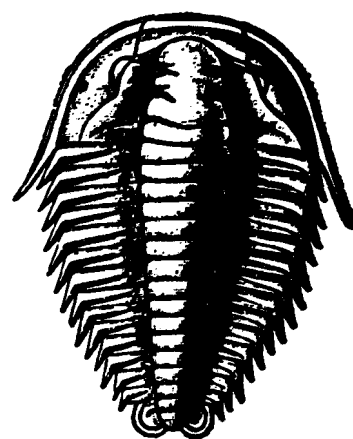
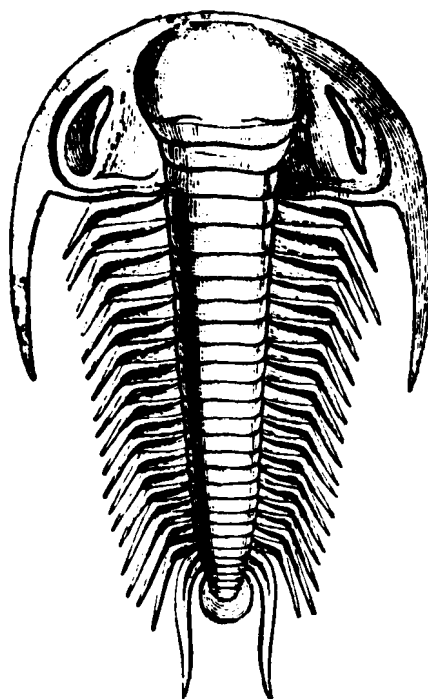
Yes, our scientists do consider the possibility of life having been created.

Re-Examine These Alternatives

Consider these three alternatives again. The first is untenable. The SECOND is COMPLETELY LACKING IN EVIDENCE. The THIRD is *listed by science* as a possibility.

To accept the THIRD is to *believe in a Creator*. But atheists (men with a remarkable faith that there is no God) prefer the second. Not because of evidence of spontaneous generation of life but solely because they prefer the "no God" idea. To accept this SECOND ALTERNATIVE is to have *blind* faith that there is no Creator.

The facts and logic are inescapable. An atheist is a man with false faith that his Creator does not exist. He has absolutely no evidence upon which to base his faith. The atheist "hopes" to find that evidence.



Evolutionists are astonished at the complexity of these Cambrian Trilobites found in the **lowest** fossil strata. (After Le Conte)

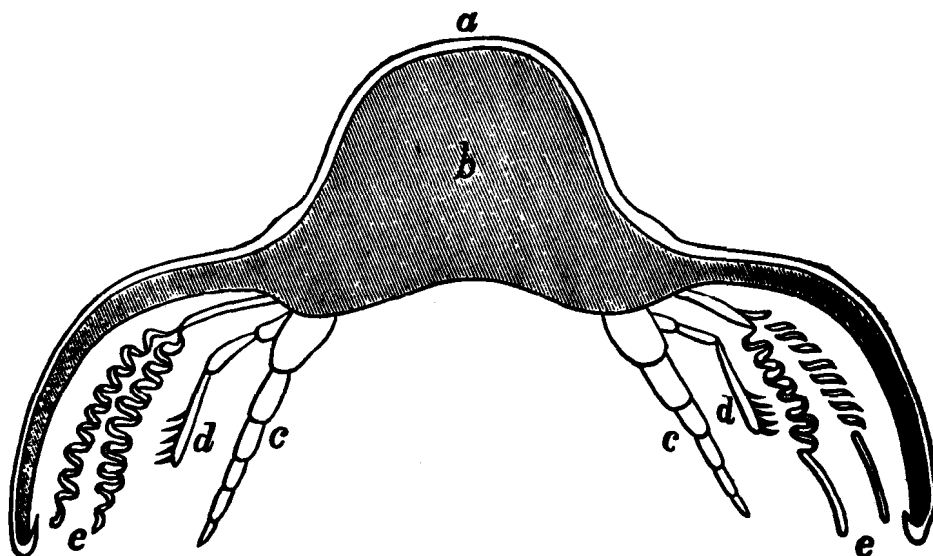
So far we have considered only how the first bits of life may have come into being. Have evolutionists erred in assuming that the first life to exist was primitive, one-celled animal life?

Here is evidence and logic apart from Biblical revelation using only accepted facts and sound reasoning to test the

theories presented in books on science.

We are going to search for evidence of these few, small, simple, primitive fossil specimens which supposedly are to be found in the first fossil strata. We are going to examine the foundation of the evolutionary theory. If the foundation is hypothetical the whole structure

Complex transverse section of a Trilobite (after Wolcott). a, dorsal crust; b, visceral cavity; c, legs; d, epipodite (structure to keep gills clean and maintain fresh water circulation); e, spiral gills.



of historical geology based upon evolution will crumble.

The First Fossil Remains

Have evolutionists erred in assuming that the first life to exist was a primitive one-celled type? The THEORY OF EVOLUTION WOULD REQUIRE that in the earliest layer *simple* forms would be found, *few* in number, *gradually developing step by step* into present day forms. The evidence in this first fossil layer will have a great bearing on whether you may logically believe that God created bits of life and then spent millions of years watching them evolve into present day life. "Theistic" evolutionists have apparently never considered these facts.

Here is the evidence from the first fossil layer, the Cambrian strata:

1) *Instead of few forms of life*, 455 different species are found. There are 100 genera of trilobites alone. Of the 13 phyla (divisions) into which all animals are classified, various authorities state that 9, 12 or all 13 are represented.

Thus instead of a few forms of life, evolutionists are forced to admit "a remarkable assemblage of animal remains." The Cambrian layer is "just teeming with all kinds of fossils," to use their own words.

2) *Instead of simple forms of life* as the theory of evolution would require, this first fossil layer contains such complex life as the chambered mollusks and the highly developed trilobite which has one set of legs for walking on the ocean bottom and another set for swimming.

"It is very interesting to observe that a *complex* mechanism, *the compound eye like that of crustaceans and insects of the present day*, was already developed *even* in the earliest Primordial times." From *Elements of Geology* by Joseph Le Conte.

3) *Instead of small specimens* these so called "early" forms were *often giants* compared to "later" forms. The "ancient" trilobite, for instance, attained a length of 27 inches. Close modern representatives in appearance are the pill or sow bugs so common today where decaying vegetation is found. The trilobite, however, was an ocean dwelling creature.

4) *Instead of "primitive" types* a

considerable number of them have identical or almost identical living representatives today.

Perhaps the most widely known example of this is the muscular-jointed fin fish called the crossopterygian *found only in Devonian strata* (3 "ages" later than the Cambrian) but also *found alive today*. Specimens have been caught in the waters off Africa much to the consternation of the proponents of evolution. Rather than admit that something is radically wrong with their faith, they cover up by publishing detailed studies on the structure of the fish, showing how it (supposedly) became the ancestor of land life by changing its fins to the jointed condition and then to legs. The missing link between the fish and land animals is thus supposedly found alive in the ocean today. These first fossils are certainly not primitive.

5) *Instead of natural deposition* such as might occur along beaches or deltas today, the fossils of this Cambrian strata show evidence of having been *buried alive* by some sudden *catastrophe*. The "ages" required for a certain strata to form thus become a myth.

It is obvious that these first fossils do not fit the "few, simple and primitive" pattern demanded by the evolutionary theory. But the proponents of evolution are not through yet. Hope springs eternal in the human heart and for the evolutionist there is always the "hope" that he may find his "proof."

Pre-Cambrian Rocks

Suppose we follow the thinking of evolutionists one more step. They rationalize: Since evolution is true, the first life must be simple, and since Cambrian life is not simple, it cannot be the first life. The pre-Cambrian rocks, they contend, must hold the answer to the origin of life.

A thorough search of the pre-Cambrian rocks reveals the following facts: IN ALL ROCKS TERMED PRE-CAMBRIAN, the sum total of fossils found amounts to *a few worm burrows*, one or two *broken shells* which may be *brachiopods*, some *algae*, fragments of *sponge spicules* and A LOT OF WISHFUL THINKING. The wishful thinking is that of evolutionists and the expression that of an evolutionist.

How they wish they could find a fossil

layer with a "few, simple, primitive" forms of life to establish their dogged faith in evolution. The pre-Cambrian layer fails to give them evidence.

The list of fossils for this layer is probably incorrect. Another source just as reliable, yet just as anxious to prove evolution, thought the term "*The Agnostozoic*" (meaning "we don't know whether there was life during it") would be quite fitting for this pre-Cambrian layer. In his opinion, the sample of algae he passed around to his class may or may not have been algae and he spoke of the "NEARLY INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM of the *sudden appearance of complex life* IN THE CAMBRIAN ROCKS."

The conclusion from these facts ought to be easy. In the Cambrian layer is complex life; in a supposedly earlier layer, a few fragments of the same thing or perhaps nothing. (Remember also that a layer is identified by the fossils in it and thus *these fragments might be Cambrian*.)

YOUR CONCLUSION: If this complex life of the Cambrian layer were deposited over a long period of time, then life must have been *suddenly created* near the beginning of the period. If deposited quickly, a creation of complex life is still implied and *a destruction by a flood is a certainty*. But men of science struggle on without the scriptures to guide them.

The Lost Interval

Retreating from the facts, the evolutionist must now resort to theory to preserve his religion. We have come this far, we may as well continue in pursuit. All reason is dropped and rationalization takes over completely.

The evolutionist comes up with an idea. Since no life is found in some layers, which they therefore term pre-Cambrian, and complex life is found in the simplest layer they have discovered, supposedly an enormous period of time between these two layers existed. Names like "*The Lost Interval*" and "*The Lipalian Interval*" are given to make the case seem more authentic. The DESTRUCTION OF THE SUPPOSED RECORD of these intervals is termed the *Kilarnoyen Revolution* or the *Penokeenan Revolution*.

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THE WORLD TOMORROW is heard here, too!

THE VOICE of Mr. Armstrong now thunders far across the Pacific to the land "down under" to reach another part of the "lost sheep of the House of Israel."

This vital part of Ephraim now receives the **VERY SAME GOSPEL** that Christ preached when He walked the Earth.

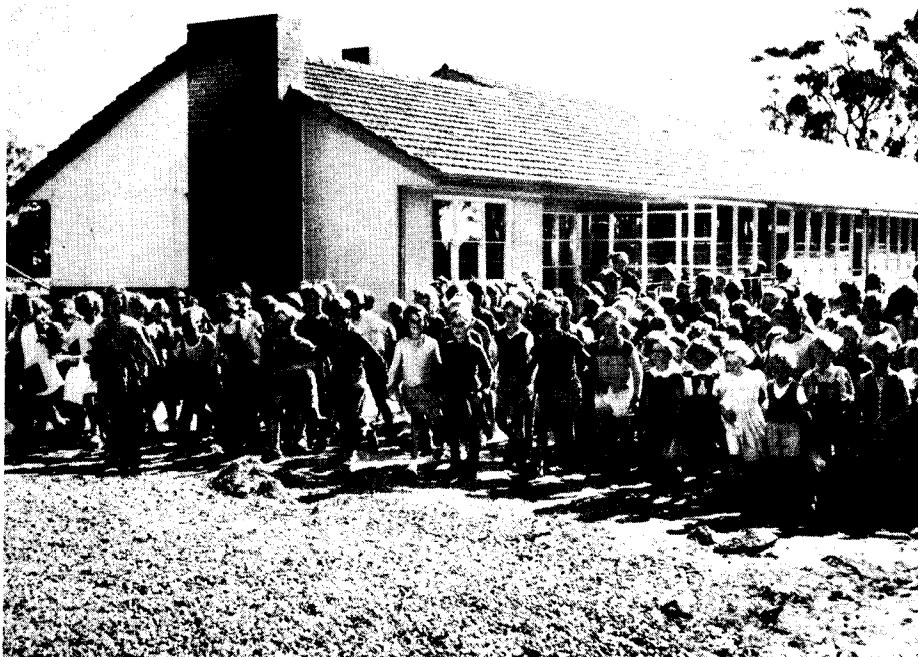
The fact that Australia hears the Truth brings to mind one of the prophecies that Christ gave for the days in which we are now living. Here is the prophecy: "Ye shall *not* have gone over the cities of Israel, *till* the Son of man be come" (Mat. 10:23). The **WORLD TOMORROW** is already covering the greater part of Israel. Now with the addition of the Australian stations, we draw nearer to the day of Christ's coming.

The Eternal has caused doors to be opened so that His people might be warned of the horrifying chaos at the end of this age! The **WORLD TOMORROW** now has time on a network of Australian stations. They stretch from Cairns in the north to Bendigo in the south. This is
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—WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

Here you see possibly the finest building in Melbourne, Australia—the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Australia is a booming industrial and commercial continent.



These children of Australia will be young men and women when the catastrophe of World War III strikes. They need to be warned of what is coming! This picture was taken in a school yard in a new township built for oil refinery workers by Western Australia.

the section of Australia that is most densely populated, but the program is heard "out back"—in other words, that section of Australia west of the coastal mountains.

This step into the island continent is another mile post in God's program to warn the world and especially Israel of the impending disaster that is coming upon the human race! Our job is *just beginning*, but let us take note that with the passing of each month we cover more and more of Israel. Yes, there is only one conclusion: The day of Christ's return is fast approaching. Let us not be caught asleep.

And Now . . . The WORLD TOMORROW heard in Australia!

2CH—Sidney—Sat., 10:15 P.M.
2AY—Albury—Sun., 10:00 P.M.
2GN—Goulburn—Sun., 10:00 P.M.
2GF—Grafton—Sun., 9:30 P.M.
3BO—Bendigo—Thurs., 4:15 P.M.
4TO—Townsville—Fri., 10:15 P.M.
4CA—Cairns—Sun., 10:00 P.M.
4WK—Warwick—Tues., 9:30 P.M.

Heart to Heart talk with the Editor

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crops and were cultivating them.

But the Supreme Ruler of ALL government, the Lord of heaven and earth, gave order to His own agents: "Ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land, . . . and *ye shall dispossess* the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it."

On what grounds was that dispossession order issued? On the grounds that these lands had not been properly cared for—but had been profaned and polluted by taking the stones, the wood, the marble of these lands, the gold and silver, and carving or molding images out of them. They were not letting the land have its rest every seventh year. They were denuding the forests. They were not putting the land to a right use!

Now will you say that *that* eviction order from God Almighty was a flagrant act of injustice? Will you get hot under

the collar at the Most High, Ruler of all the universe? Are you indignant at God?

Suppose we take our emotional feelings off our shirt-sleeves for just a moment, and consider a few basic TRUTHS.

Do you realize that you do *not* own the farm, or the city house and lot, or other property that may be deeded in your name? Those ancient nations occupying Palestine did not really OWN that land at all. GOD owns everything. He created it. It belongs to HIM.

These Canaanites, Jebusites and Philistines were occupying GOD's land, as long as He permitted it. Their possession of the land incurred with it A RESPONSIBILITY to put it to a right use.

Do you possess two eyes, and have the sense of sight? They *belong* to GOD, and His permission for you to use them entails a sacred responsibility, for which you will be held accountable. If you use them to lust after a woman, you incur the penalty of eternal DEATH—the eternal deprivation of that eye-sight. If you use them to study God's Word for the purpose of showing yourself approved unto God, drinking in TRUTH and knowledge of God's Way for your GOOD, then you may enjoy the gift of vision eternally.

Originally, all the land in England belonged to the government of the Crown, and all the land in America to the government of the United States, and these governments merely permit the temporary tenancy of individuals, under deeds recorded and approved by agencies of government. Back of it all, the real owner is GOD. But God has instituted the principle of free moral agency, and God therefore has allowed men to organize themselves into human governments and to assume ownership and supervision over lands and peoples for the duration of THIS world—6,000 years from Adam. And God requires that the individual BE SUBJECT to this higher human power of government—for it is a power derived from God, which He allows them to wield.

God, then, allows the British government to wield the power to dispossess this titled widow and her daughter. But, power or no power, was it right and just?

Look, now, a little deeper into that point. In these British Isles, land is at

a premium. There is not enough land to feed the people of this great nation. Agricultural land is very precious—its proper and most productive possible USE is a matter of grave concern to the very existence of the whole nation. Even as it is, the British are forced to import most of their food.

Suppose half of the farm owners of England neglected their lands, and let them fall into a state of non-production? The nation would starve. If there is any purpose in government, it is to protect the welfare of the whole people. That 163-acre farm occupied by Lady Garbett is very VITAL to the welfare of a good many other subjects of this Kingdom, and the proper duty of government is to protect the welfare of the whole people, even at the cost of disadvantage to one or two of its individuals.

At the present time Lady Garbett may rent her property to a tenant, or may sell it to a government-approved farmer. But, since the government won't allow her to move back to her home, should she not have been compensated—paid by the government in cash for the full value of the farm? According to HUMAN REASON, yes, of course! But is this GOD's way? Let's see!

Jesus Christ explained in the parable of the pounds, and the parable of the talents the very principle of God's dealing with us in the matter of possessions which He permits us to have.

Study once again Luke 19:11-27. The "pounds" here represent, primarily, spiritual gifts and opportunities, but they also represent physical property and our use of it. To each of the ten servants God gave one pound. The present value of a British pound is \$2.80. It is a medium of exchange—money—representing a definite amount of physical property or service. Notice Christ expected each recipient—and user—of a pound to *make it produce*.

Let us suppose that instead of merely one pound, He had given to each a 163-acre farm. Notice how each farm owner, then, was held accountable for the USE he made of the farm. The one who made it produce ten times over was commended, and highly rewarded. But the one who merely kept it—who did not properly farm it, or make it produce—had THE ENTIRE AMOUNT *taken away from*

him! Will God Almighty compensate you for what you have, and think you own, but do not put to profitable use? Did He say of the one who had not *worked* what he had "owned"—"Give him equal compensation for it"? HE DID NOT!

He said: "Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds." Give it to the one who has proved he will WORK it—USE it—make it PRODUCE!

"For I say unto you," expounded Jesus, the coming Ruler of the earth, "that unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, *even that he hath* shall be TAKEN AWAY from him." It is ALL taken away. He shall have NOTHING left!

Jesus Christ was here laying down the principles of HIS DIVINE GOVERNMENT, by which He will rule the world.

YOU are being held accountable for your very life. Are you PROPERLY using it? Are you STUDYING the Scriptures to let them reprove and correct you, and instruct you in righteousness? Are you *living* the life God has given you according to "EVERY WORD OF GOD"—every word of the Holy Bible? Are you OVERCOMING? Are you growing in knowledge of God and in grace?

If not, God will compensate you for your misspent life—it shall be totally taken away from you.

Those heathen nations had not lived rightly on God's land in Palestine. God took it away from them and turned it over to Israel. Had Israel made proper use of it, they would have prospered. But they disobeyed God by failing to drive out all the inhabitants of that land. Few realize that God GAVE to Israel all the land from the River of Egypt in Africa, and from the Gulf of Aqaba on the south and east, extending up the Mediterranean coast, and at its north boundary east to the Euphrates river.

But the Israelites apparently used human reason about like most of us do today. They probably began to feel God wasn't just—it would not be right to take this land away from all these nations. They forgot that GOD was the real owner. So actually, they never occupied more than a little over *a fourth* of the territory God GAVE them. And, precisely as God had said, the nations they per-

mitted to remain in the lands they *rightly should have been dispossessed of* became pricks in their eyes, and thorns in their sides, and a great vexation. (Nu. 33:55).

And, when Israel did not make proper USE of God's land they, in turn, were dispossessed and driven out!

Great, and perfect, are the judgments of GOD! God is not mocked! Let us have a care! God is holding *you* responsible for the use YOU are making, now, of your farm, your home—whatever material possessions you think you "own"—and also the use you are making of the BIBLE He has let you have—the use you are making of YOUR LIFE—and of whatever SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE, INSIGHT, OR GIFTS He has bestowed upon you!

God has given to all those of us who have come to "see" and understand His TRUTH, the GREAT COMMISSION: "This Gospel of the Kingdom of God shall be preached (and published) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" in this 20th century, just before "the end comes." All you who KNOW and understand, have YOUR PART in this great commission. God has made us Co-Workers together!

Are YOU faithfully doing YOUR part in this Great Commission?

In my talk with you in the April number, I mentioned that I often feel helpless, frustrated. God's TRUTH is *so plain*—so RIGHT—so reasonable, and this world is suffering *so grievously* from rejecting that true Way, and going its own wrong way—yet the multitudes WILL not hear. They REFUSE to listen to or heed God's Message. It often seems like my poor efforts are in vain.

Do you know that even Jesus Christ felt that way?

He looked out over the multitudes in the Temple, atop Mount Moriah, and cried: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, AND YE WOULD NOT! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate!" Not many heeded the Message from His very lips! Then, of course, I cannot expect many to heed it from mine.

But MANY of you did write to me, as a result of that editorial—God bless you for it! I have been in Europe, Africa and Asia—and have not yet been privileged to read those letters, but have a report on them, and I shall eagerly read them when I return home. They have INSPIRED me, just to know that so many of you *have* heeded the Message, and been helped and blest and had your lives changed by God thru this work—and that you cared enough to give me this personal encouragement and inspiration.

Even if I can't answer as many of your letters as I want to, with a personal reply from me, I do read and devour them, and your letters telling of how your lives have been changed and turned right side up, by God's power, but as a result of this great work of His in which I am privileged to have a part, are my greatest encouragement and inspiration.

We KNOW, of course, that the multitudes will never listen during this present evil world. Thank God, this world is near its END, and Christ's coming is near—and then ALL nations, at last, will have their eyes opened. Meanwhile, this very work is fulfilling prophecy, and God's work of shouting the last warning, and the heralding Message of the imminence of GOD'S KINGDOM.

Thank God, there are some of you whose eyes God has opened now, and who have yielded your hearts and wills and lives to Him. Don't fail to keep your inspiring letters coming—and your earnest prayers ascending up to God!

Origin of Life

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A perfect crime has been committed. The supposed proof of evolution is conveniently misplaced and the evolutionist's religion is saved—saved for the moment.

How does the evolutionist attempt to solve this enigma?

How will he explain the *sudden* appearance of *complex* life forms?

How will he account for the catastrophic events which buried these life forms? Read the answers to these questions in the next issue of the PLAIN TRUTH!

The POWER of Prayer

Why aren't your prayers ANSWERED? Do you know HOW to pray? Here are facts you need to understand!

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SHE didn't want to die! She had hoped the doctors could help—but they only shook their heads sadly and stared at the floor. They could give her a few more months perhaps—but that was all.

Why would God let her die like this? WHY?

Oh, of course since she was a "Christian," she trusted in God for—WHAT! Yes, *what?* A sentimental feeling?

Did she *really* expect God to supernaturally intervene and *do anything?*

No.

AND NEITHER DO MOST OF YOU!

Help Needed

When you are sick or in trouble, you may pray about it. But do you have the faith and the understanding to leave it *completely* in God's hands—to absolutely *know* that He will deliver His children from sickness and trials of every kind? Very few people do.

When we don't seem to have the wisdom or the power to solve our problems we often become frustrated and unhappy. *Some commit suicide!*

We completely *forget* and *ignore* the fact that we have the *right* to call on the Supreme Creator of Heaven and Earth for help with all our problems. The greatest *wisdom* and *power* in all the universe will be with every one of us—*IF* we will only do our part.

Jesus Christ set a *perfect example* that we "should follow his steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). He lived a full and abundant life—a life filled with *love* and *power* from God. He knew how to keep in contact with, and draw upon the *Supreme Power of the Universe*.

Christ the Example

Can you imagine Christ acting as if God had "gone way off somewhere"?

Yet that is the *exact attitude* displayed by most "Christians" of today. Do they completely rely on God to *heal* them when they are sick, to *rescue* them

from disaster, to *bless* them in material as well as spiritual things? Of course not. But the disciples saw that Christ, unlike most people, actually *expected* God to intervene and heal the sick, cast out demons, and even to quiet a storm on the sea. They, too, wanted that kind of intimate contact with God.

By His fruits, they knew that Christ understood *the correct way* to draw close to the Eternal God, and to call upon His power to help in every pressing situation.

That *key*, that *correct way* to call upon God's power, is something you and I should be utilizing *every day of our lives!* Its use can put new *meaning* and *power* into our lives!

But this "key" has been *incorrectly* employed by many people of many different religions. Remember that Christ is *our example*. He knew how to use this "key" perfectly. His way *gets results!*

Christ Teaches How to Pray

In Luke 11:1-13, we read that the disciples came and asked Jesus *the way* to establish right contact with God. "Lord, *teach us to pray*," they asked. People do not know *how* to pray until they are properly taught. That, probably, is *your* trouble.

Then Christ gave them a type or pattern of a prayer that will *get results*.

Let us analyze this *perfect example*. The prayer is addressed to "Our Father which art in heaven." When you pray, think first of all of God as your Father. Not *your* Father only, but "*Our* Father." Remember that there are others who are trying to serve their Creator and Spiritual Father, and that God loves us all *far more* than a human father would be capable of doing.

Moreover, He has power to help you in ways that would be *impossible* for a human father. Would your earthly father let you rot away and die of disease if he could possibly help it? But God

can help it, and He has *promised* to heal in a number of places including Ps. 103:3 and James 5:14. (Write for Mr. Armstrong's booklet on "Healing.")

Claim God's *promises* when you pray, and always think of Him as *your Father*.

"Which art in heaven," reminds us that God is not an ordinary Father, but One who has all power and should be worshipped. We must be humble and reverent when we pray to the true God.

"Hallowed be thy name," shows that God's name—and *all that it stands for*—is to be held in reverence. God's name will someday be *our name* if we overcome and are *born of God*. **THAT NAME CARRIES AUTHORITY TO RULE.** It must always be respected.

What to Ask

"Thy kingdom come" is the first request of this perfect prayer. *First of all* we should learn to pray for God's kingdom—God's government—God's **RULE**—to come on this earth. *How many* so-called "Christians" really want God to *rule* their lives? Most carnal-minded men use every imaginable device to hide their eyes from the fact that God is *Supreme Ruler*. Christians should **PRAY** that God will *rule this earth*. Only His rule will bring about the peace and happiness that this world is striving in *vain* to achieve (Is. 11).

"Thy will be done, as in Heaven, so in earth," teaches us to *surrender our wills* to God as we pray—to *acknowledge His Rule—His Authority*. Remember that *God knows what is best*. You need to *study* God's word so that you will learn the principles of God's will—and can pray accordingly.

Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:17, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the *will of the Lord* is."

Drink in of God's word so that you will begin to think as God thinks, and to have God's will made a *part* of your very character. "Let this *mind* be in you,

which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philip. 2:5). Then you will automatically pray according to God's will, as revealed in the Bible, and your prayers will be answered.

"Give us day by day our daily bread" certainly shows that God desires that we ask for our material needs. But notice that we are not to ask for great wealth, but our *daily bread*. God has *promised* to supply every need (Phil. 4:19). It is God's will that we prosper and be in health (III John 2), but being made wealthy might easily prove a stumbling block to our faith. So remember Christ's example of only asking for our *daily bread*—not necessarily the sustenance for several years in advance.

Forgive Others—Resist Devil

"And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us." You may ask God's forgiveness *only if you first forgive others*. When you kneel before God in prayer, never come before Him with feelings of bitterness, resentfulness, or hate. If you cannot first rid yourself of these feelings, ask God to *clean you up* and replace the spirit of *hate* with His Spirit of *love*. And love is charitable, and patient with others.

It is a wonderful feeling to know that you hate no man, but in your way, however clumsily, are trying to show love to everyone.

God *bears* and *answers* the prayers of a man in this spirit.

"And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil." God himself tempts no man (James 1:13). But He does permit us to be tempted by Satan and our own lusts. We should constantly pray that He would not permit us to be *brought into*, or *partake of*, any temptation—that He would give us the spiritual *power* to master any wrong desires.

"But deliver us from evil," should be translated, "but deliver us from the Evil One (Satan)." The original Greek means this and most commentaries give this as the correct translation. Ask God each day to give you the strength to "resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

"Be *sober*, be *vigilant*; because your adversary the *devil*, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may

devour" (I Pet. 5:8). Satan the devil will try his best to upset you day and night! Ask God for strength and faith.

Ask What You Need

Jesus continued teaching his disciples (Luke 11:5-13) about prayer by giving them a parable. It shows that if we are really in dire *need*, as the man who had an unexpected guest, we can be sure that God will answer our prayer if we throw ourselves completely on His mercy.

The disciples were still unconverted, because the Holy Spirit had not yet been given. Jesus told them (v. 13), "If ye then, *being evil*, know how to give good gifts to your children: *how much more* shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? God is *more than willing* to give us of His Spirit!

Do you need wisdom, knowledge, faith, love? These are all *gifts* of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12 and 13). Ask God for these gifts. He is more willing to give you these things than you are to feed *your own hungry child*.

This is His will. So ask in FAITH!

Two Things to Avoid

During His "Sermon on the Mount," Christ *assumed* (Mat. 6:5-8) that His true followers would pray. He did not say "If you pray," but "*when* thou prayest." He *knew* that anyone who was truly serving God would be *praying often*.

Are you?

He cautioned the disciples never to pray "to be seen of men," but to enter into a closet or "secret place," and there commune with their Heavenly Father. Christ taught that it was *wrong* to make long prayers in front of others to "show off" (Mat. 23:14). Preachers and "deacons" who delight in this sort of thing are *disobeying God*.

And have you ever heard certain denominations repeat prayers over and over again? Christ said, "But when ye pray, *use not vain repetitions*, as the *heathen do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (v. 7).

Memorized prayers—including the "Lord's Prayer"—soon lose their meaning and sincerity.

Nowhere in the entire New Testament is the "Lord's Prayer" repeated. The apostles didn't repeat it over and over again. Jesus gave it only as a pattern or example after which we could fashion *our own* prayers.

This world's churches are in *error* when they practice repeating *any* prayer over and over again each week. Avoid this error. *And try not to return thanks in the same way at the table every meal*.

When you pray, don't just "rattle off" so many words. Think about your blessings, your needs, and pray from the *heart*.

Don't Be Ashamed

We should be careful not to pray "to be seen of men." But does this mean that we should be overly secretive—as if we were ashamed—when we pray?

Absolutely not!

Many "babes in Christ" are faced with this problem. Some of you are afraid to pray as often as you should *because you are afraid other people will know about it!* Have no such fear! Should the nearness of your wife, husband, or children prevent you from maintaining an intimate contact with your creator and God? Of course not!

In Luke 9:18 and 28, we find two examples of where Christ—our *perfect example*—prayed a short distance from his disciples and they knew *where* He was and *what* He was doing.

So *don't* be ashamed if anyone knows you are praying! Just be careful not to pray "to be seen of men," and try hard to find a closet or "private place" where you will not be disturbed.

When Jesus was staying at Peter's home with his disciples, "rising up *a great while before day*, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there *prayed*" (Mark 1:35).

You *can* be alone with God if you will follow Christ's example and *make a way!*

Position in Prayer

The Bible records many different positions in prayer. But it *always* shows that in private, personal prayer, you should *kneel* on *both* knees. It has always been a custom to kneel on *one* knee to a king or other ruler as a sign of *respect and esteem*. But the Bible always

records that we should bow *both* knees to God in *reverence* and *worship*.

I Kings 8:54 and Ezra 9:5 show an example of a very suitable position in prayer. Notice that Solomon and Ezra kneeled upon *both* knees and spread out their hands—upward—toward God. This is a position of humility and supplication. You will come more nearly praying *ferently* if you are in such a position.

God may not answer "sleepytime prayers" that you mumble to yourself in bed just before dropping off to sleep. If you want an answer, better GET OUT OF THAT BED and kneel before your Creator.

In public or at the dinner table, you may pray either standing or seated—whichever way you feel would honor God most in each situation. In Mat. 14:19, Christ commanded the people to sit down before he blessed the loaves and fishes.

But in private He, "kneeled down, and prayed" (Mat. 22:41). In your personal prayers, you should kneel before God and pray *ferently* (James 5:16).

Concentrate your WHOLE BEING on communing with the Creator of heaven and earth—and your own loving spiritual Father. A correct position in prayer will help you do this.

How Often to Pray

In Acts 13:22, we read that David was a *man after God's own heart*. Read some of the Psalms. Many of the Psalms are simply David's prayers. He prayed to God in time of trouble, for guidance, in thanksgiving. In *every circumstance* David went to God in prayer.

Don't think you are "bothering" God by sharing your joys and your problems with Him. *Talk to God often*—in *every circumstance*. That is undoubtedly one of the main reasons that David was a man after God's own heart.

If you want to be a child of God, then "get acquainted" with your Heavenly Father. Talk to Him *often*. *Share your life* with God. In Ps. 55:17, David wrote, "*Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.*" David went to God in prayer *three times a day*.

We read of God's prophet Daniel (Dan 6:10), ". . . he kneeled upon his knees *three times a day*, and *prayed*, and

gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." These examples are not commands, but they certainly show that to kneel in prayer *three times a day* is a good way to bring God into our lives.

"He that hath an ear, *let him hear.*"

The apostle Paul was inspired to write the Thessalonians (1 Thes. 5:17), "Pray without ceasing." This means that we are never to *discontinue* our prayer life. It also—with many other scriptures—shows that we should be *constantly* in an attitude or spirit of prayer. Talk to God as you go about your work or play. Ask Him to direct your *every thought and action*.

When you seem to be losing your temper, or when you are in doubt about a certain course of action—*stop and think*, "Would Jesus do that if He were here today?" Ask God to show you, and *study* your Bible so you will *know* what God would have you do. Then ask God for the *wisdom*, the *faith*, and the *power* to rightly carry out what you know is right.

This simple process will *change your life*! Your life will then have more *meaning*, and more *real happiness*, than you have ever before experienced.

How Long to Pray

Prayer should be one of the most important and *most enjoyable* activities of your life.

If you really love God as your Father, you will *want* to spend a great deal of time talking to Him.

Your spiritual food is obtained by contact with God through Bible study and prayer. Preparing and eating your material food takes at least two hours each day. Isn't your "spiritual food" *even more* important? Spend *more time* acquiring it.

Time is precious. Use your time where it *counts*. It's better to miss a few *physical* meals, better to *fast* once in a while, than to get "too busy" to drink in the spiritual things from God.

That is the very *purpose* of your life!

Sometimes you will need to spend a *long session* with God. Christ prayed *all night* before choosing His twelve disciples.

When you have a tremendous decision to make, or when facing serious trouble, remember that example. In such

a crisis, spend a *long time* in God's presence. Pray with all your might. God *will bear*. And it will be an experience that you will never forget.

What to Pray

Do you have trouble knowing what to pray about? First of all, "count your blessings" and thank God for "every good and every perfect gift." How little most appreciate God's boundless love!

Then STUDY your Bible and find what God's true servants prayed about. Get your mind *away from self* once in a while. Paul said to pray for the saints and for himself—God's servant (Eph. 5:17-20). He wrote that he remembered the Philippian church in every prayer (Philipp. 1:4). Apply these principles to God's true ministers, His work, and His true churches of today.

Are you separated from other true Christians but want to have a greater part in helping them and God's work? Then read Colossians 4:11-13. Paul describes one of his helpers, Epaphras, as, "always *laboring ferently* for you in prayers . . ." This man's LABOR was in prayer! That was *his part* in God's work that Paul referred to especially. It can be YOUR PART as well! Paul said (v. 13), "For I bear him record, that he hath a great ZEAL for you . . ."

Do you have a *zeal* to help God's children? Do you get down on your knees *every day* and ask God to help and direct them? Do you pray for God's ministers and His work?

Your part in God's great work may be contributing what you should in tithes and offerings, and *crying out* to God day and night to guide and protect His servants. Mr. Armstrong and God's other true ministers are only human. We have a job beyond our human power to perform. *We need your prayers!*

Power in Prayer

When a crisis comes, when you are sick or afflicted, KNOW that God is a God of *power*! You can tap the supreme source of all POWER *just by getting down on your knees in a private place and ferently beseeching God to intervene and help you*.

Learn to EXPECT an answer. God reveals Himself as a *real* God—a *living, acting* God. *Take God at His word!*

Will Russia Attack?

(Continued from page 6)

STORE the fortunes of Israel. We have come to the time when both Israel and Judah shall be re-united into one nation, rescued from captivity and dispersion, and re-gathered again in PALESTINE, once again made prosperous, having learned our lesson, now living God's way, under His laws, enjoying His richest blessings, both material and spiritual!

And now we come to chapter 38! And this chapter finds Israel restored in Palestine—"the land that is brought back from the sword," (Verse 8). We find Israel now at rest, dwelling SAFELY, yet totally UNPREPARED for war—having "neither bars nor gates" (Verse 11); in the desolate places of Palestine, now inhabited, (verse 12)—yes, inhabited (same verse) by the people that are once again restored to great material prosperity—"which have gotten cattle, and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land."

Notice it!

This prophecy does not picture the British Isles and America! It pictures the land of PALESTINE. It pictures *our people* having been taken there from a dispersion and captivity and slavery, gathered out of the nations where we had been scattered, now once again rich and increased with goods!

Notice it! The TIME of this prophecy is AFTER—not before, but AFTER the Second Coming of Christ—AFTER the Great Deliverer has come and rescued our people and restored us to Palestine—AFTER Israel and Judah are re-united! Certainly the "latter years" (verse 8).

The PLACE of this battle is not Britain or America—it is PALESTINE!

"Thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, which have been always waste (once a perpetual waste—Moffatt translation)" (Verse 8). The "mountains of Israel" is an expression used all thru the Book of Ezekiel, and always refers to the literal mountainous *land of Palestine*.

Our people shall have regained so

much wealth that Gog and allies—Russia and numerous Gentile allies—shall come to "take a spoil" (Verse 13), "to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a GREAT spoil."

Christ's Reign Contested!

But this very fact—that this invasion will not come until *after* the Second Coming of Christ—will seem preposterous to many, at first thought.

That is because we have been accustomed merely to ASSUME things that are not true. We have blindly ASSUMED that when Christ comes, there will be no opposition. Every person and power on earth, we have thought, will simply submit meekly and instantly to Him and His power. But that is not true!

But the Gentile nations who have schemed to conquer and rule the world—they shall not submit until forced to. The European fascists shall be subdued and conquered at "Armageddon." But Russia, and the populous Oriental nations who know not God or Christ, shall still have to be brought to submission!

"Gog" Is Russia

It is conclusively proved as *all* students of prophecy know, that "Gog" in the land of "Magog" is RUSSIA. "Meshech" is Moscow, "Tubal" is Tobolsk. The margin says "Prince of Rosh" which is Russia.

Notice the allies who come with Russia in this future battle. You will find "Gomer," "Togarmah," "Magog," "Meshech," "Tubal," identified in Genesis 10 as the sons of JAPHETH, father of the yellow races. Ethiopia and Libya (or Phut) are descended from Ham. Any Bible map will show that the descendants of Japheth migrated north and northeast into the territories occupied today by Russia, and the Oriental races.

Therefore, this prophecy of Ezekiel 38 shows that it is RUSSIA, not Japan, who shall finally succeed in marshalling all the yellow races into a gigantic invasion upon OUR people.

Russia is a Communist nation. Communism is atheism—it fights God! When God rules the world, thru Christ—with His chosen people restored to great wealth in Palestine, the very CENTER of the land surface of the earth

(verse 13, Moffatt translation), Russia shall finally rise up with the most overwhelming armies ever assembled by man!

The mighty air-force of Russia in that day will make those of the last war look puny. "Thou shalt *ascend*," the Eternal says of Russia, "and come like a storm (in the air), thou shalt be *like a cloud TO COVER THE LAND*" (Verse 9). There shall be so many planes then that they will hide the sun off the ground below, like a huge dark shadow!

The END of World Conquest

This will be the final effort of rebellious, God-resisting man to conquer the world in the lust for power and material wealth.

Our people Israel shall not be armed or prepared. "When my people Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? asks the Eternal. "And thou shalt come from thy place *out of the north* parts (Russia is due north of Palestine), thou, and many people (allies) with thee . . . a mighty army: and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be *in the latter days*, and I will bring thee against *my land*, that the heathen may know me (note the purpose), when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes" (Verses 14-16).

But our people shall not *have* to fight in that battle. We shall have learned by then that God fights our battles for us!

"And it shall come to pass at that time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel (Palestine), saith the Eternal God, that MY FURY shall come up in my face" (Verse 18). "So that . . . all the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at MY PRESENCE" (Verse 20). It is AFTER Christ's coming! Note it!

"I will summon an utter panic against him (Gog), says the Lord the Eternal, till every man in his host shall draw the sword against his fellow: I will punish him with pestilence and bloodshed, I will rain on him and his hordes and all the nations in his train an overpowering flood, with hailstones, fire, and brimstone. I will let ALL THE NATIONS see MY MIGHT AND DREAD DIVINITY—to teach them that I am the Eternal!" (Verses 21-23, Moffatt).



—WIDE WORLD PHOTO

Moscow in the spring! With the winter snows gone, life stirs in the capital-city of world communism. Notice that most of the strollers are soldiers who far outnumber civilians in the Soviet military state.

Notice, these heathen nations do not see and recognize the dread DIVINITY, the MIGHT, and POWER of the Eternal Christ, even after He has returned. He has to TEACH them that HE is the ETERNAL!

The 39th chapter shows in more detail the RESULT of this great battle, in which Christ, with supernatural power, causes five-sixths of these heathen armies to be slain in this battle.

Notice, again, the time: "Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the *whole* House of Israel (Israel and Judah), and will be jealous for my holy name; . . . *when* I have brought them again from the peo-

ple, and *gathered them out of their ENEMIES' LANDS*, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; then shall they KNOW that I AM THE ETERNAL!" (Ch. 39:25-28).

Notice again! At Christ's Second Coming, He shall gather Israel—our British and American people—*out of our enemies' lands*, not out of our own land of wealth and power, North America and the British Isles!

But then we shall be thoroughly chastened. We shall have learned our lesson. We shall live by GOD's rules, and obey His law. "For I have poured out MY SPIRIT upon the House of Israel, saith the Eternal God" (Verse 29).

And then, beginning chapter 40, the remainder of the Book of Ezekiel reveals the ideal THEOCRACY—God's NEW ORDER of divine government upon earth—the permanent forms and institutions which shall express the ideal relation between God and man!

In the meantime, our job is to WARN America and Britain of what lies ahead! To shout the warning to come out of BABYLON (Rev. 18:4)—that those who heed may find God *now*—may come under His divine protection (Psalm 91), and by a true Spirit-filled life obedient to GOD's WAYS and laws, be prepared to become a ruler or a teacher in Christ's soon-coming glorious Kingdom!

How YOU Can Have Obedient Children

This is the final article of the vital series on child-rearing.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

CRIMINALS do not just "happen," nor are they born as criminals. Delinquency and criminality are *learned* traits—acquired through learning an actual HABIT of disobedience, of disrespect for authority.

Foregoing articles in the *Plain Truth* magazines have shown the staggering flood of criminal literature, sensuous movies and brutal TV shows that is inundating the nation, filling innocent and childish minds with stark brutality, rape and murder. This surging, tossing tide of murderous influence is *only a part* of the many causes behind juvenile delinquency. Modern child-rearing methods teach a spineless doctrine of *no* authority, *no* discipline and *no* corporal punishment. "Discipline" has become a detestable word to the average juvenile.

Child psychologists and social workers advise that spanking "... usually is the end step in a long course of happenings that has carried both parents and children away from positive feelings of love and understanding" (*Mothercraft*). Thus, the modern child-rearing methods throw unconcernedly out the window one of the greatest truths of God's word. *God punishes every son He LOVES!* (Heb. 12:6). Since God's very nature and character is LOVE, the administering of just and loving PUNISHMENT is also one of the major attributes of God, who is a loving PARENT to His children! God teaches and instructs His children with living, dynamic LAWS that are inexorably binding and firm—so they may GROW UP properly! (Eph. 4:15). God intends us to understand HOW to rear our children from His perfect example!

World Misunderstands Love

Since most parents almost NEVER punish *in love*, child psychologists have observed that modern methods of pun-

ishment *do not work!* They have come to the false conclusion that PUNISHMENT should be *removed*—instead of being made more *effective!*

Notice God's thundering rebuke to the proponents of modern wishy-washy child psychology:

"He that spareth his rod HATETH his son; but he that *loveth* him CHASTENETH him betimes" (Prov. 13:24). Yes, those who *think* they are showing greater *love* and *consideration* for their children by WITHHOLDING punishment from them have accepted this world's confused, senseless interpretation of *what love is*, and they are actually called HATERS of their children!

WHY?

Because punishment is for the GOOD, the PROFIT, the instruction and wisdom of a child. To withhold that great GOOD and the tremendous BENEFIT of just and loving punishment works a great EVIL toward the child, allowing him to learn the habit of disobedience. The withholding of punishment and the positive, diligent training that goes with it has generated a youthful horde of impudent, haughty, disdainful and rebellious children who *look down on* their elders, who make fun of older people, who openly DEFY their own parents!

It is from just such a background that murderers are born.

Child Temperament

First you need to *fully realize what a child—your child—is!* God is creator. He has given man limited creative powers—as no other living thing in His creation possesses, as well as reproductive powers, or recreative powers. Husband and wife in a sense *recreate themselves!* The sweet little bundle of human flesh that is born of the woman is a collection of emotion, a totally selfish and completely unintelligent human being with-

out sense enough to feed itself or even find the source of food. The human being is born without knowing ANYTHING! Completely helpless, and yet capable of achieving the highest form of life known—that of God-life, eternal life with God in His family! As a totally untrained collection of emotions, the human baby usually is received into the family in awe, with either preconceived ideas of the nature and ways of "babies," or with wonderment at each sign of life displayed. People assume babies to be possessors of infinitely MORE intelligence than actually is the case when they are born—and then assume them to be of infinitely *lower* intelligence than is actually the case when they are four or five years old.

Learning from Associations

A baby begins without knowing anything. They learn very rapidly, however, and since a baby begins to learn *at birth*—that is the very time to *begin* training him! The first few days and weeks, the child learns much like any animal—only much more rapidly. For example: a man wishing to train a hawk or falcon will usually put the bird in a cage in total darkness. When feeding time is near, the trainer begins to talk soothingly, using even, level voice tones to the bird. Of course, the bird cannot understand a word that is said! But—then the trainer places the food before the bird, or in his cage, and continues to talk in the same soothing manner. After a few weeks of persevering effort, the bird learns to *associate* the food and the voice together. The voice is no longer a thing to be feared. Gradually, light is admitted, and the trainer reaches out his hand and touches the bird from time to time. The length of time handling the bird is gradually increased, and the amount of light increased, until the bird will allow

the trainer to pick it up at will, and will not show fear.

A human baby also learns by *associations*! The sound of its mother's voice, accompanied with the mother's milk (in the ideal case) are the most pleasing things. But it usually doesn't enter the parents' minds to use this very method of learning to TRAIN the child—much the same way as the bird is trained.

It is not too difficult to discern the difference between a "hunger cry" or a cry that is caused from discomfort, sleepiness or pain, and a rebellious or "angry" cry. Most parents laugh and shake their heads in wonderment, exclaiming, "Boy! the little rascal sure is mad, isn't he?" It never enters their minds they are passing up a golden opportunity to show the right kind of LOVE to their child—by helping the child learn to CONTROL emotions.

Just as the child associates the voice and milk, so, when angry, it can associate a sound with a feeling! The word "NO!" spoken ONCE, sharply, though not loudly, followed by a slight pain will begin to teach the child a vitally important lesson. "But he'd just cry all the louder," wail most mothers and fathers.

YES, HE WOULD! But the object of the lesson is NOT to get him to cease crying immediately—it is to build a habit and an association in his little mind that WILL help him cease crying immediately in the future!

Parents stiffly oppose the suggestion of punishment at anything under four or five years of age—until the child is old enough to "understand" the REASON why he's being punished! This is one of the greatest MISTAKES most parents make!

The baby begins FORMING HABITS AT BIRTH! Among those habits, the most vitally important one of all—should be THE HABIT OF OBEDIENCE! God says, "Chasten your son while there is *hope*, and LET NOT YOUR SOUL SPARE FOR HIS CRYING" (Prov. 19:18). Many parents become frightened if the child cries very loudly, and neglect the punishment and training—letting the child learn to *disrespect* them, to have total lack of confidence in them, to know they never finish what they start!

If a baby has been fed, if it is comfortable, and there are no pins or buttons

or other things causing the crying, but the baby cries for *attention*, here is the opportunity to begin the lesson of association.

THINK! Think for a moment—from *God's point of view*—how it must look for a parent to say:

"Junior, NO." "Now, Junior! didn't I just say NO?" "Junior! did you hear me?!" "JUNIOR, NO!" "OH, JUNIOR—WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU—WHY WON'T YOU MIND ME?"

Yes—the pitiful spectacle of a parent, the God-appointed *head* of the child, bowing in whipped submission before the very little bundle of flesh the parent has produced, in frustration and fear, not using the common sense God gives in His word!

Usually, the parent has used various threats and other empty and vague promises of immediate punishment or horrible beatings to achieve the desired obedience. *Children learn much more quickly than most parents realize*—and ESPECIALLY are they quick to learn the WORD of their own parents is WORTHLESS if the parent treats them in this fashion. The father or mother has given the child a PROMISE. A promise of *punishment* unless certain conditions are met. The average case—the majority of modern parents—will only add another threat on the first one, NEVER CARRYING OUT THEIR WORD, until the child has driven them to ANGER and FRUSTRATION, and then the punishment comes from sudden ANGER, and is just as ineffective as no punishment at all!

How to Punish

To punish a child does not mean to beat a child! Many parents have used deplorable methods of "thumping" with their fingers on the temples of their children, of slapping their faces or hitting them around the ears. Promiscuous punishment from angry and totally incompetent parents has in many cases resulted in mentally retarded children, and even deafness or other injury. Child authorities—seeing very clearly this very WRONG and EVIL use of punishment—have formed pressure groups and various societies to legislate against any punishment whatsoever. In some sections of the United States, *it is against the law to punish your children anywhere out-*

side of your own home.

Because parents have punished in *anger*, or in a sudden fit of temper, actual laws have been passed which forbid the punishment of a child in public.

It is not against the law to punish your children and do it properly, however. If the proper and loving kind of punishment is administered when needed *at home*, it would mean the lack of unruly children in public, and no need for public punishment.

Remember, the child begins learning at birth! It is not cruel, nor is it dangerous or any such thing to punish a child of a few weeks or so! Many parents would hold up their hands in righteous horror at such a suggestion—and yet it is GOD THEIR CREATOR that makes it!

The child who is showing a rebellious spirit, even if only a few weeks old, can begin to learn some of the most important lessons in life. The parent should speak ONCE, close to the child, to be sure it is *heard*, so there is no doubt, the word "no." Naturally, the child will not understand the word, and will not have the slightest idea what the sound meant. The sound of the word "no," should be followed almost immediately—within less than one minute, by a sharp pat on the bottom. *Great care* should be taken when administering punishment. A strong, heavy parent could very easily spank the child much too hard. On the other hand, some parents might not give the child more than a "love pat," and therefore fail to teach the desired lesson.

The child will cry all the harder.

But remember, the object is NOT to get the child to cease crying, it is to begin teaching an *association* between three things. Rebellious crying, the sound of the word "no," and a sharp pain (which lasts for only a second) on the bottom.

The child will not learn to associate the word "no," with the punishment all at once—and many parents will want to give up, to quit trying, because they cannot see any progress being made. The secret of God's type of punishment is that it is always INEXORABLE—it is CERTAIN, it is always SWIFT—very *quickly* following the disobedience, and it is always preceded by a definite WARNING!

It may take several months of this type of training before the amazing results will begin to show up. However, at the end of a certain length of time, the child will display a temper, or a rebellious spirit, and the father or mother will say sharply, "no!" The child will immediately quit crying, and wait apprehensively for the familiar (by now) pain on the bottom. When the pain doesn't come—he might begin crying again. It is NOW the pain should come! A few times of experimentation, and the battle is won—that child *knows* the meaning of the word "no," and the parents have an invaluable lesson taught to their child—one that will mean his very life, chances are, in the future.

But wait! IF THE BARS ARE LET DOWN JUST ONCE—if the punishment fails to come JUST ONCE, the child has won, the parent has failed to carry out his promise—and all the effort and perseverance of foregoing weeks and months has been in vain! The punishment must also be CONSTANT—that is, *whenever* it is needed.

This absolutely WORKS! My eldest son, Mark Alan, was taught in this manner. He's far from perfect—I don't wish to set him up as the best behaved child, or any such thing—but to illustrate: After using this very method for quite some time, my wife and I took him with us to a restaurant. He began pulling on the napkin, ready to spill the silverware onto the floor. I quietly pointed a finger at him and said, "Mark, *no!*" He *immediately* dropped the napkin, and sat quietly, *knowing* that a continuing of the infraction would mean immediate punishment.

But the child must be firmly CONVINCED that punishment will ALWAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW! *Otherwise the training is in vain.*

The Key to Understanding

Many parents feel it is not correct to punish a child unless it can thoroughly UNDERSTAND why it is being punished. This is a mistake, a misconception of *what a child is, and how he learns!* Observe a tender young sapling in the forest. A huge tree might have fallen at one time, and the young sapling grew around it, forming a large crook in the trunk. Should the sapling be carefully

watched until it is several years old, until it is thick and tough in the trunk before the crook is straightened?

NO! The crook should be straightened by placing a support of some kind next to the tree, and straightening it out while it is YOUNG, while it has the *give*, the *resiliency* of youth, so it can grow straight and tall—a tree of beauty and strength. And so it is with children. The child must be shown WHAT to do before he finds out WHY. In due time, the answers as to WHY may be given, but by the time any child is old enough to understand WHY certain things are bad for him, and not to be done, he should have firmly instilled in him a loving and respectful *fear* for his parents. *Not* a quavering, frightened fear of TERROR—but a deep respect and fear of the just and sure punishment that is *just a few seconds away* from the one word—NO!

Take the example of the child who openly flaunts authority before his parents. He is disobedient, he rebels at any demand of his parents, laughingly running from them when they attempt to correct him, or scorning their feeble efforts at keeping him under control. The parents go walking, and they approach an intersection. The light is red. The child, seeing something interesting across the street, begins to run for it. Each parent, frightened almost beyond words, shouts, "NO! NO!" at the top of his voice. A screech of tires, the laughing face of their child, looking back at them as he follows his babyish habit of running from them when they say "no," a sickening "thud," and their baby is a lifeless form lying huddled under a car.

A purely hypothetical case, you say? No, it isn't! Almost the identical situation took place with MY SON! Except—I had taught him what "no" meant. We were walking home from church, and Mark had run ahead about 15 or 20 feet. As we came to the crossing before our house, a car came racing down the usually quiet street we live on. Mark began to step off the curb, to run across to the house. I shouted "NO!"

There was a roar of an engine, a swirling of leaves and dust, and the face of my boy, still standing obediently on the curb, smiling at me as he stopped instantaneously upon hearing that command. I breathed a sigh of relief, and

expressed my thankfulness to God, and then to my wife, for the wonderful blessing it is to know His method of child-rearing really WORKS!

The real key to understanding is to first teach the child WHAT TO DO—and as he grows older, the lengthy explanations of WHY can be given. *I didn't have time to tell Mark WHY he should stop!*

Not One-sided Training

There are dangers to be avoided in rearing your child in conformity with God's expressed will! There is danger of complete negligence where POSITIVE TEACHING is concerned, with the *negative* side *only* being emphasized. Many hundreds of thousands of parents today are willing to punish their children, and yet—they are not willing to TRAIN them.

If the parents are ONLY fulfilling the position of meting out punishment, even though it may be loving and just punishment—they are only carrying out a *part* of the great responsibility God lays squarely on them!

The positive teaching and training is not a separate part, but goes hand and hand with, and is an integral part of all child-rearing.

Along with punishment should come teaching and training! Many parents expect children to learn by themselves—and they act as stern judges over evil deeds, yet never showing the child the opposite right and good deeds that are expected of him. Take the example of eating, for instance: The child may begin to messily throw his cereal on the floor, or get it on his clothing or in his hair. The parent may say "No!" and even follow up the command with punishment, and yet—unless a positive teaching and training period follows—the child will learn *only half* the lesson.

It takes patience, it takes *time*, it takes wisdom and knowledge to teach a child! To begin teaching the child the proper way to hold his spoon, the proper way of eating, will take many weeks of meals, with patient and persevering help from both parents—giving the positive teaching by showing the child, and, what is very important, by *setting the right example themselves*, and also administering punishment when it might be necessary.

Learn to give the *positive* teaching of

the RIGHT WAY of doing things *along with* the punishment and warnings against the wrong!

Remember, *both* parents should share equally in the punishing and the training, with the Father taking the lead, of course, as the head of the family, fulfilling the position God has placed him in.

Don't fall into the habit of classifying your children! They're not to be "wild Indians," but "like olive plants round about thy table" (Psalms 128:3). Notice in this beautiful Psalm the picture God gives us of the one who fears God and lives in His ways. It is a picture of peace and serenity, not one of several boys wildly running through the house with toy guns, vicariously killing one another as their parents make the proverbial excuse of "boys will be boys."

Living Mirrors

The child is only an exact reflection of his parents. The habits, speech expressions, accent, the very nature and even looks of the child are very nearly the same. God sternly lays the responsibility for the managing of the home on the shoulders of the man. "For the husband is the *head* of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the Church" (Eph. 5:23).

God shows that a man must meet this responsibility in wisdom and love, not by provoking his children to anger by ineffective methods of punishment or by punishing unjustly or in anger, but bringing the children up in the very example of God's dealings with His people! (Eph. 6:4). The children are commanded to OBEY their parents *in the Lord*, in harmony with His ways, in obedience to His laws! Remember! The children are duplicates of the parents. If the parents do not respect God's authority, if they are DISOBEDIENT to God's laws, and show disrespect for policemen, for persons in government offices and other positions of authority, *their children will show the same disrespect for authority!*

Upside Down Homes

The common American home has been turned upside down! Authority has become a distasteful word—and the word "obey" has been taken out of the

marriage ceremony. America openly enjoys loud guffaws at the bumbling antics of the brutish father who is a miserable failure in life. The mother is either pictured as throwing vases and dishes at the dolt, or else as a crisp, efficient business-like woman who manages the finances, keeps house, manages the children, and with martyr-like expressions of motherly concern, manages to tolerate her incapable spouse, along with all his mistakes. The newspaper "strips" show this proverbial American situation every day. The movies stress it, the TV shows are filled with it. Almost every husband-and-wife combination on radio or TV pictures the woman as more intelligent, the one who bosses the home.

Dr. John R. Cavanagh, a Washington psychiatrist, told delegates of a convention in Boston:

"When man abdicated his responsibility in the home, he forced his wife into a position of leadership for which she is not prepared . . . This too frequently results in weak, passive males inadequate to take over the leadership in the home because they never learn independence of female leadership." Remember Isaiah's prophecy? "As for MY PEOPLE, CHILDREN ARE THEIR OPPRESSORS, AND WOMEN RULE OVER THEM!" (Isa. 3:12).

Yes, America LAUGHS at this situation today—but the Creator of heaven and earth says, ". . . teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, *obedient to their own husbands*, THAT THE WORD OF GOD BE NOT BLASPHEMED!" America laughs openly at a situation God sternly labels BLASPHEMY! The family that is living in DISOBEDIENCE to God's WAY OF LIFE cannot expect to properly rear their children!

The truly obedient child will come from a truly obedient home!

Remember—all the criminals in the world, the dope addicts, the sex fiends, the drifters and failures on "skid row," WERE LITTLE BABIES ONCE!

YOUR child is not immune! Juvenile delinquency knows no class boundaries, no geographical location, is no respecter of persons. *The responsibility is yours!*

DON'T LET IT HAPPEN IN YOUR HOME!

Where Is the Church?

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the PEOPLE want to hear! They do *not* correct or reprove their congregations for rejecting the doctrines JESUS taught and for transgressing God's law which the BIBLE defines as SIN!

A Lesson to be Learned

The apostles, instructed directly by Jesus Christ, constantly warned the Church about this great departure from the FAITH that would *begin to occur at the close of their ministry*—not 1500 years later during the Protestant Reformation!

Scarcely twenty years after the crucifixion of Jesus, the apostle Paul, in one of his first inspired letters, cautioned Christians not to be deceived by false preaching, or by false letters purporting to be from the apostles. "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day"—the time of God's intervention in human affairs when Jesus Christ will return to rule the nations—"shall not come except there come a *falling away first*" (II Thess. 2:3).

The wholesale departure of professing Christians from the truth was the FIRST event prophesied to *befall* the true Church. Yes, today's hundreds of confused denominations—the result of that apostasy—were prophesied. *God is allowing human beings to form their own churches, to learn by hard cruel experience, that every teaching contrary to the way of life revealed in Scripture will end in sorrow and death.* The world has not yet learned this lesson fully. The world doesn't want to receive the truth, but would rather be lulled to sleep by false ministers who preach what the people want to hear.

The Church Exists Today

Jesus said He would be *with* His Church till the end of time—that He would build His Church and the "gates of hell" would not prevail against it. His Church—the true Church of God—is commissioned to preach and to publish the gospel to all the world IN THESE LAST DAYS. *Therefore God's Church*

MUST EXIST TODAY! It is preaching the "gospel of the Kingdom . . . in all the world for a *witness*"—not to convert everyone, but for a witness—"unto all nations, and then shall the end come" (Mat. 24:14).

There is ONLY ONE WORK that is preaching the true gospel of the kingdom of God—the rule and the reign of God—to the nations. *This is that work.* Then those who have their part in this work and are converted MUST CONSTITUTE THE CHURCH OF GOD!

I challenge any of you to prove that any other work on earth is preaching the same gospel which Jesus preached! Our work is not yet done, not all nations have been reached. But when this work is finished, YOU WILL KNOW THAT THE MESSAGE WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN HEARING OVER "THE WORLD TOMORROW" BROADCAST AND WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN READING IN "THE PLAIN TRUTH" IS THE WORK OF GOD WHICH HE IS SENDING THROUGH HIS CHURCH SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Every other work rejects the message of Jesus Christ or else rejects His rule through His laws. There is no exception.

Into His Church, God called Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong to perform—together with many thousands of scattered, converted co-workers with Christ—the final work for this day.

Mr. Armstrong learned God's TRUTH direct from GOD'S WORD—the Holy Bible. He did not learn it from *any* sect or denomination.

He can say unto you, as the Apostle Paul said:

"I certify you, brethren, that the GOSPEL which is preached of me is not after man. For *I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it*, BUT BY THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

. . . But when it pleased God, who . . . called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me that I might preach Him to" THE WORLD; "immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood"—neither went I to any sect or denomination or organized "church," but I went directly to the WORD OF GOD, and on my knees asked God thru His Spirit to open my understanding—to correct me, reprove and rebuke, and instruct in His Truth and His righteousness; . . . then after three years I went to some of the humble of God's people in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, and preached to them. (Please compare with Gal. 1:11-18).

God struck him down three times successively, by taking out from under his feet the business he had started, wiping him out, financially. Then God brought him to the study of His Word by causing him to try to refute the truth which God had revealed to Mrs. Armstrong through one who was already in the Church.

After six months' intensive study he was forced, in honesty before God, to swallow the most bitter pill of his life. It literally "killed" him—and *he* died—surrendered wholly to God, gave his life henceforth to Him to use "if He could."

He began to experience the unmatched joy of learning truth NEW, as God little by little, yet more and more, revealed TRUTHS so wonderful they produced spiritual ecstasy. For the first time in his life he found what HAPPINESS really is!

God launched him in His work with an evangelistic effort in a church in Harrisburg, Oregon.

That process of being corrected, of GROWING in grace and the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, has continued these 28 years—more

than a quarter century. *And it is still continuing!*

Mr. Armstrong does not speak to you by authority of men, or any politically organized church of men—but in the name, and by the AUTHORITY of JESUS CHRIST, the living HEAD of the true CHURCH OF GOD!

The NAME of the Church

The Bible gives us the true NAME of the Church in *twelve* different places. Twelve is God's COMPLETE number.

In five passages where the true NAME of the Church appears, the entire Body of Christ—the Church as a whole—is indicated. Thus when speaking of the entire Church, including all its individual members on earth, the name is "The CHURCH OF GOD."

There are *several* religious denominations who claim the name "Church of God." We should bear in mind that *all* sects of this world have *some* truth, though mixed with error. Several have found the truth about the true NAME, and use it. But they are not the true Church. Since Christ is the Head of the Church, Paul also called the various congregations "the churches of Christ" (Rom. 16:16)—but the actual NAME is the CHURCH OF GOD. It is kept in the name of the Father (John 17:11).

Yes, this work is the work of the true Church of God. All others are satanic counterfeits! It is time we come out from among them and become separate—under the laws and government of God instead of the rules and traditions of men. The only true Church of God is made up of those who have surrendered their lives to God and through whom God is carrying out His work on earth.

It is time you consider whether you are *really* in God's true church!

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