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What our READERS SAY

Seven Laws of Success

"My son and I listened to your talk, 'The Seven Laws of Success,' over radio station CJIB in Vernon, B.C., last night. We found it most thought-provoking and would like to study what you had to say more carefully. Your clear and forceful presentation, as well as the content of your message, made us sit up and take notice. It prompted one of our friends to phone us to listen. More power to you!"

Listener from British Columbia

Autobiography

"Dear Mr. Armstrong,

"The story of your life is really wonderful. I hope you are going to make a book of it so everyone can read it. I save every one of The PLAIN TRUTHS and I and my friends have them pretty worn out going back over them."

Jessie McB., Illinois

• *We regret that again this issue there is no further installment of the "Autobiography." Due to urgency of completing the forthcoming book on The Plain Truth About Sex and Marriage, Mr. Armstrong is devoting every available moment to it, and omitting the "Autobiography" and other new articles.*

Very shortly all readers on our subscription list will receive a letter giving full details and offering free a copy of this frank, plain-speaking, tragically needed book. Never has there been a book like it.

Perhaps at a later date the installments of the "Autobiography" will also appear in book form.

Television

"I am a boy of 12. I want to thank you for the article 'Television—The Most Effective Drug of Our Times!' Now my parents and I won't be watching television any more except for news. I am much happier without television."

Dale V., New York

"I have just finished *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I can't ever lay it down for long until I have completely read it all... I was so glad to read your article on TV... My spare time goes into my Bible, prayer or something more constructive than a TV program."

Mrs. A. D., Oklahoma

The Pleasures of Sin

"Please stop sending *The PLAIN TRUTH* at once. I'm not ready to live like the Bible says. I'm still after the worldly fashions and customs. Hope you understand."

Miss K. B., Michigan

• *You'll soon learn!*

"Don't Just Read It—OBEY It!"

"I haven't written to you for over a year. I haven't paid my tithes in that long either. Since I took a backward look at this year, and all the terrible things that have happened to me and my friends, I can see how really foolish I've been. My wife walked off March 14. I got involved in two lawsuits because of that, plus being sued for divorce. I've spent almost \$1000 for attorney's fees. Someone wrecked my car and parked it in front of the house. That cost me \$50. My 10-year-old son was bitten by a dog; my 10-year-old daughter was badly hurt when she fell off her bike. When I get up, every day I feel like I've been beat. My legs and back hurt. I have severe sinus headaches. Every word I've read in *The PLAIN TRUTH* is the absolute truth. I dearly love to read God's word, but let me say now to anyone it might help. DON'T JUST READ IT, OBEY IT! I have made more money this year than ever before in my life and had less. Isn't this proof enough that God's way is best?"

P. J., Michigan

• *Why is it that so many have to learn the hard way?*

"I have never paid a tithe to anyone
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Personal from the Editor

ONCE AGAIN *The PLAIN TRUTH* takes a great leap forward! At last we have a printing plant of our own of major size, with giant rotary magazine presses capable of printing a magazine as large as *The PLAIN TRUTH* has grown.

You are holding in your hands now, a copy of the first issue we have ever been privileged to print on our own presses!

I believe some of the facts about this great step forward will be interesting to our readers.

For more than twenty years we have operated our own printing department. But until now, it has never been large enough to print *The PLAIN TRUTH*—even when this magazine was a small 8-page paper.

Many of our readers know that prior to the time God placed me in His ministry, I had devoted twenty years in the advertising field—mostly with magazines and newspapers. I learned, more than fifty years ago, that few magazines can afford profitably to print their own publications. Nearly all class and trade publications, and the smaller-circulation magazines, are printed by large printing plants who specialize in

printing a number of publications for various publishers.

Many years ago, while our headquarters were still located at Eugene, Oregon, our own printing department had its infantile beginning. Like every other phase of this great Work of God, it started about as small as such a department could start.

My son-in-law, James Gott, had been working in the lumber industry in and around Eugene. He had encountered a severe accident in his left hand, which required a considerable operation of plastic surgery. While he was recuperating, information about the Davidson duplicator press was brought to my attention.

This small but modern press printed by the offset method. I learned from the Davidson Portland office that they had facilities for training inexperienced men in the operation of this equipment. None of us—most of all, Jimmy himself—wanted to see him return to the hazardous and sporadic employment in the lumber industry. I suggested the idea of starting a printing department of our own, with Jimmy running it. We would print booklets, letter-heads and envelopes—but of

course not *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

He became immediately enthusiastic with anticipation. It was quite a hurdle for us to purchase that little press, with sufficient photographic and plate-making equipment to produce the plates. But the financing was arranged. Jimmy took the schooling, and a Davidson representative helped get the equipment installed in the basement of the IOOF Building in Eugene, where we rented offices on the third floor.

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OUR COVER

Here you see the third "signature"—a sixteen-page section—of the August *PLAIN TRUTH* pouring off our new Miehle press at 20,000 impressions (pieces) per hour! At the far left, huge rolls of paper are fed into two printing units. The rolls feed so fast—about 800 feet per minute—that the ink must be dried in a huge oven (center, about 10 x 12 feet) at temperatures of several hundred degrees. The printed paper (visible at far right) is then cooled, cut into sixteen-page sections and folded to page size by the press!

In the foreground are 750,000 copies of signatures one and two. Three different signatures are required for each issue—plus the heavier, glossy cover. All these are then put together, stapled and trimmed—THIS one was sent to you!

The inside 16 pages of this issue being printed on our own new Miehle press.

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Later, we moved our printing office to another building with larger space, as the department began to grow. When we moved the headquarters to Pasadena for the opening of Ambassador College, in 1947, we had two of these Davidson presses, and an old-fashioned second-hand paper cutter. By this time there was an assistant, and our department employed two men full time.

Gradually the department grew. Virtually all of our booklets have been produced by this department through the years.

One of the reasons for moving from Eugene, Oregon, to Pasadena was the fact we had outgrown the printing facilities available in commercial print shops in Eugene for printing *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Arrangements were made for having our magazine printed by the largest printing establishment on the west coast—Pacific Press Inc. in Los Angeles. They also print the west coast editions of *LIFE*, *TIME*, and *Newsweek*, beside *Sunset* magazine and many other large-order accounts.

Actually, the Pacific Press corporation had not yet acquired this giant plant when it first began printing *The PLAIN TRUTH*. They have printed it for us ever since—every issue up to this present edition. There is a measure of sincere regret between men of their staff and our own, on our leaving them with this issue. It has been a long and mutually pleasant business relationship. But of course we are thrilled and overjoyed to be able, after all these years, to have a printing plant of major size of our own, and to be able to do our own printing of a magazine that has grown to the size and scope of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, now running over a half million copies!

In 1957 we acquired an almost-new two-story furniture warehouse as an addition to our rapidly expanding college campus. This was remodeled and modernized into our home for the Ambassador College Press. The printing department moved into the rear portion of the ground floor. At that time two larger Miehle presses were added, and a new paper cutter—besides new folding machines and other equipment.

Soon that space was outgrown. The offset department was then moved into a smaller building across the street. Then the printing department was forced, later, to lease an entire store building some two blocks off the campus, and two still-larger presses were installed, in addition to an Intertype type-setting machine, and other equipment.

That didn't hold the department long, either. As the demand for booklets multiplied, the printing department grew and grew. It became the largest printing plant (not including the newspaper) in Pasadena. But soon that large space was overcrowded—and there was not sufficient space for paper storage. It now became evident that we needed to take advantage of the savings made possible by buying paper in carload lots.

Finally we had opportunity to purchase the plant and buildings of the Crown City Lumber Company, across the street from the original Press building. This meant a sizeable expansion of the college campus. It was a rather sizeable financial transaction also, and many felt we should not undertake it. However, I foresaw its need, and so we purchased this property—I believe it was in late 1962 or early 1963. Within a few months it became evident to us all that this had been a most wise acquisition.

The larger of the three main buildings acquired from the lumber company was entirely remodeled, and has been converted into our new major-size printing plant. The large pressroom is twice the size of the store building we had leased. Beside this there is considerable space for offices, photographic darkrooms, typesetting department—many other facilities. One of the former large lumber sheds provides adequate space for storage of huge rolls of paper. The Union Pacific freight tracks run alongside, so that paper in car-load lots is unloaded directly from the freight cars.

Soon to be erected is a two-story addition to this building to accommodate many of the offices and facilities of this now-large printing department.

In the main pressroom we now have a new large two-color press, for printing the covers of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, beside a still-larger rotary magazine press—quite similar to metropolitan newspaper presses.

The printing department of The Ambassador College Press now employs a good-sized staff of employees.

I am sure that all readers who visit the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena will be enjoyably surprised when they see this fine new million-dollar printing plant. Now that I have mentioned that million-dollar figure, let me hasten to say that, much as we regret severing the pleasant relationship with the Pacific Press people, we anticipate with real enjoyment the *saving* of ten thousand dollars and more *every month* made possible by this new facility. At last *The PLAIN TRUTH* has attained to the size where it is less costly to print it ourselves than to have it printed outside.

We confidently expect to make continued improvements in *The PLAIN TRUTH* as the months and years roll by. *Watch for them!*

And let me add, that when you plan to visit the Ambassador College campus at Pasadena, better plan close to a half-day for the tour of the grounds and buildings. You can't get over them in a half hour. We have continued *growing* constantly.

This Personal talk is being written from my study at the Ambassador College in England. Let me add that, if any of our readers are in London, by all means you should try to take a half day to come out to the college here in beautiful Bricket Wood, near St. Albans. We have a very flourishing printing shop at the college here also—larger than we had in Pasadena until late in 1957. We also have a printing department in Sydney, Australia.

If you are able to visit one of the Ambassador Colleges, you will find people who will welcome you, and provide someone as a guide to show you all around—and if I happen to be there at the time, and possibly can, I would like to greet you myself and say "hello."

Franco-German Axis Calls for United Europe!

It's now decided! Germany—not France—is to lead in final plans to unite Europe politically—without waiting for other Common Market nations! Britain will not participate in the initial talks.

by Herman L. Hoeh

JUST as we go to press a surprise announcement has been issued from Bonn, West Germany. It's official at last. Europe is to be integrated politically! And West Germany is to take the lead in planning the union of the continent!

It Is Prophesied!

For years readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* have been warned that a united Europe is coming—that a third power bloc would arise under German leadership and precipitate a third world war!

Now the spectre of a united Europe is suddenly looming up. Britain is concerned. The United States is oblivious to this new threat to its power.

Here is what has happened. On two fateful days—July 3 and 4—a top-level meeting was held at Bonn, West Germany. Even the timing of the meeting is significant. July 4 is the anniversary of American independence. Is July 4 also to become the anniversary of European independence from American domination?

At the secret meetings De Gaulle presented the French program for a loose confederation of Europe—"a union of fatherlands." The West Germans rejected it as unworkable. Instead, West German Chancellor Erhard proposed a tightly organized super-parliament to determine the destiny of Europe. De Gaulle compromised, called

on the West Germans to make the proposals for unification to be presented, later, to the Common Market. German foreign minister Schröder will be in charge.

Breaking Communist Hold on Eastern Europe

The impelling force driving Western Europe into political unity is the threat of Soviet Communism. Europeans live next door to the Iron Curtain. They know—especially the Germans—what it is like to have Soviet troops across the border posing a constant threat to life.

Just after the conference in Bonn, July 4, former Chancellor Adenauer gave an important interview. He said with a smile: "France and Germany together can form a real dike against the advance of communism. . . . It was bad that previously the question of political union had been put on ice. This beginning will have results, not only for Europe, but for the whole free world."

Probably not even Adenauer knows where the new union of Europe will lead! But God knows—and He has

revealed it in the prophecies of your Bible! You can understand what's prophesied for today. Write for the free booklets "Who Is the Beast?" and "1975 in Prophecy"—they make today's world news plain.

Immediately after the Franco-German meeting in Bonn, events began to happen fast. From behind the Iron Curtain came a defiant demand from Romania. The little satellite began to talk big. Its president demanded that the Soviet Union consider the possible return of Bessarabia—which the USSR took from Romania after World War II. Romania also sent its premier to attend a meeting of the Common Market nations. He explained Romania's new economic program is "national Communism."

Few people realize that Soviet Communism is a form of *international* socialism. Romania's brand of communism, like Tito's, is a form of "national socialism"—which means Fascism!

When will we wake up and realize that what is shaping up in Europe today is the revival of Fascism under the cloak of European unity!

DISCUSS EUROPEAN UNITY—To the right is French President Charles de Gaulle, listening to West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, gesturing.

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DE GAULLE VISITS WEST GERMANY—President Charles de Gaulle of France and West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard inspect honor guard on De Gaulle's arrival at Wahn airport in Bonn, July 3, for a two-day visit. In center is Colonel Gaston de Bonneval, De Gaulle's aide.

Wide World Photo



IT'S EASY ... to believe a lie!

People will believe almost ANYTHING! Hitler proved it. You may not have believed Hitler's lies—but how do you know what you believe is the truth? What is the REAL SOURCE AND AUTHORITY of your beliefs? STUDY this article—check up on yourself, and come to KNOW that you KNOW the Truth!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

DURING the battle for Kwajalein, in World War II, United States soldiers and marines were shocked to see Japanese soldiers and civilians alike committing mass suicide!

By scores and hundreds they plunged over cliffs, exploded hand grenades in their stomachs, or discharged rifles into their own mouths, rather than permit themselves to be taken prisoner.

Why such senseless suicide?

They had been taught to *believe a lie!* They FIRMLY BELIEVED if captured, they would be subjected to horrible tortures beyond imagination, and worse still, "brainwashed" by the "foreign white devils" into rejecting their religion and even losing their hope of eternity!

Did those who taught them KNOW they were teaching a lie? Certainly.

The Darkness of This World

People *believe what they are taught!* The human is *not*, of himself, a RATIONAL being!

Rather, as a little baby, he openly and freely admits into his little mind any and everything that is *taught* to him!

Let's look at a few world-wide examples and come to UNDERSTAND about our *own* minds.

In India today, where the average life expectancy is 29 years of age, millions of cattle roam the village streets, munching contentedly on the shopkeepers' vegetables, dropping *offal* in the streets, or lazily chewing their cud *on the same streets* with dozens of bloated, blue-black bodies of the dead and dying.

Why? Why, because to the Indian, their cows are *sacred!*

In the Western world of the "enlightenment" of Christianity, we wag our heads in incredulous disbelief and pity toward these ignorant millions!

We *know* that millions of such hapless people are firmly believing in a lie.

In tiny Laos, focal point of many a threatened international squabble, thousands of helpless little infants die yearly from malnutrition and starvation.

Why?

Because their mothers *believe a lie.* It is still commonly accepted belief among Laotian mothers that they should *fast* for the first 20 days after their infants are born. Because of this prolonged abstention from food, most of the mothers lose their milk. Nearby, munching grass contentedly, may be dozens of Laotian cattle. But to the Laotian, it is a *sin* to drink milk. Therefore, denied both their own mother's milk, and, through superstition and religion, unable to drink the milk of the cows—the Laotian babies continue to die.

Take A Look At History

If you were to pick up a history book written by a German, and another written by an Englishman, and still another written by an American concerning certain aspects of World War II, you would be shocked.

History classes, as being taught in West German colleges and high schools vary *widely* from courses being taught in Britain and the United States.

Mr. T. H. Tetens says one of the appalling facts is that there exists, today, in Germany, a whole new generation of youngsters who simply DO NOT BELIEVE the Nazis ever put to death a single Jew!

Walking the streets of western German cities and villages today are hundreds of thousands of teenagers who *firmly believe* the Nazi concentration camps were a manufactured farce of American Zionists, and were never, in reality, operated by the Nazis in exterminating multiple millions of help-

less Jews, and peoples of many other enslaved races.

Yes, MILLIONS of people *believe in outright lies!* Can we get the point?

There are *huge bodies* of peoples on this earth with whom you violently disagree! They may be political bodies, racial bodies, religious bodies. To YOU, some of their beliefs may be sheer insanity. Yet, you may never have *looked into*, carefully sifted, thoroughly analyzed, studied or *researched* into these beliefs to which you are so violently opposed.

And, what is probably far *more* important, you may never have carefully studied, researched, and reviewed *WHY you believe the things you do!*

Could you have believed any lies? Are you being honest with yourself?

It's A Lying World

Ever buy a used car? Ever play the shell game in a carnival? Ever hopefully expect a politician to fulfill all his promises? Have you ever been shocked at the inaccuracies of a newspaper story if it was written about something in which you were directly involved? Ever wondered about some of the claims made in advertising certain commodities?

You are *living* in the day of the *sophisticated lie!* Almost every television show, every book, every motion picture, is literally filled with *shadings* of the truth, *half-truths*, *veiled* or *partially concealed* truths, *exaggerations*, or outright *lies!*

Even most comedy series are made up from people concealing portions of the truth, telling outright lies or inventing untrue situations, and then trying to "keep up appearances" by some frantic contrivance which usually appears to be ridiculously funny to the viewer.

You are living in a world of con-

traditions, assumptions, exaggerations, deletions, perversions, distortions, augmentations—a world of lies!

Have you ever told a lie? Certainly. All human beings have. The story of our George Washington and the cherry tree may be widespread—but, like the statement young George is supposed to have made to his father, "I cannot tell a lie," the story *itself* is false!

From infancy, we feed our children (unless we have been enlightened to God's TRUTH, and have learned to quit practicing things contrary to God's law) on *lies*. We begin by telling them *fairy tales, fantasies, or outright lies* about Santa Claus.

The average young couple lies to its children about bodily processes, various adult situations, reasons why they should not touch a given object, or the horrible torture or dire punishment in the form of "the boogie man" which may appear if they get into mischief.

Children begin learning about "the sand man," "the man-in-the-moon," and "jack-and-the-beanstalk." Their little minds are completely FILLED with an endless series of sugared and candied lies!

They are introduced into a society of lies *gently*, "in baby talk" and child's language, but *persistently, continuously*. Children soon indulge in experimentation for *themselves*, trying to *get behind* the vast network of adult lies that have been told them. One of the first truths they usually discover is that, in some unknown fashion, little brother or little sister did NOT, after all, come from the stork, nor was he or she *purchased* from the "baby factory" at the hospital!

Yes, YOU *HAVE* believed in lies! Think about it for a moment!

What if you could not have *relied* on ANYTHING your parents had said to you? The very FIRST authority, the FIRST protection, the FIRST love, comfort, care, consideration—the FIRST WORLD every little child meets is that of its parents.

From the FIRST, the hapless, helpless little infant is utterly DEPENDENT on its parents!

Yes, THINK about it. YOU were a little baby once. YOU were utterly HELPLESS—utterly dependent upon

your parents for your very survival.

As a growing young boy or girl, you innocently and eagerly BELIEVED what your parents said to you!

You BELIEVED a certain neighbor was "BAD" if your parents *said* so!

And you FIRMLY BELIEVED Aunt Bessie went to HEAVEN—if YOUR PARENTS SAID SO!

Remember? *Sure* you do! Probably, you were even told how she "heard the angels singing, as they came to take her home"!

If your parents—who were your FIRST KNOWN AUTHORITY, had told you the moon were made of green swiss cheese, you would have FIRMLY BELIEVED IT!

Recently, in the Congo, whole platoons of the Congolese "army" threw down their modern, automatic weapons—abandoned their heavily fortified, strategically located positions, and LITERALLY FLED before naked, painted, screaming savages!

The reason? Because the Congolese FIRMLY BELIEVED these painted tribal warriors with their ancient bows and arrow, their spears and "poo-poo" guns (ancient, flintlock, muzzle-loading muskets), had been given IMMUNITY TO BULLETS by their tribal witch doctors! Would YOU have believed it? If you had been Congolese, you would!

People believe what they have been taught! And they BELIEVE it—WHETHER IT IS TRUE OR NOT!

But there is a WAY to find out what is the TRUTH—about everything!

There Is a Source of Truth!

Man *speculates* concerning certain physical phenomena. He then postulates, or *supposes* how it may be explained. In the various exact sciences, he is then able to *experiment*, in an attempt to PROVE whether his postulates and theories are true.

If all the experiments are finally successful, and certain absolute FACTS are established, man is able to KNOW certain things through such experimentation.

But the FOUNDATION of *all* knowledge *cannot* be discovered by EXPERIMENT!

Do you know *why* infant humans so *readily* believe whatever they're



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These idolaters believe lies—yet they think they are right.

taught? *Because they were meant to be taught*—but they were meant to be taught the TRUTH!

Parents today believe they can NEGLECT to teach their children *anything* about religion, and wait until they are old enough "to decide for themselves."

But God has ordained that parents who KNOW the TRUTH, and KNOW THAT THEY KNOW it, should TEACH that truth to their children!

God told His people: "And these words, which I command you this day, [the words of the Ten Commandments] shall be in thine heart [Heb. 10:16] And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes" (Deut. 6:6-8).

It's RIGHT to teach your children—to be POSITIVE about it—as long as you are teaching them the TRUTH! J. Edgar Hoover said, "A child who has been taught to respect the laws of God will have little difficulty respecting the laws of man."

But it's WRONG to teach your children FAIRY tales, FANTASY, LIES, GUESSWORK, HAZY NOTIONS, PREJUDICES, RACIAL HATREDS, FALSE INFORMATION ABOUT SEX—OR ANYTHING that is

FALSE! God condemns it as wickedness!

If YOU had been taught GOD'S TRUTH, FROM INFANCY—YOU WOULD BELIEVE IT TODAY! But *regardless* as to what you HAVE been taught—irrespective of WHAT you may believe about ANY important subject—there is a way for you to PROVE whether or not you are believing the TRUTH—or LIES!

There is a SOURCE of truth!

It is POSITIVE. It is ABSOLUTE. It is absolutely UNSHAKEABLE!

Think what a monumental catastrophe it would have been if you had been unable to depend upon your parents to tell you the truth about ANYTHING! What if they had said the stove was COOL, that knives didn't cut, and *encouraged* you to play with matches? What a diabolical thing to do to a child! You learned, and sometimes through burnt fingers and bitter experience, to DEPEND on what your parents said—especially if it was a warning of danger!

What a CATASTROPHE it would be if you COULDN'T DEPEND ON GOD, AND ON HIS WORD!

Jesus said, "Thy word is TRUTH!" (John 17:17.) "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16).

Your Bible says, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Pet. 1:21).

David said, "All thy commandments are righteousness" (Ps. 119:172); "They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Ps. 111:8).

Everywhere in the Bible, God gives cross checks—balances—specially corroborative points, PROOFS of Him!

With regard to His laws of tithing, God, said, "... prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away!" said Christ (Mark 13:31).

The Bible is the ONE source of

ABSOLUTE TRUTH! You can DEPEND on it. (If you have not yet read our booklet, "The PROOF of the Bible," then write for your free copy immediately.)

Willing to FORGIVE Christ?

But people today are WILLING TO FORGIVE CHRIST! Strange! It's *supposed* to be the other way around! The Bible tells us Christ must FORGIVE US—but many people are willing to OVERLOOK Christ's "mistakes"—His "errors," His "failures."

Remember the letter in the May issue of The PLAIN TRUTH?

The writer said, "In your April issue under 'personal' from the Editor, you state that Christ said 'no man had ascended up to heaven, except He that had come down to earth from heaven.'"

"I can't understand how that agrees with the passage in II Kings chapter 2, verse 11, wherein it states that Elijah did ascend up into heaven.

"Can this be explained in a manner that I will be able to read your writings again with confidence?" B. E.S., Greensboro, North Carolina.

I answered, "*Let's go back and reword that a little, B.E. It's not OUR WRITINGS you're wondering about—but the BIBLE! You see, WE DIDN'T WRITE Christ's plain statement of John 3:13—JOHN did, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit.*

"*So—it's not OUR WRITINGS you're wondering about reading with confidence, but the BIBLE! Briefly, however, there are THREE 'heavens' spoken of in the Bible! The first, our atmosphere, is where the birds fly, and clouds form. The second, outer space, is where the stars, galaxies and constellations orbit. The THIRD (II Cor. 12:2) is the place of God's THRONE, to which 'NO MAN HATH ASCENDED' except in VISION, as did John! Elijah was taken up into the AIR, not the Heaven of God's throne. David is NOT in heaven (Acts 2:34). You can read the Bible with CONFIDENCE, B.E.!*"

Do you see? This man was unwittingly CHARGING CHRIST WITH ERROR! He didn't really GRASP this was what he was doing—but he was doing it, nevertheless! You see, it was two sep-

arate PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE he was so nettled over—NOT something "WE STATED" in our writings.

Today, vast armies of people believe in the IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL! Yet the BIBLE plainly denies this as a PAGAN teaching (write for our free article on the subject—and DON'T make up your mind in advance—CAREFULLY PROVE it to yourself)!

Millions fondly hope they will "get to heaven" when Jesus plainly said this is IMPOSSIBLE! (Write for our free article, "What is the Reward of the Saved," and the free booklet, "Just What Do You Mean, Salvation?").

Millions believe—because they have been TAUGHT—that God's LAWS are DONE AWAY, and that SUNDAY has long since replaced God's SABBATH as the day for Christian worship (write for our free, BRAND-NEW booklet, "Which DAY Is the CHRISTIAN Sabbath?").

WHY do millions believe these, and various other ideas?

It's what they have GROWN UP believing. They found OTHERS who believed it. It was diligently TAUGHT to them—NOT by comparing, searching, checking up in SCRIPTURE, to be sure—but taught constantly by lurid examples, by repetition, by suggestion, by preponderance of opinion.

MILLIONS accept Christ. But they DENY He will come again. Yet, HE SAID HE WOULD! They call Christ a LIAR—yet still claim to "BELIEVE" on Him!

Ever wonder why so many people "believe ON Jesus" but stolidly REFUSE to BELIEVE HIM—TO BELIEVE WHAT HE SAID?

PROVE All Things!

Paul said, "PROVE all things; hold fast that which is good" (II Thes. 5:21).

"STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). "To the law and to the testimony," shouted Isaiah, "if they speak not according to *this word*, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

What about it?

Have you sincerely, REALLY, wholly

STUDIED to absolutely PROVE some of these biggest questions to your very future destiny? Have you carefully researched, carefully checked, thoroughly *proved* these most *basic* doctrinal questions in all your Bible? According to extensive surveys in American and British church-attending, professing Christendom, most have not. Many pastors cheerfully admit their own people simply do not KNOW, thoroughly, what their own church teaches!

Others openly lament that America's "return to religion" is only *skin deep*! What about YOU?

Can you "afford" to take such a thing as the *day of your death*—which is ominously, irrevocably, surely, unalterably, and positively approaching every single day you live—carelessly and *lightly*?

Can you treat ETERNITY with impunity? This is not an old-fashioned "altar call!" This is not some type of "come on" to get you to "join" anything! It is a straight-from-the-shoulder appeal for you to research into WHY you believe the things you do—and how you came to believe them!

Admit it. You KNOW vast percentages of human beings on this earth firmly believe in out-and-out LIES!

You KNOW *you* have believed in lies. Are you really and positively SURE you know the plain truth of God? Remember the stern admonition of the Apostle John, "He that saith, 'I know Him' and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the TRUTH is *not in him*!" (I John 2:4.)

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you FREE" (John 8:32), said your Saviour! God intends that every line, every punctuation mark, every *word* of the Bible is ultimately *thoroughly understood* by His people! But God has carefully *guarded* the secret things of His truth! He has placed a BARRIER before the door of His truth. He says, "The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Eternal!" "A *good understanding* have they that DO His commandments!" said David.

The very *starting place* is that most vital and important knowledge that God DOES EXIST, that He LIVES, that He is going to call each human being into a definite accounting for all his

actions and thoughts, and that God stands back of His Word!

God said, "For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isa. 66:2).

The man whose letter you have read certainly was not *intentionally* flaunting God's authority! Perhaps human beings do not do this type of thing *intentionally*, or with full knowledge of what a tremendous transgression it must be in God's sight! But they DO it, nevertheless! We have all done it. We have all taken God's Word *too lightly*—treated His precious TRUTH *too carelessly*!

It's time you realized how truly
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What our READERS SAY

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in my life. After reading the article *Is Tithing Jewish?* I decided that there's no time like the present to prove God by paying my tithe."

R. K., Idaho

Behind Iron Curtain

"Please, don't forget us in this part of Germany—we thirst for truth and hunger for 'bread.'"

Woman from Dresden/DDR

"We here in the central part of Germany have listened to your very interesting Radio Program—secretly, but nonetheless regularly—with great interest, and were able to receive many blessings in this our disconsolate plight. It behooves us therefore to thank you from the bottom of our heart.

"You don't know what we would have given, if we had been able to read your magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit' regularly! Unfortunately, as you might know, no printed matter whatsoever could be sent to this part of central Germany. My daughter once tried to send us a modern translation of the Old Testament. The book did

not arrive nor was it returned to the sender.

"Nevertheless my daughter did receive 'Die Reine Wahrheit' for some time and we were quite overjoyed to look through several issues of this magazine. I never would have thought that a magazine like this ever existed. My family is very grateful for it."

Man, DDR (East Germany)

Persecution in Greece

"Some very kind Americans we met here in Athens talked to us about your [work]. I have seen and read some of your material that these good American Christians lent me. . . . We are six sisters of marriageable age in my family. We need and must have the instructions you can send us on the subjects of Marriage, Divorce, Happy Life, Baptism, The Real True Church, Salvation, Health, The Truth about the Trial of Jesus and The Resurrection. We will use the material very well because we are all teachers here in Greece. Please send all material in an unmarked envelope because we have here persecution of all other religions."

Miss J. G., Greece

Freak Weather in Canada

"Central Canada this past week has experienced unusual weather. The first day of the week the temperature reached a peak of 94 degrees Fahrenheit. But the next day the temperature dropped, and reached only a maximum of 59 degrees. That following night the temperature fell below freezing and very few garden and flowering plants survived. Then for over five consecutive days the temperature remained far below normal for the time of the year, with frost every night. The day before, the forecasters were unable to predict this severe weather—it came unexpected. Meanwhile the announcers on the radio had themselves a jolly time joking and imagining what a hilarious time they were going to have during such fine, sunny warm days at the beaches in their bikinis."

Reader from Manitoba

Space Sickness

"After reading your booklet on 'Who will rule Space?' and hearing a news-

caster just recently, I can believe all that you have written concerning man and space. This newscaster stated that John Glenn was ill prior to the fall he had in his home, and that two other 'space trespasser' astronauts, have the same sickness. It is feared to be a space sickness. The words of Psalm 115:16 are very true."

Reader from Ontario

What New Readers Say—

"For over a year I have been 'going to' send for a subscription to *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, but just never got around to it. Quite by accident yesterday I found that a neighbor of mine does receive it and she loaned me several copies. I have missed too much already to wait any longer. Please start sending mine right away. I'd also like as many back issues as you can send. I am also requesting the booklets 'The United States and The British Commonwealth in Prophecy' and '1975 in Prophecy.' And each new booklet that you write."

Mrs. Floyd D., Ohio

"I just got a glimpse of your June *PLAIN TRUTH* in an office uptown. I didn't get a chance to read much of it, but there were a few articles in it that I would like to read. May I please get the June issue? I would also like to subscribe for the monthly magazine."

E. B., Arizona

From Philippines

"I have studied Bible course and have read the Bible nearly all my life. I never understand it very well, until I begun reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*—magazine and many other articles from you that makes my mind very clear."

A. J., Philippines

How Plain Can You Get?

"Thank you very much for sending the Correspondence Course for the last two years. If anything, it is even plainer than *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and that is saying a lot."

Richard W., Mississippi

• *How many of you have been putting off writing for The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course? Procrastination is the thief of time!*

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

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

"Were there *really* such people as Adam and Eve? Did they *actually* have children, Cain, Abel and Seth? My preacher says *there were no such persons.*"

C. O. T., Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Granted, no archeologists *have yet* discovered the bones of Adam and Eve. Apart from the Bible there are no documents that will prove that Cain murdered Abel.

But there is *concrete, irrefutable proof* every one of these people *actually* lived!

There is a legal record of the murder of Abel, the trial before a judge of the accused murderer and the testimony of WITNESSES, and the sentence of Cain (Genesis 4:8-16).

That legal record is **YOUR BIBLE!**

Jesus Christ accepted the testimony of the Biblical record as authoritative.

The Bible is the only bona fide record which has been preserved DOWN TO OUR DAY telling of the lives of Adam and Eve—of the birth of Cain, Abel and Seth. It mentions what sort of personalities they had, the highlights of their lives and times in which they lived. Christ's own physical genealogy was reckoned through Seth back to Adam. Physically, Adam and Seth both were Christ's ancestors.

Since 1940!

"I have been listening to your radio program for twenty years or more and would like to ask for a copy of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Your programs have

Jesus knew that Abel existed—that he was a historical person. Jesus referred to Abel's murder by Cain. Notice what Christ said to the false ministers of His time: "That upon *you* may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from THE BLOOD OF RIGHTEOUS ABEL, unto the blood of Zacharias, son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar" (Matt. 23:35).

Either Abel existed as a flesh-and-blood mortal human being, or Christ is made a LIAR! And if He were a LIAR you would have no Saviour. Your faith is all in vain!

God has given us His Word, the Bible, to teach us what we could not discover for ourselves! The Bible is INSPIRED by God (II Tim. 3:15-16); it is *God breathed*, for that is what "inspired" really means.

If one will not accept the Word of God and the words of Jesus Christ, then how can he call himself "Christian"?

The apostles referred to these early human beings *more than fifteen times* in your New Testament. Any minister who doubts their existence need only check a good concordance to PROVE whether or not they actually lived.

The question you face is this: who and what is your authority—men or the Bible?

been a guide for me day in and day out since before 1940."

Fulton L., Pennsylvania

• *It's time you wrote for a copy of The PLAIN TRUTH!*

WHO Controls the Weather?

Why, despite our vaunted scientific knowledge, is modern man at the mercy of the elements? What is the real cause of today's upset weather patterns?

by Ernest L. Martin

As THIS is being written, Typhoon Winnie is howling through the Philippine Islands. Terrific 90- to 95-mile-per-hour winds have killed scores. Most communications are down. Thatched villages lie isolated in swirling water.

Something Wrong With the Weather?

Weather experts are concerned. History seems to be repeating itself. Wild changes in the climate of the past are once again manifesting themselves.

"Extremism" is the term meteorologists are using to describe today's fluctuating weather conditions!

The slow pendulum of recent weather cycles is no longer to be depended upon. Wide extremes now make accurate weather forecasting around the world *virtually impossible!* Weather men admit they can't imagine *what will happen next!*

Director of meteorological observation at McGill University, George H.T. Kimble has admitted: "We know FOR CERTAIN that important changes in the climate of the Northern Hemisphere are going on at the present time. These are *not* merely SHORT-TERM FLUCTUATIONS"! (*Scientific American*, April 1950, emphasis ours.)

History Records MAJOR CHANGES

Every national economy depends on agriculture. And agricultural bounty DEPENDS ON THE WEATHER!

Historians of the ancient world record that the RISE AND FALL OF EMPIRES always depended, in greater or lesser degree, *upon the weather!* Too few today, however, have learned these lessons of history.

Take, for example, the lands of the Bible. One of the world's richest agricultural areas in ancient times was Mesopotamia—Babylon and Assyria. For well over 1500 years after the

Flood in Noah's time this region was the garden spot of the ancient world. Only the land of Israel in the time of Solomon, and certain parts of Egypt, could surpass its bountiful fertility. Mesopotamia was of such agricultural potential that the records called the region, especially its northern parts, "Eden."

But what is this region like today?

It is nearly all desert!

Why?

Because of SIN!

Almighty God prophesied through Jeremiah:

"A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the Lord, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon. . . they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed. *A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up:* for it is the land of GRAVEN IMAGES, and they are mad upon their idols [that is sin]. Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there" (Jer. 50:35-39).

Isaiah prophesied the same thing (Isaiah 13:19-22).

These prophecies were uttered when Mesopotamia was the richest agricultural region on earth. There was not the slightest indication that such a catastrophe in the weather could overtake Babylon.

Long after Isaiah and Jeremiah were dead, Babylon received no *immediate* setbacks in its agricultural productivity.

Herodotus, a Greek historian who wrote about 200 years after Jeremiah, described Mesopotamia as being a most fertile region with yield of grain twice that of any other area (Book I, 193). People could well wonder if Isaiah and Jeremiah were not completely wrong in their prophecies—that the God of the Bible *had failed*—for Babylon remained as fruitful as ever.

But had God failed?

Right after the time of Herodotus a

deterioration of productivity began to set in, the amount of water volume in the great rivers coming from the Armenian mountains began to subside, the climate of Mesopotamia became progressively more arid. This deterioration continued until Hadrian, the Roman emperor. He was forced to abandon the Mesopotamian region (which had recently been added to the Roman Empire) because the area was simply not worth the maintenance of Roman troops.

By the time Islamic troops invaded the country, the once-rich region of Mesopotamia had become a desert. And it has remained that way ever since.

Both Isaiah and Jeremiah prophesied this would happen! It would be the height of naïveté to say these Jewish prophets were simply good climatologists and understood enough of the secrets of nature to predict the great change in Mesopotamian climate. The simple fact is, Almighty God kept His word! He turned Mesopotamia into desert.

Egyptian Weather Has Changed

Nearly 2000 years ago the climate of Egypt was vastly different from that we find in Egypt today!

Claudius Ptolemaeus of Alexandria, well-known geographer of the second century A.D., kept a careful diary of Egyptian weather. He faithfully recorded thunderstorms, rainy days, winds. From his diary we are able to accurately reconstruct the main features of Egyptian climate in A.D. 150.

The contrast is STRIKING!

Today Egyptian summers are rainless. Then they were nearly as rainy as the winters. Today thunderstorms are unheard of. Then they were frequent in the hot season.

Did Almighty God prophesy this against the land of Egypt, as He did of Mesopotamia? Notice what He in-

spired the prophet Ezekiel to write:

"And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the Lord: because he hath said, The river is *mine* and I have made it [that is vanity, which is SIN]. Behold, therefore *I am against . . . thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate from the tower of Syene [modern Aswan] even unto the border of Ethiopia*" (Ezekiel 29:9-10).

God's prophet Ezekiel recorded this warning against Egypt in 586 B.C. What has happened to Egypt since? Here are the irrefutable facts of history and archaeology!

When Ezekiel prophesied waste and desolation for Egypt, the Pharaohs controlled rich grasslands as far as 2000 miles west from the Nile!

Recently two French experts discovered remarkable examples of primitive art in the Sahara, the world's largest desert, once controlled by Egypt! The rock carvings were divided into three distinct groups, and give evidence that the great Sahara was once a "lush grassland capable of supporting huge droves of cattle." (*The Baltimore Sun*, March 29, 1964.)

"A second group" of carvings, continues the news report, "is believed to have been carved in the first millennium before our present era. . . ." This was Egypt's heyday. The second group of carvings shows huge herds of cattle and animals like antelopes, indicating "that the Sahara was then GRASSLAND!" With these remarkable carvings was found a symbol of Egyptian rule—the ram with a solar disc between its horns!

In Ezekiel's time God's prophecy might have sounded like the ravings of a madman to the Egyptians. As late as the Roman period—500 years later—Egyptians could have mocked the Jews and their "demented" prophets.

Roman historians mention that the grain which sustained the people of Rome was imported from Egypt. The Nile valley was called the breadbasket of the Roman Empire. But God's prophecies stood firm.

Today Egypt is a wasteland. Even the area around the Nile is parched, semi-arid, and scorched by cyclonic hot

winds from the desert which is encroaching at a frightening rate.

Who REALLY controls the weather?
The Almighty God!

Proof from the Trans-Jordan Countries

What God prophesied for Mesopotamia and Egypt was very much the same as His prophecies for the lands of Ammon, Moab and Edom, east of the Jordan River. These regions were described as once having an abundance of every physical blessing—fruit trees, gardens, farms and good weather conditions. Even ancient Israel recognized the former richness of these Trans-Jordan areas. The tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh sought their inheritances in them. (For the great productiveness these ancient lands once enjoyed, see Isaiah 15, 16 and Jeremiah 48.)

But notice what God said would happen to the fruitful areas east of the Jordan—the modern Kingdom of Jordan:

"The waters of [the river] Nimrīm shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, *there is no green thing*" (Isa. 15:6). "For I have sworn by myself, saith the Lord, that Bozrah shall become a *desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse*; and all the cities thereof shall be *perpetual wastes*" (Jer. 49:13).

These prophecies were uttered when the Trans-Jordan areas were in the height of prosperity. Yet God said they were to become arid wastelands.

This has happened!

Within 200 years of the prophecies, these eastern peoples found their prosperous lands suffering a climate change. The region soon after became desert.

Proof from Palestine

The climate of ancient Palestine was not like it is today. The Bible continually refers to the Promised Land as "flowing with milk and honey." Forests flourished throughout its length and breadth (McClintock & Strong's Ency. Vol III, p. 620).

Nehemiah, recalling the prosperity of Palestine when Israel conquered it from the Canaanites, said: "They took fenced cities, and a *fat land*, and possessed

houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, *vineyards, and olive yards, and fruit trees in abundance*; so that they did eat, and were filled, and grew fat, and delighted themselves in Thy great goodness" (Neh. 9:25).

Israel and Judah, however, were disobedient. They SINNED. God promised a punishment would come upon them and upon all the land. See Hosea 13: 15, 16; Jeremiah 17:1-8, etc.

Israel and Judah were removed from the land and carried into captivity. Later when Palestine was re-occupied by the Jews, it never recovered its former splendour.

The weather patterns for the *whole Near East had begun to change!* The land which was once "flowing with milk and honey" became drier and drier. By the time of Christ, the desert regions were approaching heavily on the southern and eastern periferies of Palestine. Yet even in Christ's time this region was still more moist and cooler than it is today.

Josephus tells us that the snow pack in the Lebanese mountains which fed the River Jordan lasted *all year round!* In ancient times this snow did not begin to melt until spring had arrived—"for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest" (Josh. 3:15)—from April to June. But today it *never* overflows its banks. And when the Jordan does rise (because of melting snows) it is from January to March (*Oxford Helps to the Study of the Bible*, p.109). This conclusively shows that the area once had *much more water than it now has, and it was much colder*—cold enough for the snows not to begin melting until April.

Josephus informs us that King Herod (who murdered the children of Bethlehem) encountered such great snows in Galilee that with winter drawing on he found it necessary to disband his army. (*Wars*, I, XVIII, 6).

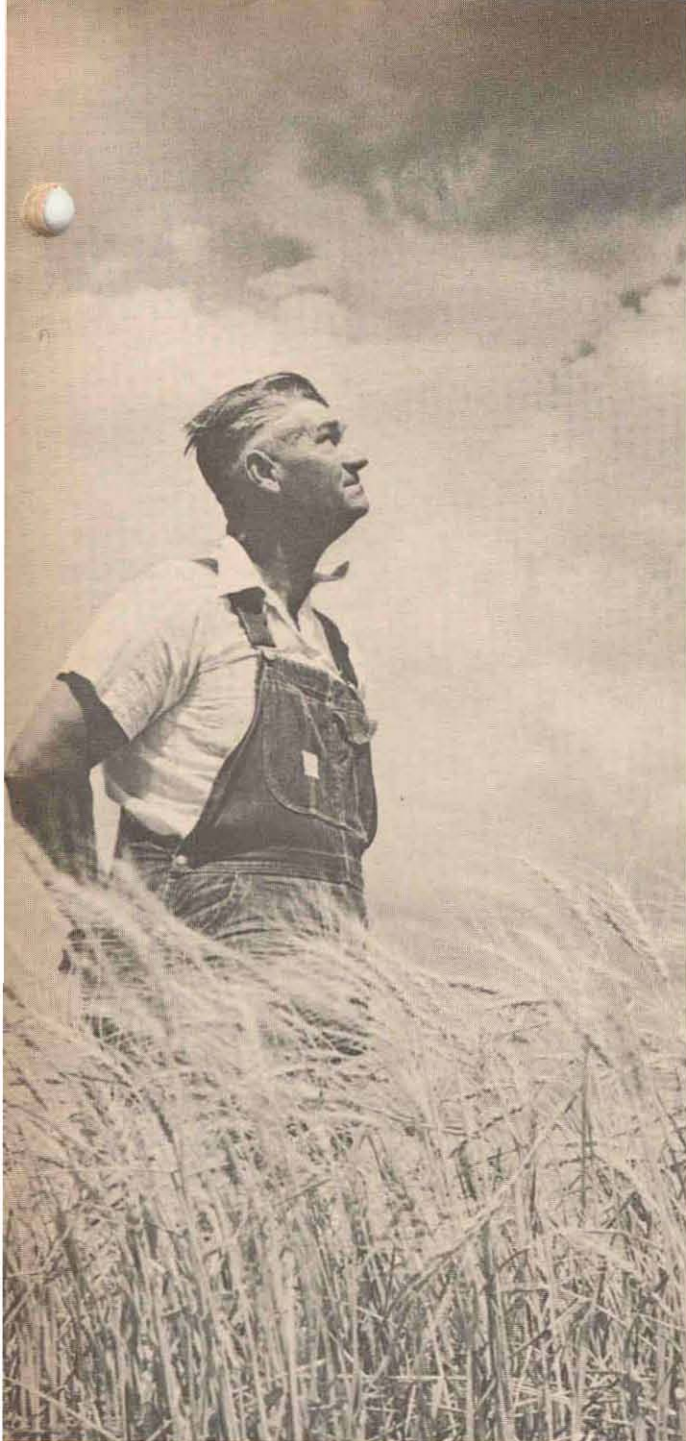
Even Christ warned His people about the severity of Palestinian winters (Matt. 24:20). These colder winters, formerly in Palestine, were another reason why the shepherds could not have been in the fields tending their sheep on December 25th! Christ was born in the early autumn when it was
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FREAK Weather

a Cause of WORLD-WIDE CONCERN!

The Sahara, as well as other deserts, was once lush grass-land—today it is a tragic desolation.

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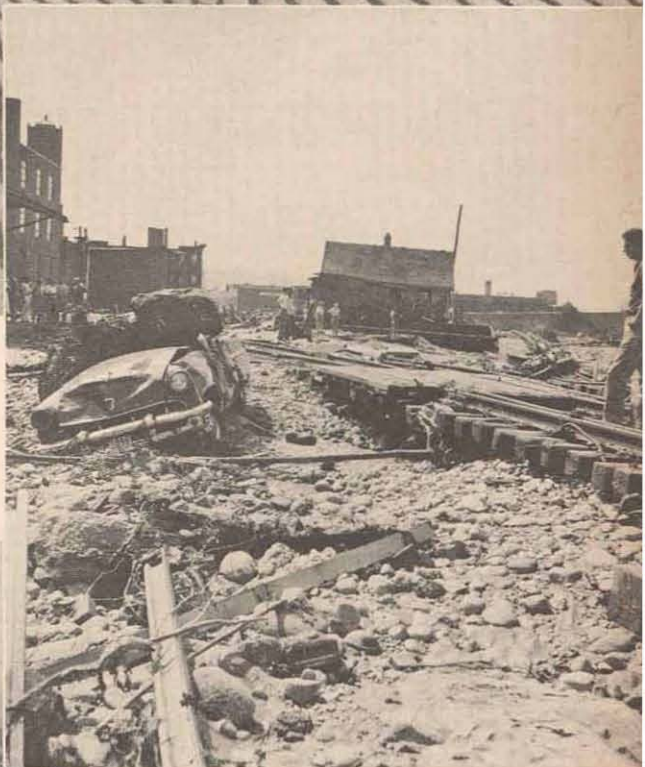
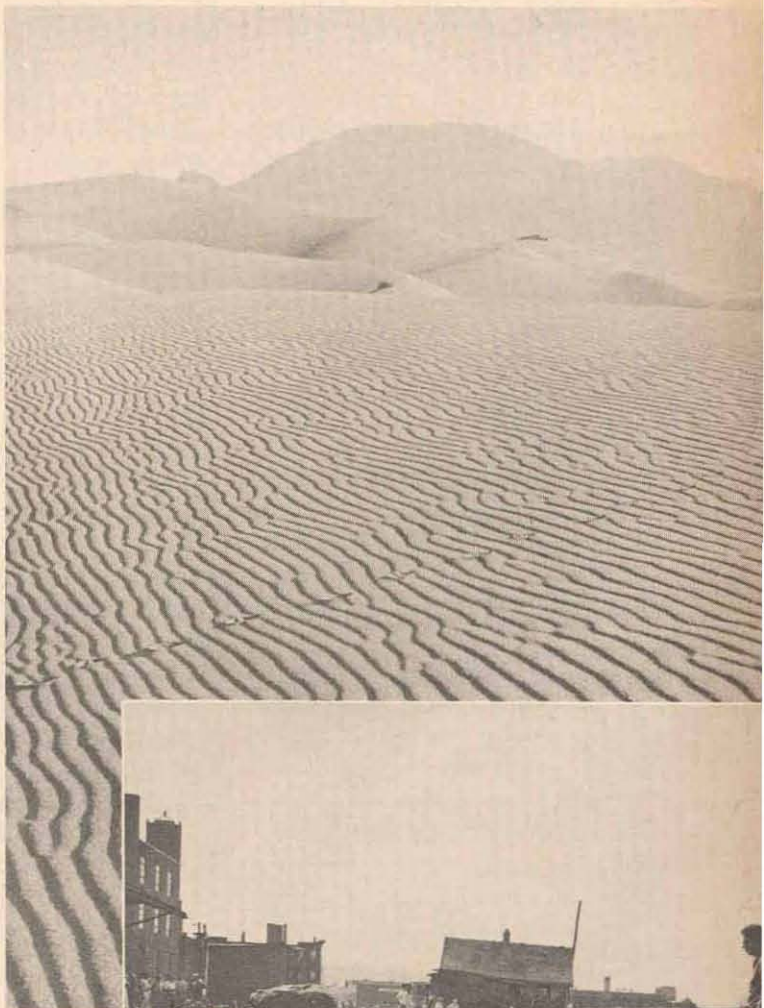


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National economy depends on agriculture, but farmers face wide-spread crop damage due to FREAK WEATHER!

Hurricane winds are expected to inundate coastal regions again this autumn.

Wide World Photo



Wide World Photo

Twisted wreckage lies in the wake of churning flood waters.



possible for the sheep to be in the open. (Read our free booklets on Christmas.)

There was much more vegetation in Palestine in the time of Christ because of the wetter climate. When Christ retired to an uninhabited area where there was no food available, He miraculously fed the 5,000 men (probably a total of about 13,000 people counting women and children). "He commanded them that all should sit down by companies upon the green grass" (Mark 6:39). "There was MUCH GRASS in that place" (John 6:10). It was then common for grass to be found throughout Palestine. Today, it is difficult to find green grass growing of itself anywhere in Palestine.

An English farmer in 1843 made a journey to the Holy Land. He recorded: "As I travelled from Jaffa to Jerusalem, over some as fine soil as could be found anywhere, *I did not see so much as one blade of grass*, though I looked for it as one would search for a diamond. This to me seemed strange, for I knew in England grass will grow where nothing else will; but here, neither among the fine stubble fields, nor even along the roadside, where no plough comes, were to be found so much as what might with strict propriety be called a blade of grass" (Lowthian, *Journal*, p. 152).

What a change from Christ's day!

Look at Southern Europe

The whole of Europe, as well as the Near East, in the time of Christ, was very much colder and wetter than it is now. "The climate of Central Europe prevented the progress of discovery northward. The mean temperature of Spain, Italy and Greece was lower than at present; while Gaul (France) and Germany experienced almost the rigours of an Arctic winter" (Smith, *Dict. of Greek & Roman Geography*, vol. I, p. 881).

Even in Italy it was then much colder. "The Romans, even in their Italian wars, rarely took to the field before the month of April, since they dreaded encountering the snow-storms of the Apennines, and the floods which at the melting of the ice converted the feeders of the Tiber into rapid torrents" (*ibid.*, p. 881). In fact, Livy re-

ports that the Tiber River by Rome in ancient times *froze over* in the winter (Book V, 13). *Such a phenomenon is unheard of today.* Without doubt, Italy, just as the ancient Near East, was much more temperate in climate than it is today.

When you read what the ancient, classical writers say of Greece and the Balkan Countries, you would think they were describing modern Siberia. Athenaeus describes the year in the Balkans as consisting of eight months severe cold and four months of normal winter (Book VIII, p. 351. "The climate of Thrace [modern Bulgaria] is always spoken of as being extremely cold and rigorous" (Smith, Vol. II, p. 1178).

"Ovid describes the cold of the western Black Sea and its adjacent coasts as a modern traveller would describe the temperature of Stockholm and the Baltic" (Smith, Vol. I, p. 881). The people who lived in this region experienced such cold that they habitually clothed themselves with *fox-skinned caps covering their ears, fur and leather breeches and knee high boots* (*ibid.*, p. 1183)!

Today the climate does not call for such garments (except high in the mountains). In fact, the valleys and southern regions of this area have a Mediterranean agriculture and travel brochures rave about the warmth of the Bulgarian Riviera where Soviet tourists sunbathe in Bikinis!

Western and Central Europe

The records of history show the climate of Europe some 2000 years ago was several degrees colder on the average, with more frequent precipitation than now. We read: "Gaul and Germany experienced almost the rigours of an Arctic winter." "Central Europe was, for many centuries, as regards its climate, what Canada is at the present day. The vast forests and morasses of Gaul (France) and Germany were, until the 9th Century of our era, unfelled and undrained and aggravated the cold and humidity." "In the latitude of Saxony (the Ruhr region of Germany), the legions of Drusus and Germanicus endured many of the hardships of a Russian winter" (Smith, vol. I, p. 881).

These facts show one important truth

which is indisputable! In earlier times, the cold winters which we now experience in central European areas were occurring much further south. This provided ancient Italy and Greece—and the whole of the Near East as well—with temperate zone weather patterns rather than the arid sub-tropical climates they now experience.

All these southern regions have become drier because of SIN. God punished Assyria, Bablyon, the Trans-Jordanian countries and even Palestine for their disobedience! God controls the weather. *HE shifts the weather patterns to carry out His prophecies.*

Weather Changes Still Ahead

Today Almighty God still is in control of the weather! When God unleashes the forces of nature, man begins to realize how puny are his mightiest weapons.

God has, in the past, used the weather cycles to bring the *greatest nations of this world to their knees* because they openly disobeyed His laws.

Do you suppose that God will allow men TODAY to disobey His laws with impunity?

Through your Bible God says, "I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. FOR I AM THE LORD, I CHANGE NOT!"

God will bring justice upon the nations of this modern 20th Century just as surely as He did upon ancient Egypt and Babylon!

He warns against the attitude of those who trust in the seeming permanence of the world around them: ". . . there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation" (II Pet. 3:3-4).

God is not through intervening in
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TENTH ANNIVERSARY of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course

World events have raced by these past ten years. Few realize how many major changes have occurred. Fewer still know what the future holds.

by William H. Ellis

WHY is it more people own Bibles than ever before—yet *real earnest Bible study is almost unheard of today?*

New translations of the Bible into modern English are available at most bookstores. But few people bother to read them. The Bible seems *out of date, archaic, irrelevant* to most.

Bible Records Tomorrow's News—Today!

In the lightning pace of this 20th Century *space age*, the Bible has become a book few people read. Bibles gather dust on family bookshelves everywhere.

Little wonder so few really understand the headlines that scream across the front pages of their daily newspapers.

Nothing is as dull as yesterday's news! As fast as modern news reporting is, it can only tell you what has happened in the PAST! Most reporters and news commentators can only guess at the REAL MEANING of world events—and are *unable to see into the future!*

Few realize that the Bible is actually the MOST UP-TO-DATE book they can own. That it deals with world news—giving the events of today *real meaning!*

And, *more important*, the Bible contains the HEADLINES OF TOMORROW! News—brought by the greatest newscaster of all times, Jesus Christ—news that is *yet to happen* was written *in advance* millenniums ago in your Bible! The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course gives you this news *in advance*—the news you will be reading in your newspaper in the *next few short years!*

Different Kind of Bible Course

It was just *ten years ago* that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong first invited listeners to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast to enroll in a really *unique, scintillating, truly fascinating, NEW WAY* to study their Bibles.

At that time *The World Tomorrow* audience was small, but growing. Among the listeners as many as SEVEN THOUSAND people *took the challenge to really study their Bibles*. That was TEN YEARS AGO!

Today nearly 70,000 active students receive and study the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course in their own homes. Since 1954, enrollments have *doubled and redoubled*—till they are now TEN TIMES the original enrollment!

The Correspondence Course is REALLY DIFFERENT! It is a regular, monthly course in the *personal study of the Bible*. It is not a study of men's ideas *about* the Bible, but a study of the BIBLE ITSELF! The Bible is its *only textbook!*

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course was created to guide students through the study of *their own Bibles*. To show the *real meaning* behind today's world chaos, and God's *purpose* for human life. The Correspondence Course has opened the Bible to the understanding of multiple thousands. It shows, in detail, the Bible KEYS to prophecy—answering the really BIG QUESTIONS of life—making the Bible MEANINGFUL TODAY!

Nearly ten years ago the Correspondence Course was first sent to its beginning class of students. Do YOU realize *how very much has happened*

since these first lessons were sent out a short ten years ago?

Bible Is Up-To-Date

Beginning in 1954 these major news events have changed the world of today:

GERMANY REARMED! In Paris, on October 23, 1954, the defeated Germany of World War II regained its sovereignty, and was permitted to begin REARMAMENT! Not ten years after Adolph Hitler held Europe in terror, the allied powers gave Western Germany the *weapons with which to mold its future!*

INTEGRATION ENFORCED! In America, May 31, 1955, the U. S. Supreme Court placed the issue of school desegregation in the hands of *federal courts*. Since that time America has been shaken with racial rioting, bloodshed and terrorism. A dark shadow has descended on the leading nation of the "free" world! Factions within the U. S. are preparing for a summer of racial violence when armed police will clash with rioting mobs.

BRITAIN LOSES SUEZ CANAL! July 26, 1956 Egyptian troops "nationalized" the Suez Canal. Britain suffered the loss of one of its *most valuable sea gates*. The world witnessed the rapid decline of the great British Empire. Since 1956 Britain has lost many of her colonies. Now, stripped of its vast empire, excluded from the European Common Market, without a nuclear striking force of its own, the British have become a *third-rate* world power.

EUROPEAN CATHOLICS BOUND ECONOMICALLY! On March 25, 1957, the nations of France, West Germany, Italy,

Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg signed the TREATY OF ROME.

A British news magazine editorialized, "The Vatican...considers the Common Market the work of *divine providence*...! Not since the end of the *Holy Roman Empire* has the Holy See been offered a Catholic rallying point like the Common Market. If the "PACT OF ROME," which created the Common Market had been signed within the Vatican walls, it could not have favoured the Church more" (*Topic*, March 24, 1962).

This Common Market, to be dominated by religion, is the beginning of the prophesied *United States of Europe*!

In the words of Walter Hallstein, president of the Common Market, "They are building a NEW EMPIRE, a new political power, a new federation, a new political force *big enough to challenge the United States*..."

If you had enrolled in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course just TEN YEARS AGO you would have learned in advance the meaning of *these world events* even before they happened! THE BIG EVENTS IN THE NEWS TODAY were in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course ten years ago!

Man Enters Space!

Since 1954, man has achieved the dream of science fiction writers just a few decades ago. *Man has entered space*!

On October 4, 1957, Russia launched its now-famous Sputnik satellite, and was followed in 1958 by the U. S. satellite, Explorer I.

Events in the "space-race" have moved so quickly you probably hadn't realized the supposedly first human being, Major Yuri Gagarin of the USSR, was hurtled into orbit FIVE YEARS AGO!

Mankind's goals in the space race are the dream of new frontiers, a bright future held out before the world today. But your Bible has something *quite different* to say about what will *really happen in the next ten years*! You need to know what the BIG NEWS of the future will be.

Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course students are busy studying God's Word which *alone* can provide the KEYS to God's PLAN and the future.

New Leaders Bring CHANGES!

Do you realize *how many* of the GREAT MEN of the world have been replaced *in the last ten years*?

Premier Khrushchev took over in the U.S.S.R.! Now the IRON RULE once held by Joseph Stalin is slipping from his grasp. What will he do now?

Konrad Adenauer has been replaced! Germany is in the hands of younger POWER-MINDED leaders! They are shaping the Germany of the future. What will it be like?

Winston Churchill retired! The Western powers have lost a great statesman. Where will British leadership come from now?

Charles DeGaulle became President of France! The French people are submitting to his near-NAPOLEONIC RULE in order to shape the France of tomorrow. What does the Bible say about France in the next few years? You need to know!

Fidel Castro rose to power in Cuba—made it Communist! Now a RED MISSILE BASE is only 90 miles from American shores—why has America permitted communism such a foothold?

Dag Hammarskjöld was killed in a Congo crash, marking the decline in U.N. power. The U.N. supposed to be MAN'S LAST HOPE FOR WORLD PEACE!

Pope Pius XII died; Pope John XXIII in turn died and was succeeded by Pope Paul VI! The Catholic Church, quiet for 70 years in world politics (Isaiah 23:15-18), has suddenly grasped the limelight. Now it leads in the PUSH for European Unity! What are the Catholic plans for the WORLD TODAY?

President John F. Kennedy, Catholic President of the United States, was assassinated! A NEW ERA of racial bloodshed and violence is ahead!

Earthquakes Foretold

Increasing EARTHQUAKE ACTIVITY was prophesied by Jesus Christ as one

of the signs that would mark *the close of this age*!

Since 1954, when the first Correspondence Courses were sent out from Ambassador College, there have been ELEVEN CATASTROPHIC EARTHQUAKES! MORE THAN ONE A YEAR!

Notice what Jesus Christ said in Matthew 24:7. "For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and EARTHQUAKES in divers places."

Immediately following WORLD WARS, Jesus prophesied MAJOR EARTHQUAKES WOULD INCREASE!

Here they are:

1954 Northern Algeria .	1,657 dead
1956 Northern	
Afghanistan	2,000 dead
1957 Northern Iran . . .	2,500 dead
1957 Western Iran	1,062 dead
1957 Mongolia	1,200 dead
1960 Agadir, Morocco . .	12,000 dead
1960 Southern Chile . . .	5,700 dead
1962 Northwestern Iran .	10,000 dead
1963 Skopljë,	
Yugoslavia	1,011 dead
1964 Alaska, U.S.A. . . .	over 100 dead
(a figure not admitted at first)	
1964 Niigato, Japan	24 dead

A total of 37,000 people are known dead—KILLED BY QUAKES—since 1954! Thousands were injured, many are MISSING! Hundreds of thousands were made homeless and *billions of dollars* worth of property damaged. Many more tremors shook isolated areas. Property damage and lost lives would have mounted had these quakes shaken large cities! (If you have not yet received the free booklet, "The Truth About Earthquakes", write for it immediately!)

Hydrogen Bomb Fulfills Prophecy!

Jesus Christ said, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not *since the beginning of the world to this time*, no, nor ever shall be, AND EXCEPT THOSE DAYS SHOULD BE SHORTENED, THERE SHOULD NO FLESH BE SAVED. . . !" (Mat. 24:20-21.)

Total and immediate destruction of the entire world population was not
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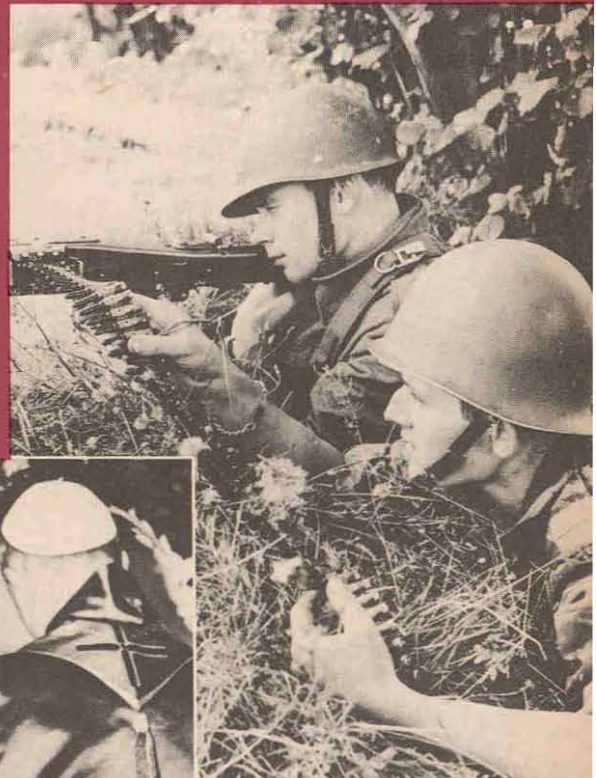
Ten Years of **BIG NEWS!**

Eleven MAJOR earthquakes rock the world! Prophecy reveals MORE TO COME!

Wide World



Race riots undermine American world leadership! Wide World



Pope Paul VI at the tomb of John XXIII is spearheading world-wide change in Vatican influence!

Wide World

Wide World
Old enemies, French and German troops, rearmed by U.S., cooperate in prophesied 10-nation European revival!

possible—AT ANY TIME IN WORLD HISTORY—until 1955!

Unbelievable? Yes, BUT IT'S TRUE!

Since the first Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course lesson was sent out in 1954, mankind has entered the VERY TIME of which Jesus Christ spoke!

The *Encyclopaedia Britannica* says, "...in August 1955...there was a general conviction among the governments that *both sides* in the cold war had sufficient retaliatory power to make hydrogen bomb war SUICIDAL!"

Since 1955, the nuclear powers have piled bomb upon bomb, until today the citizens of this whole planet live in constant fear of extinction! It is acknowledged by world leaders that all human beings walking the streets of today's cities, towns and villages have a NUCLEAR PISTOL POINTED AT THEIR TEMPLES, as politicians engage in a deadly game of world-wide RUSSIAN roulette!

No longer do politicians speak in terms of the mass murder of whole cities, or even whole continents! Now they speak of OVERKILL! Already enough nuclear weapons are prepared to wipe all life from this planet TEN TIMES OVER! Just *once* would be enough.

Today statesmen speak of COSMO-CIDE—the MASS-MURDER OF EVERY LIVING PERSON ON EARTH! There are—RIGHT NOW—at least THREE SEPARATE ways to destroy all human life on earth!

Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, This generation [the generation living with the fear of total nuclear war] shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled"! (Mat. 24:34.)

The Next Ten Years!

You are living in the last days of this—man's—age! The world has changed a great deal since 1954 when the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course was first sent out. What will it be like by 1974?

You can know; you don't have to guess!

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course reveals the climactic years just ahead!

Current events are *meaningless* to the

average man on the street, but by understanding your Bible, *you can know* what lies ahead for this world!

The Correspondence Course is absolutely *free of tuition cost*. You need not be a high school graduate to enroll.

If you really want to understand your Bible, and if you will dedicate yourself to studying just THIRTY MINUTES each day, you will be rewarded with FORE-KNOWLEDGE of the *events that will shape your future!*

In addition you will be able to know the answers to questions that puzzle so many people today.

Why did God put man here on earth? Were you, as an individual, put here for a PURPOSE—and *what* is that purpose? What is the *way* to world peace—the way to FREEDOM from worry, poverty, sickness, unhappiness? What is the *reward* of the saved? Can it be proved that God exists? What is God like? Is He a TRINITY? A *person*? A family? What does He look like—can we know?

What about such *doctrinal* matters as heaven, hell, salvation, law and grace, the rapture—the virgin birth, the second coming, the millennium? Where are the dead? Are they conscious?—are they suffering or are they happy? What about the immortality of the soul—where, and by whom, did this doctrine originate?

All these and *many more* questions

—the MOST VITAL, MOST IMPORTANT questions of your life—are thoroughly gone into, and you are directed to the clear, plain, simple ANSWERS in your Bible!

The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course is an "*in depth*" study of God's Word—the Holy Bible.

Many ministers are enrolled in this unique Bible Study Course.

You will want to know what new information, greater knowledge, is being added with each lesson of the Correspondence Course.

Let me urge you *not* to delay.

Right now while you are thinking about it request Lesson One. Enclose your name and address, and mail to the Correspondence Course Department in care of your Regional Editor (see inside front cover for addresses). Others who have been enrolled, but moved, should be sure to send to the Correspondence Course Department their new address, so they will not miss a single lesson.

We are now beginning the *final lap*—the end of this age is in sight! Soon, very soon, Jesus Christ will return in POWER to this earth! Will He be able to say to you: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant?"

Enroll today in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. Join the nearly 70,000 students presently learning the PLAIN TRUTHS of their Bible!

WHO Controls the Weather?

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the weather patterns of this earth! Man still has lessons to learn!

To any nation that rebels against His laws God prophesies: "and thy heaven that is over thy head shall be *brass*, and the earth that is under thee shall be *iron*. The Lord shall make the *rain of thy land powder and dust*: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed"! (Deut. 28: 23-24.)

Your Bible is not out of date—God in Heaven *still sits at the controls of the WEATHER!* He is about to do in *this one generation* what He did over many centuries to the mighty nations of the ancient world!

Today newspaper headlines from every part of this earth scream the warnings God recorded millenniums ago in your Bible. Drought and alternating floods are fulfilling His prophecies all around us—yet most people will not hearken.

These weather disturbances are the result of SIN—BREAKING GOD'S LAWS! This world is about to reap one final series of WEATHER CATASTROPHES that will devastate civilization.

The only way of deliverance is through REPENTANCE. God Himself offers protection from the troubles ahead to those few who will turn to Him and begin to OBEY Him.

WHY Ministers say:

"You don't need to understand the Bible"!

by Roderick C. Meredith

IN THIS AGE of the "Sputnik" and "Explorer" earth satellites—in this age of TREMENDOUS change in all life and thought, caused by the fantastic scientific inventions of man—where is the voice of God's PROPHET?

What does Almighty GOD have to say about the awesome time in which we live?

IS THERE REALLY A GOD? Has God forsaken His creatures? Why do we behold the deafening SILENCE from the professing ministers of God about the real meaning of the age in which we live?

Or, if we hear anything at all, why is the message couched in generalities, in uncertainties, in empty platitudes, in the mumbo-jumbo double talk so familiar to theologians?

Yes, WHY—if God is speaking through the ministers today?

The Shocking Truth

Part of the answer is revealed in recent surveys of American churchgoers.

Notice! One recent survey found that more than half of those interviewed were unable to name even *one* of the four Gospels!

Another survey asked people whether they felt that religion was "very important." A vast majority of Americans said that it *was*. But then they were asked: "Would you say that your religious beliefs have any effect on your ideas on politics and business?"

Fifty-four per cent said, "No."

Pollsters found that eighty per cent of Americans believe Christ is God. But when thirty outstanding Americans were recently asked to name the hundred most important events in history, the birth of Christ came *fourteenth*—tied with the discovery of X-ray and the Wright brothers' first plane flight!

In the light of these facts, is it any wonder that the American church-goer is IGNORANT of any possible relation-

ship between the Bible and the *momentous times* in which we live?

Same Shocking Conditions in Britain

It is significant that a Gallup Poll in Britain disclosed similar findings. As reported by the London "News Chronicle," the religious poll in Britain revealed that: "Only *one* in *nine* regards acceptance of the New Testament as the hallmark of a Christian. In the view of most people it is no longer essential to accept the Bible as Gospel to be a Christian."

The poll also revealed: "The trend today is away from the churches and from the concept of a personal God, towards the uncertainty of agnosticism and the impersonality of a life force."

It may be painful to admit—especially in the face of growing "modernism" and moral laxity—but *people follow their leaders!* If the ministers of Britain and America were thundering to their congregations the message of the Bible, if they were *reading, explaining and expounding* the very word of God in the church services, their flocks would *automatically* come to understand the *reality* of God and the importance of His will and way.

There is a REASON for the appalling *ignorance* and spiritual *lethargy* existing even among those who attend church regularly!

Why No Prophets Today?

Many people have wondered why God Almighty has not inspired the lips of denominational preachers with prophetic messages on the *meaning* of the awesome events occurring before our eyes. WHY are the pulpits so silent or so vague in the face of some of the most dramatic events in earth's history?

Here again, the real *reason* is that the minister are not *studying* and *preaching* the BIBLE as the solid foundation of all their ministry. Remember that Jesus said we are to live by EVERY word of God.

Did you know that fully ONE THIRD of the Bible is *prophecy*? How many sermons on Bible PROPHECY have you heard in church during the past year? Does this number represent about *one third* of the total? If not, WHY not?

God revealed to the apostle Paul the spiritual degeneracy that would dominate in these last days. Under inspiration, Paul warned Timothy: "Preach the WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." How FEW are the ministers who preach this way today!

Paul continued: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and *they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables*" (II Timothy 4:2-4).

Paul's prophetic warning has become a sad REALITY!

In increasing number, the new leaders of this professed Christianity consist of modernists, psychologists and "dogooder" sociologists—all of whom have practically *no knowledge whatever* of the Bible, and very little interest in acquiring any. Is it any wonder that church members themselves exhibit an *abysmal ignorance* of what is supposedly the very *source* of their beliefs?

How the Bible is Regarded

Perhaps many of you have not fully realized the extent to which our modern-day organized church denominations have departed *completely* and *absolutely* from the Bible in their faith and practice—and in many cases without any apologies whatever.

The following newspaper headline illustrates this heathenish trend: "*Biblical Law Ignored; Ladies Will Preach.*"

The newspaper article continues: "Two of the nation's largest Protestant denominations are making a clean break with St. Paul's classic advice to early

Christians: 'Let your women keep silent in the churches.' Henceforth, women will be able to speak—with the full authority of ordained ministers. . . ."

Ask yourself candidly, how do you think Jesus Christ feels about that headline—"Biblical Law Ignored"?

Did you notice the careful way in which this newspaper writer worded his announcement of *rank heresy*? He said the denominations were making a break with Paul's "classic" advice to "early" Christians.

Let us correct that misleading statement! These two large denominations are making a clean break with Paul's *inspired* COMMAND to ALL Christians of EVERY generation!

God's Word tells us: "ALL scripture is given by *inspiration* of God, and is profitable for *doctrine*, for *reproof*, for *correction*, for *instruction* in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16).

No matter how well organized, how deeply entrenched within our social structure, how highly regarded by this world's society any group of ministers may be, they CANNOT be the true ministers of God if they *reject* His Word and *refuse* obedience to His commands!

When men openly substitute *human reason* and the *customs* of worldly society for the divine revelation of God, then we have "respectable" PAGANISM! Such worship is a *vain thing* in the eyes of God. Jesus said: "Howbeit in *vain* do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7). Then He added: "Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition" (verse 9).

How often do the dignified clergymen of today announce that such and such a custom has been "hallowed" by "traditional" observance in their particular denomination? Since when does *human reason* or *human tradition* hallow—or make *holy*—anything?

No, it is GOD who sets the standards. It is Almighty GOD who determines what is right and what is wrong—not a divided and confused "churchianity."

What Is Sin?

Another example of how denominational leaders cast aside the Bible authority was given to me not long ago

in the form of a newspaper advertisement. It was a religious advertisement by a major Protestant denomination, and the headline read: "*What is SIN?*"

In the key paragraph which answers the question, this Church publicly states: "The way we look at it—that is, the way it's interpreted to us—sin is defined as the error of imposing our own wills over God's will."

To anyone who does not know his Bible, this might not seem like such a bad definition. But if you think about it, this "definition" of sin is not a definition of sin at all!

It leaves completely open for interpretation *what God's will really is*. And only the answer to THAT defines *what sin is!*

Moreover, this man-made definition completely *overlooks* and *evades* the plain, clear, divinely inspired definition of sin given in the Bible. In I John 3:4, God says: "*Sin is the transgression of the law.*"

What is wrong with God's definition of sin?

The truth of the matter is that churchmen *don't like* God's definition and they *don't like* God's law as summarized in the Ten Commandments. Taken for what it says, that law strips bare all the *rottenness* and *perversity* that has crept into modern churchianity!

Instead of admitting this—and *correcting* it—men prefer to reason: "The way WE look at it—that is, the way it's interpreted [by whom?] to us . . ."

It's time to WAKE UP!

Do you begin to realize how FAR modern "Christendom" has departed from the Christianity of the New Testament? Do you see WHY God has not raised up any inspired *prophets* as a part of modern churchianity? Why such little *understanding* of these times is voiced from the pulpits? Why the inspired voice of Divine AUTHORITY is lacking among today's prominent religious leaders?

Can We UNDERSTAND?

Many people become frustrated and turn away from religion altogether because their ministers do not *understand* the meaning of these turbulent times. They seem able to preach only empty platitudes which have *no connection* with the dramatic happenings about us.

The obvious reason is that these ministers do NOT study or understand *whole sections* of the Bible. The vital *one third* of the Bible which is devoted to prophecy is particularly neglected. But many other parts which make possible a right *understanding* of prophecy are also considered "unimportant" and *unknown*.

Shocking as it may seem, even the

Well-known radio minister, left, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, right, of Dallas, staged joint speaking tour in U. S. recently. Terming their tour "Operation Midnight Ride," they said its purpose was to warn American citizens of "the communist threat, internally and internationally." Most ministers today don't understand what Bible prophecy reveals about Communism—or what will happen to the Western World before Communism is stamped out!

Wide World Photo



very plan of salvation is not considered "important" to understand by some of the well known evangelists touring the nation and the world!

A while back, on a radio broadcast, I was surprised to hear one such well-known evangelist say in effect: "You say you can't understand all the complexities of God's plan as revealed in the Gospels? Well, *you don't need to understand it. Don't TRY to understand it now.* Just come to God through simple faith in Jesus Christ."

Without being sarcastic, I would like to ask—how "simple" can your faith be when you don't even attempt to understand the truth on which God's Plan is founded?

The apostle Paul was inspired to write: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but UNDERSTANDING what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:17).

The instruction he gave Timothy is recorded for Christians of all ages: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

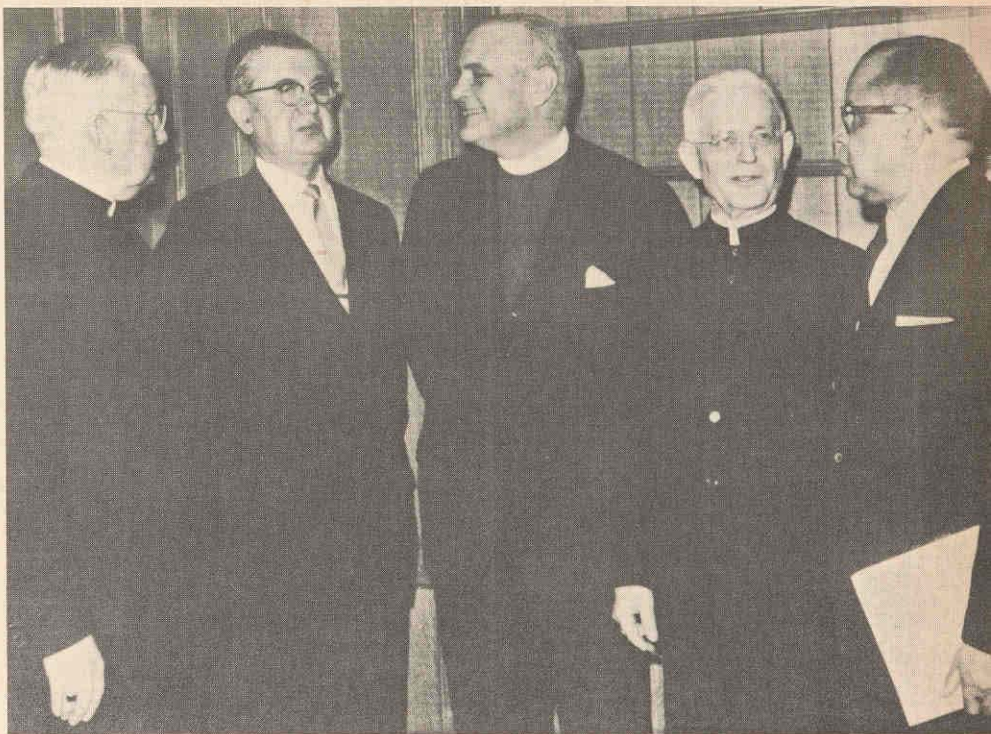
We can understand the Bible if we will study it, and if we will OBEY it. *The lack of willingness to obey God has caused many a minister and many a church to close their eyes for all time to basic scriptural truth.*

All too often, ministers hire themselves out to the people and preach only what the people want to hear. As a warning to ministers of every age, God says: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" (Hosea 4:6).

If any church or any individual is willing to OBEY God's law, and to walk in the light as God reveals that light, God's plan and purpose WILL be understood.

But the Holy Spirit is given only to those who OBEY God (Acts 5:32). "A good understanding have all they that do his commandments" (Psalm 111:10).

And an inspired understanding of Bible prophecy is available to those who will obey God's law! You can KNOW what lies just ahead, and under-



Wide World Photo

LEAD INTERRELIGIOUS RALLY—Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergy pledge themselves to cooperate in moral crusade. Problems of understanding Bible are generally avoided in joint efforts by appealing to common practices and traditions of men.

stand the real meaning of the dramatic age in which we live!

God's Prophetic Warning Is Being Preached

God has NOT left this confused, divided, war-torn world without an inspired PROPHETIC MESSAGE revealing the exact course of future events—and the vital meaning of these times in God's great Plan.

There is one work—ONE Church—which alone is preaching to the nations the same message of repentance and obedience which Jesus preached, and which is being used and empowered by Almighty God in preaching His prophetic WARNING to the entire world.

It is not a big, popular, organized denomination of men—because God NEVER used such an organization to carry His prophetic warnings. You will search the Bible in vain for an example of this.

God's Church today is not "accepted" by the ecclesiastical organizations of men. *And it should not be!* Jesus said: "WOE unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

Christ called His Church the "little flock" (Luke 12:32). He said it would be scattered and persecuted (John 15:20). But God always describes His Church as an obedient Church—keeping ALL of His commandments. "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12).

Because of their willingness to obey, God has opened wide an understanding of the Bible prophecies to His servants. His Church is now preaching with Divine AUTHORITY the exact, specific and DEFINITE prophesied events that lie just ahead in world affairs. His Church is the only one that is warning America and Britain of the imminent DANGER that looms just ahead for our peoples—of where that danger lies, when it will manifest itself, how it will come about, and WHY God is permitting it.

No, God's inspired prophets have NOT vanished from the earth! In specific terms, His servants are now beginning to THUNDER His warning message to a misguided, heedless world!

You are now reading part of that message! Within this present living (Please continue on page 22)

RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS— Heard over wide areas

East

- WHN—New York—1050 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
 WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 5 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)
 WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. and 11:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., E.S.T. (Times will vary).
 CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 93.9 FM, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.; 11:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 CKY—Winnipeg, Manitoba—580 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WJJD—Chicago—1160 on dial, 104.3 FM, 11:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

South

- KRLD—Dallas—1080 on dial, 92.5 FM, 8:15 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 101.1 FM, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 94.5 FM, 8:30 a.m. & p.m. Sun., 1:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.

*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

- WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 KAAV—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun.
 XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

Mountain States

- CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 100.3 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

West Coast

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

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East

- WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 11:00 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 101.5 FM, 7:00 a.m. daily.
 WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCHS—Charleston W. Va.—580 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 CFMB—Montreal—1410 on dial, 1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
 CKLB—Oshawa, Ontario—1350 on dial, 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
 CKCR—Kitchener, Ontario—1490 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

- WWNH—Rochester, N.H.—930 on dial, 9:05 a.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WDEV—Waterbury, Vt.—550 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WPOR—Portland, Maine—1490 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.
 WCOU—Lewiston, Maine—1240 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WAAB—Worcester, Mass.—1440 on dial, 107.3 FM, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 on dial, 94.7 FM, 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WEIM—Fitchburg, Mass.—1280 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WNLC—New London, Conn.—1490 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.

In French—

- CFMB—Montreal—1410 kc., 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun.
 CKJL—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 101.5 FM, 9:00 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 93.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.
 WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 104.1 FM, 10 a.m. Sun.
 WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 3:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAU—Chicago—1330 on dial, 105.1 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (also 8:00 p.m. Sun., FM) 8:00 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat. AM and 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. FM.
 WAAP—Peoria—1350 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
 KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m., Sun., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 on dial, 11:30 a.m. Sun.
 KEVE—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
 WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 on dial, 95.7 FM, 4:30 p.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily except Fri. at 6:45 p.m.
 CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.

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KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.
 KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KGNC—Amarillo—710 on dial, 9:00 p.m. daily.
 KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.
 KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 WDEF—Chattanooga, Tenn.—1370 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.
 WAKE—Atlanta—1340 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.
 WBRC—Birmingham, Ala.—960 on dial, 106.9 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WYDE—Birmingham, Ala.—850 on dial, 12 noon Sun.
 WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 93.3 FM, 12 noon daily.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KFIF—Tucson—1550 on dial, 5:00 p.m. daily.
 KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 106.7 FM, 10:45 p.m. Sun., 8:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. 10:30 a.m. Sat.
 KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 98.7 FM, 7 p.m. daily.
 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial 7 p.m. daily.

West Coast

CJOR—Vancouver, B.C.—600 on dial, 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.
 CKLG—Vancouver, B.C.—730 on dial, 7:00 a.m. Sun., 6:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 *CKOV—Kelowna, B.C.—630 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 *CKOK—Penticton, B.C.—800 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 *CKPG—Prince George, B.C.—550 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.

*CJIB—Vernon, B.C.—940 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8:05 p.m. daily.
 KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.
 KBLE—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial 7 p.m. daily.
 KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.
 KAGO—Klamath Falls, Oregon—1150 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.
 KSAY—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KFRC—San Francisco—610 on dial, 106.1 FM, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 KFAX—San Francisco—1100 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.; 4:15 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KGMS—Sacramento—1380 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 KDB—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 93.7 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 96.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.
 KBLA—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m., daily; 12:30 p.m., Sat. and Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Fri.
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 KNEZ—Lompoc Calif.—960 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.

In Spanish—
 KALI—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial, 4:45 p.m. Sun.
 Alaska & Hawaii
 KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

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

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 EUROPE NO. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1647 m.)—6:00 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Wed. and Sat.

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 1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.
 RADIO COMUNEROS—Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

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metres—10:00 p.m. Mon.,
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Tues., Thur., and Fri.

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—6:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—
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2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.
—9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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

2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—
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3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—
10:30 p.m. Sun.

3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc.—9:30
p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

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

3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—
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10:00 p.m. Sat.

3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc.—
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Mon., 10:30 p.m. Tues. thru
Fri.

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

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

4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc.—10:00
p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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

4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—
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4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—
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6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—
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6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00
p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon.
thru Fri.

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

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

7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—
7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.

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

WHY Ministers Say--

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generation, men and nations will come to realize that the message you hear over *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and read in *The Plain Truth* magazine is directly from Almighty God, the Creator-Ruler of the universe!

"Responsible" Ministers?

Regardless of the PROOF of fulfilled prophecy and the evidence of an inspired understanding of God's Word, carnal human church leaders will always seek to justify themselves. They will viciously attack, slander, and label as "irresponsible" anyone who disagrees with their basic doctrines and who will not join or "co-operate" with their ecclesiastical-political machine.

The charge of "irresponsible" is the one most frequently leveled against those who refuse to conform. In actual fact, by "irresponsible" ministers they mean those who are not appointed or elected by some board or human organization of men which, in turn, is elected by the lay church members.

Also, to be considered "responsible" the minister and church must be an active part of the ecclesiastical organizations and councils of the land. They must show an attitude of going along with and co-operating with the various church agencies established and controlled by the major Protestant denominations. In order to have a "clean bill of health," their doctrine must not be considered "offensive" to any of the major denominations.

The "responsible" minister must also take an active part in the political and social life of his community. He should be a member of the Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary Club or similar organizations. In all things, he should demonstrate his approval and participation in the community's civic and social organizations.

In plain language, to be considered "responsible" a minister must be PART AND PARCEL WITH THIS HELL-BENT WORLD!

In the final analysis, he must be "responsible" to the people and preach what THEY want to hear, take part in their PAGAN traditions, and approve of their SINFUL ways!

Now let's get this straight once and for all!

God's true ministers are NOT called by men. They are called and inspired by Him. They are NOT responsible to men—but to GOD!

They are to serve the people by preaching God's message whether the people like it or not!

God's ministers must come OUT of this world—its human organizations and societies (James 4:4). They must preach the TRUTH—regardless of whom it offends.

A true minister must be totally SURRENDERED to the rule and will of Almighty God. He must STUDY the Bible humbly as a little child to drink God's will out of it—not to read his denomination's doctrine into it. He must let God's Word CORRECT and REPROVE him where he is wrong.

He must obey ALL of God's commandments through Christ in Him. Not trying to argue or reason around it, he must strive to LIVE by EVERY word of God. He must surrender to let God guide him, use him, speak through him.

Is such a man a "responsible" minister?

Yes, he is totally "responsible" to Almighty GOD!

Now do you understand?

As proof, turn and read some of the other fascinating articles in this magazine! In each issue are prophetic articles and they will tell you EXACTLY and SPECIFICALLY what is soon going to occur. The doctrinal articles will reveal a depth of understanding of God's Word, plan and purpose that is unsurpassed. This is the ONLY work on earth where this spiritual and prophetic understanding is available. There is NO OTHER source!

Many of you have realized this and have wondered why. That is because the ministers in this Work of God are truly "responsible." They are God's ministers—and this is the work of God's true Church!

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Can U.S. President's "War on Poverty" SUCCEED?

Poverty is a WORLD-WIDE issue. Can it be legislated out of existence?—solved with public funds? Here's the sobering TRUTH of a problem facing NINE-TENTHS of this earth's population!

by Roderick C. Meredith

WHAT is the real ANSWER to the grinding poverty facing *millions* of Americans? What about the *hundreds of millions* who are even worse off in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America? Is there no solution to their miserable existence?

Poverty a WORLD-WIDE Problem!

In America, a strange paradox exists. While we are the most affluent nation in the history of the world, yet fully *twenty per cent* of American citizens are classified as living below minimum economic standards.

The problem in the Appalachian Region alone is so severe that **FOUR BILLION** dollars are being earmarked over the next five years to try to lift the beleaguered ten-state area out of its economic doldrums.

Mayor Robert Wagner, of New York City, recently declared that a total war on poverty in America would require twenty years and *two hundred fifty-five BILLION dollars*. A truly staggering sum!

Yet American Affluence Is Widespread

The four-fifths of Americans who are prospering, however, have never had it so good. Incomes are at a record level. The Gross National Product is clipping along at an all-time high.

The new "good life" allows plenty of time for leisure activities. It seems we can't build sports stadiums fast enough. Private boat marinas dot our seacoasts and inland lakes. Camping is a big business. The less energetic just watch their TV sets—which will soon be

able to receive *eighty-two* more channels.

American young people, especially, are expecting a higher and higher standard of living as a "right." A common complaint of children is: "Why can't we have two cars?" A three-car family is no longer unusual.

Developing Nations Demand A Share in Prosperity

Not only among the poor in America is there a demand to share in the "affluent society." But among the newer and smaller nations of the world. Some of the new "developing" countries are attempting to make the leap from savagery to prosperity in one or two generations—a Herculean task.

A new "Third Force" bloc of underprivileged nations from Africa, Asia and Latin America has been the most salient feature of the one-hundred-nineteen-nation Development Conference held recently in Geneva. The seventy-five nations banded together to push for a speed-up of their economic emancipation. They have created a united front in defence of the claims of the "underprivileged."

The bloc has served notice it means business and wants to push for the reorganization of world trade and an end to the division of the world into areas of poverty on the one hand, and prosperity on the other!

United Press International reports that these developing nations warn "that they will NOT TOLERATE the existing gulf in living standards indefinitely!" (Emphasis ours.)

It seems these "developing" nations—along with the Socialists, Commun-

ists and others—fail utterly to recognize the REASON for poverty.

There is a *cause* for every effect. There is a cause or REASON why people and nations are poor. *We need to learn what that reason is!*

Why Communism and Socialism FAIL

The early Communist idealists in Russia and the Socialist planners in Britain, India and elsewhere attempted—in varying degrees—to solve the problem of poverty by limiting Capitalism and personal initiative. They engaged in massive government controls, handouts and aid, and "redistributed the wealth" through these means coupled with progressive income taxes and other governmental devices.

Yet, in the Soviet, the gigantic experiment of Communism has FAILED!

Even realistic Communist leaders are beginning to admit this sobering truth. To retain power, Red leaders—in nation after nation—are being forced to alter the Communist system to adapt to reality.

The Associated Press recently reported that Premier Nikita Khrushchev has recommended bringing into the Soviet economy "all progressive things which have been done in Capitalistic countries." "There is nothing shameful in this," the Premier added.

"He again said farm workers must be given an INCENTIVE to produce," Associated Press reported. (Emphasis ours.) "We must," he said, "find a method of paying for labor which could encourage growth of production."

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POVERTY -- World-Wide Catastrophe!

Why is poverty rampant in this world? Read the accompanying eye-opening article beginning page 23. To the left is a starving Baluba youngster. He typifies the wretchedness of world-wide hunger and poverty. His condition is caused by Congolese inability to rule themselves.

Wide World Photo

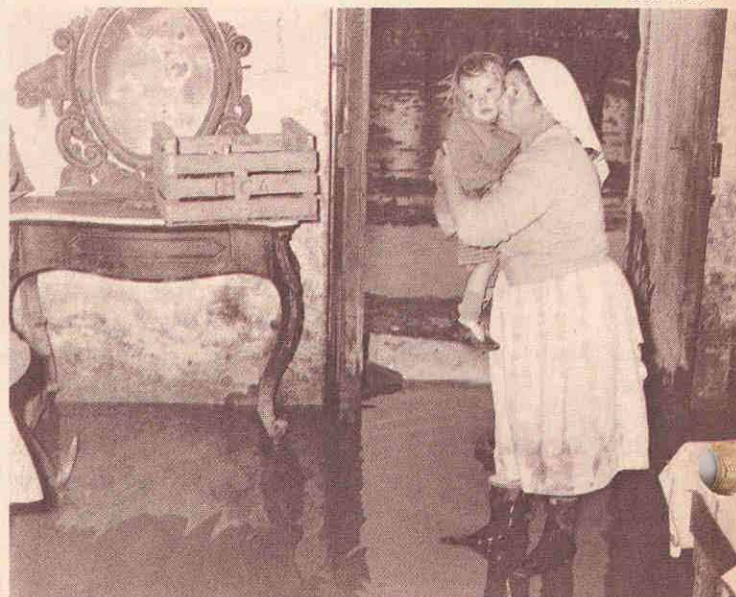


Wide World Photo

India possesses more cattle than any other nation. Yet, because of religious belief—they are not used for food. Such religious superstition leads to professional begging, hunger and poverty, as illustrated by these women.

Without God's protection, human beings are at the mercy of sudden catastrophes. Here a flood in Italy has destroyed crops and homes. Poverty quickly follows.

DPA Photo





Wide World Photo

The dole. It accomplishes little. Most of these derelicts are just lazy. Any war on poverty must start in the mind of the individual. He must be willing to work!

Vietnamese rounded up in Mekong Delta, South Vietnam. War causes destruction and suffering. Poverty ensues. As long as war exists—poverty will grow.

Wide World Photo



War on Poverty

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On April 20, 1964, the *U.S. News and World Report* magazine stated: "Communists now realize their system will not work. To retain power, they are trying to change the system. There is a visible trend toward de-centralization of economic power and the adoption of Capitalist-style INCENTIVES. . . ."

"What the Communists waste most is not raw materials or even time, but human initiative and inventiveness. Under their system, the horizons of freedom are simply not wide enough, the INCENTIVES not big enough, the REWARDS not large enough to call forth the best efforts of men and women. . . ." (Emphasis ours.)

Notice that people need *initiative, freedom* and INCENTIVE to produce goods.

Although the "government dole" system may temporarily alleviate the surface symptoms of poverty—it can NEVER get at and alleviate the real CAUSE.

Where Wealth Comes From

For all wealth comes out of the ground. It is the result of man's diligence and wisdom in cultivating, using and distributing what comes out of God's earth!

The very food we eat comes out of the ground. Yet man's knowledge and effort is required to produce it. The lumber we use to build our houses and factories, our tables and the very chairs we sit on—this too comes from the ground and must be intelligently extracted by man's effort. The gold, silver, iron, copper, tin and aluminum must all be extracted from the ground by man's intelligence and effort.

The processing and manufacturing of these and many other basic elements into finished products is not something that just "happens." It is something that requires man's initiative, intelligence and EFFORT.

In plain language, it requires physical and mental WORK!

This factor is tremendously important to understand when considering the world-wide problem of poverty. For

the prosperity that these "developing" nations suddenly DEMAND is something that must be worked for and PRODUCED!

Conversely, the LACK of mental and physical effort and production actually produces POVERTY!

Poverty Results From BROKEN LAW

Poverty is the result of broken law. It is the result of physical and spiritual SIN! "For sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4).

Nearly every account of the reasons for poverty in America shows that SIN—MISMANAGEMENT, LAZINESS, VANITY and STUBBORNNESS—is very deeply involved.

A continuing phenomenon in the poverty cycle is that of the broken home. Nearly half of all families headed by a woman are poor. Sickness is a constant factor in the poverty cycle—involving, as it does, broken health laws.

Drinking, dope, prostitution and criminality are often basic contributing factors as well as continuing effects in the vicious cycle of poverty.

The stubbornness of many individuals and families in failing to change their occupation or geographical location is a primary factor in many poverty situations. Also, the stubborn refusal to acquire a proper education has played a tremendous part in the poverty of many.

And, very frankly, just plain LAZINESS exists in more millions of cases than the idealists and social planners like to admit! Often, this very laziness has been or is being encouraged by various types of government "doles" which stifle initiative and the desire to be employed.

Of course, and let me make this VERY PLAIN, the above-mentioned factors are not always the "fault" of those who are presently suffering from the effects of poverty! The real blame may rest on parents and grandparents, older brothers and sisters, husbands, or—admittedly in many cases—those outsiders who, through covetousness, WITHHOLD a fair opportunity for help, education and opportunity.

But whether committed by the poor

individual or by others, all of the above factors are the result of SIN. There is no mistaking that!

Broken homes and fatherless children are the result of SIN. Drunkenness, dope addiction and criminality are SIN. They involve breaking God's law.

The unfair discrimination against Negroes and those of other minority groups is certainly SIN.

When you understand the principles of God such as Jesus' instruction to become perfect even as your Heavenly Father (Matt. 5:48), then you can grasp the fact that even the laziness or stubbornness involved in one's failure to get a proper education is SIN. Yes, we recognize that some are prevented from gaining a proper education because of wretched family situations, racial discrimination and other causes. But remember that these causes are in themselves the result of SIN.

There is no getting around it! Poverty is the result of broken LAW—the result of SIN.

Who, then, can forgive this SIN?

Can President Johnson and the social planners in America? Can the Socialists in England? Can the Communists in Asia and Africa?

The answer, of course, to the above questions is that GOD forgives sin.



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The home in which President Johnson was born. Few non-Americans are aware of the fact that many Americans of the older generation grew up in poverty. But they worked hard to get ahead.



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The younger generation in America today grew up under the New Deal philosophy. They think the world owes them a living! What politicians today seem to forget is that hard work, with a minimum of economic "pump priming", and obedience to God's laws are the only sure way to prosperity.

Quit BREAKING the Laws!

But He *only* does so after we REPENT and *quit breaking the law!*

The desire of President Johnson and other benevolent leaders to help the poor is a *good thing*. And certain GOOD will result from it!

But—if we are to face the facts—we must realize that it will do only a LIMITED amount of good for a very LIMITED amount of time.

Robert M. Hutchins, noted educator and columnist, recently made this comment on President Johnson's "Poverty Program": "Whatever the value of the war on poverty as a means of drawing public attention to a grave issue, as an actual war it is a HOAX so far. No less than FIFTEEN TIMES the proposed initial expenditures would have to be laid out annually to make a dent in the situation.

"The Appalachian venture in its present form is a HOAX. Eighty-eight per cent of the money to be spent on it would go to highways. These might help the people leave Appalachia for the urban slums. Highway construction will not bring work, to say nothing of prosperity, to Appalachia." (Emphasis ours.)

Mr. Hutchins, we might add, is not alone in his views. Most economists realize that a *fantastic* amount of money would have to be doled out to really "solve" the poverty situation *even in the wealthiest land that has ever existed!* Such a "solution" would soon leave the entire nation bankrupt and helpless!

Clearly, the way to solve the poverty problem is to get at the CAUSE—not merely to soothe the surface symptoms of the disease.

And that *cause* involves the *broken laws* of marriage, health, personal diligence and *responsibility* to God and fellow man.

The Real ANSWER to Poverty

You readers of *The PLAIN TRUTH* regularly receive—through this magazine—the means to *prove* the existence of a literal, personal GOD. He is the One who makes and *unmakes* nations. He is the One who has set in motion inexorable, invisible, spiritual *laws*—laws which produce great BLESSINGS if obeyed, and definite CURSES if disobeyed. Laws which are as *real* and as *active* as the law of gravity!

The true ANSWER to poverty all re-

volves around the true GOSPEL of Jesus Christ. He preached the Kingdom of God—which means God's GOVERNMENT over our lives and our society. God's *Government* has LAW—the "royal" law composed of *ten points* (Jas. 2:10), the *Ten Commandments*.

These *laws* of God's Government are the ways of LOVE—of giving, rather than getting—of serving, rather than taking.

The great overall LAW of God is designed to *protect the family*, rid the entire society of *crime and corruption*, eliminate *discrimination* by causing everyone to love his neighbor, and to promote *diligence* and INDUSTRY as opposed to laziness—"Six days shalt thou LABOR."

In plain language, this great LAW of God's Government is the ONLY WAY to peace, true happiness, physical and mental health and lasting PROSPERITY. Every last vestige of human suffering, inequality and poverty has *come from transgressing that great spiritual, eternal LAW*. Sin is the transgression of that LAW (I John 3:4).

The *only* true WAY to PROSPERITY, then, is to *obey God's Law*—and to follow His instructions, the *examples* in His Word, and to trust in the *written promises* in His Bible.

Does God Want us to Live in Poverty?

Many religious people have felt that—because God calls the "poor of the world rich in faith"—He is *against* prosperity.

Is this true?

"I wish above all things that thou mayest PROSPER and be in health," says God through John (III John 2).

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly . . . but his delight is in the LAW OF THE ETERNAL. . . *whatsoever he doeth shall PROSPER*" (Ps. 1:1-3).

Jesus said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it *more ABUNDANTLY*" (John 10:10). The Greek word translated "*abundantly*" means just that. It is *not* the synonym for eternal life, but for the full, happy, PROSPEROUS life which Christ wants EVERYONE to enjoy as the

world eventually *learns* and *obeys* God's WAY OF LIFE.

Prosperity, then, may often be *God's express will* for a true Christian once he has learned to put the Kingdom of God *first* in his life—and OBEY the laws of God which PRODUCE prosperity and happiness.

Although God often calls the poor to spiritual conversion, then, because they are willing to HUMBLE THEMSELVES and trust in Him—He does *not intend* that they remain in ignorance, squalor and poverty! Rather, His laws and the examples in His Word—reveal the WAY of life which would bring prosperity to every family and individual.

In the *World Tomorrow*, this WAY OF LIFE—with its BLESSINGS—will eventually be practiced by *everyone* as the knowledge of God's Word gradually covers the entire surface of this earth. There is no sane reason why *you* should not learn this WAY right now—and begin to practice it!

How Does Prosperity Come?

Who is the most *fantastically wealthy* person in the universe? Do you know?

Why, GOD is of course!

"*Whatsoever* is under the whole heaven is mine," says God (Job 41:11). "The *silver* is mine, and the *gold* is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).

But what is the *reason* for God's right to control all this immense *wealth* and *power*? For all those things hath mine hand made," God might well answer (Isa. 66:2).

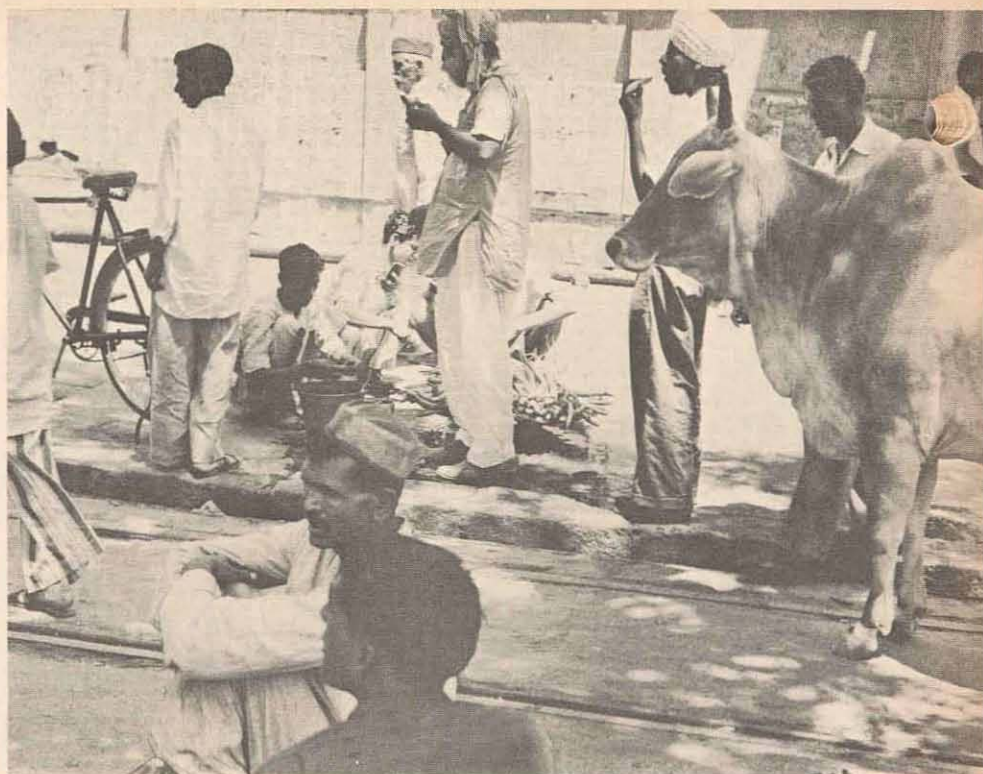
God has worked—God has labored—He has *produced*, CREATED and brought into being *everything* in this universe. "My Father *worketh* hitherto, and I *work*," said Jesus (John 5:17).

God is a WORKER—a LABORER! He is *busy*—on the job 24 hours a day.

He does His work with ZEAL. "The *zeal* of the Lord" is an expression used many times in the Bible.

And every real, Spirit-filled Christian is to be LIKE God!

"Let this *mind* be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). The very MIND of God which we receive through the Holy Spirit is the *mind* of the Planner, Creator, and Builder of the universe and of the One who *sustains*



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"HOME STREET HOME" in India. Driven out of the countryside by lack of land or work, the villagers of India flock to the big cities. In the unfamiliar and frightening new environment, many find themselves forced to live, sleep and eat in the streets. Most earn little more than 60 cents a day.

the universe and keeps it operating continuously in perfect order and harmony.

The product of God's mind reflects *diligence, perseverance, ability, knowledge, and wisdom*. It reflects the mind of one who has great *understanding* and SELF-MASTERY.

This is the kind of mind which can *work for* and *produce* great material wealth and can then *wisely* use and direct that wealth.

As true Christians—*overcoming "self"* and growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ—WE are to develop that kind of mind. And as we yield to God's Spirit within us, we should grow in *knowledge* and *wisdom* to the point where greater material reward will *automatically* come our way.

Prosperity, then, usually comes through the exercise of *wisdom, knowledge, zeal, and perseverance* in our work or profession. These are *not* EVIL qualities—to be looked down on by those who are "just poor, humble folks."

False Idea of Humility

We should take time right here to explain the false concept some people

have which actually causes them to be *proud* of their *poverty*. Many such people notice that very few of the rich are called to spiritual truth—whereas more of the very poor are. They also see and hear of a few examples of men who became wealthy through *dishonesty* and *greed*.

These poor people automatically ASSUME, then, that all wealth is "tainted"—and is probably the result of sinful acts and thoughts. This idea produces in them a feeling of *spiritual superiority*, or—in plain language—spiritual pride and VANITY.

Being *blinded* to the real nature of this feeling—as most of us are to our own sins—they fail to see this vanity in themselves. More often than not, they come to regard their lack of material goods as being synonymous with *humility*. Thus they often speak of themselves as "just poor, humble folks."

Such an attitude is *not* humility, but VANITY—which God *condemns*. And such people would do well to REPENT and be really *humble*, and *meek*, and *teachable*. Then they might learn

through God's Spirit how to exercise the good qualities of *diligence*, *perseverance*, *dependability*, and *wisdom* which those who have material goods have had to employ—even though they have sometimes *misdirected* their qualities and abilities because they lacked God's Spirit to guide them.

The right USE of material wealth—and of the qualities which help produce it—is NOT *wrong*. Remember, *God is no pauper!*

On the contrary, the right use of wealth is fulfilling part of the very PURPOSE for which we were placed on this earth. It is helping us to *grow* in right *mental direction* and *character* to become like God—like Christ, WORTHY of being *born of the Spirit* into the Supreme, Divine, world-ruling kingdom and family of God!

Jesus Christ said: "Be ye therefore PERFECT, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

Develop Right Qualities

In the book of Proverbs, God warns us against the habits that would tend to produce poverty. He shows that an *upright* and *diligent* man will have a reasonable amount of material wealth.

Proverbs 6:6-11 gives us the example

of saving ahead for a rainy day—and warns us against laziness: "How long wilt thou sleep, O *sluggard*?" (verse 9).

God continues: "He becometh *poor* that dealeth with a slack hand; but the hand of the *diligent* maketh *rich*" (Pro. 10:4). "The hand of the *diligent* shall bear *rule* . . . The *righteous* is more *abundant* than his neighbors . . . The substance of a *diligent* man is *precious*" (Pro. 12:24, 26-27).

Notice how often Solomon was inspired to use the word "*diligent*" in describing a man who would be successful. This thought is repeated in Proverbs 13:4: "The soul of the *sluggard* desireth, and *hath nothing*; but the soul of the *diligent* shall be made *fat*."

We are further instructed on how to do our work in Ecclesiastes 9:10: "*Whatsoever* thy hand findeth to do, *do it with thy MIGHT*."

Even the New Testament abounds with instruction on doing our work with *zeal*. Notice Colossians 3:22-24: "Servants [or *laboring men*], obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but in *singleness of heart*, fearing God. And *whatsoever* ye do, *do it HEARTILY*, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Then Paul continues to show that we are *bound* to be rewarded by God for our efforts—and we are to look to *Him* for our reward: "Knowing that *of the Lord* ye shall receive the *reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ*" (verse 24).

In this age of strife and jealousy between labor and capital—when the prevailing attitude is to "*get as much as you can and give as little as you can*"—how many men really do their work with *zeal*, with *wisdom*, with *diligence*, and with *all their MIGHT*?

The Eternal God in His Word instructs us to do our work in this manner. If we yield to Him and develop these qualities within ourselves, He promises us *material blessings* here and now—and spiritual, everlasting blessings as well.

As the Apostle John wrote: "I wish above all things that thou mayest PROSPER and be in health." God has



Wide World Photo

FACING POVERTY AND WANT. Happy children play in this shanty-town section of Recife, Brazil. It is only one of many slum areas in Brazil's sprawling northeast. With a huge and ever-growing population and not enough productive land, children like these have little to look ahead to. It will take the reign of God in the World Tomorrow to bring prosperity.

shown us the WAY to achieve that prosperity.

The Real OUTCOME of the "War Against Poverty"

As stated earlier in this article, President Johnson's "War Against Poverty" may temporarily alleviate the financial hardship of many people. But most economists agree that it will *not even BEGIN* to solve the financial problems of the majority.

In its present form, all it can do is provide temporary financial help for a very small percentage of those suffering from poverty. To do much more might well WRECK the economy of the entire nation!

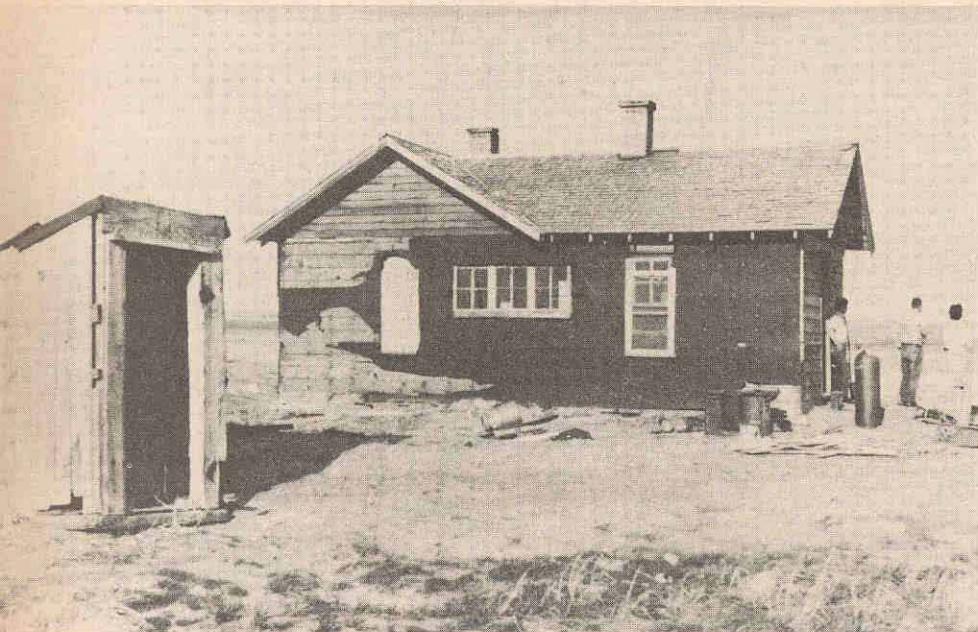
But what about those in this nation who DON'T benefit from this program? What about the *more than TWO BILLION* people in Asia, Africa and South America who are suffering *far worse* poverty than most of their "poor" American cousins would dare to imagine?

The *only* real answer to poverty is for people everywhere to begin to *co-operate* and to PRODUCE—to *learn* and to *practice* God's WAY OF LIFE. The



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As his home burns, a small boy gathers his family's meager possessions to save them from the flames. South Vietnamese forces often burn down entire rebel villages in struggle against Communists.



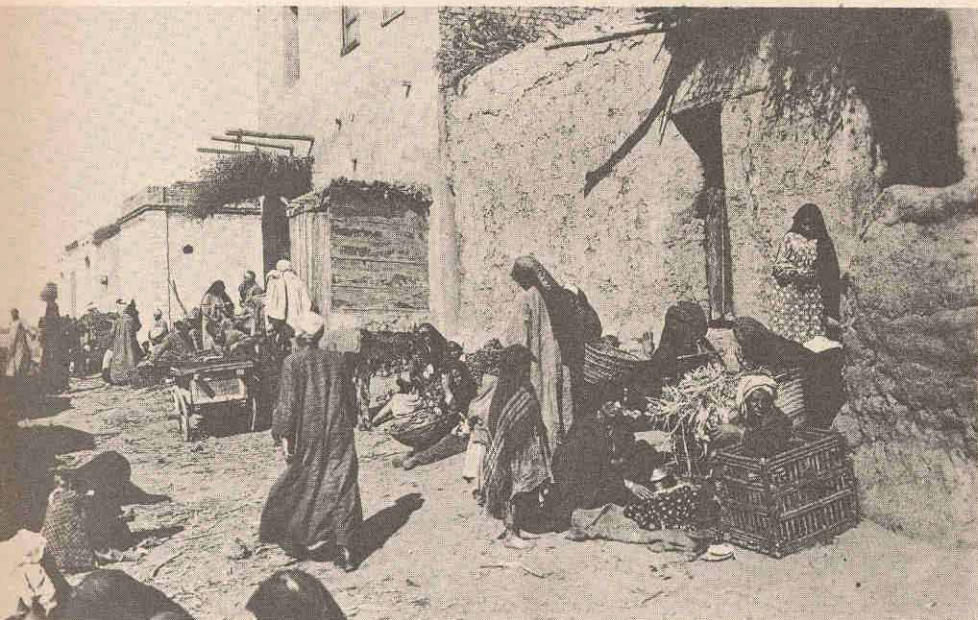
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This tiny house, without running water or electricity, shelters the 19 members of the James Big Crow family on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Many poor families remain in dire poverty because they do not understand the responsibility of parents to limit the number of children in accordance with the potential family income.

solution is for Christ's *Government* to be set up on this earth!

After describing a soon-coming national PUNISHMENT for our sins, notice how God says He will BLESS the modern descendants of the "House of Israel"—the British Commonwealth and the American peoples! "Thus saith the

Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become



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Dire poverty along the Nile. Millions of people around the world don't understand the most rudimentary business principles. Here farm women waste their time trying to sell to consumers, what ought to be sold to the retailer. They could produce much more if the time wasted in the native market places were spent on the farm or in better training their children.

like the GARDEN OF EDEN..." (Ezek. 36:33-35).

It takes WORK to rebuild entire cities! It requires thought and EFFORT to plant and harvest bountiful crops!

But God will inspire and BLESS His people in that day to rebuild civilization in the right way. As pictured above, God says a veritable TROPICAL PARADISE is coming, a restored "Garden of Eden"!

Quite evidently the cities will be smaller and more open than they are now. Most families will have their own plot of ground, with a garden and perhaps fruit trees. For, "they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid" (Micah 4:4). No more fear of war or poverty!

Christ's soon-coming Government—His WAY OF LIFE—this will be the final and glorious SOLUTION to man's age-old "fight against poverty."

You, personally, need to grasp the REALITY of that solution. You need to learn and practice God's WAY right now—so you will be qualified to teach this way to others in His Kingdom.

If you are concerned about the only REAL solution to poverty—and to ALL of humanity's ills, you need to think—to plan—to prepare—to pray: "Thy kingdom COME."

HOW YOUR PLAIN TRUTH SUBSCRIPTION HAS BEEN PAID

So many ask: "HOW does it happen that I find my subscription price for The PLAIN TRUTH has already been paid? How can you publish such a high class magazine without advertising revenue?"

The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a paradox. Christ's Gospel cannot be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all continents on earth. It does have to be paid for! This is Christ's work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published—Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations" (Mat. 24:14) at this time, just before the end of this age. A PRICE must be paid for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to sell it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received," said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel, "freely GIVE!" "It is more blessed," He said, "to GIVE than to receive."

God's WAY is the way of LOVE—and that is the way of giving. God expects every child of His to give free-will offerings and to tithe, as His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply trust our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH in the hands of others. Yet it must go only to those who ask for it for themselves! Each must, for himself, subscribe—and his subscription has thus already been paid.

Thus the living dynamic Christ Himself enables us to broadcast, world-wide, without ever asking for contributions over the air; to enroll many thousands in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course with full tuition cost already paid; to send your PLAIN TRUTH on an already paid basis. God's way is GOOD!

TWELVE RULES for Bible Study

Why is the Bible the most misunderstood book in all history? The most twisted, distorted, maligned, misrepresented and lied-about book there is? Because people refuse to believe it means exactly what it says! Apply these simple basic rules and you will begin to really understand the plain truth of God's Word!

by David Jon Hill

WHAT are we? Were we put on earth for a PURPOSE? And WHAT is that purpose? WHY are human lives empty, discontented, unhappy? How may human life become HAPPY, filled with interest, ABUNDANT, successful, prosperous? WHAT is the real cause of wars, and THE WAY to world peace?

WHAT lies on after death—what is THE WAY to a happy, abundant, ETERNAL life? No book ever written, except the Holy Bible, *reveals the answers* to these fundamental questions of life!

Yet, why do we find such confusion—such disagreement as to what it says? WHY don't the hundreds of differing church denominations and sects AGREE on what their acknowledged textbook SAYS? WHY do so many individuals, capable of understanding almost any other book, say: "I just can't understand the BIBLE"?

Study for Yourself

You yourself need to understand HOW to get the most out of God's Word.

You need to KNOW that GOD DOES EXIST—and you need to KNOW that THE BIBLE IS GOD'S INSPIRED WORD! If you are in any doubt about these two basic points, write immediately for our free booklets, *Does God Exist?* and *Proof of The Bible*. Before even beginning to seriously STUDY the Bible, you must realize that your Creator is the Divine author of it!

In Bible study, as well as with anything else, there is a *right* and a *wrong way* to accomplish. There are certain rules which, if followed, will

give you a more thorough understanding of God's Word—leave you with fewer questions, begin to help you think and act as God does because you understand what He says in His Word.

The following rules are not necessarily in order—they are certainly not all the rules of Bible study—but they are *basic* and *important* and will help you gain the Truth from God's Word.

Pray for Guidance

First, before you even open the Bible, you must ask God in PRAYER to open your mind to His Word in the study that you intend to make. David was a man after God's own heart—he studied that portion of God's Word which was available to him in his day. He meditated, thought about and considered God's laws and His ways. He was close to God in every way and yet many times throughout the Psalms we read how David ASKED God to *guide* him in his study, to *open* his mind, to *reveal* His Truth.

"TEACH ME, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. GIVE ME understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. MAKE ME TO GO in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. INCLINE MY HEART unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness... STABLISH THY WORD unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear... Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: QUICKEN ME in thy righteousness" (Ps. 119:33-40).

Without sincerely and believingly asking *God's direction* in your Bible study—without seeking *God's Kingdom* and His righteousness first (Matt.

6:33)—Bible study of itself would be futile. Just as you can worship God in vain (Mark 7:7), so you can study His Word in vain! Many wise and intelligent men have made a life study of God's Word in its original languages, and profited nothing from it!

Men like Moffatt, who *translated the entire Bible* from Genesis to Revelation—certainly *he* studied God's Word, but he did not get the Message, he did not understand the Gospel—even in the introduction to his translation he explains how he feels the Old Testament is a compilation of Jewish literature! Adam Clarke wrote six volumes of commentary on *nearly every verse in the Bible*—yet not by any stretch of the imagination could he be construed to have understood God's Plan.

The study and work that men of this intelligence have contributed *CAN be helpful to us*. But not because of any special intelligence that we may have—only because we have asked God to open our minds and give us *His* understanding of His Word.

Formal Education Not Necessary

Don't use the excuse that you have not had enough education, or that you are *not intelligent enough* to really study God's Word. God tells us plainly that it is not the wise, the mighty or the noble that He is calling to an understanding of His word now—read I Corinthians 1:25-27.

Take for granted that you do not know *of yourself* how to understand the Plan of God—that's why you must ASK Him to make it plain!

If all that was needed to understand God's Word were *brains*, then a vast

number of the people of the world would have a thorough understanding of God's Word! God says, "...they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge" (Jer. 4:22). As long as you know *how to read*, you get down on your knees and sincerely ask God to guide you in a study of His Word. He will open your mind to understand things that the most intelligent minds of mankind have not been able to understand. *Prayer* will open to you an understanding of God's Word that Einstein did not have. *Prayer* will open your mind to understand God's Word in a way that the graduates of Harvard and Yale, Oxford and Cambridge, the great universities of Europe and Asia, are not able to understand.

PRAYER—your contact with God—is important in the beginning of your study of His Word. Without this contact with God, you may spend endless hours of studying His Word like a Pharisee.

The time spent in memorization of how many verses there are in the Bible will be of NO AVAIL at the return of Jesus Christ! *Only that part of His Word which you have made a part of your very character will be of any account to you!*

HEART-FELT PRAYER for God's guidance in your own personal Bible study will insure success!

Attitude Must Be for Self-Correction

This SECOND rule really goes hand-in-hand with the first. Before you rise from your knees in prayer, you should fully recognize in your own mind and heart that your *purpose* for this Bible study is not just to gain academic knowledge, not only to prove or disprove a certain doctrine or fact—but to get you closer to the stature of the fullness of the very character of Jesus Christ. The only way this can be done is for the *carnal you* TO BE CORRECTED!

God's Word is written directly to each of us as an individual—it is personal, direct—and as far as our achieving salvation is concerned has nothing to do with anybody else on the face of the earth!

Therefore your attitude should be

the same as Jeremiah's. In fact, since you're going to be *studying* the Bible, turn to Jeremiah 10:23 and read two verses there meaningfully and as part of your prayer! "O Lord, I know that the way of man is *not in himself*: it is NOT IN MAN that walketh to direct his steps. O Lord, *CORRECT ME*, but with *judgment*; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing."

Don't just go through this mechanically, really mean it! Don't just do this because this article *says* to do it, but because *you want correction from your Creator!*

How? For your attitude to be proper in your approach to God's Word, turn to one other scripture. This passage will aid you in understanding what your approach should be—in educating your attitude to be right before you begin. "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that *ye* build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but *to THIS MAN will I look*, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and TREMBLETH AT MY WORD... Hear the word of the Lord, *ye that tremble at his word!*" (Isa. 66:1-2, 5.)

This Bible that you are studying is the *very MIND and THOUGHTS of your Creator-God!* It is not to be argued about. It is not meant to be a club to chastise OTHER people with! In other words, if you are a husband, DO NOT use Ephesians 5:22 as a weapon against your wife—or, if you are a wife, DO NOT use Ephesians 5:25 as a weapon against your husband! But each of you as husband or wife apply *to yourself and YOURSELF ONLY* that scripture which refers to YOU!

Prove All Things

This THIRD rule is in a way an extension of the proper attitude of rule number two. Your approach to God's Word should be *completely POSITIVE!* The example given by the Bereans in Acts 17:11—"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and *searched the scriptures daily*, whether those things WERE so"—this

was a *positive* attitude! The Bereans were not searching the Scriptures to prove Paul was *wrong!* They were NOT negative, angry, bitter.

So if you have heard something about the Bible that you do not fully understand, your approach in your own personal Bible study should be to prove that it is so.

The common *misunderstanding* of I Thessalonians 5:21 which says, "Prove all things," is that this *proof* must entail a deep research into the Hebrew or Greek backgrounds, and into encyclopedias and historical references, lexicons and musty historical records. This is erroneous. If your research takes you into references of this sort, and you are endeavoring to *prove POSITIVELY* God's Truth, this is perfectly all right—but it is *not always necessary*.

This word "*prove*," is POSITIVE. That is the one main point of this particular law of Bible study. But the word itself means, *to put to the test*. There are *proving* grounds on which the modern automobiles manufactured in Detroit are *tested*. In the parable Jesus Christ uses regarding the wedding supper, there is a reference to a man who had just bought five yoke of oxen. The excuse he gave for not coming to the supper was that he wanted to *prove* these oxen (Luke 14:19). This is the *same Greek word* as used in I Thessalonians 5:21. Yet this man did not mean that he was going to go to his local library and look up in some dictionary a description of oxen to find out for sure *whether they WERE oxen*—it meant he wanted to be excused from the wedding supper so that he might take the oxen out to the field, yoke them up, hook a plow behind them and find out whether they would be able to do what oxen are supposed to be able to do! This is basically what God means in I Thessalonians 5:21.

For example, God commands us in the book of Malachi to prove Him in tithing. What He wants us to DO is *not* to technically search lexicons to find out Greek and Hebrew derivations, but—just as the principle is throughout the entire Bible—to *do what He says to do*. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine
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The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER SEVENTY

SAMSON AND THE PHILISTINES

SAMSON, the young Danite who insisted on marrying a Philistine woman, was on his way with his parents to where the woman lived. Suddenly he was attacked by a full-grown lion.

Samson Slays a Lion

When he saw the beast coming for him from among the rocks that lined the trail (Judges 14:1-5), Samson deftly moved off his mount. Instead of trying to escape he deliberately lunged toward the lion. Just as it leaped for him, he dodged. The mighty cat landed on the ground instead of on Samson, who swiftly leaped on the lion the moment it was confused by its failure. Samson straddled the animal's back, locked his arms around the shaggy neck and squeezed hard against the lion's throat. The beast emitted a short roar of rage that trailed off to a gasp as its wind was cut off. It struggled over on its back, frantically pawing the air with claw-extended feet, pinning Samson to the ground.

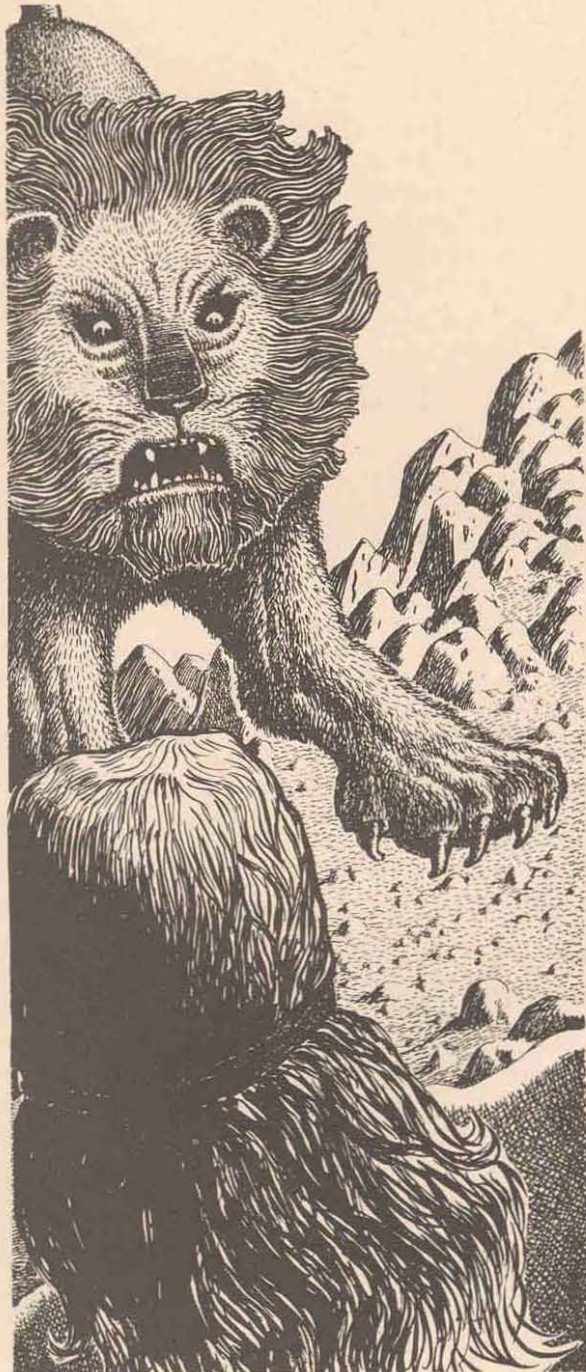
The thumping weight of the lion might have fatally crushed an ordinary man, but Samson was far from ordinary physically. He hung on, constantly tightening his grip. His head was buried in the beast's thick mane, and breathing was difficult. Summoning all his strength, Samson jerked the massive head backward. He heard the bones snap, and felt the great body go limp. The lion rolled off him, and he lay for a few moments renewing his breath. He staggered to his feet to stare at the dead beast. Samson was a little surprised that he was able to overcome such a powerful animal. He didn't fully understand that he had been given special

protection and a great amount of extra strength by a loving God. (Judges 14:6.)

Not wishing to startle or concern his parents with what had happened, Samson dragged the dead lion back from the trail before they rode into sight. He regained his mount and continued with them to the town of Timnath, where arrangements were made for his marriage to the Philistine woman whom God had put in Samson's life so that he would have a necessary closer association with the Philistine oppressors. (Verse 7.)

In those days it was a custom for a period of time to pass after a couple decided to marry till the time of the wedding. It was many months later, therefore, that Samson and his parents set out for the marriage ceremony at Timnath.

When they arrived at the place where Samson had slain the lion, the young Danite went aside by himself to the spot where he had left the carcass. Animals and insects had long since consumed the flesh of the animal. Only the bleached skeleton remained. Samson discovered that bees had built their comb inside the rib cage, and that there was honey inside. Although bees were swarming about, he surprisingly managed to get some of the honey to eat without being stung. Neither did the bees attack him while he filled a leather bag with honey. He brought some of the honey also to his father and mother, but he told them nothing about the lion. (Judges 14:8-9.)



Samson waited until the fierce lion was nearly on him—then dodged with unusual swiftness!

Samson's wedding turned out to be quite a social event in Timnath. It included a seven-day feast to which thirty young men were invited as friends of the bridegroom.

Young women were also invited as companions of the bride. Besides these, there were friends and relatives. Most of the people were Philistines, a fact that caused Samson's parents to be rather uneasy, what with some of the Philistine overlords acting unfriendly and suspicious.

At that time riddles were a popular form of conversational entertainment. In the course of the festivities, Samson posed a riddle to his thirty companions, basing it on his experience with the lion and the honey.

A Riddle Spells Trouble

"If you men can give me the answer to a certain riddle before this feast is over," Samson told them, "I'll give each of you a fancy shirt and costly robe. Here's the riddle: 'Out of the eater came something to eat; out of the strong came something sweet.' Now if you fail to give me the right answer before the feast is over, then you shall give me thirty expensive shirts and thirty fine robes. Agreed?"

The thirty men nodded in agreement. They welcomed any opportunity for something that might develop into an argument or trouble for Samson. They acted friendly toward him, but inwardly felt just the opposite. Some of them resented Samson's marriage to a woman with whom they had been more than friendly from time to time, and who had no intention of changing her ways. (Judges 14:10-14.)

The thirty men had no intention of providing shirts and robes for Samson. They therefore went to his wife to force from her the answer to the riddle.

"I would tell you if I knew," she told them. "Samson didn't give me the answer."

"Then find out before this feast is over!" they said to her. "Otherwise, we'll burn you together with your parents' home!"

Fearful of what would happen, Samson's wife tried to get the answer to the riddle from her new husband. At first he refused to tell her. She wept bitterly, complaining that it wasn't fair of him to start out their married life by keeping secrets from her. Samson finally was so moved by her tears, pleas and feminine wiles that he told her all about the lion and the honey. Although she didn't believe the story, Samson's wife disclosed to the men who had threatened her, at the first opportunity, all that had been told to her.

"Your husband's story is ridiculous," they told her. "No man could kill a full-grown lion with his bare hands. Possibly he told you this tale to avoid giving you

the right answer. And if you're not providing the right answer, we'll carry out that threat we made!"

That afternoon, only two or three hours before the feast ended, the men approached Samson to inform him that they at last had an answer to his riddle. Samson noted that some of them looked very confident. Inasmuch as only he and his wife supposedly knew the answer to the riddle, he could think of only one reason why the men should display such an expression.

"Give me your answer," Samson said to them. "If you have it, I'll stick to my offer to reward you."

"We gave your riddle much thought," one of the men told Samson, "and we were really stumped for days. After some time in conference, we believe that we have the answer. Here it is: 'What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?'"

Samson wasn't too surprised by such an accurate answer. He realized that it was as he had lately suspected—that his wife was overly familiar with these men, and that she didn't care for him much more than she cared for them.

"Your answer is right, and I congratulate you on your cleverness," Samson informed them. "You mentioned how hard you worked to find the answer. That was a lie! You found the answer only because you forced it from my wife, whom you have known too well!" (Judges 14:15-18.)

These accusations, though true, would ordinarily have brought men swarming over the accuser. Not one man, however, moved against Samson. None was inclined to tangle with this broad-shouldered, powerful man in his time of anger. There was an awkward silence as Samson surveyed the crowd.

"I'll go now to get those thirty shirts and thirty robes I promised you!" he muttered as he stalked out.

"All those clothes would cost him too much," one man remarked with a grin as Samson disappeared. "That's the last we'll see of him!"

But Samson did return. It was a few days later. He was carrying a large, bulging bag. He called the thirty men together and emptied the contents of the bag—thirty shirts and thirty robes!

"Where did you get these?" the men inquired as they picked them up and admiringly examined the fine material.

"What does it matter to you?" Samson replied tartly. "I took them from thirty well-dressed Philistine men I met on the various streets of Ashkelon. But they don't need the clothes any more because they're all dead now!"

Jaws dropped in consternation at the same moment the men dropped the pieces

of clothing as though they were sizzling hot potatoes. Samson walked away, leaving the Philistines wondering if he were a muscular monster or merely a purveyor of tall tales—or both.

Later they learned that the bodies of thirty Philistines had been found one morning in various parts of their city of Ashkelon, about twenty-four miles southwest of Timnath. All thirty of the bodies were found to be without shirts and robes.

On hearing this report, the so-called companions of the bridegroom were convinced that a monster had indeed been in their midst. They had no way of knowing that Samson's violent actions had been inspired by the God of Israel, who was directing the young Danite in a move for freedom for the southern tribes of Israel against their Philistine oppressors. After delivering the shirts and robes, Samson returned in anger to his home at Zorah without making any effort to visit his bride. (Judges 14:19.)

As the weeks went by, his anger and disgust diminished, and he decided to return to his wife. Taking a young goat as a gift, he went to the home of his wife's father, who was surprised and uneasy when he opened the door and saw Samson.

"I've come to see my wife," Samson said firmly to his father-in-law. "I trust she is here."

Samson's Wife Stolen

"She—she is," the father answered hesitantly. "But weeks ago you gave me the definite impression that you would have no more to do with her, and consequently I gave her in marriage to the man who was your chief companion at your wedding!"

Samson was stunned by this news, though he might have known that anything could have happened among Philistines during his long absence.

"I should have expected something like that," he murmured bitterly. "She seemed to like him more than me or any of the other twenty-nine."

"Forget her!" the father exclaimed in an attempt to pacify Samson. "As you know, I have a younger and prettier daughter. If you would take her for your bride, I would be greatly pleased—and so would she!"

"But I wouldn't!" Samson retorted. (Judges 15:1-2.)

Burning with anger, he returned at once to Zorah. On the way he devised a plan to chastise at least some of the Philistine overlords because of their unjust treatment to him and to most other Israelites.

Within the next few days, with the help of several friends, he trapped three

hundred foxes. These animals were especially abundant in Canaan, and were a specially great nuisance in raiding the vineyard areas.

Samson and his helpers took the caged animals, by night, down into Philistine farming territory where various grains were raised. It was the dry harvest season. Some of the corn, oats, wheat and barley was still standing. Some of it had been cut and stacked or stored.

Samson and his men took short cords and tied the foxes together in couples, with one end of a cord tied to each animal's tail. Then they fastened a firebrand to each cord midway between the tails, and freed them in various areas. The result was that each pair of foxes rolled, raced and struggled all over the fields, dragging their torches and setting fire to the tinder-like grain shocks and uncut fields for miles around. Dry breezes spread the many fires over wide territory, insomuch that there was a tremendous loss of crops to the Philistines during the next several hours. (Judges 15:3-5.)

After the fires were finally put out, the leaders in that area investigated to find out how the fires had started. When they discovered that Samson was responsible, and that he had done it because his father-in-law had given Samson's wife to another man, the Philistines became even more alarmed. Samson had become an object of their fear and respect in recent weeks because of his unusual strength and daring. No one, even in groups, wished to oppose him. The natural thing to do, therefore, was blame Samson's wife and her father for the loss.

It wasn't long before an angry mob converged on the home of Samson's father-in-law, loudly demanding the appearance of the man and his daughter. The two feared the crowd too much to come out. After a while the house was set on fire. The occupants still refused to come out, and perished when the house burned to the ground. (Verse 6.)

When Samson heard what had happened, he boldly appeared before the Philistine leaders. He told them that he was well aware that their actions were in vengeance against him. Then he shouted to them that he wouldn't cease his violent actions toward them until he considered the score settled. This statement greatly disturbed the Philistine oppressors. They decided that they should speak out against Samson so that they wouldn't lose face in the estimation of the oppressed Israelites.

"You've had your way around here too long!" someone shouted.

This was the signal for the Philistines to choose what should be done. Some, though they disliked Samson, feared him too much to oppose him. These tried to quiet others who wanted to make a stand against him. They quickly found themselves outnumbered as feeling against the Danite welled up within minutes.

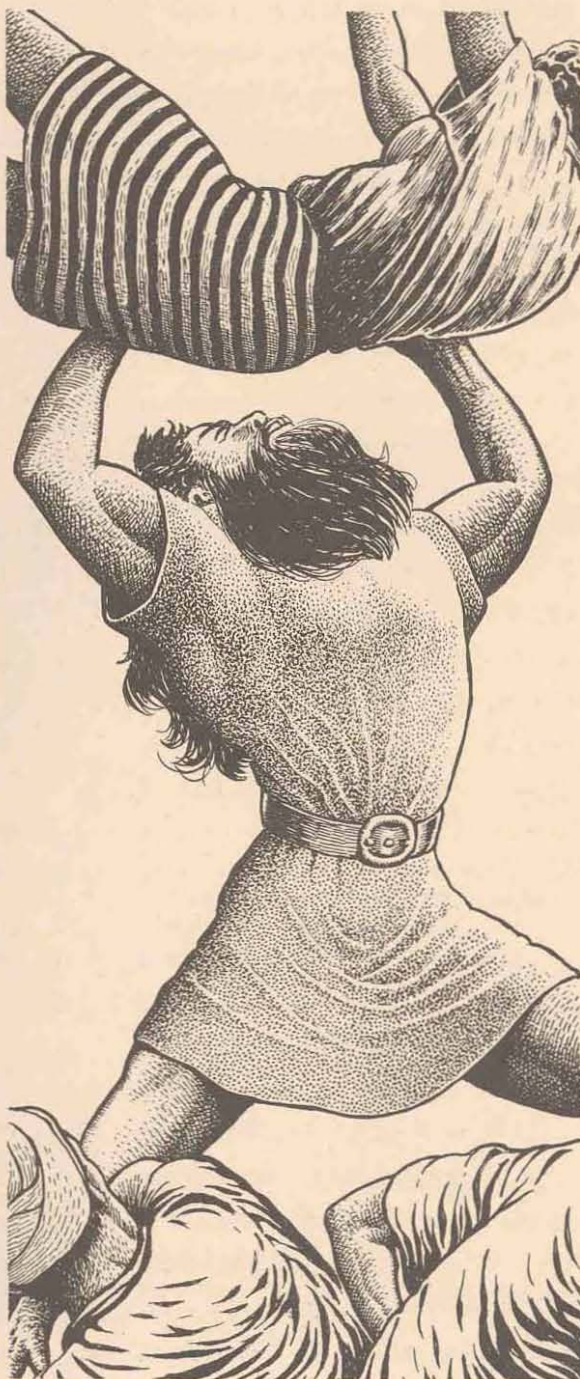
One man, certain that he would have plenty of backing, and wishing to become a hero by opposing Samson, walked up to him and shook his fist in his face.

"We've had enough of you!" he screamed indignantly. "After all, you're only an Israelite who should realize that we are your masters!"

The unfortunate fellow couldn't have made a poorer choice of words. Samson stared at him while all looked on in expectant silence. Like a cat leaping for a bird Samson pounced on the speaker, then snatched him up as though he were a light bundle of rags. Before anyone could move to interfere, he hurled the fellow into the knot of men grouped before him. There were grunts and howls of pain as the Philistines were floored under the impact of the hurtling body.

Most of those who were able to get up left the vicinity as quickly as they could. A few joined forces to try to stand up to Samson, coming at him from all sides. This was a foolish move. The Danite beat them off with a fury that spelled death for several.

The sound of the fight quickly attracted other men. Samson planned to get away before the Philistines could attack him in greater numbers, but it appeared that the opportunity had slipped by. From all directions he saw men moving menacingly toward him, men who were determined that his trouble-making for them was about to cease. Some of



Samson angrily snatched up the insolent Philistine as though he were a light bundle of rags!

them carried knives and swords. Others carried clubs. There seemed to be no way of breaking out of the tightening circle of aggressors. The panting, sweating Danite realized that this could be the end.

As the crowd closed in tightly, one over-anxious Philistine leaped at Samson. He proved to be the needed weapon for the man at bay. Samson caught him, flipped him upside down to seize him by his ankles and swing him around and around with such force and speed that those closing in on him were mowed down in a senseless heap.

The violence of Samson's action, which left dead and dying all around, was a quick convincer to the Philistines that they were dealing with a man of super-human strength, and that further opposition would result only in more death and injury. They melted away in retreat, giving Samson the opportunity, at last, to get out of that region.

More Trouble for Samson

Instead of going to the home of his parents, where the Philistines would be certain to look for him, Samson went eastward into the land of the tribe of Judah. The Philistines were in power there, too, but he found refuge near Jerusalem in a cave-like fortress named Etam, where some Israelites had gathered to defend themselves against their oppressors. (Judges 15:7-8.)

The Philistines immediately



Even before a messenger arrived to announce the coming of an army, Samson viewed the men of Judah from atop the rock fortress where he had taken refuge.

formed an army which marched eastward into the territory of Judah, where the soldiers camped in a rugged area of limestone cliffs in Lehi, near where Samson was hiding. When the leaders of Judah inquired why an army had come against them, they were told that it had come to insure that the men of Judah would find Samson and deliver him, as a bound captive, to the Philistine army.

The men of Judah had no choice in the matter. They knew that the Philistines would attack them if they refused. They bowed to the wishes of their tyrants by promising that they would bring Samson back as a helpless prisoner.

Later, at the fortress of Etam where Samson was staying, a messenger excitedly rushed in with the news that an army was approaching from the north.

"There must be at least three thousand!" he panted. "They've come down to try to capture Samson, the long-haired nazirite!" (Judges 15:9-11.)

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Bible Study

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house, and PROVE ME (TEST ME) now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). This is a POSITIVE *going forward*, a finding out of what God DOES say, not a search for error or disproof.

Bible Never Contradicts Itself

If you have difficulty in understanding any particular scripture—if it *seems* to say something different from another scripture, you may just need to study further. Always remember beyond any shadow of a doubt the principle of rule *four*: that *God never contradicts Himself*. Therefore, either your understanding of the particular scripture or the translation that you are reading is incorrect or misunderstood.

Malachi 3:6—"For I am the Lord, I CHANGE NOT; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed"—MEANS what it says. Hebrews 13:8—"Jesus Christ the SAME yesterday, and to day, and for ever"—MEANS what it says.

The very *source* of truth is God's Word (John 17:17)—and unless your approach to it, your study of it is from

this point of view you will never gain any understanding from it.

Let's notice an *apparent* contradiction appearing in Proverbs 26:4, 5—verse four reads "ANSWER NOT a fool according to his folly." Yet, the very next verse tells us, "ANSWER a fool according to his folly."

Actually, these two verses are not contradictory—BUT COMPLEMENTARY! The use of either verse—that is, its principle applied to a particular use—depends on the *set of circumstances*. Both these verses contain gems of wisdom that each one of us needs to learn to properly apply in answering other people's questions.

The LAST PART OF EACH VERSE holds the KEY which unlocks the meaning of these verses—and shows them to be *practical, usable and wise principles*.

Verse four reads, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, *lest thou also be like unto him*." The last part of the verse holds the KEY: don't degrade yourself by descending to HIS LEVEL in an ARGUMENT! Don't harangue—don't bite back—don't try to "argue back" with someone who is obviously trying to stir contention.

The perfect example of this is found in Luke 20:1-8. Here Christ was teaching in the temple. The Pharisees came to Him with these words: "Tell us,

BY WHAT AUTHORITY doest thou these things? or WHO is he that gave thee this authority?"

Quite obviously, they weren't interested in learning anything—they weren't coming as humble individuals hungering after new knowledge. THEY WERE THERE TO ARGUE WITH CHRIST!

Notice, how Christ handled the situation.

"And he answered and said unto them, I will also ASK YOU ONE thing; and answer me: The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men?"

"And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him not?"

"But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet.

"And they answered, that they could not tell whence it was.

"And Jesus said unto them, NEITHER TELL I YOU by what authority I do these things" (Luke 20:3-8).

Christ answered their question *with a question*! To answer their question directly would have only resulted in a verbal battle. An argument would have ensued. Christ avoided strife by NOT answering them according to their folly.

Now, understand verse five in Prov-

erbs 26. Again, the last part of the verse holds the KEY: "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit."

In this case—if you don't answer his question—if you don't accept his challenge—he is going to THINK HIMSELF to be wise!

The Apostle Paul had this problem. *False apostles* in Corinth were claiming THEY WERE the *true Apostles* of Christ. The congregation was being LED ASTRAY!

Now was not the time for silence—or clever questions! Now was the time to SMASH the contentions—to ANSWER these false apostles!

Notice II Corinthians 11:23—and how he answered these foolish men.

"Are they ministers of Christ? (I SPEAK AS A FOOL) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

"Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. . . In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."

Paul showed the people HE was their true minister! He answered and debunked the claims of these other men.

There is no contradiction! But rather much wisdom in these two verses. Wisdom we need to APPLY in our daily lives!

What DOES the Bible Say?

This FIFTH rule of Bible study often solves many problems. Many times our misunderstanding comes from the confusion that this world causes—from a misinterpretation, a direct twisting of a scripture to conform to the doctrines of demons promulgated by Satan's ministers.

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in THEIR OWN eyes, and prudent in THEIR OWN sight"! (Isa. 5:20-23.) Many who claim to be representatives of God, the interpreters of His Word, TWIST and WREST that Word to their own des-

truction and the destruction of their hearers.

So always remember to ask yourself—and, answer—the question: "What does the BIBLE say?"

John 3:6 is a good example of this. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." This is a very clear scripture, explaining that flesh is flesh and Spirit is spirit! That's what the Bible says! But that's not what people say the Bible says!

Sometimes you may have to refer to a reference work (which we will cover under a separate rule) for scriptures such as I John 5:7.

Or perhaps a note in the margin of your Bible will help you understand a scripture that seems to contradict what you know to be the truth. Take the example of Luke 17:20-21—"The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is WITHIN you." Here, the Bible does say, "The kingdom of God is within you." But here it is only the King James Translation which says this—not necessarily God's exact Word. So, since it is not clear in the King James Translation, other aids are necessary to find out what it does say.

This leads automatically to the next rule of Bible study, rule number SIX.

Check the Context

Context means, con—with, text—text. In order to check the context you merely read the texts which come WITH the text that is in question. You read the texts BEFORE and the texts AFTER. In this example of Luke 17:21, you need to also ask yourself a number of questions regarding the context. The text that is with (con) Luke 17:21, is Luke 17:20! This verse just before answers the question regarding Verse 21, but in order to answer that question you must ask yourself the question, "WHO?"

In other words you must ask yourself, if "the Kingdom of God is within you"—WHO is the YOU that the Bible is referring to? In this case verse 20 explains that it is the Pharisees! Now you KNOW that certainly Jesus Christ wasn't saying that the Kingdom

of God is inside of PHARISEES! Therefore, the con (with) text helps you to see that there must be a mistranslation in this particular verse.

And sure enough, when you check the margin of your Bible you will find that the word "within" should be translated "among"—referring to Jesus Himself as a Representative of God's Kingdom who was at that time "among" the Pharisees!

In order to understand any scripture thoroughly, in its context, you need to ask yourself—and answer for yourself—all the following questions: WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? WHO? HOW? When you have answered these questions regarding any particular text, and you have read all of the accompanying texts, with the text in question, you will have GOD's answer to the problem.

Many people misunderstand Mark 7:19—thinking that in this place unclean meats were cleansed by Christ—simply because they do not read the context. In this case the context is the entire chapter. You must go back from verse 19, until you begin to find the subject about which verse 19 is talking. That subject has to do with whether or not to wash your hands ceremonially before you eat, and has nothing to do with whether the food you eat is clean or unclean according to the laws of Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14.

There are even lies written in the Bible and you have to be careful that you ask yourself exactly what the Bible says in the entirety of the context of any one statement. The Bible says, "Ye shall NOT surely die" (Gen. 3:4). This is a Biblical statement! But in order to find out whether it's true or not you have to find out WHO said it. In this particular case the same verse explains that Satan the Devil said it, but in order to find out whether it is true or not (because sometimes even Satan tells the truth) you have to go back in the context until you come to Genesis 2:17 where the Creator-God is quoted as saying, "THOU SHALT SURELY DIE!"—then you know what the Bible, in its ENTIRETY and in its truth, DOES SAY!

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Why Teenage Gangs RIOT at England's Seaside

Mob violence is increasing in Britain. So is prosperity! Here's what happened recently in England, why it happened—and the solution to the problem.

by Robert C. Boraker

A TRADITIONAL holiday week-end at the beach was not to be! The usual scene of Dad asleep in the deckchair and Mom making sandcastles with the children, turned out to be the battleground for a fight between two teenage British gangs—the "Mods" and "Rockers." They stormed the beaches at Margate and Brighton. For Mom, Dad and the children, the holiday ended in terror.

Without Parallel in England's History

It was bad enough when *over a thousand* teenagers terrorized the seaside town of Clacton during the Easter holiday. But this juvenile violence and bloodshed was without parallel in England's history.

The "Mods"—in their drainpipe trousers, pastel-colored shirts, suede boots and with chromed, decked-out motorscooters—are at war with their rivals, the "Rockers" who sport themselves encased in black leather jackets and ride motorcycles. Some 600 Mods and Rockers clashed in fights at Margate leaving stabbings, devastation and terror in their wake.

Dr. George Simpson, Chairman of the Magistrates at the court in Margate, summed up the fracas with this apt description: "These long-haired, mentally unstable, petty little sawdust Caesars, seem to find courage, like rats, by hunting in packs."

And so the packs went hunting... for trouble.

Other Mods and Rockers converged on Brighton resulting in 76 being arrested. The court had to hear cases of mass hysteria, jostling, stone-throwing and the terrorization of elderly people. Teenagers were arrested for carrying offensive weapons (including pistols,

leather belts with brass buckles, cricket bats, golf clubs, and chains), for using threatening behavior and for using obscene language.

The fighting is now over. The debris has been cleared off the beaches. Smashed windows have been replaced. But the Mods and Rockers still roam the cafés and streets of London. What will happen at August Bank Holiday is anybody's guess.

Teenage Gangs Not New

Teenage gangs—and fights between these gangs—certainly is nothing new. But the clothes style of gang members, the number involved, and the extent of the damage and violence have changed—and for the worse! Nor is this change a problem peculiar only to Great Britain. Juvenile delinquency with its gangs and mob violence is a gigantic problem faced by every major city in the United States and *throughout the world!*

Pupils in New York's schools have become so *blatantly violent* that the schoolteachers are appealing for better protection. *Attacks on teachers AVERAGE ONE A DAY*—so reported the *U.S. News & World Report*, March 16, 1964. Two teachers' unions in Detroit have asked for life insurance "in case of death attributable to school-connected violence" (*Detroit Free Press*, February 12, 1964).

A representative of the Detroit Federation of Teachers said in this same report: "Teachers are not equipped by training or inclination to control the kind of terrorism and violence which appears to be on the increase in our schools. We need help."

Chicago has the same problem. "Love mingles with hate in the schools today. And the shame is Chicago's and

the nation's. Violence and terror are on the upswing in Chicago's 600 public schools. *Pupil and parent assaults on teachers have skyrocketed TENFOLD* in the last three years, according to a lawyer for the Board of Education.... Said one substitute teacher: "I have seen policemen walk through *grade schools* and frisk the pupils for weapons—and *find weapons*" (*Chicago Daily News*, March 5, 1964; emphasis mine throughout article).

Even some *parents* are responsible for attacks on teachers. As one young woman teacher reported, "Attacks and threats by mothers—*many of them as disturbed as their children*—seem to be part of a teacher's lot." Another teacher told about the time when "the mother of a 5th grade pupil burst into her classroom April 15, 1963, twisted her arm, *threatened to kill her* and held her captive for 15 minutes in front of her students" (*Chicago Daily News*, March 6, 1964).

Now take a look at how this present-day society brought into being such gangs as the Mods and Rockers.

Origin of Mods and Rockers

The Mods and Rockers in England evolved from the now-historic Teddy-boys. The split occurred some five or six years ago with the gap widening ever since until the only thing that the Mods and Rockers have in common with yesteryear's Teddy-boys is their youth and mutual *rebellion*.

The Teddy-boy movement developed during the 1950s among a section of working-class youth. Gang life became more intensified—the kind of life where members, being *hostile towards authority* in every form, could flare into violence at the slightest cause. Exaggerated Teddy-boy suits and the prac-

tice of carrying improvised weapons set the teenager apart from the rest of society and bound him to the gang. They also developed a sort of stylized warfare between the gangs themselves.

When the Teddy-boys began to make more money, all the chief gangs had members with cars, motor-bikes and scooters. Those who had motor-bikes and those who had scooters evolved into two distinct groups—the motor-bike mob with their black leather jackets thinking themselves as being at the top and better than the scooter mob. And so competition and rivalry began between the two gangs, called today "Mods" and "Rockers."

The dress style of the Mods and Rockers sets them apart and gives them a pack instinct.

The Rockers, as the Teddy-boys, are also basically working-class, manual workers. The Mods, however, are middle-class and tend to be self-consciously superior white-collar types. The rivalry between the Mods and Rockers is actually *class resentment*—the working-class fighting against the middle-class.

The Cult of Violence

From the very beginning, the Teddy-boy movement was involved in violence and a general hostility towards society. Their acts often ended in criminality. *A complete disregard for the law* became an accepted feature along with the usual adolescent rebellion and antagonism against teachers, employers, and the State. Law-breaking was part of their ordinary way of life—the police-men always being the chief enemy.

What are the CAUSES behind this youthful rebellion and juvenile gang warfare? And remember that for every 10 known delinquents there are 100,000 other children who are usually *not* the decent, respectful, humble and obedient children their parents would like them to be. The *broad majority* of our youth disrespect authority, disobey their parents, defy their teachers, and "get away" with many lawless acts even though they are not detected or are not apprehended.

Why are little children growing up today disrespectful of their parents,

disobedient, and haughty? What caused the Mods and Rockers to act the way they do? There is a reason for this type of behavior. Few understand what it is.

Why Gang Warfare?

Yes, there is a reason. Not one reason, but many sickening and deplorable reasons! As the Bishop of Bath and Wells said, "Too much money, no social or sporting facilities, boredom, lack of parental control, and break-up of family life were possible reasons for anti-social teenage behavior" (*Manchester Guardian*, May 25, 1964).

The pressures of a society gone berserk certainly contribute to the increase in delinquency. Society is bent on *self-satisfaction*, with nothing more worthwhile to do than to spend time thrill-seeking and being pleasure-mad. Everyone seems out to have a good time with an abundance of time and money to spend. This is exactly the cause of Sodom's fall (Ezekiel 16:49).

Teenagers live in a commercial world which influences them to overspend for "pop" records, soft drinks, glossy magazines and special styles of clothes. All these products cater especially to the teenager and tend to set him apart from the adult world, thus further weakening family ties.

With the barrage of advertising and mass entertainment hitting them from all directions, teenagers find it harder and harder to distinguish right from wrong. They are more and more subjected to a confusion of values. There is *no one to guide them to a right sense of responsibility*. Parents are too busy following their own pursuits—looking at the "telly" (TV) or having a drink at the pub. When mothers should be at home training their children in the most critical time of their children's lives, they are either out working in ninety per cent of the cases bingo or at the pubs, leaving the children to fend for themselves.

In the opinion of one experienced juvenile officer at the Stamford House corrective school, "The raising of material standards has meant an increase in *selfishness*. Mother is financially *independent* of father—the mother is working in ninety per cent of the cases

we get here. You get a boy of fifteen brought here with £5 (\$14.00) in his pocket. The parents are often not in need: the kids are left with a high proportion of what they earn, and *no sense of responsibility in spending it*... The parents don't supervise leisure time. You ask what was Tony doing last week, and they haven't the vaguest idea. He was knocking about in some other part of London, in dives or cafés—they didn't even know" (*The Insecure Offenders* by T. R. Fyvel, p. 215).

Family Life Gone to Pot!

With nothing to do at home, teenagers take to the streets to seek what amusement they can find. This usually means sitting in a café, listening to pop records blaring out of the juke box. Few realize the detrimental effect this pop music has on teenagers.

"Pop music is turning Britain's youngsters into the Aimless Ones," said top industrialist Paul Chambers, chairman of the giant Imperial Chemical Industries company. He went on to say: "Listening to this outpouring from the radio and television *requires no mental effort and is a form of dope* which, for its time-wasting alone, must do damage at an age when there is a maximum amount of mental and physical energy available" (*Daily Mirror*, June 3, 1964). And girls will even sit in classes at school listening to pop music coming from a transistor radio through an earphone *hidden in their hair!*

The café or coffee bar in Britain is more of an influence on gang trouble than the public house (bar). "When young people were traditionally introduced to sociability in pubs they went in on adult terms, and their status was decided by how they emerged as personalities in adult terms. In the coffee bars, youth makes its own rules and is sometimes, understandably, not very good at it. In the pubs, the presence of the old regulars in the corner was a calming influence. In the coffee bars the presence of girls out for an exciting time is sometimes the reverse" (*Manchester Guardian*, May 19, 1964).

The boys want to impress the girls by showing off their masculinity—

often in crude and primitive ways such as gang fighting.

Teenagers Are Bored and Frustrated

But the problem of rivalry over girls is only one factor. *Deep boredom* and frustration are responsible for much of the gang warfare. One teenager at Margate admitted that this is why Mods and Rockers fight. "There's nothing better to do. Boredom's at the root of it" (*Manchester Guardian*, May 18, 1964).

But *why* are they so bored with life? Don't they have anything more worthwhile to do than sitting in a café or riding around on their motorcycles and scooters? As young rebels, the Mods and Rockers—like the Teds before them—are automatically against any ideas of working hard and "getting on." *They have no objective.* They've got no faith, no religion. They don't see why they're in this world. Basically, they are more interested in seeing how *selfish* they can be. They have no interest in their jobs. Money does count, but they don't like working for it. Stealing and resorting to prostitution are thought to be easier—and more daring—at obtaining the material possessions they want.

Just as there is no sense of *national purpose* in Great Britain, teenagers see no purpose in their individual lives. Without goal or purpose for which to live and work, they are frustrated, bored, cynical, anti-authority and in a "couldn't-care-less" attitude, living by the motto: "What have I got to lose?"

Broken Homes Cause Insecurity

To understand how they got that way, we must go back to the family. The Mods and Rockers are a concentration of the insecure, unstable adolescents—those with weak family ties who are drawn to the nightly café life as to a drug, to hold back their anxieties. The lack of parental control and break-up of family life cause teenagers to seek the security of gang life.

To quote from our free booklet, *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*, "An undisciplined home, disagreeing

parents bent on their own *self-satisfaction*, upside-down homes where mother wears the pants, broken homes—none of these can be expected to produce happy children" (page 8).

A child from a broken home or bad family background, feeling emotionally insecure and unloved, rejects rather than leaves home. His one prospect of security, esteem, and status seems to lie in the street gang and defiance of society. This too often is the start of delinquency. A new member is introduced to a way of life devoted to crime and "violence just for kicks."

What Your Bible Prophesied

What an evil and rotten world you live in! But the Bible prophesied it would be this way. The apostle Paul said: "This know also, that in *the last days* perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, unthankful, unholy . . . *lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God*; Having a FORM of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such *turn away!*" (II Tim. 3:1-5).

DISOBEDIENCE TO PARENTS is one of the major problems of our day! Read Romans 1:28-32 and Isaiah 3:12. God warned that disobedience to parents would be the curse of our age.

Children are disobedient because parents have *failed* in their job as parents. They haven't trained their children to OBEY them *and all in authority!* If children are disobedient, it is the parents who are primarily at fault. If the home is broken, unhappy or upside-down with the woman ruling over the man (see Eph. 5:23; I Cor. 11:3, 8-9; I Pet. 3:1), it is the parents who are mainly to blame.

And why have parents not been successful in creating a happy home life where children grow up happy, secure and well-trained? Because of ignorance of God's laws that govern marriage, family life and child training. The *solution* to misbehaved, rebellious, disobedient children and juvenile delinquency *is in the Bible*. Theologians either are ignorant of that solution or have rejected it. Ministers too often

have not been teaching the people the truth!

You need not remain in ignorance. *You* can know the laws that govern a successful and happy marriage, that produce well-trained children, an abundant life in every way.

To find what *you* can do to insure yourself against the eventuality of having *your children* become delinquent, and to have a guarantee that your children will grow up being obedient, respectful, considerate and loving—having the RIGHT VALUES and a real sense of responsibility—write for our free booklet, *"The Plain Truth About Child Rearing."*

You'll be glad you did. It can make a world of difference in your life!

IT'S EASY . . . to believe a lie

(Continued from page 7)

EASY it has been for you to believe in a series of lies—and to sincerely and earnestly STRIVE to understand God's TRUTH!

In this magazine, with its apt and well suited name, *The PLAIN TRUTH*, we do not pull punches. We let the chips fall where they may. We speak PLAINLY. It is entirely up to you what you then DO about the knowledge you receive.

NEVER FORGET, Satan the Devil understands all the Bible essentials! He KNOWS Jesus is the Christ! "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble" (Jas. 2:19). Yes, even the demons BELIEVE, and *tremble!* They BELIEVE—but they will not OBEY!

And so, even KNOWING the truth is not enough—but knowing it and OBEYING it is one of the beginning steps to salvation. Are you OBEYING the truths you learn through the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, or hear over *The WORLD TOMORROW* program? Don't "kid yourself" any longer. Don't "deceive yourself" any further! "But be you DOERS of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (Jas. 1:22).

THIS is Ambassador College...

Ambassador Colleges ARE recapturing the TRUE values! And it's FUN! It's EXCITING! But it's also challenging, and deeply rewarding. Read, in this article, about student life at the happiest places on earth!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

I'VE just returned from Ambassador College, St. Albans, England. My wife and I were there for ten days during the final activities at the end of the academic year for the British institution.

And what a week it was!

It strikes me that MANY of our listeners and readers *still* do not know, REALLY, *what it is* that makes Ambassador Colleges truly different!

Perhaps, by reliving a little of these past few weeks with you, you will come to see, as never before, WHY they're truly different—and what life at Ambassador is really like!

In this article I want to give you a little inside view of exactly what I mean. I'm certain there are *no* other institutions on the face of the earth with such a deep sense of *love* and *respect* between students and faculty! Further, I'm sure there are *no* other institutions where students have anywhere near as much wholesome fun!

Sports Day at St. Albans

I was really struck by the enthusiasm and "college spirit" of our students at the British institution during our recent trip. Perhaps nothing better serves to explain just how much of a COLLEGE Ambassador really is!

It was the morning of the Ambassador Field Day—our annual sports day, with all students participating, each class fielding a team for various events. The *right kind* of friendly, competitive spirit prevails—each one *hoping to win*—but in no way attempting to hinder the *other* team from doing its best!

We of the faculty were informed there would be a parade of the teams onto the field as a prelude to the sports events. So, on a typical British morning of grey mists and haze, which I'm happy to say soon burnt off to provide one of the nicest sun-filled

days possible for our outdoors activities, we all assembled along the mall.

Soon, with a fanfare of home-made trumpets and horns, a grotesque "float" appeared! On a large farm cart, with a huge *sail*, were several students of the senior class, rowing along in a make-shift viking ship!

They were followed by various other ingenious floats, or groups of marching students, each representing one of the classes. Bringing up the rear was one of our recently transferred American students, big Bob Haworth (6' 7"), dressed as a Persian slave driver, with a huge whip in his hand. He was herding a "harem" of diminutive "slave girls" toward the spacious quarter-mile olympic standard track! What a show!

I'm afraid we weren't a very *large* crowd, since the bulk of the students were in the parade, but we certainly were an appreciative one!

The day was one of the most thoroughly enjoyable I've ever experienced. There were all the usual sports events: dashes, distance runs, high jump, broad jump (or "long jump", as it's called in England), shot-put and javelin.

We saw fine tennis, a good football match ("soccer" to Americans), some frantic, yelling, struggling tug-o-war matches, and an outdoor basketball game—faculty against students.

For weeks, team points had already been accumulated in various other events *preceding* the actual sports day, such as handball, played on our newly completed indoor courts on campus.

If there is any aspect to Ambassador College that makes it REAL COLLEGE, it is the tremendous *enthusiasm* of the students for college life.

But it's really MORE than just enthusiasm. Perhaps some of us, accustomed to living and working with these students, become a little "out of touch" with the way it is in other colleges.

What Makes It Different

At another college, there could have been no such field day.

In the first place—nearly all of them are entirely too large. But there are a few other important reasons it was such an enjoyable day. There wasn't any riot. Students did not destroy property. Students did not jeer at opponents. No cigarette smoke to water your eyes and choke your throat in the stands. No wild, weird, idiotic hair styles (men are wearing it shoulder length in England, and some even wear eye shadow and lipstick—"whoops, m'dear")! No outlandish too-brief and too-tight clothing; no drunks; no police necessary; no fights; no thefts; no air let out of any tires or any other malicious mischief.

In short, it was just a good, wholesome, enthusiastic, day-long sports day. It was FUN! It was Ambassador College.

But behind it all—what *really* makes it different—is that Ambassador students don't play frantically. When they play, they're not FRANTICALLY trying to forget—to escape—to GET the most out of every moment. Instead, they're trying to GIVE. Trying to CONTRIBUTE. Trying to HELP the other person.

While there *is* a friendly competition for the trophy at day's end, the competition is not one of PARTY SPIRIT! It is NOT the "all for me, and none for you" attitude that is so prevalent in the world today.

Ambassador students don't *need* to play frantically—trying to drink the UTMOST of *physical* satisfaction out of every event—not really satisfied until something ILLEGAL, something WRONG, something EVIL has been accomplished.

They don't feel any *need*, as psychologists claim average students do, to "blow off steam," by REBELLING

against law, government, order, authority.

They know the PURPOSE in life. They had studied hard—now it was time to play hard. But play with a sense of balance, and a sense of purpose. It wasn't a track meet. It was a family affair!

That *same* oneness and family spirit prevails at *every* extracurricular occasion at each of the Ambassador Colleges.

Beach Party

Previous articles have told you about the academic side of the colleges. My father's autobiography has vividly described the beginning of the first college at Pasadena, California, and its continuous development since.

In a recent PLAIN TRUTH, you learned of some of the extensive research accomplished by Ambassador students in their searching for truth, and striving to develop real and sound intellectual curiosity.

So let me tell you, now, a little more about the social life at Ambassador—and how UTTERLY DIFFERENT it is from other institutions.

Ever wonder why we keep Ambassador Colleges small? We have set the OUTSIDE LIMIT for the number of undergraduates enrolled at any one institution at 550. The reason? So we will never grow so large that every single student cannot always participate in EVERY major social occasion. That is not to say smaller groups do not sponsor or hold various functions. Our foreign language clubs, our Ambassador Clubs (men's dinner speech clubs), and women's clubs all sponsor various more private occasions—but in an event like the sports day I've already described, or a field trip to a point of interest, such as to a museum, the Griffith observatory, or the world-known Huntington Library in Pasadena; or to the Tower of London, the buildings of Parliament, the British Museum in London—in such a college-wide event, we want ALL the students to participate.

Just before the commencement exercises in Pasadena, we had a college field trip to one of Southern California's most attractive and well-kept beaches, Huntington Beach State Park.

After a day of frolicking in the surf, playing volleyball, football, softball and other games, or relaxing over a quiet game of chess or perhaps just sunbathing and reading a book, we all gathered around the tables for a plate heaped with delicious food, and some kosher wieners to roast over the open fires on the beach.

Later, all the more than two dozen beach umbrellas were put in a huge semi-circle, and the whole student body gathered around for a community sing!

It was terrific! We had all the Ambassador College Chorale members with us, of course, and plenty of students could sing parts to some of the old favorites. We must have had at least six or eight guitars and ukuleles of various sizes and shapes (I like to make a feeble attempt at the uke' on occasion, and had brought my "barry" to the beach). And, at least from where I sat, in the middle of our "orchestra" section—it all sounded terrific!

It was DIFFERENT from other beach parties. Do you know why? No one got into any fights! No necking occurred. No one stole any beach equipment (though we had two items mysteriously disappear and had to retrieve them later from outsiders).

No equipment was broken, or tossed on the bonfires. Everyone boarded the buses promptly when it was time to leave. Everyone listened to directions from his class leaders. It was *well organized*. Trucks had arrived in advance with the heavy equipment—the many, many folding tables, firewood, the sports equipment, the food. Each student pitched in to do his part.

It was wholesome; it was just good, clean, outdoor *fun*! It was just Ambassador College!

It was truly DIFFERENT from any other group, anywhere!

Now, at Big Sandy, Texas— a Third College

Here, on the site of the *third* Ambassador College, to open this autumn, a new beginning is being made.

More than twenty students are presently working on the grounds, or in various of the offices, helping to lay the groundwork for the opening of the third Ambassador College. Perhaps

you've heard me say by now: "And, GREETINGS, friends, around the world—this is Garner Ted Armstrong, speaking from BIG SANDY, TEXAS. . .?"

We have already converted a former private study into a temporary radio studio—so that, as I am on the grounds, helping oversee the many details preparatory to the beginning of college—I can continue with the daily broadcasts.

There are sufficient men here to continue with a *summer* session of the *Ambassador Club*, the men's dinner speech club. It wasn't *necessary*—attendance is not *required*—NO CREDIT is given, but the students *wanted* to attend!

Let me tell you about our first meeting.

In spite of its flaws—it was an outstanding success. Let me tell you why.

First, it was a "grab bag" session. Since it was the very first meeting, no real organization had yet been established. Officers were yet to be announced and assignments given for succeeding club meetings. For the first meeting each man drew, from a basket, a slip of paper. It was only after reading the slip that he knew whether he would stand up to give a 6-minute speech, or evaluate a speech. The toastmaster (who coordinates and introduces each speaker and evaluator, and is in charge of the after-dinner speaking section of the club) and the table topics master (who moderates a stimulating and impromptu news and current-topics discussion during dinner) learned of their assignments in the same way.

Naturally, all of the men were caught flat-footed.

I was present, as guest overall evaluator. After the meeting, when it came time to evaluate the club, I rose and walked to the rostrum. I had previously instructed the president of the club to *cancel* the presentation of any awards for most effective speaker, best evaluator, most improved, etc. I began by explaining my reasons!

I felt the first club meeting was no overwhelming success, I said. The men had all been working in blazing sunlight, in sometimes more than 100 degree weather, in the backbreaking ef-

fort of thinning and clearing young pine trees for some weeks. It was oppressively hot in the pine grove—their work was dusty, dirty. They sleep in metal booths at night—really “roughing it” in the middle of a hot, dry, east Texas summer!

I sensed how many of them had begun to allow their work, the heat, the closeness of their living conditions, and their general loss of contact with world conditions to blunt their keenness in club.

I told them so. I remarked how they should come to club with dignity, with culture, with an awareness of the world around them—prepared to THINK when they speak—to STIMULATE the conversation, the topics, the speeches. I was pretty rough on them, I guess.

Why then, was the meeting such a success, after all? Because of the ATTITUDE in which the men TOOK THE CORRECTION! Everyone AGREED—each one clearly SAW the truth of it! Each one busily jotted down notes to help him remember the important points for next time!

Then, immediately following our club session, we all donned basketball outfits, went out to the new wood floor in the giant Auditorium, with its new, professional-quality glass backboards, and played a rousing game of basketball!

There was respect—and yet a good, fast, exhausting game of ball! Afterwards, as we lounged briefly before dispersing, the men asked me various questions about the work, about the college in England, about brothers or sisters, or about plans for the college here.

Believe me—NO such relationship between faculty and students exists anywhere else!

At one moment, Ambassador students learn to be sober, serious—striving to learn and develop. At another, in a completely different atmosphere, they can drive hard, play hard, and really throw themselves into a sports activity.

At still another moment they can, without losing any sense of decorum or respect, lounge informally with me, or with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, or with Mr. Meredith, Dr.

Hoeh, or any other faculty member—and discuss any subject in a friendly and sincere way.

One of the greatest blessings any human being can receive is CORRECTION! David PRAYED for it, Jeremiah asked God for it, and Paul said God CORRECTS every son He really loves! To WANT correction is rare!

That's why the club meeting was such a success, after all. Though needing CORRECTION—the correction was welcomed, and sincerely received!

That is Ambassador College!

Knowledge of NO Value Except as Applied

Let me again explain that Ambassador Colleges are not “Bible schools.” They are *not* theological seminaries or “Church Camp Grounds for young folks.”

Presently, I am on the grounds of the THIRD Ambassador College, near Big Sandy, Texas. I was told, recently, of a neighboring lady, who resides in a nearby community, who called one of our professors in an attempt to enroll her son.

“I want my son to become a preacher,” she said, “And I figured you folks would know how to teach him 'bout as good as anyone.” She was politely informed that Ambassador Colleges are full four-year liberal arts colleges, with graduate schools of education and theology in connection—and that they most certainly were *not* oriented toward teaching “preachers” to enter various of the disagreeing, conflicting denominations, in order to make a living in the ministry.

She was told Ambassador Colleges are NOT Bible schools—but co-educational colleges, on a high academic university level.

Ambassador offers courses in science, music, language, psychology, education, and MANY other fields, in addition to theology.

While Ambassador was Church-FOUNDED, it has since become separately incorporated, and is governed by a Board of Trustees.

Ambassador College students come from many different religious backgrounds—and admittance is *not* de-

pendent upon being a member of any one church!

Still, as our catalog explains, Ambassador Colleges DO recognize the Bible as the very *foundation of all knowledge*! Each student is asked to thoroughly research and to PROVE that vital fact to himself. Recognition of these BASIC ESSENTIALS to all knowledge permeates *every* class; whether psychology, biology, geology, music, literature or language.

But Ambassador students do not leave their knowledge in the classrooms, and in their notebooks. They USE it!

Each student soon becomes a firm believer in the basic truth that “knowledge is of no value except as it is applied!”

In their various activities, Ambassador students have opportunity to APPLY the principles of life they have learned!

This thrilling, exciting search for true values, and then learning to APPLY them in every facet of life is at the very heart and core of the tremendous “spirit” and vital attitude of Ambassador students! They're alive! They're active! They're enthusiastic! They sparkle with personality, with the right kind of youthful zeal and buoyancy!

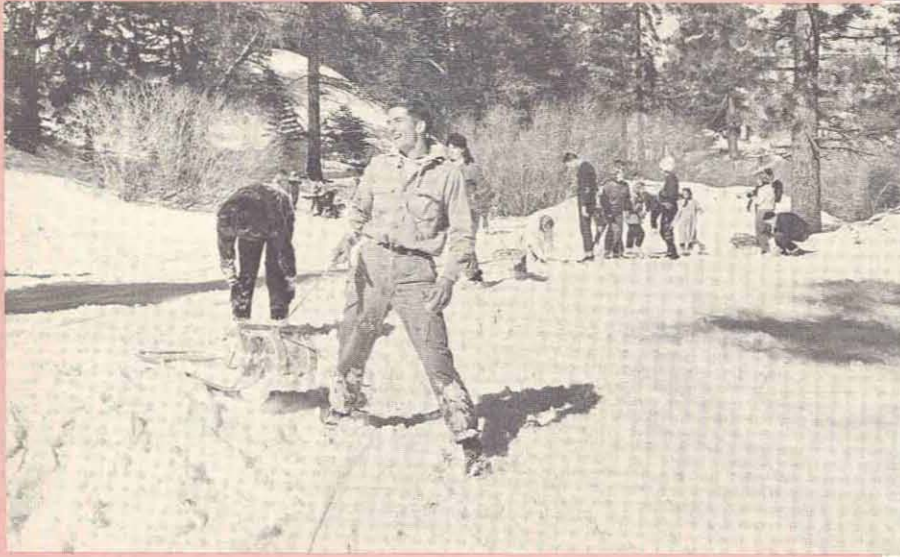
If you are of college age, and have been wondering about Ambassador, then write immediately for our catalog, and read the whole story there! And this year, for the first time, we're going to be accepting application from beginning students in the United States and Canada directly to the college near St. Albans, England! Some may have thought they were already too late.

Not true! We are working *daily*, however, on applications—so if you're sincerely interested, then HURRY!

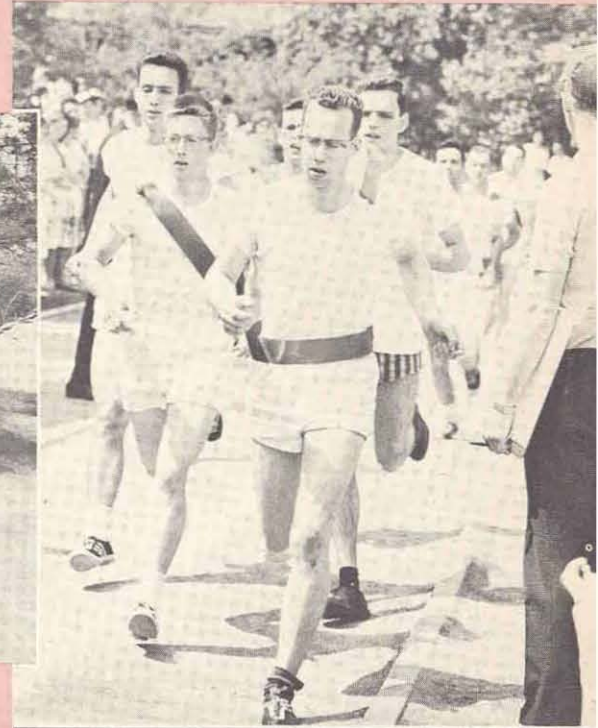
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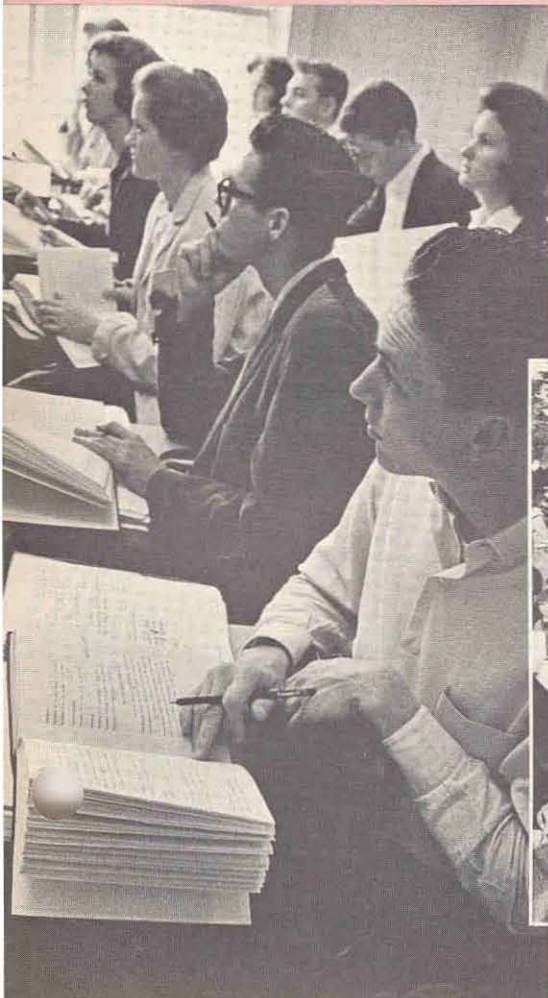
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Ready for another toboggan run!



Ambassador students know the meaning of real study.



(Top right) The two-mile run on Ambassador Field Day, Pasadena. Larry Neff, shown here as race began, set new record for Ambassador. This was promptly broken by Edward Gore, the winner in the two-mile run at Ambassador in England. He is shown out in the lead — in photo at right.



Lunch time on an Ambassador College field trip!



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